President's Message
LTC Marc Oliveri, USAR (Ret)

Wishing everyone a Joyous Christmas

Happy Hanukkah

From
Marc and Jenine Oliveri

Happy New Year

Check out the FCOC Web Site’s New Look
www.moaafl.org
It Was My Pleasure...
Marty Brown, Outgoing Editor

It would be a cliché to say, “I don’t know where the time has gone?” But.. I don’t. I took the Communique’ on 5 years ago when FCOC President (at the time), Jim Conner, and his wife, Dottie, visited Wayne and me when we lived in The Villages. Since then it’s been my privilege to work with FCOC Presidents John Morrison and Marc Oliveri. I want to thank all 3 of these dedicated leaders for their support and encouragement. In addition, my thanks to all the Chapter Presidents, Event Chairs, and PIO’s who kept me updated.

I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the Council and Chapter members, and I am happy to say that this isn’t goodbye. I’m looking forward to many more leadership conferences and state conventions with my husband, Wayne, who is Mid Central AVP.

Introducing Our New Communique´ Editor,
Polly Parks

Polly Parks is the wife of COL George L. Cajigal (USA, Ret.), the Treasurer for the South Central Florida Chapter. Most recently she retired from managing contracts and public policy for the domestic subsidiary of a multinational metal recycling firm which scraps NDRF, US Navy, and commercial ships in the US Gulf Coast region. Prior to settling in Sebring, George and Polly were living on a 50’ steel trawler, since sold; but a 1996 32’ Albin Command Bridge is now parked at Gulfport Municipal Marina awaiting exploration.

Wayne & Marty at the 2017 Military Ball, The Villages, Florida

It’s been a pleasure working with my replacement, Polly Parks. I know you will give her the same support that I have received.

Send future Communique´ input to: pparks@igc.org

Looking forward to seeing you at the Leadership Conference in Orlando, January 12-13.
Chaplain’s Message
Chaplain (Col) Charles Caudill, USAF, (Ret) Religious Activities

Holiday Love

There is no doubt in my mind that the Holiday Season is all about love. Not just giving each other gifts, but giving each other love. One of the best traditions to declare love symbolically is expressed during the marriage ceremony when the ring is given.

We often think gifts of love have to be sacrifices like The Gift of the Magi in which a wife cuts and sells her lustrous, long hair to buy her husband a platinum chain for his pocket watch. The husband in turn has sold his pocket watch to buy her two expensive combs for her hair. The giving of the ring in the wedding ceremony is the greatest gift and declaration of love to each other.

When I officiate at a Christian wedding I hold up the ring (or rings) in my hand before giving them to the couple and say: “The wedding ring is the outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual love, signifying to all the uniting of this man and this woman in holy matrimony,…Bless, O Lord, the giving of this ring, that (he or she) who wears it may abide in thy peace, and continue in thy favor….”

Once the ring is bestowed the groom (and bride in a double ring ceremony) says “In token and pledge of our constant faith and abiding love, with this ring I thee wed…."

Many other religious faiths have a ring exchange between bride and groom. In the Jewish faith often the giving of rings plays a major role in the matrimonial ceremony, but after the service is over many men don’t wear a wedding ring.

Depending on their particular beliefs some Muslims believe wedding rings generate love between the spouses, and not wearing them will have an effect on the marital relationship.

Like many career military members I was often separated from my wife. I remember looking at my wedding ring and feeling that someone really loved me. During a vacation we both lost our wedding bands at the beach, and once we got home we immediately replaced them.

Looking through my USAF archives recently, I was reminded of the impact the ring ceremony can have. I received a letter written in 1968 by a wife I married to a Vietnam soldier while he was on R&R in Hawaii. They had known each other for seven years and been engaged for a year before the wedding. She wrote: “Mike had told me that although we could have a double ring ceremony, he really didn’t think that he could ever get used to wearing a ring, so it would only be for special occasions [sic], and he wouldn’t take it back to Viet Nam. After your talk and your beautiful explanation of what the ring symbolized, he told me that they’d have to take the finger before that ring would come off.”

During this season we have various images to celebrate our festivities, but we need to remember the symbols of the initial pledge we made on our wedding day which began the love in our family.
The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)

On November 15th I sent an email to Area VPs, Chapter Presidents and Chapter Legislative Liaisons describing the action that had just been completed by the House regarding the FY 2018 NDAA. The same day, the Senate also passed NDAA Conference Report by voice vote (after I had sent out the email to all). And on November 30th the Bill was forwarded to the White House for the President’s signature. A Signing Ceremony had not been scheduled as of Dec 4th. He has 10 working days to sign or veto the Bill. That’s after the CR expires on December 8th, which unless acted on first would cause a government shutdown regardless of the status of the NDAA.

Adding irony to that matter is that even if the President does sign the NDAA, it is basically OBE unless an overall spending Bill is passed to waive sequester caps and set spending at the levels authorized in the NDAA (and for the other government operations).

Both the Senate and House leadership has said there will not be a shutdown. But all the whispers over the last two weeks have been about that happening. There has been some talk about extending the CR for two weeks, and some on extending it until the end of January. There have even been reports that Congressional Republicans are considering a three-month continuing resolution (CR) to fund the government as a backup plan should they fail to reach a deal with Democrats by year’s end. And Looming Large is the possibility that even if a CR compromise is achieved before the end of the year to extend it again, the overall Spending Caps in the Budget Control Act of 2010 (sequester) will automatically kick in. That would not only severely devastate the planned FY 2018 NDAA funding but drop it even below the level in the current CR.

Deficit hawks are aligning their troops to oppose the spending levels in the NDAA in whatever budget compromise results, as it adds to the National Debt. This opposition is building considering there are projected increases to the debt from either of the two versions of the Tax Reform bills just passed. The battle between the defense hawks and budget hawks in negotiations for a FY 2018 spending bill will be very contentious.

And this is what OMB Director Mulvaney had to say about reaching a compromise for the FY 2018 spending Bill:

“... to ensure that our military is not rebuilt on the backs of future generations of Americans…. the Administration strongly supports reductions to spending elsewhere in the Federal budget …”

It is anyone’s guess when or how this will be worked out.

