President’s Message
Col Leonard Friedlander, USAF, Ret

“Time waits for no man” is as true today as it was in the 13th century – the earliest recorded use of this expression. It is certainly true when one considers the recent Council events and the quickly approaching upcoming events and key dates.

We just completed our two-day Leadership Forum in Orlando with more than 30 Florida chapters in attendance. I want to thank Terri Coles, Jim Carman, Erin Stone, Kathy Partain, Mike Turner and Daniel Slattery of MOAA national for their presentations and outstanding support of the seminars. We were very fortunate to have Admiral Walt Doran, MOAA’s Chairman of the Board, participate in the full schedule of forum events.

ADM Doran presented MOAA Level of Excellence Awards to eight Chapters that were unable to attend the MOAA Annual Meeting in Phoenix, AZ. Additionally, I had the privilege of presenting FCOC Leadership Awards to 35 Florida Chapter members whose outstanding leadership and service have benefitted their chapter and their community. I was also privileged to present ADM Doran, on behalf of the Council, a $500 donation to the MOAA Foundation.

I hope the seminars were beneficial to all who attended, and we look forward to your feedback. A brief article and a photo collage is in this issue on page 3.

MOAA will be “Storming the Hill” on Wednesday April 10th. Mike Borders, Tony Pimentel and I will be visiting the 27 Representatives and 2 Senators (or their staff) of the Florida Congressional delegation – makes for a long day.

As of this date, the primary issues we will be addressing with them have not yet been identified. However, I expect them to be provided within the next few weeks, and I am asking for your support. Once the issues are identified, and before we address Continued next page…
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them in DC, it would be very helpful if you visit your congressman’s local office and raise the issues with the Congressman or his/her staff.

It goes without saying that MOAA postcards and emails addressed to your Congressman and our Senators need to be sent as well. (I'll be in touch.)

I call on each of you to be actively engaged in MOAA’s advocacy mission.

The FCOC Convention, hosted by the Tampa Chapter, will be at the Safety Harbor Resort & Spa, June 20-23, 2019. There is a description of the locale and the rates elsewhere in this newsletter as well as a link to the website. While the Convention does not officially start until Friday June 21st, the convention participants are invited to attend a dinner with our Wounded Warriors at the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital in Tampa on Thursday evening June 20th. Transportation will be provided, but it is limited, so make your reservations early.

I have sent a request to all the Chapter Presidents requesting their Chapter’s support of the Convention in two ways; purchasing an ad in the Convention Magazine and, most importantly by encouraging their members to attend this annual event. Please register as soon as possible, and I look forward to seeing you in Safety Harbor.

Thank you for all you do,
Len

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REMINDER:
Artwork for your ad in the 20-23 June FCoC 2019 Convention Souvenir Magazine is due NLT March 1, 2019.
Contact: vandykerl@verizon.net.
Successful 2019 Leadership Forum

The Florida Council of Chapters (FCoC) hosted the annual Leadership Forum 11-12 January at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando. The forum and workshops brought together chapter and state leaders, along with key officers from MOAA National, to share, learn, and plan.

The 2019 Forum featured a great exchange of information, ideas, and best practices on topics such as MOAA’s Committee Module, legislative advocacy, and the Surviving Spouse virtual chapter and advocacy specific to surviving spouses. A workshop covering chapter operations shared wide-ranging exchange of techniques and procedures for chapter management.

The new MOAA Chairman of the Board, Admiral Walter Doran, gave the audience of over 120 leaders and spouses a thorough “State of MOAA” address. He is optimistic about MOAA and the future, but also spoke candidly about the challenges we face as we move forward.

Other key leaders from MOAA National also participated in and/or led the several presentations and breakout groups, or provided instruction on the Committee Module. Our own FCoC tech guru, John Snyder, provided instruction on use of the FCoC website and systems contained therein.

The wonderful dinner enjoyed by the attendees was sponsored and paid for by MOAA National, in addition to other financial support from USAA. We appreciate this support and extend our thanks and gratitude to both. We would also like to thank the Rosen Centre Hotel for its continued support and outstanding service.

Several of the spouses made their annual shopping pilgrimage to the stores of Orlando, and following the event, some twenty-five participants trekked to Maggiano’s for some good Italian cuisine.

