



# DRUMBEAT

January 2021

## UPCOMING EVENTS



Board Meeting	Jan 13, 2021
Lunch Meeting	Jan 27, 2021
Board Meeting	Feb 10, 2021
Lunch Meeting	Feb 24, 2021
Board Meeting	Mar 10, 2021
Lunch Meeting	Mar 24, 2021
Board Meeting	Apr 14, 2021
Lunch Meeting	Apr 28, 2021

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**Clearwater Chapter**  
**MOAA Membership**

Total Members

Regular	52
Spouses	27
Surviving Spouses	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>

## President's Message



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR JANUARY 2021 DRUMBEAT

I hope everyone enjoyed this month's speaker, Frank Nunziata, he did a great job and was truly knowledgeable about the Nuclear Blasts they were forced to watch. It is so sad what our country put these Service members through. You could see from the video, Atomic Soldiers, how much this affected them even after all these years. Just imagine being married for 50 years. and never being able to tell your family, spouse, or children what you have been through because of the fear of jail time. Plus, having to fight for any health benefits they deserve.

Glad that Floridians are finally starting to get the Vaccine. Hopefully, we will be seeing the numbers drop and will start seeing some of you back at our luncheons. We have been using the whole big room that fits 250 people and all the tables are socially distanced with only 4 at a table. Restaurant mask protocol is in place and you must always wear a mask except to eat and drink. I would also like to remind you if you make reservations for the Luncheon and have to cancel please do it in a timely manner by contacting Jane Belson. Otherwise, you will be responsible for paying for your meal.

We are still conducting chapter business and will have our Installation luncheon in January to install our Officer's including your new President Jeff Doll and our new 1<sup>st</sup> VP Col. Bill Horne. I hope you give them the same support that you have given me the last few years. We are also still moving forward on our only yearly fundraiser, our Annual JROTC Golf Tournament.

The Florida Council of Chapters has also been active, although they just canceled the Annual Leadership Training in Orlando this year and will hold it virtually using Zoom. They are also currently planning the FCOC Annual convention for May 14-16 at the Sarasota Marriott Weston Convention Center. They have an exciting weekend planned. They would like to get a rough count of all of you who think that you may plan to attend. This is just an idea to see what the interest is. If, you think you may like to go, please email me [robert.behm23@gmail.com](mailto:robert.behm23@gmail.com).

You can donate to MOAA Charities by simply joining Amazon Smile? I do most of my Christmas Shopping on Amazon and for every dollar I spend they donate to my MOAA Charity. You simply sign up for free in the Amazon App and then leave it on when you shop. When you sign up you have to pick the Charity you want it to go to, in my case its MOAA Scholarships. It is very easy to do and once set up you simply shop

Please check the newly reformatted chapter website at (<https://www.moaafi.org/Chapters/MOAAFLCWC/Home.aspx>)!

Just a reminder to all of you that if your 2020 dues were paid up, the Board has voted to carry dues over as paid for 2021.

Bob Behm

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Location: Tarpon Woods Country Club – 1000 HRS

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** The Board meeting at the Tarpon Woods Golf Course was called to order at 10:00 am by President Bob Behm. Those present stood, faced the Flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Attendance** – Bob Behm, Sandy Behm, Jane Belson, Norm Belson, Steve Hodges, Jeff Doll, Dave Apt

**Previous Month Secretary Minutes** – Bob asked if everyone had a chance to read the November Minutes in the Dec Drumbeat? A motion was approved to accept the Minutes as written.

**Treasurer's Report** – Jane Belson gave the Treasurer's report, there is \$ 12,575.20 in the **Charitable Account** and \$13,808.59 in the **Checking Account** for a **Total** of \$26,383.79. Jane also advised she wrote a check in the amount of \$4.20 to the Postmaster for the Drumbeat mailing, \$541.71 for November luncheon to Clearwater Golf Club LLC, and \$25.41 to reimburse Noreen for badges. There was a deposit of \$616.47, which represented the proceeds from the Luncheon. In the Charitable Account we had a deposit of \$45.00, from the Luncheon and a deduction of \$2,000.00, which we presented to K9 Partners for Patriots. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted and was approved by the Board.

**Membership Report** – Rob Risberg reported the following: Total of 91 Voting Members, an increase of one from last month, 52 Regular Members an increase of 1 (Bill Horne returning to Active status), from last month, 12 Surviving Spouse Members for no change, 27 Spouse Members for, no change.