What About a Shutdown

Earlier this year the President said that “our country needs a good shutdown”. That position was reinforced by two of his administration’s top officials:
Legislative Affairs (Continued)

- In testimony before the Senate Budget Committee in May, Treasury Secretary Mnuchin said "... at times there could be a good shutdown .... There could be reasons at various times why that is the right outcome."
- OMB Director Mulvaney told CBS' Face the Nation on May 7th, "The appropriations, the spending process, Congress using the power of the purse has been broken here in Washington for more than 10 years. And I think a good shutdown would be one that could help fix that."

And Trump essentially repeated his threat in a Tweet on November 28th saying, “Meeting with “Chuck and Nancy” today about keeping government open .... I don't see a deal!”

Make what you will of this now oft repeated threat …. By the time this issue of the Communique is published you may know whether it has come to fruition or that it was just demagoguery.

Where are we Now?
There were repeated Calls for Action from MOAA during this year on our goals of repealing the sequester, and protecting cuts to military compensation and benefits that were in both the President’s Budget Submittal and the differing versions of the House and Senate NDAAs as they proceeded through the legislative process. There were some small victories, but mostly intransigence by Congress to our pleas for the other key issues. What has been passed “is-what-it-is” and there’s no chance for changing it now.

But there is still some action we should take. My suggestion it to call and write your Congressperson and tell them to pass a spending deal NOW. Don't wait for a shutdown, even if it only lasts for a weekend. Our nation’s warfighters deserve stable and predictable funding—at adequate levels. More delays or continuing funding at reduced levels will stall manpower growth, worsen readiness, further age weapon systems, increases costs, delay new technology starts and needlessly risks the safe return of our nation’s servicemembers, not to mention the additional stress on families who must deal with compensation caps and benefit cuts.

Let’s Regroup for Next Year’s Battles
In the prior Communique http://www.moaafl.org/Communique/Issues/Oct2017.pdf I wrote about the upcoming FCoC Leadership Forum and in particular the sessions on Legislative Issues and Strategies.

I repeat the following from that article:
“Come prepared to share your chapter’s experiences in communicating MOAA’s legislative goals with your Congresspersons and their staff, and to learn how to be more effective at the grassroots level in this most important element of our mission during the workshop session and in the informal discussion time.
If you have any particular aspect of the chapter legislative program or particular information on strategies and techniques you would like to see addressed, please let me know soon as I am already working on the presentation for this meeting.”

I add the following to that request:
Bring your January Issue of Military Officer, as it will contain MOAA’s 2018 Legislative Priorities. We will take a look at those vis-a-vis what has happened this year on the same/related issues and where we go from that.

Looking forward to seeing you then.
HOT OFF THE PRESSES

BREAKING NEWS
The House and Senate passed a stopgap spending bill on December 6th to avert a shutdown and extend the CR until December 22nd. Appropriators need that additional time to craft a spending package to fund the federal agencies through the rest of the 2018 fiscal year.
To garner support of the Freedom Caucus for this extension, GOP leadership promised to include a spending package that would fund defense at higher levels for the remainder of FY 2018, thus avoiding automatic sequester caps. A White House press release said, “the president, congressional leadership and Defense Secretary [James] Mattis, agreed on the need for eliminating the defense sequester to deal with the grave national security threats we face.”

FOR THE RECORD
The Florida delegation vote in the House was split along party lines, with the following notable exceptions: Republican Gaetz (District 1), a member of the HASC Committee, voted NO, and Democrats Murphy (District 7), also a member of the HASC, and Crist (District 13) voted YES.
Both Florida Senators supported the Bill.

Republican Senator John McCain, Chairman of the Senate Armed Service Committee SASC voted NO.
He released the following statement to explain his opposition to a two-week CR:
“Every day we spend on a Continuing Resolution is a day that our military must try to do more with less, modernization is delayed, and readiness is degraded.
For that reason, I cannot support this Continuing Resolution. The President and an overwhelming majority of Congress agree we need to increase investment in the military to rebuild our forces. This will only be possible with a bipartisan budget agreement. I hope that following today’s meeting between Congressional leaders and the White House, that budget agreement will provide for substantial, sustained growth to defense spending for this year and next.”

Read MOAA’s latest “On Watch” editorial regarding all this and take action with our Legislators while they now consider how to work themselves out of the next pending government shutdown deadline on December 22nd, the third such since September.

Governor Scott Announces 20 Inductees to the Florida Veterans’ Hall of Fame

R. Steven Murray, Lt Col, USAF (Ret), Communications Director, Florida Department of Veterans Affairs

TALLAHASSEE – Gov. Rick Scott and First Lady Ann Scott joined the Florida Department of Veterans’ Affairs Nov. 27 to honor 20 inductees to the Florida Veterans’ Hall of Fame. The Florida Veterans’ Hall of Fame recognizes and honors military veterans who have made a significant contribution to the State of Florida through civic, business or public service.

“As a Navy Veteran myself, I’m proud to honor these brave veterans for their courageous service to our great nation,” said Governor Scott. “These inductees worked to better their communities after their military service. Ann and I join all Floridians as we thank these veterans for their service to our state and country.”

Governor Scott and the Cabinet voted unanimously to induct the 20 members of the Class of 2017 into the Hall of Fame during the Oct. 17, 2017 Cabinet Meeting at the Capitol.

“This year’s inductees join a distinguished heritage of patriotic Floridians whose work values and ethics have made a positive impact on the lives of others,” said Glenn Sutphin, executive director of the Florida Department of Veterans’ Affairs. “Their names will be proudly added to the Florida Veterans’ Hall of Fame Wall in the Florida Capitol.”