We believe the forum was a resounding success. Still, we are open to suggestions, comments, and critiques. We want to make it better each time. Our 2020 forum is already contracted at the Rosen Centre for 10-11 January. Save the dates and we’ll see you there!!

More photos on page 12
In the Legislative Workshop sessions during this annual event for Chapter Leaders, CAPT Erin Stone, USN retired from MOAA's Government Relations staff, and yours truly presented a full agenda of information regarding the 2019 Legislative Goals and the role of the Council and Chapters in advocating for those goals.

MOAA provided a handout (booklet) to all attendees from each chapter. It contains the info presented by CAPT Stone – ask your chapter representative to review their copy. If your chapter wasn't in attendance, ask your area VP for a copy. The material that I presented is posted to the FCoC website under the Legislative Tab on the home page.

I bring to your attention the slides on the FCoC website entitled “Chapter Legislative Mission” and “Key Events and Opportunities”. These were developed from best practices reported out by MOAA and my experience from 6 years of Storming-the-Hill and as the FCoC Legislative Chair for the past 5 years.

Storming-the-Hill Prequel

At this point in the calendar I alert you to the steps on the Chapter Legislative Mission slide designed to make Storming-the-Hill a successful event. Although the scheduled April 10th event is a few months away, the Communique won’t be published again until the first of the recommended actions should take place.

- When we are notified by MOAA of the specific issues (and Bills) they are focusing on for Storming we should be contacting our Representatives to let them know of our expectations...
of support on those matters and ask them to personally meet with our Florida team members who will be setting up a meeting at their office on that date. [I will be working with FCoC President Len Friedlander to get the team member assignments out to the chapters so you may include their names in your correspondence.]

- A follow-up call to the DC offices of our Representatives on the day before the meeting will hopefully result in gaining the important face time to hear directly the advocacy message of the team.

NOTE: Although the team will be communicating directly with our Representatives to schedule the meeting, it is always helpful that the Representative knows a constituent is interested in that meeting!

- Another letter after the meeting to acknowledge their participation and follow-up on whether or not they have taken action to co-sponsor the bills our team asked for will again show how engaged their constituents are in this advocacy mission.

The six members of the FCoC Storming team cannot do this alone – your role is very important to this event.

The issues that will be addressed at Storming will evolve over the next several weeks following the release of the President’s FY 2020 Budget Request (which is delayed from the original planned date of February 4th and as of this writing as has not been rescheduled) and the mark-ups of the NDAA by the HASC and SASC that together reveal the matters that may adversely affect the currently serving military and their families, retirees and their dependents and surviving spouses AND result in MOAA’s Calls for Action.

Another Government Shut Down Threat is Still on our Radar

On January 25th, the Senate passed an amended version of H.J. Res. 28: Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019; that version was approved without objection when returned to the House, and then signed by the President the same day to end the Government Shutdown which lasted from December 21st to January 25th. The resolution extended the deadline of the previous Continuing Resolution to fund those agencies and departments to February 15th.

The entire Florida delegation voted strictly along party lines when H J Res 28 came up for the initial vote in the House on January 23rd, with the Democrats voting for and the Republicans voting against.

So much has been written and said about the negative consequences of that shutdown and the stalemate between the administration and Congress on a final resolution. Hill watchers are reporting that negotiations to avert a partial government shutdown are off to a painfully slow start. The gang of 17 lawmakers tasked with navigating the political minefield to any potential deal met for the first time on January 30th. But there are nigh few signs that a deal will be

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forthcoming as Congress heads into week two of the tight three-week time frame. Lawmakers on the panel say negotiations have been kicked back down to staff-level talks — a telltale sign on Capitol Hill that an agreement is not on the immediate horizon.

MOAA President Dana Atkins released a video to advocate for ending the shutdown before this extension was passed. His message is still poignant given the risk of another shutdown soon:


Blue Water Navy Vets get VA coverage for Agent Orange Exposure

On January 28th a Federal Circuit court ruled in favor of Blue Water Navy veterans, granting them presumption of exposure to Agent Orange during the Vietnam War. This victory in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit is a major development for veterans and may result in as many as 90,000 Vietnam veterans gaining access to VA healthcare and disability benefits that they otherwise would not have been eligible for.