**Programs Report** – See Below (Upcoming Speakers) **Drumbeat Report** – Jim Souders nothing to report.

**Web Report** – Rob Risberg reported that the newly reformatted chapter website is up and running at (<https://www.moaafi.org/Chapters/MOAAFLCWC/Home.aspx>) – check it out!

The new format uses more color, drop down menus, and is generally easier to use and navigate since the most relevant information is on the home page

New pages include Legislative Affairs with latest news on MOAA's legislative lobbying efforts and Surviving Spouse news updates from MOAA National related to Surviving Spouses

There is a working link to Photo Albums where members can begin posting photos from our monthly luncheons and other events

The FCoC Web Master, John Snyder, did this upgrade to our website free of charge.

**Spouse/Surviving Spouse Report – No Report**

**Legislative Liaison** – Dave stated Congressman Gus Bilirakis has worked on the Vietnam Agent Orange issue resulting in bladder cancer and other areas opened for coverage. He has worked to include Blue Water Navy get the same coverage. The NDAA is a catch 22 since President Trump wants to add a couple of items, 1: Stopping the Defense Dept from changing the names of any of our posts and bases and 2: To make big Tech companies accountable by putting in a clause to do away with article 230 which is where they cannot be sued.

**Members in Distress Report** – No report.

**ROTC Scholarship** – Steve Hodges had nothing new to report.

**Old Business** – Bob will call the IRS for status of the 1023EZ application since after Dec 17 it will be 90 days since submission. Jeff asked if there was any progress on insurance. Bob said we need the 501c first.

**New Business –**

Bob read the Thank You letter from K9 Partners for Patriots, he sent the letter to Jim who published it in the Dec Drumbeat. Bob authorized purchase of gloves for the people working the reception table at luncheons since they are handling money. Bob will pick up a 1/2 sheet cake for the installation in January. The Waitresses will be asked to cut the cake and serve it for dessert.

Bob stated he spoke to Skip Hartnett and Skip will Install the Officers in Jan.

Jeff Doll and Bob had a video Conference with the Florida Council. Leadership training in January is cancelled. There will be virtual training on the 8-9 of January via Zoom. Bob will send the board a copy of the agenda so anyone who wishes to view a particular section of the training may join the conference and view it.

The May Convention is still tentatively scheduled for May 14-16 at the Sarasota Marriott Western Convention Center. They need to get a rough idea of who plans to attend and how many would be staying. Bob will have Rob Risberg send out a blast to the members asking for feedback about the Convention.

Jane stated she will need to get a new printer if she is unable to get hers back operating. She uses it to print the hard copies of the Drumbeat. A motion was approved for Jane to purchase a new printer if needed. Steve Hodges said that he will print and mail the drumbeat from now on, Jane will send Steve the file with members who get the Drumbeat by mail. She will still need a printer to print her reports for the Board Meeting and her files as the Treasurer.

Steve wanted to know if we will need baskets from Noreen for the raffle at the December luncheon. We decided to have one basket because we currently have only 21 people registered to attend.

Bob needs to order certificates of appreciation

Dave said that we need to tap into the reserves and guards to encourage them to join MOAA. The challenge is that they probably would not be able to attend our meetings because most would be working during the day.

**Any other New Business?** There was no other new business.

**Bob asked for a Motion to Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn was approved. Meeting adjourned at 11:00am

**Upcoming Speakers:**

**DEC** – Atomic Soldiers – Frank L. Nunziata

**JAN** – State of the Presidency address – Bob Behm

## CHAPTER NEWS

### LUNCHEON NEWS

#### Wednesday January 27 Luncheon

##### Menu:

**Hot:** Toss Salad, Baked Ham w/Pineapple Salsa, Red Potatoes, Green Beans Almandine, Includes Rolls, Ice Tea & Coffee

**Cold:** Chicken Noodle Soup - Cobb Salad (mixed greens, topped with turkey, bacon, tomato, egg, bleu cheese and avocado) Served with homemade ranch dressing, Includes Rolls, Ice Tea & Coffee

Both Entrees Include dessert - Installation cake with a scoop of vanilla ice cream.



#### JANUARY LUNCHEON SPEAKER INFO

Chapter President Bob Behm LTC USA (Ret) will present the state of the chapter and recap the past two year as Chapter President. The newly elected Chapter officers will be installed as well. Past Chapter President Skip Hartnett Major USM (Ret) will conduct the installation.

