



DRUMBEAT

September 2022



President's Message for September

Board Meeting	Sept 21
Lunch Meeting	Sept 28
Board Meeting	Oct 19
Lunch Meeting	Oct 26
Board Meeting	Nov 16
Lunch Meeting	Nov 30
Board Meeting	Dec 21
Lunch Meeting	Dec 7 *

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I hope this newsletter finds you all safe and sound after Hurricane Ian. For those of us in the local area we missed the brunt of the storm, which I am certain you are all very pleased with. I know we had several Chapter members who have had days of cleanup duty working to bring back their properties from the storm winds and debris associated with 80 mile per hour gusts.

Keep our fellow Citizens and MOAA members in mind as the work in the impacted areas of Florida continues and they begin recovery from the impacts. Considering this, the Board met virtually, and we elected to make a charitable contribution from our fund to help those who were impacted across the State.

We now have new MOAA program that aids the impacted in disaster areas. If you know a MOAA member or Veteran who was impacted by the storm, a program termed the Crisis Relief Fund can provide Grant payments to individuals to help offset the costs from natural disasters. Contact me or any Board member to gain further information on how to apply for these Grants from the MOAA Foundation.

As a reminder, we will be having our bi-annual election of officers to serve on our board coming up in January. We are actively looking to fill positions, so if you so desire to become a board member and serve a two year term please contact me. The two positions which are projected to be vacant are the Editor of our newsletter and the Secretary position. Additionally, we may have an at large board member position open for this election cycle. You can contact me at jeffaadoll@yahoo.com.

Our September Speaker is being rescheduled to keynote our meeting in November and our October speaker remains scheduled to be present for his presentation. Vinny Luisi, Executive Director for the Dunedin Museum will give a presentation on the development of amphibious vehicles during World War II that were manufactured locally. Should be an interesting meeting.

The next member meeting is scheduled for October 26 at 1200 hours at the Clearwater Country Club. Hope to see you all the October meeting.

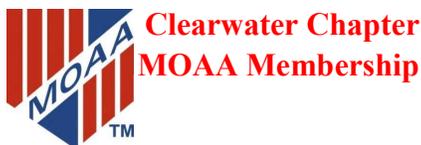
Together we are "One Powerful Voice", Still Serving! Hooah!

Jeff Doll

Contents of our latest Newsletter.



- President's Message 1
- Feb. Luncheon Menu 2
- MOAA News 3
- Photos 5
- Our Patriotic Advertisers 6



Total Members	79
Regular	46
Spouses	10
Surviving Spouses	24

Numbers reflect removal of member failing to pay 2022 dues

* Pearl Harbor Day at Dunedin Golf Club

The Drumbeat is published by the Clearwater Chapter which is an affiliate of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). MOAA and its affiliated chapters and councils are nonpartisan. The advertisements that appear in this publication also do not reflect an endorsement by MOAA.

CHAPTER NEWS**LUNCHEON NEWS****Wednesday October 26 Luncheon**

Join us for Lunch at the Clearwater Country Club; 525 N Betty Lane, Clearwater. Directions: going north from Drew Street it'll be the last right turn before the railroad tracks, from Palmetto Street heading south it'll be the first left after the tracks. CCC phone: (727) 446-9501. Luncheon check-in starts 11:15, program at noon. Meal selections (if reservation is NOT made On-line) are to be made by calling Jane Belson: (727) 535-9151 NLT 12:00 Oct 21, 2021. Cancellations must be in NLT 12:00 Oct 24, 2021.

Please have check ready in the **NEW amount of \$22.00 per person** before arrival!

You are encouraged to use the Chapter Web Site to make reservations and meal selections:

<http://moaaf.org/Chapters/MOAAFLCWC/Default.aspx>

**Menu:**

Hot Entree: House Salad, Chicken Piccata, Angel Hair Pasta & Glazed Carrots, includes rolls, Chef's choice of dessert

Cold Entree: Soup DuJour, Taco Salad – Seasoned Beef in a Taco Shell, Shredded Lettuce, Grated Cheddar Cheese, Diced Tomatoes, Diced Onions, Sour Cream & Salsa, includes rolls, Chef's choice of dessert

Beverage Station will be set up with Coffee and Iced Tea throughout the Luncheon

October Luncheon Speaker

Vinny Luisi, Executive Director for the Dunedin Museum will give a presentation on the development of amphibious vehicles that were manufactured locally during World War II.