Early in the case, MOAA joined with other VSOs by signing a legal brief in the Federal Circuit that supported the cause.

Last year, Congress got as close as ever to passing legislation that would grant the presumption of exposure to the 90,000 Blue Water Navy veterans who served offshore during Vietnam. The House had passed the legislation earlier in the year but unfortunately, in the last days of the Congressional session, two senators objected to the funding mechanism to give these men and women health care and disability benefits.

MOAA and other veteran service organizations made every effort to break the stalemate, even writing to the president.

Those efforts were ultimately unsuccessful but now will be realized as a result of the court ruling.

This reminds me of the efforts to restore “Lifetime Health Care” back in the late 1990s early 2000s to military retirees and dependents who are Medicare eligible. The restoration was secured after a court ruling in favor of Colonel Bud Day’s suit against DoD. Tricare-for-Life was then created as a no cost supplement to Medicare.

Bob’s Opinion: What a shame that the courts had to be involved in fulfilling the “nation’s sacred obligation to care for those who served and their families, in gratitude for their sacrifices in the name of freedom”. …continued from previous page
As I go around the state visiting chapters or participating in events like our recent Leadership Forum in Orlando, I have been asked about the MOAA National Communications and Levels of Excellence awards.

Often these questions are simple process questions such as due dates, how to apply, strategies for success, and what constitutes a 4-star versus a 5-star award. But once in a while, I get a question that surprises me. One I have answered is the infamous: “what’s in it for me?” I find myself a bit incredulous at such a question. As officers, when we received (while still in uniform) something like a Commendation Medal, we knew it wouldn’t get us a cup of coffee at the PX snack bar. But what it told us was that our superiors and peers were recognizing in some small way, our efforts and good performance.

As chapter leaders (I am also a chapter president), we get up in front of our chapter members and tell them all the great stuff we are doing. And my observations tell me that our chapters around the state are doing some really good stuff, including some fantastic websites and newsletters out there.

Telling our members what we are doing to Never Stop Serving is a good thing. But it only takes an hour and a half or so to put a package together for the Communications or Levels of Excellence awards. Then an external group, appointed by MOAA National, evaluates your chapter’s newsletter/website, or overall chapter operations, and then recognizes those efforts with an award that goes on your chapter flag much as a battle streamer does in the active force. Then the next time you tell your chapter members how great you are, you’ll be able to point to the chapter flag and indicate that you are not the only one who believes what you are saying.

So, take the time to put together a submission package, send it in, and be recognized. Then dig into your pocket for your money, go to the coffee shop, and buy that cup of coffee.

More Safety Harbor Fun for Convention Attendees

Enjoy the small town charm of Safety Harbor’s Third Friday:

- Street Musicians
- Gazebo Band
- Food Vendors
- Arts & Crafts
- Quaint Shops
- Restaurants
- Microbrewery
- Coffee Shops
- Ice Cream Parlors
- Bakeries

...and more... Friday, June 21st is Third Friday in downtown Safety Harbor. The entire Main Street is pedestrian friendly from 5 pm till 10 pm. After the President’s reception, everyone is invited to stroll down Main Street (steps from the front door lobby of the Spa). [http://moaafl.org/Convention.aspx](http://moaafl.org/Convention.aspx)
Florida Department of Veterans Affairs Update

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

Governor, Cabinet Appoint Danny Burgess Veterans’ Affairs Director

TALLAHASSEE – Former State Rep. Danny Burgess was appointed Executive Director of the Florida Department of Veterans’ Affairs by Gov. Ron DeSantis and the Florida Cabinet during the Jan. 24, 2019 Cabinet Meeting.

“I thank my fellow members of the Florida Cabinet for approving Danny to lead the Department of Veterans’ Affairs,” said Gov. Ron DeSantis. “His unwavering commitment to our nation and support for our veterans during his time in the legislature make him the right man for the job and I could not be more excited to see what all he accomplishes for our veteran community in this new role going forward.”

FDVA is the premier point of entry for Florida’s more than 1.5 million veterans. The agency operates a network of seven state veterans’ homes and provides statewide outreach to connect veterans with their earned services, benefits and support.

“I am honored to have the opportunity to serve those who served us,” said Burgess. “Together, we will work to ensure Florida continues to lead the charge as the most veteran-friendly state in the nation.”