Class of 2017 inductees are:

• Harold (Hal) Baumgarten, U.S. Army veteran (deceased) – Jacksonville Beach
• Joseph J. Celli, U.S. Army veteran – Jensen Beach
• Lt. Col. Earle L. Denton, U.S. Army, retired (deceased) - Orlando
• Capt. Dale W. Doss, U.S. Navy, retired - Tallahassee
• John P. Folsom, U.S. Navy veteran - Tallahassee
• Thomas G. Gates, U.S. Air Force veteran – Land O’ Lakes
• Lt. Col. Leo R. Gray, U.S. Air Force Reserve, retired (deceased) – Fort Lauderdale
• Col. Bruce J. Host, U.S. Air Force, retired - Tallahassee
• Richard R. Hunt, U.S. Marine Corps veteran – Floral City
• Brig. Gen. Albin F. Irzyk, U.S. Army, retired – West Palm Beach
• Master Sgt. James L. Lamb, U.S. Air Force, retired - Sarasota
• Maj. Albert H. Linden Jr., U.S. Army, retired - Gainesville
• Col. Francis (Len) Loving, U.S. Marine Corps, retired - Jacksonville
• Rodney L. Phillips, U.S. Army veteran – New Smyrna Beach
• 1st Sgt. Thomas S. Rice, U.S. Army, retired – Fort Walton Beach
• George (Ben) Ritter, U.S. Marine Corps veteran - Tampa
• John E. Thrasher, U.S. Army veteran – Tallahassee
• Donald L. Van Beck, U.S. Army veteran - Tavares
• Robert N. White, U.S. Army veteran - Miramar
• Bernard E. Wilson, U.S. Army Air Corps veteran (deceased) – Madison

Web Master, John Snyder, has made some changes! Check out the FCOC Web Site’s New Look  www.moaafl.org
The late Lt. Col. Leo R. Gray (USAF, Ret.), former Tuskegee Airman and a pioneer of the civil rights movement, was selected by the Florida State Veterans Hall of Fame for induction in the Class of 2017 on 27 November 2017. The Florida Veterans’ Hall of Fame was established in 2013 to recognize and honor those military veterans who, through their works and lives during or after military service, have made a significant contribution to the state of Florida. The Broward County MOAA Chapter is proud of Lt. Col. Gray’s recognition, knowing full well his significant contributions.

Lt. Col. Gray was a long-standing member of the Broward County MOAA Chapter and served as de facto Chairman of the Board. He was available at any time and especially liked to engage with young men and women. His community efforts included a leading role in the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. organization and co-founder of the Boy’s and Girl’s Club Ionosphere Club in Broward County; both groups emphasize STEM aviation learning and training.

Lt. Col. Gray’s induction marks two significant events: He is the first Broward County veteran inducted into the Hall of Fame and the first member of the famed Tuskegee Airman RedTail pilots inducted. The Broward Chapter mourned his passing in 2016 as there were few people more gracious, self-effacing and committed to duty than Lt. Col. Gray. He impacted all our lives in a positive way. The Chapter commemorated Veterans Day 2017 with renewed thankfulness for all the veterans in Broward County, especially Lt Col. Leo R Gray, (USAF, Ret).
12 November 2017

Press Release

Yellow Ribbon Flight to Honor Mission

The Yellow Ribbon mission taking Veterans from Lakeland Linder Airport to Washington DC will take place on 11 April 2018.

The mission will be a one day event departing early in the morning and returning that day.

The mission will take place during the Sun ‘n Fun Fly-in. All Veterans who have not participated in a previous Honor Flight or Flight to Honor are eligible.

At the request of numerous veterans of the Vietnam and later eras, we have created options that a veteran may select to participate on the mission.

- **Option 1.** Veteran accompanied by a Guardian. This is primarily for a Veteran requiring physical assistance and/or a Guardian specifically requesting to accompany a particular Veteran. The Guardian donates $450 for the opportunity. No cost to the Veteran.
- **Option 2.** Veteran unaccompanied by a Guardian but sponsored by a family member, employer, organization or friend. The sponsor contributes $250 for a seat on the mission for the Veteran.
- **Option 3.** Veteran unaccompanied by a Guardian sponsors himself or herself and donates $250 for a seat on the mission.

For Option 2 & 3 the Veteran must be physically capable of completing the mission without assistance such as a walker, wheelchair or other mobility device. This does not preclude another veteran accompanying a veteran needing assistance.

Veterans wishing to participate are urged to submit an application as soon as possible. Go to PolkVeteransCouncil.com to download an application.
VA Announces Rollout and Application Process for New Veterans ID Card

WASHINGTON — Today the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that the application process for the national Veterans Identification Card (VIC) is now available for Veterans — yet another action honoring their service. This has been mandated through legislation since 2015 to honor Veterans, and today’s rollout of the ID card fulfills that overdue promise.

Only those Veterans with honorable service will be able to apply for the ID card, which will provide proof of military service, and may be accepted by retailers in lieu of the standard DD-214 form to obtain promotional discounts and other services where offered to Veterans.

“The new Veterans Identification Card provides a safer and more convenient and efficient way for most Veterans to show proof of service,” said VA Secretary Dr. David J. Shulkin. “With the card, Veterans with honorable service to our nation will no longer need to carry around their paper DD-214s to obtain Veteran discounts and other services.”

The VIC provides a more portable and secure alternative for those who served the minimum obligated time in service, but did not meet the retirement or medical discharge threshold. Veterans who served in the armed forces, including the reserve components, and who have a discharge of honorable or general (under honorable conditions) can request a VIC.

To request a VIC, Veterans must visit vets.gov, click on “Apply for Printed Veteran ID Card” on the bottom left of the page and sign in or create an account.

Veterans who apply for a card should receive it within 60 days and can check delivery status of their cards at vets.gov. A digital version of the VIC will be available online by mid-December.
"We looked at a number of communities, but Fleet Landing stood out for its friendly, welcoming atmosphere, elegant dining, beautiful grounds and proximity of medical and military services."

— Col & Mrs. Frank Donnelly, USMC(Ret), Current Residents

Discover a retirement community that enhances your life on all levels. Call to learn more: 904.242.6560 or 1.877.291.4484 toll free
The South Central Florida Chapter and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #1097 Recognize Vietnam Veterans and Surviving Spouses in Highlands County

COL Mike Borders, USA, Ret. 863-402-8292, SC AVP

The South Central Florida Chapter (SCFC) and Chapter #1097 of the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) recognized Vietnam era veterans and surviving spouses at a ceremony held after the Veterans Day Parade in front of the Highlands County Courthouse on Friday, November 10, 2017, and at a commemoration ceremony at the Fairway Pines Senior Living Center at Sun ‘N Lake on Saturday, November 11.

