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President's Message

MAJ Joseph "Joe" Voge, USA, Ret.

Marion County has been mostly spared the horrible effects of Hurricane Ian which so devastated communities in Southwest Florida. For this, we are truly thankful. There are a number of relief efforts for those areas that are stricken. I encourage our membership to donate what they can to help. I was on a zoom call today for the Florida Council of Chapters Board Meeting. Some of the Area Vice Presidents reported damage to Chapters, both member homes and Chapter meeting places. Recovery will take a significant amount of time for displaced members to return to their homes.

Our guest speakers for the last two months were interesting. In September, Dennis Rose provided us with a thought-provoking and audience participation simulation called FUEL (Full Utilization and Employment Logistics). With a given scenario, we were to arrive at a possible solution using the tenets of breakthrough, ideas, innovation and creativity. He was successful in achieving those ends.

October gave us CPT Patrick Pacalo, PhD, discussing the many aspects of the Chemical Corps. He told us of his extensive background working in the area of CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear) research. Some of the things he talked about were the use of Anthrax as a weapon, conspiracy theories regarding the destruction of the Twin Towers and the temperatures required to make the buildings fall. He also discussed the Chemical Corps' mission, vision, core functions and capabilities as well as CBRN schools and their priorities.

In November we will remember those of us who have passed in the last year. Chaplain Carolyn Smith will conduct the memorial candle lighting ceremony. We will remember them and miss them.

KOS member CDR Tom Dann, USCG, has proposed to add a new Section (9) to Article IV, Membership Rights to our By-Laws, last revised March 2011.

Article IV, Section 9: That a special membership category of Emeritus be established to recognize a member who by their outstanding distinguished service over many years has endeared them to this organization. This Chapter membership will be for life and will be granted by the Board of Directors to include the waiver of all future Chapter dues.

"Never stop Serving"



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Membership Meetings:

First Thursday of the month, September-June at The Braised Onion. Dates, times and occasions are announced in advance in the SUNBEAMS. Guests are always welcome.

Board of Directors Meetings:

Second Tuesday of each month at 12:30 P.M. at Mimi's Café. Officers and Board Members are requested to attend. Everyone is welcome.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

LTC Carolyn A. Smith, USA, KOS Chaplain

A President's Thanksgiving

I belong to a Revolutionary War Book Club; we read and discuss books written about various aspects of that great war for American independence. The more I read and learn about our first President, the more I realize what an outstanding man he was, both as a leader and a devout believer in God. The following is quoted from President Washington's proclamation for a National Day of Thanksgiving in the year 1789. The special focus that year was gratitude for having won the recent war.

"Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor....

"That we may all unite unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war.

"For the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted; for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed...."

I am personally thankful for such a godly man who led by example. Washington not only acknowledged God's sovereignty in such proclamations; his personal devotion was evidenced by his prayer journal, consisting of twenty-four pages of written prayers, some of which were patterned after psalms from the Bible. Their words reflect his sincere humility before a "Divine Majesty," confessing unnamed sins, and humbly asking forgiveness. His gratitude was on imminent display with such phrases as "unite us all in praising and glorifying Thee in all our works."

Washington truly embraced the tenets of Christianity, and unwaveringly believed that "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." – Psalm 33:12

IN MEMORIAM

KOS mourns the passing of chapter member Maj Jesse James, USMC. A memorial service was held on Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 11:00 AM, at Christ the King Anglican Church, in Ocala, FL.



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The Distaff Side

Mrs. Betty Hayes SSM

GIVE THANKS EVERY DAY



Media sources in the month of November remind us to be thankful. My time for saying Thank You began much earlier. On June eighth, my vehicle was side swiped by a truck pulling a carrier filled with various sizes of pipes sticking out the back.

BAM! The driver took off at a rapid speed. Never stopped to see if I needed help or to survey the damage. I chased that truck for 13 blocks weaving in and out of traffic while blowing my car horn.

