



DRUMBEAT

Mar 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS



Board Meeting	Mar 16, 2022
Lunch Meeting	Mar 23, 2022
Board Meeting	Apr 20, 2022
Lunch Meeting	Apr 27, 2022
Board Meeting	May 18, 2022
Lunch Meeting	May 25, 2022
Board Meeting	Jun 15, 2022
Lunch Meeting	Jun 22, 2022

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Clearwater Chapter MOAA Membership

Total Members

Regular	60
Spouses	32
Surviving Spouses	13
Total	105

President's Message

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR MARCH 2022 DRUMBEAT

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Welcome to March, and the arrival of spring. I often feel that time speeds up as I get older. In honor of our celebration of St. Patrick's Day you will find that Jane has set up a very good Irish luncheon meal for our March meeting.

I also want to thank all the members who purchased the Chapter Polo shirts, think the total came to 21 people. Our move to make our luncheons more casual will be a blessing in the warm months when we meet.

We have a MOAA National Speaker lined up for our March meeting, should be a very informative luncheon and we will all have an opportunity to see what our organization is doing on a national level.

I also encourage you to visit the MOAA website at www.moaa.org to stay abreast of the latest developments. The site is very informative and can keep you up to date on the actions of the Leadership at our National level.

As a reminder, if you intend to make a financial tax-deductible donation to our annual Junior ROTC golf tournament, ensure you bring cash or check to the March Luncheon and provide to Steve or Noreen Hodges. This is a great opportunity for you to support our young men who use JROTC as a vehicle to service and becoming a better citizen. Well worth your time and contribution.

Look forward to seeing you all on 23 March for our next luncheon.

Our lineup for speakers is as follows:

March – Capt. Frank J. Michael USN (Ret) MOAA National

April – Guy Roberts – one of our new members.

Stay strong and see you all soon.

Together we are “One Powerful Voice”, Still Serving! Hooah!

Jeff Doll

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CHAPTER NEWS

LUNCHEON NEWS

23 March Luncheon

Join us for Lunch at the Clearwater Country Club; 525 N Betty Lane, Clearwater. Directions: from Drew Street turn North it'll be the last right turn before the railroad tracks, from Palmetto Street turn South it'll be the first left after the tracks. **COST:** \$20 per person. Please make check payable to Clearwater Chapter MOAA . Meal selections (if reservation is NOT made On-line) are to be made by calling Jane Belson (727) 535-9151 NLT Mar 18.

Cancellations must be in NLT 12:00 Mar 21.

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

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

Please note that due to inflation driven increases in cost of food to the Country Club, only a limited menu will be available. Your understanding is appreciated.

HOT: Beer cheese soup. Corned beef and cabbage, red potatoes, and carrots.

COLD: Beer cheese soup. Cobb Salad (chopped mixed greens topped with turkey, bacon, tomato, egg, bleu cheese, and avocado) served with homemade ranch dressing.

Both Include rolls, Ice Tea & Coffee, Chef's Choice of Dessert

Chapter Board Approves Dress Code for Luncheons

Casual dress such as polo shirt with collar is appropriate for all luncheons except for Pearl Harbor Day and Installation of Officers when a coat and tie for men is appropriate, although not mandatory . Questions should be addressed to the Board.

Please notify Chapter President Jeff Doll BG USA Ret if you become aware of a member, spouse or surviving spouse who is in distress (ill, suffering from stroke, heart attack or other adverse situation).

Jeff may be contacted at: jeffaadoll@yahoo.com

CLEARWATER CHAPTER POLO SHIRTS.

During the Jan. chapter luncheon members were given an opportunity to order polo shirts with the MOAA logo and Clearwater Chapter embroidery. There are men's and women's versions in several colors, This is part of our recent decision to pursue a little more relaxed dress code. We already have 15 orders and for those of you who missed the luncheon we'll take additional orders from attendees on Feb. 23rd. If you won't be attending that one, but are interested in placing an order, just contact Gary Williams at investgw@gmail.com.

MOAA President Sounds Warning on Benefit Cuts in ‘The Hill’ Commentary

Just months after the end of the war in Afghanistan, and despite the massive buildup of forces in Europe, signs point to pressure on lawmakers to cash in some of the “peace dividend” at the expense of servicemembers, veterans, and their families and survivors.

Copy/paste: [MOAA - MOAA President Sounds Warning on Benefit Cuts in ‘The Hill’ Commentary](#)

MOAA Announces Dates, Topics for Spring Advocacy in Action Campaign

MOAA’s annual Advocacy in Action (AiA) event will be held virtually from April 1-29. Based on Capitol Hill security measures and nationwide health challenges, we will again exercise appropriate measures of caution to bring our messages to legislators via virtual engagements. However, there may be opportunities for you to engage your legislators in person (safely) when they are home during Congress’ spring break (April 11-22).

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COLA Index Increases at Highest Rate in 40 Years

The latest figures tracking consumer prices – numbers that determine the annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for military retirees, disabled veterans, and many others – show an increase not seen in decades.

The last time these rates were recorded, legislation designed to right the federal budget nearly cost military retirees their COLA. Time will tell whether history repeats itself, and whether MOAA will again need to join with other advocacy groups to combat such proposals.

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Veteran Phishing Warning

If you receive a suspicious email from the Department of Veterans Affairs, **DO NOT** open the email or click on any attachments or links. VA does not send emails asking for personal information, threatening emails, or emails claiming to take adverse actions on claimants or beneficiaries (jail or lawsuits). If you receive any of these emails or are in doubt about any communications appearing to be from VA, please contact VA directly at 1 (800) 827-1000.

Phishing is a type of cyber-attack where the attacker sends a message designed to deceive a person and convince them to reveal sensitive information to the attacker. It is the most common means attackers use to gain unauthorized access to a device to obtain sensitive information.

Phishing emails can come from an unfamiliar sender or familiar looking sender with an email address that is off by a few letters. Additionally, phishing emails can include large or “too good to be true” offers or attachments.

Photos



BG Jeffrey Doll thanks The Honorable Gus Bilirakis on update on Legislative Matters



BG Jeffrey Doll presents **MOAA LEADERSHIP AWARD** to Jane Belson and MAJ Jim Souders



LT Gary Williams, Noreen Hodges



CDR Ed Taylor, LTC George Smith, LTC Benny Blackshire
(West Central Area VP)

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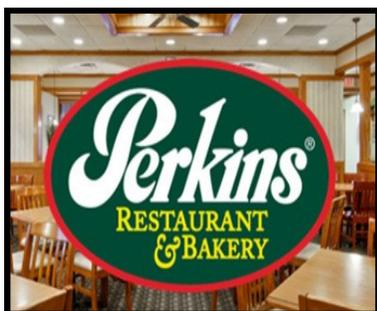
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