Both organizations are official Commemorative Partners of the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration, an office under the Department of Defense. As Commemorative Partners, the organizations have committed to hold six events within the next three years to honor Vietnam War veterans and their families. The event on November 10 during the county Veterans Day ceremony was the first of the six, and Fairway Pines was the second. SCFC chapter Treasurer George Cajigal, also a member of VVA chapter #1097 is the lead organizer for both chapters.

In the 10 November Highlands County Veterans Day ceremony, 148 Vietnam veterans and six surviving spouses of Vietnam veterans were presented with commemorative lapel pins. In addition to receiving their own distinctive pin, they also received a certificate recognizing their dedication and devotion to the nation. White roses were also presented to the spouses. The guest speaker was Lieutenant General Jay Garner, US Army (Retired), a native of Arcadia and a two-tour Vietnam veteran. Supporting the event were the Highlands County and City of Sebring governments, the Sebring High School JROTC Honor Guard, and the Sebring High School Show Choir. Notably, the County of Highlands and City of Sebring issued formal proclamations making this Veterans Day “Vietnam Veterans Day” in the county and city.

The following day at the Fairway Pines at Sun ‘N Lake, an assisting living residence in Sebring, the MOAA and VVA chapters recognized four Vietnam Veterans with the presentation of the Vietnam War Commemorative pin and recognized a total of twenty surviving spouses. The Vietnam Commemoration ceremony at Fairway Pines was part of a larger ceremony recognizing all veterans and spouses residing in there. They represented World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War servicemen and servicewomen.

For more information on the Department of Defense Vietnam commemoration and how to become an official partner, see: http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/.

Vietnam Veterans Receiving their Commemorative Pins
At the Commemoration Ceremony after the Sebring Veterans Day Parade
Surviving Spouses Seated for the Commemoration Ceremony
At the Highlands County Courthouse Lawn

Recognition of Veterans at the Fairway Pines

Polk County Veterans Day & JROTC Program
Gary Clark, Colonel USAF(Ret)
President, Imperial Polk County Chapter

Thanks to Robin Tillet for these great pictures.

Monument Ceremony: https://www.facebook.com/LakelandPD/photos/a.10155962871670159.1073742361.65748775158/10155962876925159/?type=3&theater

And 2017 Parade: https://www.facebook.com/pg/LakelandPD/photos/?tab=album&album_id=10155962994395159

(R) 13 Polk County High School JROTC Programs competing. 500 plus cadets competing.

Fantastic day at Auburndale. Great kids making good choices.

Web Master, John Snyder, has made some changes!
Check out the FCOC Web Site’s New Look www.moaafl.org
Here are a few recent news articles you may not have seen
Lt Col Bob Bienvenue, USAF (Ret), Legislative Chairman, rbienven@sprynet.com

– these are not Fake News, although after reading you may wish they were.

The headline in a posting to Military.Com this past week reads:

“TRICARE Changes 2018 -- Pregnancy/Birthing User Fee Increases
The cost of having a baby will skyrocket more than twenty-fold for many military families next year.”

While I was serving on Active Duty two of our three daughters were born in civilian hospitals, with my wife’s care was under Champus. Prescriptions, dental care, labs, other medical tests and the hospitalization were all essentially FREE. I think it is outrageous that DoD leaders, with the blessing of our Congress, are introducing changes to Tricare that will negatively impact our currently serving military and their families with cost sharing as high as 20-fold increases just for wanting to have children. RCB

If your experience was similar to our family’s, read the following and see if you don’t agree with my comment above.

“The flat-rate maternity fee system currently used by all non-Tricare Prime active-duty and Guard or Reserve beneficiaries will be eliminated in 2018, causing the cost of childbirth to skyrocket from about $25 to about $535 -- more than 2,000 percent -- for many users … all non-Prime users (except those on Tricare for Life) will move to a system that charges flat fees for in-network specialty and primary care after annual deductibles are met rather than the “percentage of allowable charges” system used today.

Officials with the National Military Family Association (NMFA) said the changes are disappointing. Officials with the organization had hoped the upcoming changes would improve care for users. Instead, the changes could be harmful, they said. The new Tricare Select maternity care copays are yet another unpleasant surprise for military families,” said Karen Ruedisueli, a deputy director of government relations for the organization. “This is a huge cost increase compared to Tricare Standard and it’s more complicated than the current single global fee for prenatal care and delivery … We were assured Tricare Select would be an improvement but so far all we’ve seen is higher out of pocket costs. It has been very disappointing to say the least.”

Currently, assuming the annual deductible is reached, prenatal office visits are free while pregnancy and childbirth at in-patient Tricare network hospitals carry a flat ”global” fee of $25 for the first day and $18.60 for each subsequent day for active-duty users on Tricare Standard or Extra. But that flat-fee system will be eliminated starting 1 JAN, Tricare officials confirmed on 28 NOV. Instead, pregnant active-duty family members who plan to deliver in a traditional in-patient hospital on what will be known as Tricare Select … will pay $34 per prenatal visit after meeting the annual deductible, plus the $25 minimum hospital fee. That translates into about $535 for a pregnant woman on Tricare Select who has already met her annual deductible: She’ll pay about $510 in prenatal visits -- 15 outpatient obstetrician appointments at $34 per visit -- plus $25 for the first day of delivery at the hospital.

Just one more example of military families seeing their earned benefits hacked away in the name of reform.
Military Times headline reads:

The Trump administration is considering a plan to end the military’s longtime operation of schools for military children on dozens of stateside military bases

“[This plan is] part of a broader push to cut costs and reduce the size of the federal workforce, according to information obtained by Military Times. The military currently operates 47 schools on military installations in seven states in the continental U.S., serving a total of about 20,000 students. The proposal … would turn over operation of those schools to local school districts. The proposed “divestiture” of Defense Department stateside schools would not impact the Defense Department-run schools overseas, according to officials familiar with the proposal but who were not authorized to speak publicly about the matter. This proposal to stop running schools on military bases is among the reform initiatives that are the result of the Trump Administration’s direction to government agencies in April to develop a plan for reforming the government and reducing the federal workforce.”