Burgess, an Army Reserve Captain, is a life-long resident of east Pasco County. Born and raised in Zephyrhills, he attended Zephyrhills High School and the University of South Florida. At the age of 18, he was elected the youngest city council member in the history of Zephyrhills and the youngest elected official in the State. He served two terms on the City Council before going to Barry Law School to get his law degree. He served as Mayor of Zephyrhills from 2013-2014 before being elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2014. From 2016-2018, he served as Chair of the House Insurance and Banking Subcommittee.

Burgess and his wife, Courtney, live in Zephyrhills with their three children: Adeline, Daniel III and Eleanor.

FDVA News continues on page 12
LIFE IS EXPANDING AT FLEET LANDING.
Introducing our newest neighborhood,
Beacon Pointe at Fleet Landing.

“Our new neighborhood promises to bring even more energy and choice to this spirited community. We can’t wait to welcome you!”

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

TO LEARN MORE CALL (TOLL-FREE) 1.877.623.4229 OR (LOCAL) 904.685.4425.

Beacon Pointe at Fleet Landing
SAVE THE DATES:
Florida Council of Chapters MOAA Convention
20-23 June 2019

Registration is now open!

The Tampa chapter will be hosting the 2019 annual convention 20-23 June 2019 at the Safety Harbor Resort & Spa. You are encouraged to support this event by registering and attending the convention. The Tampa chapter website (TampaMOAA.org) and council website (MOAAFL.org) have information about the convention and registration options.

While you can register on the MOAAFL.org website, we are encouraging you to mail in your registration to save the processing fees incurred when paying online. There are two ways to get the registration form; download it from the website or download it from the next page of the Communiqué.

Once you have filled out the registration form, just mail the form and check to the address on the registration form.

Contact me if you have any questions: vandykeRL@verizon.net
Lewis VanDyke, 2019 Convention Chair
## 20-23 JUNE 2019 ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

**Venue:** Safety Harbor Resort & SPA

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### # Attending Military Ball

**Meal choices for Military Ball**

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**TOTAL COST** (Check Payable to: Florida Council of Chapters)

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*(No charge for meal. Transportation provided by James A Haley Veterans Hospital from Safety Harbor Spa and Resort for first 50 that sign up.)*

___ Will ___ Will not need transportation from Spa

**Mail Form and Check to:** Lewis VanDyke

1151 Shipwatch Circle

Tampa, FL 33602-5786

**NOTE:** Send questions or special accommodation needs to: vandykeRL@verizon.net. Provide any comments you may have on the back of this form.
2019 Florida Legislation Update

Regular sessions of the Florida Legislature begin on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March and continue for 60 consecutive days, which may be extended by a three-fifths vote of each house. Special sessions may be called by the Governor, or may be convened by joint proclamation of the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives. Special sessions may not exceed 20 days, unless extended by a three-fifths vote of each house. The Florida fiscal year starts July 1 of every year.

The 2018 Florida Legislative Session ended on March 11, 2018. The 2019 Legislative Session will begin on March 5, 2019 and conclude on May 3, 2019.

Link to current 2019 veteran-related legislative action including legislation introduced, interim Committee meeting schedules, plus Florida Senate and House legislation tracking websites: http://floridavets.org/news/veteran-legislation/

Inclusion does not imply endorsement of, support of, or opposition to any particular piece of legislation by the Florida Department of Veterans’ Affairs.

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A tour of the FCoC Website

LCDR John Snyder, USN, Ret
Council Webmaster/Coordinator; jhsnyder41@gmail.com

I invite members of the Florida Council and Chapters to take a tour of the Council website.

Start by entering http://moaafl.org/ in your browser. The site was designed to provide members of the Council and Chapters leaders with information to assist in managing MOAA affairs.

The site has an extensive secure area that is used to provide access to resources and the ability to keep the information up-to-date on the site. One of the menu items is “Members Access”. All except “Site Users Guide” requires a login to access. Login permissions are granted by the Site Administrator (Webmaster) and require the member have their information recorded in our database and then granted permissions for each responsible area.