My vehicle's right front fender and headlight bumper were smashed. I was shook up but unhurt.

It was the start of a two-and-a-half-month adventure. I have been driving since I was 16 years old. Never even have had a flat tire. So, the whole accident process was a learning experience for me. Thank goodness for all of the many caring people who stepped up and kindly assisted me.

- There was the USAA agent who calmly step by step helped me fill out all of the paperwork.
- There was the Collision Company manager who called me every week and updated me on the current status of my vehicle repair.
- There was my considerate new neighbor who drove me to church every Sunday at 7:30AM.
- There was my dear college friend in N.C. who E-mailed me a funny cartoon every day.
- There was my daughter, who brought me bright and cheery flower bouquets every week.

The two and a half months I waited for my vehicle repairs made me more cognizant of the kindly supportive people who "stepped up and lent me a hand." I thank all of them.

Did you say THANK YOU to someone today?

KUDOS...

LTC Arlo Janssen, USA

To CPT Patrick Pacalo, PhD, our speaker at our KOS Luncheon on October 6, 2022. He provided a remarkably interesting talk on Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) threats and hazards. He covered a number of talking points for Chemical and NBC/CBRN activities. He emphasized not to trust Wikipedia as the sole source of information on Chemical and NBC/CBRN activities. He highlighted the Sverdlovsk, now called "Yekaterinburg" Anthrax, outbreak in the Soviet city of Sverdlovsk in April 2, 1979, as an important lesson on guarding our CBRN activities. Our thanks to CPT Patrick Pacalo, PhD, for being our speaker at our October 2022 luncheon and an active member of our KOS chapter.



CPT Patrick Pacalo, PhD



Legislative Affairs

Col Robert Schlegel, USA, Chapter Legislative Liaison

MOAA CRISIS RELIEF FUND

THIS GRANT PROGRAM FROM THE MOAA FOUNDATION MAY ASSIST THOSE AFFECTED BY HURRICANE IAN.

In light of the extensive damage resulting from Hurricane Ian, we are reminding our council and chapter leaders of The MOAA Foundation's Crisis Relief Fund grant program. This program is designed to provide small grants to service members and veterans and their families who are financially affected by natural disasters or crisis situations.

Anyone in your local military or veteran community who might need financial assistance as a result of this current natural disaster or unique crisis situation can apply for financial assistance of up to \$500 by filling out The MOAA Foundation's [Crisis Relief Fund Grant application](#).

If you or another MOAA council or chapter member can verify the applicant's military status and current financial needs, please fill out a [MOAA Affiliate Verification Form](#) once their application is complete.

[Learn more about the MOAA Foundation's Crisis Relief Fund grant program processes and eligibility requirements.](#)

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Spouse Licensure, School Policies Top DoD-State Liaison Group's 2023

Lt Col Bob Bienvenue, USAF, Ret., Florida Council of Chapters, Legislative Chair

Priorities Improved spouse licensure laws and military-friendly school policies top the 2023 priorities for the Defense-State Liaison Office (DSLO), which works to alleviate barriers resulting from military life and harmonize the differences in state and federal laws.

DSLO's efforts at the state level have led to 33 states enacting supportive licensure laws and providing expedited processes to achieve a baseline of a license within 30 days with minimal upfront paperwork from licensed military spouses.

DSLO, in conjunction with licensing boards, has developed eight interstate compacts (nursing, advanced practice registered nursing, emergency medical services, physical therapy, audiology/speech-language pathology, licensed professional counseling, occupational therapy, and psychology). At least 44 states have signed on to at least one of these compacts, with 35 states signed on to three or more compacts.

The office is continuing work to develop compacts for teaching, social work, dentistry/dental hygiene, massage therapy, cosmetology/barbering, school psychology, and dietetic nutrition.