Historically, military families and commanders have been supportive of these schools on U.S. bases which are concentrated in the South, and have even asked for more DoD schools in some locations, citing their high level of quality compared to the local public schools adjacent to some military installations. Others, (mostly outside the military) criticize the schools as private academies for the privileged few who live on certain installations or an anachronism dating back to the segregation era, when local school districts would not accept minority children of serving military families.

There have been studies considering alternatives to DoD schools on these military bases, the latest, conducted by RAND was published in 2016. The study found that federal costs for educating military-connected children at these bases would eventually be lower under the options considered, and DoD costs could be reduced – but states and local school districts would be required to provide “significant funding” if they were to take responsibility for military children’s education. **Here’s the Beef** However, that study also showed adjacent school districts tend to be low-performing, “and although military-connected students have favorable characteristics that might help them perform better than these LEAs [local education agency] averages, there is a concern that current students in stateside DoD schools would experience lower quality if the adjacent LEAs provide their education either under contract or by transfer of responsibility.” Read that last statement to mean schools that are run by independent For-Profit educational entities

*When any of our congresspersons tout their reverence and “support” for our military and their families, ask them where they stand on these two issues*
Citrus Chapter Reports
CAPT Terri Harrison, USN (Ret)

MOAA of Citrus County Participation in the Citrus County 25th annual Veteran’s Appreciation Week Events, November 4th-12th, 2017.

Veteran’s Day Fair, Nov 4th:

Citrus County Young Marines raising the flag during opening ceremonies at the Crystal River Mall Veterans Fair where Veterans organizations provided exhibits.

Chapter member and Citrus County Sheriff, COL Mike Prendergast, USA (RET), speaks to audience during Veterans Fair opening ceremony.

Veterans Fair 3rd place award for the MOAA display. Chapter members (left to right): COL Curt Ebitz, USA (RET); Legislative Chair 1LT Ron Lundberg, USA (Former); Chapter President COL Mark Bodenheim, USAR (RET); Board Member CDR Gary Runyon, USN (RET); Chapter VP/Membership Chair CAPT Terri Harrison, USNR (RET); Board Member CPT Jim Echlin, USAF (RET).
December 2017
Citrus County (Continued)

**Veteran's in the Classroom**

The MOAA of Citrus County Chapter is responsible for the management of the Veterans in the Classroom event that takes place during the entire Veterans Appreciation Week. Starting in August, the chapter, working with the Citrus County K-12 school system, collects requests from teachers who would like a veteran to speak to their classroom. Over the next 2 1/2 months, a core of chapter members coordinates veterans with classroom requests. Chapter president COL Mark Bodenheim (right) shows 3rd graders the unit coin hand-shake and (below) speaks to high school students on military service opportunities.

Chapter VP/Membership Chair, CAPT Terri Harrison USNR (RET) and a group photo after her presentation to a class of first grade children. Teachers often request female veterans for presentations and the MOAA of Citrus County Chapter is able to fill those requests. For the 2017 year, the chapter was able to recruit and coordinate 70 veterans to give presentations to 250 classrooms during the Veterans Appreciation Week event.

(Left) MOAA of Citrus County chapter members flag bearers 1LT Ron Lundberg, USA (FORMER) and CAPT Terri Harrison, USNR (RET).
(Right) Chapter member and Citrus County Sheriff, COL Mike Prendergast, USA (RET), was the ceremony guest speaker.
Florida Council of Chapters 2018 Leadership Forum
Orlando, Florida
All chapter members are welcome!

Friday, January 12 at 12:00 PM EST
To
Saturday, January 13 at 4:00 PM

The Rosen Centre Hotel Orlando
9840 International Drive

This year’s forum will include key members from MOAA National Staff plus all Council Board Members and Committee Chairs along with Chapter Presidents, Legislative Chairs and Membership Chairs.

A shopping/luncheon outing is planned for spouses.

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION:
http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eeg5v9ya751f2da6
&llr=9di69jmab
The “Annual KOS Meeting and Memorial Service” took place on November 2, 2017, to start our winter activities and KOS meetings. The election of new officers for the year 2018 was held. We honored our fallen chapter members with a candle service at this meeting. Three members of KOS were honored guests at the OTOW Veterans Day Ceremony sponsored by the Lions Club on November 11, 2017. Jay “Aleks” Brezanski, Arlo Janssen, and EM Jones were seated by the stage in their dress uniforms. Arlo Janssen led the Pledge of Allegiance for the program. The annual Army/Navy Tailgate party was held on December 9, 2017. The last event of the year was our annual KOS Veterans Snowflake Ball held on December 21, 2017, at the Elks Club. The installation of newly elected officers will take place on January 4, 2018. The Distaff Luncheon which is always a great program for our KOS Chapter members will be held on February 1, 2018.
NATIONAL PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY; DECEMBER 7, 2017

WHEREAS, on the morning of December 7, 1941, the United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, was attacked by naval forces of the Japanese Empire; and

WHEREAS, over 2,400 American lives were lost in the devastating attack, and a major portion of the United States Navy’s Pacific Fleet was destroyed; and

WHEREAS, the attack on Pearl Harbor and six other military bases on the Hawaiian island of Oahu precipitated America’s entry into World War II; and

WHEREAS, the stories of bravery and selflessness surrounding the attack on Pearl Harbor instill a greater understanding and appreciation for the sacrifice of the men and women who served in the United States Armed Forces during World War II; and

WHEREAS, December 7, 2017, marks the 76th anniversary of the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor; and

WHEREAS, this 76th anniversary marks a time for communities, individuals, and organizations to gather across our nation and throughout the State of Florida to perform acts of charity, to pray, and to support one another as we honor and remember those who lost their lives on December 7, 1941; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, by Public Law 103-308, as amended, has designated December 7 of each year as National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, hereby direct the flags of the United States and the State of Florida to be flown at half-staff at all local and state buildings, installations, and grounds throughout the State of Florida, from sunrise to sunset, on Thursday, December 7, 2017. In addition, I encourage all people of our great state to observe National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities to remember and honor those who died in defense of our freedom on December 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 6th day of December, in the year two thousand seventeen.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
SECRETARY OF STATE

THE CAPITOL
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399 • (850) 717-9249
Indian River Chapter Coaches-up Students
Jim Rannazzisi, President, Indian River Chapter

Veterans in the Classroom is series of customizable programs that utilize local Indian River County veterans to educate our students in the significance and sacrifices of military service. The Indian River Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America has one of the three teams chartered by the Veterans Council of Indian River County to conduct this training. The chapter has been leading the way with this program in throughout the County.

