



THE GALLEON

NEWSLETTER OF THE

Ancient City Chapter, St. Augustine, Florida

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Monthly Meeting will be held on
Wednesday February 16th at the Guy Harvey Resort
ALWAYS check your email for your invite!

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The next will be a Board of Directors Meeting is Mar 2nd, 2022, 5:30-7:00pm at the Blackfly Restaurant.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Military Officers Association - Ancient City Chapter (MOAA-ACC) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(19) organization, dedicated to improving the knowledge, understanding and lifestyle of the general public towards our men and woman who serve in the United States Armed Services. MOAA-ACC, along with MOAA National, advocates through the political process in matters pertaining to active duty, retired and former military personnel, and for a strong national defense, while providing needed support to the St. Augustine and St. Johns County community.

FUN in the SUN



45th ANNUAL CONVENTION
Hosted by the Florida Council of Chapters

Registration is now open

- ◆ Register @ www.moaaf1.org/convention
- ◆ Closes on 15 May 2022
- ◆ Events include Casino Night & Murder Mystery Dinner

SAVE THE DATE

June 9-12
2022

West Palm Beach Marriott

CALENDAR EVENTS

2 February: Groundhog Day



13 February: Super Bowl Sunday Los Angeles

14 February: Valentines Day



16 February: General Membership Meeting

19 February: Coast Guard Reserve Birthday

21 February: Presidents Day



3 March: Navy Reserve Birthday



13 March: Daylight Savings Time Begins



16 March: General Membership Meeting

17 March: St Patricks Day



25 March: National Medal of Honor Day



28 March: MOAA-ACC Shoot Out

14 April: Air Force Reserve Birthday



15 April:



23 April: Army Reserve Birthday



21 April: General Membership Meeting

7 May: National Day of Prayer

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Fellow Chapter Members,

We are looking forward to our February 16th membership gathering at the Guy Harvey resort. It s our privilege to host Captain Erin Stone, USN (Ret), Senior Director for Council and Chapter Affairs for MOAA National.

Just a reminder – it is critical that you register through the online invite/ or phone call to Rick Cozby as to meeting attendance. We must provide a headcount to the Resort for food preparation on the Monday of our meeting week – we pay based on that number. If you register to attend and not show up, the Chapter must pay for you – we cannot afford this. If you must cancel, please do so before cob on the Sunday of the meeting week, otherwise you will be charged.

Planning for our “MOAA SHOOTOUT,” scheduled for March 28th, continues. An announcement will be made on Feb 16th for all to participate, either as a shooter or a team sponsor (4 shooters). This is our chapter’s major fundraiser, and we need your help in supporting it.

Planning for the Memorial Day Ceremony, May 30th, began on February 8th. Our chapter, in conjunction with the Veterans Council of St. Johns County, has been the sponsors of this event for decades. Due to COVID, the ceremony moved to Anastasia Baptist Church in 2021, however, as of today we are back in our treasured National Cemetery – let’s hope the venue doesn’t change!

As the Ancient City Chapter has been selected to host the FCoC (Florida Council of Chapters) State Convention in May of 2023, our first walk-through will take place on Thursday, February 17th at the WGV Renaissance Resort. Many of you remember the very successful state convention we hosted in 2015 – this one will be even better. This event has many moving parts, so we will need maximum participation. Planning begins in March, and we will definitely need you to play a role, so stand by for upcoming announcements.

Our membership now stands at 84. Remember, the best recruiting strategy is a personal invitation – 100 members is a worthy goal. If you haven’t paid your 2022 -chapter dues, please do so as soon as possible.

Blessings,
Ron

Guest Speaker

for our February meeting

Captain Erin E. Stone

Senior Director for Council & Chapter Affairs



Born and raised in Lockport, Ill., Capt. Erin E. Stone JAGC, USN (Ret), earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics (Operations Analysis) from the U.S. Naval Academy. A member of the Virginia Bar, she received her Juris Doctor from the Georgetown University Law Center and her Master of Laws in Litigation and Dispute Resolution from the George Washington University.

Stone retired from the Navy's Judge Advocate General's Corps in 2017. Over the course of her Navy career, she played a central role in the development, implementation, and execution of strategic plans and policy; oversaw worldwide provision of criminal defense and legal aid services for service members and their families; and personally defended countless military members in criminal cases and administrative hearings.

Stone joined the MOAA team in January 2018 serving as Program Director first for Engagement and then for Council & Chapter Affairs. Currently, as Senior Director for Council and Chapter Affairs, she develops strategy and builds relationships to maintain a nationwide affiliate system which supports MOAA's goal to achieve and sustain maximum influence in shaping relevant government policy.

Important Announcements

- Planning has begun for Memorial Day Ceremony
- This week we will have our Initial walk-thru of World Golf Village for 2023 Florida Council on Chapters Conference
- Sign up for MOAA Shoot Out, March 28th—we need participants AND volunteers
- Our new application is included this month

MOAA-ACC to host Florida Council of Chapters 2023 Convention so we will be looking for volunteers and leads for various events.