MOAA NEWS

Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxins

PACT ACT adds additional items to the list of presumptive illnesses.

Click on: [Presumptive](#)

Fifty Thousand Dollar Gift to MOAA Foundation

Homes for Heroes donated \$50,000 to The MOAA Foundation. The contribution, which was presented to MOAA President and CEO Lt. Gen. Dana T. Atkins, USAF (Ret), and Vice President of Development Amanda Centers at MOAA's Alexandria, Va., office, will support The MOAA Foundation's newly launched Crisis Relief Fund.

Click on: [Gift](#)

VA Multiple Sclerosis Centers of Excellence

The Veterans Affairs Multiple Sclerosis Centers of Excellence (MSCoE) are dedicated to furthering the understanding of multiple sclerosis (MS), its impact on Veterans, and effective treatments to help manage MS.

Click on: [MS](#)

Veterans and Long COVID

Researchers believe that tens of thousands of veterans nationwide may be suffering from long-term effects of COVID-19 infection and are urging physicians to more closely monitor their patients for indications of lingering medical problems.

Click on: [Long COVID](#)

Wall of Faces Now Includes Photos of All Servicemembers Killed in the Vietnam War

A decades-long project to pair faces with the names etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is now complete. With assistance from hundreds of volunteers across the nation, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) has created the **Wall of Faces**, a website featuring at least one photo of each of the 58,281 servicemembers who died in the Vietnam War.

Click on: [Faces](#)

As Inflation Rises, Consider the Gift of I Bonds

Series I saving bonds, are a good hedge against inflation. The current I bond rate is an attractive 9.62% and is virtually riskless — even if interest rates fall in the future, the rate can never go below zero percent.

I bonds also avoid local and state taxes, and they are only taxable at the federal level. In fact, the one big downside to I bonds is the \$10,000 yearly investment limit.

Click on: [I Bonds](#)

Ten Veterans Inducted Into Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame

Gov. Ron DeSantis and the Cabinet voted unanimously to induct 10 Veterans into the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame. The names for the Class of 2022 were presented for a formal vote during the Aug. 23 Cabinet Meeting by Florida Department of Veterans Affairs FDVA Executive Director James S. "Hammer" Hartsell Maj Gen USMC Ret

Click on: [Hall of Fame](#)

Governor Encourages Veterans to Apply for Temporary Teaching Certificates

Gov. Ron DeSantis announced Aug. 11 the launch of a new webpage to help recruit qualified military Veterans to join schools across the state. The State Board of Education passed a rule Aug. 17 to formally implement a program for veterans to receive a five-year temporary education certificate while they finish their bachelor's degree, provided they meet certain criteria. The rule implements SB 896, which Governor DeSantis signed earlier this year after it received unanimous bipartisan support throughout the 2022 Session.

Click on: [Veteran Teachers](#)

Chapter and Council News

Council and Chapter News is available on MOAA website. See what is happening at MOAA chapters around the state and country.

Click on: [Chapter News](#)

Seeking Veterans for the Midterm Elections: Earn up to \$150 per day

Veterans can receive around \$150 per day serving as a county poll worker. 60% of counties report a shortage of poll workers for the 2022 election cycle.

Click on: [Poll Watchers](#).

In Memory

Wilma Radford, wife of Chapter member Bob Radford CAPT USNR Ret, passed away September 9, 2022, after a long illness. Arrangements are pending.