There are three main programs offered: Veterans Day, Memorial Day and Americanism. Each program is approximately 50 min in length and includes educational DVDs, lectures from veterans from different branches of the Armed Forces, and a question and answer period. All are customizable and the instructors are able to work with the schools to give the best presentation possible. Not only are we interested in providing information about military service, but we also want to help the students understand their veterans.

The Indian River Chapter Team, located in Vero Beach, is led by Carroll Oates, LTC USAR Ret. There are two other members who have participated in the classroom training for the 2017-2018 School year: Chuck Covarrubias, Col USA Ret; and Terry Treat, Major USA, Fmr.

Here’s a summary of the training conducted by the Indian River Chapter team at various elementary schools since August.

- Taught 7th & 8th grade students assigned to Flag Duty Class on proper raising (reveille), lowering (retreat) of flag, folding and carrying.
- Instructed 5th Grade Students assigned to Flag patrol duty on Flag history, evolution, meaning, stars, stripes, color, and proper flag etiquette instruction on raising & lowering, carrying procedures outside (at Flag pole).
- Displayed proper procedures for carrying, folding and raising/lowering of flag to include Half Mast procedures suitable on Patriot’s Day (9/11) and as proclaimed by President/Gov. for Las Vegas Shootings
- A full classroom/school assembly instruction on Veterans Day to include, what is a veteran, our experiences as veterans, service to country, benefits offered to veterans, women in the military, retiree status. Difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Information on the upcoming Veterans Day Celebrations.
- Conducted a class in school cafeteria on Veterans Day / Americanism/Patriotism/American Flag.
- Gave a talk about Pledge of Allegiance, US Flag, patriotism, meaning of veteran.
- Presented the Veterans Day Program and participated in school Veterans Day events.

The hard work of this team has not gone unnoticed by MOAA national. They were recently featured in the Chapters in Action section of the November 2017 issue of Military Officer.

Pictured below are Carroll Oates and Terry Treat at Glendale Elementary School demonstrating flag etiquette.
2nd ANNUAL TCMOAA & JROTC 5K Run & 2-Mile Walk

JROTC CADET CUP CHALLENGE (JROTC Programs St Lucie & Martin Counties)

Presented by:
Treasure Coast Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (TCMOAA)
Proceeds to benefit JROTC and Veteran Programs

Saturday, February 3, 2018 8:30 AM
Registration and Start of Race is located at Intersection of SW Village Parkway and SW Discovery Way, Port Saint Lucie, 34987 (Near Torrey Pines Bio labs and Tradition Medical Center)

PRE-REGISTRATION: $15.00 without T-Shirt; $25 with T-Shirt. Students/Staffs $15 & JROTC Teams $50.
Online registration at https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/PortSaintLucie/TCMOOAJROTC5KRunWalk#directions

RACE DAY REGISTRATION: $20 without T-Shirt; $30 with T-Shirt; Race Day Registration beginning at 7:00 AM at the Intersection of SW Village Parkway and SW Discovery Way

T-SHIRTS: T-Shirts will be Available on Race Day for $10 (limited supplies)

RACE DIVISIONS: RUN Divisions: 12 and Under, 13-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+
WALK Divisions: 12 and Under, 13-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+

AWARDS: Top 3 Runners in each Male & Female Race Divisions. Male & Female overall Top Runners.
Top overall JROTC Cadet Team will receive the JROTC Cadet Challenge Cup!

QUESTIONS: Call LTC (Ret) Bobbie Williams (540-429-2057) or Robin Bynoe (404-840-2932)

Mail-in Registration please send to Address Below:
Send Registration Form and Make Checks Payable to: Treasure Coast Chapter MOAA
Run Vero
P.O. Box 2641
Vero Beach, FL 32961

RUNNER or WALKER (must circle one)  MALE or FEMALE (must circle one) DIVISION (see above)

JROTC BATTALION/PROGRAM
(Complete only if participating in JROTC Cadet Cup Challenge)
[A Team is Comprised of 4-Persons; Male \ Female]
Name/Team: (please print clearly)

Phone Number: ____________________________

Age as of: 2/2/18 ______________

Shirt Sizes Offered: (XS, SM, MD, LG, XL, XXL)

TC-MOAA & JROTC 5K RUN OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

RELEASE: In consideration of the acceptance of my entry fee, I, for myself, my executors, administrators and assigns, do hereby release and discharge the city of Port Saint Lucie, Tradition Community Association, Inc., Tradition Land Company LLC, Tradition Community Development District #1, Port St. Lucie Operating LLC, and their respective affiliates, officials, officers, directors, partners, shareholders, agents, contractors, employees, volunteers, and the Treasure Coast Chapter of Military Officers Association of America (TC-MOAA) race committee, members, sponsors and/or representatives (collectively, "Other Beneficiaries") as additional insured; for all claims of damages, demands or actions whatsoever in any manner arising or growing out of my participation in said athletic event. I attest and verify that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this event and I am physically fit and sufficiently trained to participate in this event.

Signature of Participant: ____________________________ Signature of Parent/Guardian: ____________________________ (if under age 18)
The Veterans’ Club of University Village
Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at University Village
Please call to RSVP at (800) 524-5020

Tampa’s Superior Life Care Retirement Community offers spacious apartments and villa homes on 36 acres with resort style amenities and services. University Village is located just blocks away from the James A. Haley Veteran’s Hospital and in close proximity to the MacDill Air Force Base.