PERSONAL AFFAIRS

Last month Harry Metz described his experience with Patricia's passing. It is a good time to remind ourselves to gather all important documents in an accessible location.

An unfortunate truth that if something tragic occurs to us, and we are no longer able to manage our affairs, that responsibility frequently falls on our spouse. In situations such as these, it is important for our loved ones to know where to find and how to access information dealing with the families' financial and personal affairs. As former military officers, it is our duty and our responsibility to collect, assemble, and organize important information and documentation in such a way that it is easily accessible to our spouse and/or next of kin in preparation for the possibility that we will become incapacitated or die.

To get started we need to assemble a list of all pertinent personal affairs documentation and describe the location of these materials. Here are two guides that can assist in identifying the information that needs to be collected and suggestions for how to organize such materials into a personal affairs inventory:

- ◆ The MOAA pamphlet 'HELP YOUR SURVIVING SPOUSE - NOW!' is an excellent aid for this project. Google [MOAA pamphlet HELP YOUR SURVIVING SPOUSE – NOW](#) for information on how to download or obtain a copy of a **PERSONAL AFFAIRS WORKBOOK**.
- ◆ The **PEACE OF MIND PLAN** can be obtained by copying the following address and pasting it into a search system such as Google or Bing [https://usacac.army.mil/sites/default/files/documents/sja/Peace of Mind Plan](https://usacac.army.mil/sites/default/files/documents/sja/Peace%20of%20Mind%20Plan)

In addition to these two guides, the **DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE** provides helpful information at their customer service site: <https://www.dfas.mil/RetiredMilitary/about/aboutus/customer-service/>

Once your personal affairs inventory is completed, these documents and instructions need to be kept in a safe and secure location that is available to your spouse or next of kin. Simultaneously, you should provide this same information to a personal representative or executor, in the event that your spouse or next of kin are also incapacitated.

In closing, none of us likes to think about the possibility that something bad could happen to us, but advance planning, organization, and documentation can help reduce the stress on our loved ones if it does. That's extremely important to all of us.

Bill Coleman
Personal Affairs Committee
MOAA, Ancient City Chapter

Do you have these
**MUST HAVE
DOCUMENTS?**

Will

Financial
Power of
Attorney

Advance
Medical
Directive

Healthcare
Power of
Attorney

It's easier than you
think to organize
everything.

ADVOCACY UPDATE



Delay Means Disaster: Servicemembers, Military Families Need Budget Fix Now

By: Dan Merry

FEBRUARY 09, 2022

As another continuing resolution (CR) makes its way through Congress, allowing the government to limp forward without a full budget well into the fiscal year, MOAA again needs your support to ensure your lawmakers realize the damage these delays are doing to military readiness and the quality of life of those in uniform and their families.

This effort takes on greater importance as the specter of a full-year CR has risen. The ripple effects of such a move would cost DoD billions of dollars, cripple budget planning,

delay or destroy any gains made to your benefits through recent authorization legislation and cause immediate headaches for servicemembers and the wider uniformed services community.

How We Got Here

On Sept. 30, 2021, the president signed into law a continuing resolution (CR) to finance the government in FY 2022 at the previous year's levels, but only through Dec. 3, 2021. Given all the controversial politics and polarizing issues, many on the Hill and others in town knew this was not enough time for both sides to see a way forward beyond the holidays.

On Dec. 3, Congress faced the deadline with no clear way forward. Those who thought two months was not enough time to generate an enduring solution were proven right. As such, Congress pushed the same CR solution through to the president, who signed just in time to again extend previous year's funding, this time to Feb. 18, 2022.

And here we are again.

On Feb. 8, the House passed their Further Additional Extending Government Funding Act (H.R. 6617) by a vote of 272-162. The Senate has yet to weigh in, but it is likely to pass given the importance of avoiding a government shutdown. The signals from the Hill and news outlets still indicate an enduring solution is no closer than before – even including talks about a possible CR to extend through the rest of this fiscal year.

Defense leaders already have been testifying and speaking openly about the damage a yearlong CR would cause. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin outlined some of these challenges in a Dec. 6 statement mentioning the potential for a yearlong CR and noting the measures DoD would have to consider to pay for the 2.7% pay raise and BAH increases. Mitigating measures include reducing PCS moves, limiting new recruits, and delaying more than 100 military construction projects in support of service-members' quality of life. Each service chief has indicated similar impacts decrementing their mission to organize, train, and equip the force.

A yearlong CR would be “an unprecedented move that would cause enormous, if not irreparable, damage for a wide range of bipartisan priorities – from defense readiness and modernization, to research and development, to public health,” Austin said in the statement.