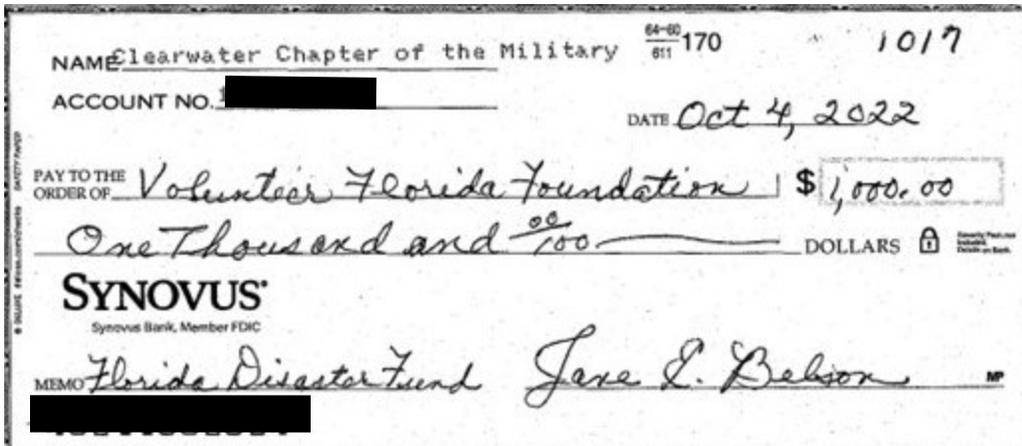
Ray Smyth MAJ, USA Ret, former Chapter member, passed away on Wednesday September 22, in the Brickyard Health Care Indianapolis. .

Chapter Approves Donation to Florida Disaster Relief

Your chapter approved a \$1000 donation to aid those unfortunate Floridians whose lives were devastated by Hurricane Ian.

Below is the link for members to individually aid these folks. Remember next time it could be us.

www.FloridaDisasterFund.org or text DISASTER to 20222



Clearwater Chapter Donation In Support Of Hurricane Victims.



Photo of New K9 Partners For Patriots Facility With Chapter Donated Bench

SALUTING OUR FINE PATRIOTIC ADVERTISERS <https://stores.perkinsrestaurants.com/us/fl/clearwater/2626-gulf-to-bay-blvd.html> Clearwater Perkins Restaurant welcomes you to come and enjoy a meal, open 24-7. Perkins Restaurant is located at 2626 Gulf-to-Bay Blvd, Clearwater, FL-PH-727-799-2019. Stop by for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Wine and beer available upon request You are encouraged to patronize our patriotic advertisers and to be sure to mention you are an MOAA member. Please bring a copy of the advertisement and show it to the manager. Also encourage your friends and family to patronize them and to let them know you suggested it to be included in the Drumbeat and show appreciation for their support. Please note ALL links (advertisers with links in color and others) are "Hot" and will take you to



Clearwater Perkins Restaurant welcomes you to come and enjoy a meal, open 24-7. Perkins Restaurant is located at 2626 Gulf-to-Bay Blvd, Clearwater, FL-PH-727-799-2019. Stop by for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Wine and beer available upon request



<https://stores.perkinsrestaurants.com/us/fl/clearwater/2626-gulf-to-bay-blvd.html>



MOAA
Military Officers Association of America



Former, Active, Retired Military Officers, Warrant Officers & Surviving Spouses

JOIN A FLORIDA CHAPTER

- Advocacy from the National to the State and Local levels
 - Philanthropy and Community Service
 - Comradery with a Purpose

NEVER STOP SERVING

Find a chapter at www.MOAAFL.org/Membership.aspx

MOAA Chapters: Where the rubber meets the road!

As Military Officers, our shared experience of service forms a bond like no other. And while MOAA is based in Washington, D.C., the heart and soul of our organization lies in local communities served by local chapters. where members pledge to "Never Stop Serving".

MOAA chapters unite active duty, former, and retired officers and warrant officers from every branch of service, including the National Guard and Reserve, as well as their spouses. Membership in a chapter provides an opportunity to connect with fellow officers, networking, grassroots advocacy, community service, philanthropy, and much more.

Connect with other, like minded officers committed to keeping our military strong and ensuring promises made to veterans are kept. There are 39 MOAA Chapters in Florida. Join a Florida MOAA Chapter now by visiting our website at: www.MOAAFL.org/Membership.aspx



MOAA
INSURANCE PLANS

Standing with you at every stage.

1-800-247-2192 • www.moaainsurance.com/plans



MOAA

Military Officers Association *of* America

One Powerful Voice.®

www.clearwatermoaa.org

Military Officers of America (MOAA)
Clearwater Chapter
P. O. Box 15521
Clearwater, FL 33766-5521