As an exceptional continuing care retirement community in Florida, University Village offers you The Shield. Financial Security is here when you need it most.

12401 N. 22nd St, Tampa, FL • www.universityvillage.net
Call (813) 975-5009 or toll-free (800) 524-5020 today.
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (MOAA)  
FLORIDA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS (FCOC)

The MOAA Florida Council of Chapters (FCOC) is comprised of over 40 Chapters with nearly 8,000 members and their families. FCOC is one of MOAA’s largest Councils. MOAA has a membership of over 380,000 members in all 50 States.

The FCOC’s primary communication vehicles are our bi-monthly publication, *The COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE* and our Website [www.MOAAFL.org](http://www.MOAAFL.org) Ads run for one year.

The *COMMUNIQUE* is distributed electronically to all our chapters, MOAA Headquarters in Virginia, and our influential contacts across the state of Florida.

The *COMMUNIQUE* provides a unique forum for businesses to reach a select segment of the population. The membership is patriotic and professional. We encourage your business to reach out to our members by advertising in *The COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE*:

In appreciation of Businesses that also support the FCOC Annual Convention with Ads in the Convention Souvenir Program Book within the last year the FCOC offers a discount for the same size Ad shown on the following Order Form.

Thank you!

FCOC

---

**Submitting Articles and Pictures for *The Communiqué***

Articles can be attached to an email. Microsoft Word works best. You can also type your information into the body of an email where it can be copied and pasted into the newsletter. PDF files can also be used.

Pictures should have a .jpg extension. If you are sending pictures from your chapter, please include the chapter name and the names of those in the picture. A few words on what the event is about will help interest the readers.

If you have questions about your submission, contact

Polly Parks
Polly pparks@igc.org
## ADVERTISING ORDER FORM

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Size of Ad</th>
<th>ANNUAL</th>
<th>CONVENTION ADVERTISER</th>
<th>SAVE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Business Card Size (2” H x 3.5” W)</td>
<td>$300</td>
<td>$250</td>
<td>$50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Quarter Page Size (4” H x 3.5” W)</td>
<td>$420</td>
<td>$350</td>
<td>$70</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Half Page Size (8” H x 3.5” W)</td>
<td>$840</td>
<td>$700</td>
<td>$140</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Half Page Size (4” H x 7.5” W)</td>
<td>$840</td>
<td>$700</td>
<td>$140</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Full Page Size (9.625” x 7.5” W)</td>
<td>$1200</td>
<td>$920</td>
<td>$280</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Size of Ad: _______ Mo/Yr to Begin: _______ Mo/Yr to End: _______

Amount: $__________

Business Name: ____________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________

City: ____________________________________________________

State: ______________________ Zip: __________

Email: __________________________________________________

Business Contact: _____________________________

Tel #: __________________________ Fax #: ___________________________

- Submit PDF file to: [advertising@MOAAFL.org](mailto:advertising@MOAAFL.org)

- Ad information must be submitted by the 1\textsuperscript{st} of the month “preceding” the first month of publication.
## Florida Chapters & Web Sites (if available)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Chapter Name</th>
<th>City/Military Base</th>
<th>Area</th>
<th>View Website</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Ancient City Chapter</strong></td>
<td>St. Augustine</td>
<td>Northeast</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Bay County Chapter</strong></td>
<td>PANAMA CITY</td>
<td>Northwest</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Bradenton Chapter</strong></td>
<td>Bradenton</td>
<td>South West</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Broward County Chapter</strong></td>
<td>Deerfield Beach</td>
<td>Southeast</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Calusa Chapter</strong></td>
<td>Cape Coral</td>
<td>South West</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Cape Canaveral Chapter</strong></td>
<td>Patrick AFB</td>
<td>East Central</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Central Florida Chapter</strong></td>
<td>Orlando</td>
<td>East Central</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Charlotte Harbor Chapter</strong></td>
<td>Punta Gorda</td>
<td>South West</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Clearwater Chapter</strong></td>
<td>CLEARWATER</td>
<td>West Central</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Flagler County Chapter</strong></td>
<td>Palm Coast</td>
<td>Northeast</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Florida Gold Coast Chapter</strong></td>
<td>Coral Gables</td>
<td>Southeast</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Florida Keys</strong></td>
<td>Islamorada</td>
<td>Southeast</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Gainesville Chapter</strong></td>
<td>Gainesville</td>
<td>Mid Central</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Halifax Area Chapter</strong></td>
<td>Daytona Beach</td>
<td>East Central</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Imperial Polk County Chapter</strong></td>
<td>Lakeland</td>
<td>Mid Central</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Indian River Chapter</strong></td>
<td>Vero Beach</td>
<td>East Central</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>KINGDOM OF THE SUN CHAPTER</strong></td>
<td>Ocala</td>
<td>Mid Central</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Lake &amp; Sumter Counties Chapter</strong></td>
<td>Lady Lake</td>
<td>Mid Central</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>LeeCoast Chapter, MOAA</strong></td>
<td>Sanibel Island</td>
<td>South West</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Mayport Chapter</strong></td>
<td>Jacksonville</td>
<td>Northeast</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Military Officers Association of Sarasota, Inc.</strong></td>
<td>Sarasota</td>
<td>South West</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Military Officers Association of South West Florida</strong></td>
<td>Naples</td>
<td>South West</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Military Officers Club of Volusia County</strong></td>
<td>Orange City</td>
<td>East Central</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chapter Name</td>
<td>City</td>
<td>Area</td>
<td>Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>------------------------------------</td>
<td>-----------------</td>
<td>---------------</td>
<td>-----------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MOAA of Citrus County</td>
<td>Lecanto</td>
<td>Mid Central</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nassau County</td>
<td>Fernandina Beach</td>
<td>Northeast</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Northeast Florida Chapter</td>
<td>Jacksonville</td>
<td>Northeast</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Northwest Florida Military Officers</td>
<td>Fort Walton</td>
<td>Northwest</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Association</td>
<td>Beach</td>
<td>Area: Northwest</td>
<td>Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Palm Beach Area Chapter</td>
<td>Boynton Beach</td>
<td>Southeast</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Palm Beach-Martin Counties Chapter</td>
<td>Jupiter</td>
<td>Southeast</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pensacola Chapter</td>
<td>Pensacola</td>
<td>Northwest</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sun City Center Chapter</td>
<td>Sun City Center</td>
<td>West Central</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>South Central Florida Chapter</td>
<td>Sebring</td>
<td>South West</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Suncoast Chapter, MOAA</td>
<td>Port Richey</td>
<td>West Central</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Suwannee River Valley Chapter</td>
<td>Lake City</td>
<td>Northeast</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tallahassee Chapter</td>
<td>Tallahassee</td>
<td>Northwest</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tampa Chapter</td>
<td>MacDill AFB</td>
<td>West Central</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Treasure Coast Chapter</td>
<td>Fort Pierce</td>
<td>East Central</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Venice Area Chapter</td>
<td>Venice</td>
<td>South West</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>West Central Chapter, Inc</td>
<td>Spring Hill</td>
<td>West Central</td>
<td>View Website</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Florida Council of Chapters Officers & Committee Chairs