Please plan to attend the luncheon and show your support for Bob's work the past two years and for the new officers.

#### Holiday Weight: Maintain, Don't Gain

Ten tips to help you enjoy your favorite holiday foods

Meal-time traditions are a big part of the holidays, so it's natural to ignore weight gain concerns. But that's not always a good recipe for healthy living. Holiday weight gain can feel like an unwanted tradition. Many of us are already starting the season with some extra pounds because of the 'quarantine fifteen,' gained because of too much idle time. During the holiday season, it can be difficult and sometimes unrealistic to lose weight. With Christmas and other holidays just around the corner, temptations of unhealthy food choices and traditions are common. Right now, maintaining your weight can be a more realistic goal.

**Click on: [Weight](#)**

#### Holiday/COVID Stress

Between juggling family, working from home, the COVID-19 pandemic, and other complications, it's okay to feel **stressed** right now. No matter the level of stress you feel, learning to manage it can help you live a more peaceful and healthier life. Managing your stress takes practice, but you can do it.

**Click on: [Stress](#)**

#### Coast Guard Exchange

The Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater Exchange announces it is now operating at normal hours:

STORE HOURS	Location	Phone Number
Mon-Sat 7:30am - 5pm	15100 Rescue Way Clearwater, FL	(727) 596-8744
Sun 11am - 4pm		

## COVID-19 VACCINE

### Rollout Report: The COVID-19 Vaccine and DoD, VA, Medicare, and More

In the days since the Food and Drug Administration provided the first emergency use authorization for a COVID-19 vaccine in the U.S., thousands of doses have been shipped nationwide ... and an uncounted number of medical facilities, care centers, and government agencies have been asked to clear up questions on how the rollout will work.

**Priority:** DoD has divided recipients into phases.

- **Phase 1A** includes health care providers and support personnel at military treatment facilities and other care locations. This may include non-clinical staff, contractors, and others who may be in close contact with COVID-19 patients.
- **Phase 1B** includes personnel supporting “critical national capabilities,” to include those preparing for overseas deployment. The vaccine will not be mandatory while under emergency use authorization, DoD officials stated, though that could change once regular authorization is granted.
- **Phase 1B and Phase 2** both include high-risk beneficiaries.
- **Phases 2 and 3** include other beneficiaries.

Click on: [COVID-19](#)

### VA COVID-19 Test Basics

COVID-19 test results from any lab test ordered by a VA health care team will appear in your My HealtheVet account. [Sign in to your account](#) and follow these steps to access your COVID-19 test results:

- Select Labs + Tests on the home page
- Select View More under VA Chemistry/Hematology
- Review the summary list ‘by date’ for COVID-19 test results performed at your VA facility

To view your test results, you must have a Premium account. If you do not yet have a Premium account, there are [steps you can take, or you can contact your local medical center](#)

Click on: [VA COVID-19 Test](#)

### Is Telehealth Here to Stay?

Before the COVID-19 outbreak began this year, fewer than 9,000 medical appointments across TRICARE were conducted remotely via telehealth each month.

By April, however, the number had multiplied 35-fold, increasing to more than 301,000 telemedicine visits for the month. By July, they were up to nearly a half million appointments across both the TRICARE East and West Regions.

Click on: [Telehealth](#)

### FBI Warning: Beware of COVID-19 Charity Scams

Early scams connected to the COVID-19 crisis preyed on [fears connected to the pandemic](#) – fake emails from financial institutions seeking phantom payments or offering investment-protection services, for example, or scammers pretending to be hospital administrators or health insurance agents, collecting on nonexistent invoices.

Later, scammers got creative, moving on to [miracle cures](#) or other novel approaches to drive a wedge between people, primarily senior citizens, and their money.

Now, the FBI has warned of scammers moving away from taking advantage of the population’s security or health concerns and instead targeting its generosity.

Click on: [COVID-19 Scams](#)

December Luncheon Photos



LT Frank Nunziata tells the group about witnessing Nuclear Testing in 1957.



LTC Bob Behm presents MOAA Certificate of Appreciation to LT Frank Nunziata



LTC Steve Hodges and Major Norm Belson



MOAA Luncheon Raffle Basket prepared by Noreen Hodges



LT Frank Nunziata(2nd from left) with grandsons and LTC Bob Behm who is presenting a MOAA Certificate of Appreciation

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