Make Your Voice Heard

MOAA remains concerned Congress will remain focused on party priorities and the upcoming midterm elections, resisting their responsibility to come together to fully fund our government. The result could possibly wipe out the entire fiscal year's budget increases they determined were needed for FY 2022. It is imperative you let your legislators know we cannot sit by while their work remains unaccomplished. Please contact your elected officials using MOAA's toll-free congressional hotline, 1-866-272-6622, to share this important message, or send a letter to their offices from our website.

To learn more about MOAA - Advocacy in Action visit www.moaa.org/content/take-action/advocacy-in-action/

INFORMATION



For the most current information on the Legislative updates that your organization is support for you please visit MOAA's Take Action Center at: <https://takeaction.moaa.org/moaa>



New members will receive a FREE Name Badge, MOAA-ACC Mug, and a MOAA-ACC Collectable Coin. Please email: MOAAACCMembers@gmail.com or call Jim Cargilo, 1st Lt, USMC (FRM) at 904-377-9866.



<https://www.facebook.com/MOAAACC/>



Annual dues are \$30.00 due on December 31st of each year for the following year. You may re-new your membership as follows:

1. Make checks payable to MOAA-ACC and mail to P.O. Box 4571, St. Augustine, Florida 32085.
2. Pay on-line at MOAA-ACC.ORG
3. Bring your payment to a Chapter meeting.

Please email MOAAACCMembers@gmail.com or call Jim Cargilo at 904-377-9866 with any questions.

To Join go to MOAA-ACC.org and click on this icon



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CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

Please look to our new website to find useful information about chapter activities and other useful information of interest. MOAA-ACC.org

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MOAA

Military Officers Association of America

SHOOTOUT!

4th ANNUAL
SPORTING CLAY FUNDRAISER
PRIZES, FUN, FRIENDLY COMPETITION, EXCITEMENT,
CHARITY AND LUNCH! ALL ROLLED IN TO ONE!

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022

BEST 4-PERSON TEAM SCORE, 2ND & 3RD PLACE,
BEST INDIVIDUAL SCORE, FIREARM RAFFLE AND MORE!

EVENT SCHEDULE:

- Registration 8:00 - 9:00 AM
- Safety Briefing 9:00 - 9:15 AM
- Shotgun Start 9:30 AM

For additional information or questions, Contact
Jim Cargilo at (904)377-9866 or MOAAShootout@gmail.com



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SHOOTOUT!



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MAJOR SPONSOR: **\$2500.** (includes 8 shooters, 10 team mulligans, 8 awards luncheon tickets, 2 station signs, article write up)

CORPORATE SPONSOR: **\$500.** (includes 4 shooters, 5 team mulligans, 4 awards luncheon tickets, 1 station sign, article mention)

STATION SPONSOR: **\$125.** (includes 1 station sign, 2 awards luncheon tickets)

INDIVIDUAL ENTRY: **\$125.** (includes random team entry, 1 awards luncheon tickets)

LUNCH ONLY: **\$25.** • SHOTGUN RENTAL: **\$25.** • BOX OF AMMO (12 OR 20 GAUGE): **\$7.**

For more information contact: Jim Cargilo at 904.377.9866 or email MOAAshootout@gmail.com

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RSVP or Questions to Jim Cargilo by phone or email. 904.377.9866 or MOAAshootout@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you there!

THE LARGER OUR NUMBERS THE GREATER OUR VOICE

MOAA-ACC Chapter Membership Matters



Ancient City Chapter (MOAA-ACC)
P.O. Box 4571, St. Augustine, Florida 32085



Name _____

Rank _____ Branch of Service _____

Active Retired Former Reserve National Guard Surviving Spouse

Spouse Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Date of Birth _____ Telephone _____

Email _____

Are you a member of MOAA National? Yes No

MOAA National Number _____

Not a MOAA National Member

Join MOAA-ACC and receive your first year

National Basic Membership FREE

Yes, sign me up

Visit moaa.org/join for National Membership information.

How did you hear about MOAA-ACC? _____

Are you a member of any other MOAA Chapter(s)? Yes No

If yes, which one(s)? _____

To complete enrollment, mail this form to...

MOAA-Ancient City Chapter, P.O. Box 4571, St. Augustine, Florida, 32085

Please include 1st Year Dues of \$30

Questions: Email MOAAACCMembers@gmail.com

or Call: Jim Cargilo 904-377-9866

Please visit our website at: www.moaa-acc.org

You will be opted in to receive e-communications from MOAA and your local chapter. You will be able to opt out of any further e-communications at any time. MOAA will not sell or share personal information. M1900DMCHP

MOAA-ACC Chapter Activities

Monthly Galleon Newsletter
JROTC Heritage Trail Ride
Memorial Day Program
Sporting Clay Shootout
Veterans Day Program
Wreaths Across America
Military Ball

Uniformed Services

U.S. Army
U.S. Marine Corps
U.S. Navy
U.S. Air Force
U.S. Coast Guard
U.S. National Guard
N.O.A.A. Commissioned Officers Corp
U.S. Public Health Services Commissioned Officers Corp