Council and Chapter Officers will have access to Leadership Resources under Members Access. There is a large volume of resources for all with the access to use. Chapters are expected to maintain the information about their chapter in Chapter Admin. This is where the chapter’s Profile, which is the information displayed on the Chapters page on the site. Include is the ability to maintain the chapter roster, assign individuals to Key Personnel to chapter positions. There is a convenient reporting ability for recording the passing of chapter members which is used by the Council at the annual convention memorial event.

Just posted on Feb 1st is a Chapter Roster reporting template in both .xls and .xlsx versions to be used to provide multiple updates to rosters. Download, complete and email to jhsnyder41@gmail.com for uploading to the database.

The Chapter Roster template includes information on correct data to enter in certain columns to match up with the database. One item that encounters confusion is the different short designations of rank in the services. Take Lieutenant Colonel. Is it LCOL or Lt. Col.? Look it up in the Ranks table.

FCoC provides, as a part of the council website, a functionality for chapter websites. Currently, 17 chapters have a chapter site hosted on the council site – at no charge to the chapter. Of those chapters that are hosted, three have upgraded their website with the new look. Checkout Lee Coast and Northeast Florida sites. For the other 14 chapters if you are interested in upgrading please send an email to the John Snyder. The new upgrade opens up some flexibility to modify what the chapter wants to include.

For members of the Council and Chapters in Florida, address questions/comments to
John Snyder
LCDR USN Ret
Council Webmaster/Coordinator
jhsnyder41@gmail.com
During the heaviest combat in Vietnam, small units were given a chance to take a break from the battlefield for a day or two. This practice came to be called a “Stand Down”. The troops would get hot showers; hot food; some beer; a much-needed rest; a haircut; treatment for minor medical issues; and the opportunity to write letters.

Decades later, the “Stand Down” has become a big part of the Space Coast veterans’ community, but now has a very different meaning. On Saturday, January 26 from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., more than 100 area homeless and needy veterans participated in the 23rd Annual Central Brevard “Stand Down” at the Cocoa Armory on Fiske Boulevard. There they received food; excess military and other clothing; back packs; medical and vision check-ups; PTSD treatment advice; financial counseling; information on VA benefits; haircuts; hot showers; and much more. The event was sponsored this year by, among others, the Veterans Memorial Center, the National Veterans Homeless Support, the VA, Volunteers of America, and Eastern Florida State College.

Color Guards and support workers from Viera and Rockledge High Schools, JROTC units, and the Courageous Division of the Sea Cadets, were at the “Stand Down” as the event unfolded in the Florida Army National Guard Infantry “Bad Company” Home in Cocoa.

Funding for the event was received from the Good Deeds Foundation of the Cape Canaveral Chapter of the Military Officers Association (MOAACC). The Defense Department also provided winter and other clothes, boots, and gear to be distributed.

Just as for the Vietnam War combat soldier, the Cocoa “Stand Down” later was a treasured and great memory for all who participated -- on both sides of the equation.
MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation

The Military Officers Association of America’s Cape Canaveral Chapter (MOAACC) Good Deeds Foundation was created in 2014, and established as a separate 501(C)(3) the following year. The Good Deeds Foundation relies on donations from MOAACC members; contributions from local businesses and others in the community; and the annual GDF golf tournament, to support its many programs benefiting active duty military, veterans, and military-related youth communities in Brevard County.

Some of the activities of the past year included a JROTC air rifle championship; volunteer training in Texas to provide better support to the Brevard Veteran Treatment Court; and a Memorial Day Ceremony at the new Cape Canaveral National Cemetery that was attended by over 1000 people.

Financial and volunteer support was given to the Missing in America Project-FL where 21 veterans and one veteran spouse abandoned cremated remains were given a cost-free and solemn burial with full military honors.

In addition, the GDF distributed over $7,000 to 20 local high school JROTC units, Sea Cadet Divisions, and Civil Air Patrol Squadrons to support their activities during the 2018-2019 school year.

During the holiday season, the GDF supported the Brevard USO in their effort to stage stocking stuffer events for the children of junior enlisted personnel and provided $6,000 from the annual golf tournament to the Patrick Air Force Base First Sergeant’s Council for Operation WarmHeart. The funds were raised at the December 1 MOAACC annual Charity Golf Tournament held at the Cocoa Beach Country Club.

Funding was provided to the charitable efforts of the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute on PAFB, and the Base’s security dog handlers who reach out to provide toys and clothing for homeless or needy veteran families.