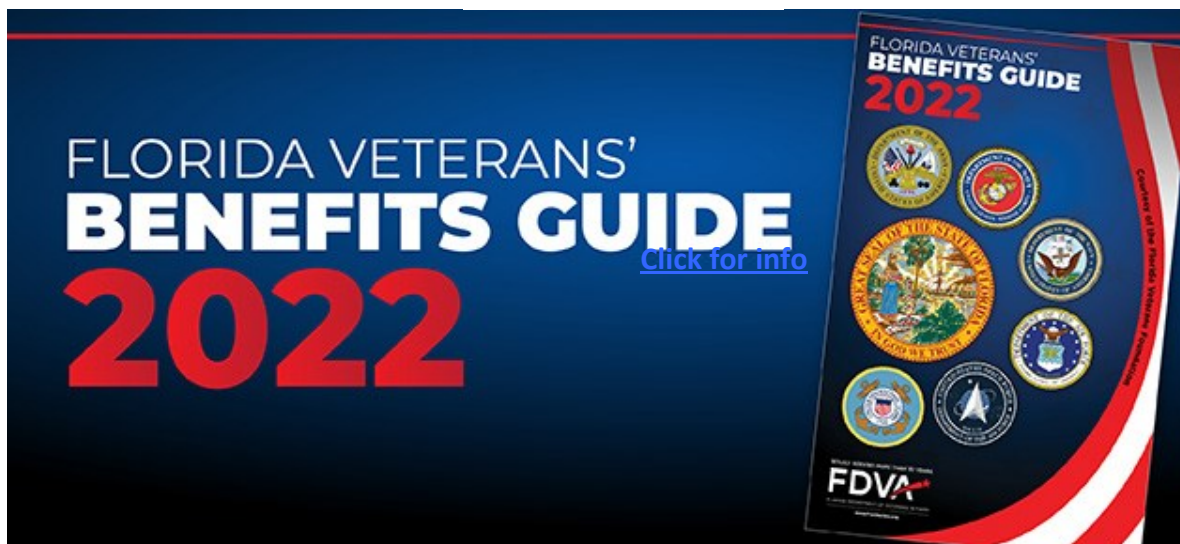
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<p>Election of Officers & Memorial Service</p> <p>12:00 PM Cocktails, cash bar 12:30 PM Luncheon</p> <p>Choice of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short Ribs Stroganoff \$30 • Country Fried Chicken on Brioche • Fish & Chips • Mixed Berry Salad • Quiche of the Day <p>All include beverage, sides, and gratuity.</p> <p>Cost: \$25 per person, except as noted above.*</p> <p>Reservations with meal choices ASAP but not later than noon on Sunday, October 30!</p>	<p>Christmas Luncheon</p> <p>12:00 PM Cocktails, cash bar 12:30 PM Luncheon</p> <p>Choice of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicken Marsala \$30 • Meatloaf • Lobster & Seafood Salad • Croissant • Turkey & Dressing \$30 • Southern Cobb Salad <p>All include beverage, sides, and gratuity. Dessert provided by LTC Smith</p> <p>Cost: \$25 per person, except as noted above.*</p> <p>Reservations with meal choices ASAP but not later than noon on Sunday, November 27th!</p>	<p>Installation of Officers</p> <p>12:00 PM Cocktails, cash bar 12:30 PM Luncheon</p> <p>Choice of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build Your Own Burger • Chicken Caesar Wrap • Fish & Chips • Poached Pear Salad • Shrimp & Grits \$30 <p>All include beverage, sides, and gratuity.</p> <p>Cost: \$25 per person, except as noted above.*</p> <p>Reservations with meal choices ASAP but not later than noon on Sunday, January 1!</p>
11/8/22 - Board of Directors 12:30 PM at Mimi's Café Everyone is welcome	12/13/22 – Board of Directors 12:30 PM at Mimi's Café Everyone is welcome	1/10/23 - Board of Directors 12:30 PM at Mimi's Café Everyone is welcome

Tables will be available for single members at all KOS events.

*Walk-ins without reservations will pay an additional \$2.

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