OFFICERS
President ....................... Lt Col Marc Oliveri, USAR, Ret, 561-753-7565, ltcolmarc@gmail.com, Jenine
Vice President ................  Col Leonard Friedlander, USAF, Ret, 941-927-0996, lensrq223@gmail.com, Christa
NE Area Vice President ....... CWO4 Patrick Ivory, USN, Ret, 904-757-9206, pativory@comcast.net, Terri
NW Area Vice President ...... Col Scott Berry, USAF, Ret, 850-582-0839, swberry@cox.net, Janet
EC Area Vice President ...... CAPT Ernest Joy, USN, Ret, 321 757-0193, ejoy@cfl.rr.com, Ellie
MC Area Vice President ....... Lt Col Wayne Brown, USAF, Ret, 336-601-1317, waynegbrown@gmail.com, Marty
WC Area Vice President ...... Maj Carol Burgess, USAF, Ret, 352-686-2817 majormom@tampabay.rr.com
SE Area Vice President ...... CWO2 William Armstrong USA (Ret) 772-464-8532, wwa45@bellsouth.net
SW Area Vice President ...... COL Mike Borders, USA, Ret, 863-402-8292, mbor57@aol.com, Diana
Secretary ....................... COL Jon Gordon, USA, Ret, 941-923-2302, jmkpl@aol.com, Mary
Treasurer .......................... CWO4 Don Courtney, USA, Ret, 941-745-9564, donaldcourtney1@verizon.net
Immediate Past President .... LTC John Morrison, USA, Ret, 561-889-4503, mmjm223@gmail.com, Myra
President Emeritus .......... LTC John Morrison, USA, Ret, 561-889-4503, mmjm223@gmail.com, Myra

COMMITEE CHAIRS
Budget & Finance .............. CWO4 Don Courtney, USA, Ret, 941-745-9564, donaldcourtney1@verizon.net
Bylaws Proposals, Resolutions .. MAJ Edward Lillich, USA, Ret, 727-546-2246, eilillich@aol.com, Chris
Communiqué Editor ............ Marty Brown, 336-601-1318, wb2vyk@gmail.com, Wayne
Legislative Affairs ............. Lt Col Robert Bienvenu, USAF, Ret, 352-775-2183, rbienven@sprynet.com, Barbara
Florida Legislative Council.... LTC Bob LePage, USA, Ret, 407-298-7226, rnbato11@aol.com
Florida Legislative Affairs.... Col Steve Murray, USAF, ... 850-668-1645, murray@fdva.state.fl.us, Beth
Florida Storming Coordinator.. Maj Cal Posner, calposner@aol.com 678-464-7331
Personal Affairs ................ Sherry Freese, 727-641-5979, momfreese@icloud.com
LOE Review Coordinator...... Col. Tony Pimentel, USAF, Ret atpin@sbcglobal.net 941-979-8656
FCOC Fund Raiser ............. Capt Donn Weaver USA,Fmr 321-613-2403 jdwheaver@cfl.rr.com
Religious Activities ............. Chaplain (Col) Charles Caudill, USAF, Ret, 540-270-4121, cccvmi@verizon.net, Janice
Web Site & FMMC/IMMC Ed .. LCDR John Snyder, USN, Ret, 904-859-6099, jhsnyder41@gmail.com, Donna
Membership, Northern FL ...... Lt Col Wayne Brown, USAF, Ret, 336-601-1317, waynegbrown@gmail.com, Marty
Membership, Southern FL ...... COL Mike Borders, USA, Ret, 863-402-8292, mbor57@aol.com, Diana
Facebook Coordinator/Publicity. Maj Gen Mike Snodgrass, USAF, Ret , 850-894-2044 snodmike@gmail.com
Convention/Commercial Ad Coordinator .......... COL Troy Scott, USA, Ret, 941-379-3023, entscott41@gmail.com, Elke
Convention Coordinator Assistant ................ Maj. Kirk Faryniasz USAF Ret kfaryniasz@hotmail.com 813-677-2606
Convention Chair 2017 ......... CPT Donn Weaver, USA/FMR, Ret, 321-613-2403
Convention Chair 2018 ........ CAPT Doug Quelch, USN, Ret 239-985-8517 maquel@embarqmail.com
Surviving Spouse Liaison........ Joyce Harte, 941-761-2654, jharteva@aol.com

The Council Communiqué is the newsletter of the Florida Council of Chapters (FCOC), Military Officers Association of America, and is published bimonthly: February, April, June, August, October, and December. MOAA, it's Councils and Chapters are non-partisan organizations. The Communiqué is intended for wide distribution within the FCOC including Chapter Leaders and all Chapter Members in Florida.

A current issue of The Council Communiqué can be found at the Florida Council of Chapters Web Site: http://www.moaafl.org/. Opinions expressed by writers are their own, and may not express the positions of FCOC or the MOAA.

---

About Our Newsletter...

We're on the Web!
See us at: www.moaafl.org/