This past summer, the first Sergeant’s Council of Patrick Air Force Base presented MOAACC/GDF with a special plaque of appreciation, and recounted stories of how their support has, over the years, helped so many junior enlisted and their family members.

If you have any questions or would like to be more involved with the Good Deeds Foundation, contact President Donn Weaver at 757-871-6576. Contributions may be sent to: MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation, P.O. Box 560023, Rockledge, FL 32956-0023.
Citrus County Chapter
By COL Mark Bodenheim USAR (Ret), President, Citrus County Chapter

Left: Citrus County Chapter president COL Mark Bodenheim, USAR (Ret), (left) and chapter legislative chair 1LT Ron Lundberg, USA (Frm), place the 2017 national MOAA Five Star Level of Excellence award onto the chapter’s flag banner at the 2018 annual December installation dinner.

On immediate left, MOAA Citrus County Chapter member RADM “Mac” McLeod, USN (Ret), is recognized during the 2018 annual installation dinner for his recent 2018 induction into the State of Florida Veterans’ Hall of Fame. This award, signified by the medallion around his neck, recognizes and honors those military veterans who, through their works and lives during or after their military service, have made significant contributions to the state of Florida through civic, business, public service and other pursuits. He is joined (far left) by chapter member COL Curt Ebitz, USA (Ret), a 2015 recipient of this prestigious award.

(Above, L to R) 2019 MOAA Citrus County Chapter officers: board members Tom Pettegrew, Barbara Lincoln, Fred Kuehn, Marge Blunk, chapter surviving spouse liaison Louise Hogberg, board member Gary Runyon, chaplain Fred Ohsiek, legislative chair Ron Lundberg, treasurer Tom Green, immediate past president Tim Holme, vice president and membership chair Terri Harrison and president Mark Bodenheim.

(Above L to R) Jan mtg speaker Citrus County “Trails” author Col Max Schulman, USAF (Ret), left, and Vice President, CAPT Terri Harrison, USN (Ret). Col Schulman, a former aviator and intelligence officer for the Air Force, gave a presentation on his military career and post-military career writing life.
Historic Mayport Chapter
By CDR Patrick R Kleuver, USN, Ret, President

NSMayport
hosts thrilling
JROTC visit

On 31 Jan, 26 Cadets from First Coast High School’s Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) unit visited the USS Roosevelt (DDG-80) for a tour by Ensign Andrew Howard that included an underway demonstration in the full bridge simulator onboard Naval Station Mayport.

Senior Naval Science Instructor at First Coast High School LCDR Suzanne M. Bolden, USN (Ret) summed up her appreciation of the day’s events in a thank you note: “I would especially like to thank ENS Howard for providing the cadets with details of the ship and giving them an idea of what ship life is like. The opportunity to be on board was of great value to all of us. Additionally, the time the cadets spent with CAPT Joyce and RADM Hebner at the simulator was invaluable. Surely they will be talking about it for years to come.”

Historic Mayport Chapter member RADM Venlet (right) presents outstanding junior Midshipman 2nd Class (MIDN 2/C) Erik Peterson (left), USNR with a MOAA medal in a hand-made wooden presentation case from Fleet Landing woodworkers during a 6 Dec 2018 award and commissioning ceremony for Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Units at Jacksonville University (JU) and the University of North Florida (UNF). Photo credit: by COL Tomlin.

Chapter VP COL Bob Gall (left) gave a presentation on the Army Chemical Corps and member, MG Maury Edmonds (right) administered the Oath of Office to 2nd Lt Freyer (center) who has since reported to the Basic Course at Ft Leonard Wood.

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January Meeting Hosts Veteran Support Groups

Above from left to right: Midshipmen Dalton Balconoff, Marshall Hill, and Nicolas James at their Jacksonville University 15 December commissioning. The Oath of Office was administered by Captain Glen S. Leverette USN NROTC Commanding Officer. Honored Speaker was Captain Matthew P. Roberts USN Commander, Naval Surface Squadron 14 at Naval Station Mayport. Following commissioning, the new ensigns were presented with MOAA collar “gold bar” rank insignia by RADM Doug Venlet, USN.

The 23 January Historic Mayport Chapter hosted Mike O'Brien, the Executive Director of the Greater Jacksonville USO and Joe Solsana, the Director of the National Association of Veterans and Families (NAVF) at Johnson Hall in Fleet Landing.

Mike O'Brien was appointed Executive Director of the Greater Jacksonville area USO in 2013. The Jacksonville Area USO serves 250,000-plus local troops and families representing all branches of the armed forces. The area USO's mission is “to lift the spirits of active military and their families.

The local USO is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, which has earned a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, is totally dependent upon the generosity of community donors, civic organizations and local corporate partners for donations to operate their three local Jacksonville USO Centers, including a facility onboard NAS Jacksonville. The Historic Mayport Chapter committed to sponsor at least one No-Dough-Dinner in 2019. The No-Dough provides meals free of charge to around 300 military members and families.

Joe Solsana, Director of the National Association of Veterans & Families, covered VA claims, planning senior care, potential VA reimbursement amounts, caps on income and assets, and eligibility requirements for assistance among other topics, including the National Burial Program.

CDR Kluever also presented Vietnam Era Service Pins to CDR Chet Davis, USN and CAPT Dave Rasmussen, USN for their service. The inscription on the back of the pin reads "A Grateful Nation Thanks and Honors You".
Kingdom of the Sun
By Arlo Janssen, LTC, USA (Ret), Editor, Sunbeams, KOS/MOAA

KOS Installs 2019 Officers

The "KOS Installation Luncheon" took place on January 3, 2019, at the Ocala, FL, Elks Club. The installation of new Officers and Directors for the year 2019 was held in the Club dining room. Col Leonard Friedlander, USAF, Ret, FCOC President, did the honor of installing our Officers for 2019. Kudos to our newly elected KOS Chapter Officers and members of the KOS Board of Directors. The following individuals were installed to serve as KOS Chapter Officers: COL Robert Schlegel, USA – President; Lt Col Carol Walker, USAF - 1st Vice President; COL Gorham Black III, USA – 2nd Vice President; and Mrs. Linda Byrd, SS – Treasurer. The KOS members installed to the KOS Board of Directors for a two-year term are: COL Nick Navetta, USA; MAJ Steven McNeil, USA; and LTC Frank Rasbury, USA. Our speaker for the January 3, 2019, program was Dr. Don Wyman who gave us a Power Point picture tour of the CIA museum in Washington, DC.

On February 7, 2019, the KOS monthly luncheon, hosted by the KOS Chapter ladies, was held at the Ocala Elks Club. The program was a "Salute to the Flag" featuring a short flag video, a trivia flag quiz, a demonstration on folding the flag, and singing some patriotic flag songs to close the program.

Chapter Appreciation for Marilyn Rose

On Sunday, January 20, 2019, LTC Arlo Janssen, Immediate Past President of the KOS Chapter, presented Marilyn Rose with a Certificate of Appreciation for serving two years on the KOS Chapter Board of Directors with a special KOS Challenge coin.

Purple Heart Parking

The unveiling of a Purple Heart sign for the parking space near the 315 SE 25th Ave. Ocala offices of State Representative Stan McClain and State Senator Dennis Baxley was held on January 29, 2019 was attended by KOS members, Robert Ham and Arlo Janssen.
Lee Coast Chapter
By Marilyn Leehan, Secretary

Collaborative Veteran Scholarship Endowments established at FGCU & FSW

In sync with MOAA’s motto, "Never Stop Serving," the Lee Coast Chapter has had the good fortune to collaborate with others who value our veterans and their futures.

A $25,000 combined contribution of $15,000 from the Chapter, augmented by a $10,000 contribution from Dr. Mike Martin, President of FGCU has opened an endowment for Veterans’ Scholarships at FGCU. Funds can be added in the future and we hope others caring about our Veterans will contribute to this fund as well.

Further, on December 13th we were able to present a symbolic $50,000 check for an Endowment established in October, to be known as “The Gary V. & Gay G. Trippe and The Lee Coast Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America Scholarship Fund for Disabled Veterans”. Mr. and Mrs. Trippe offered to partner, over a five year period, to match our $5,000 contribution, along with FSW’s $10,000 match to create this fund. These scholarships will be for any disability-rated veteran; and two candidates have already been selected for the upcoming January 2019 term.

These endowments will exist in perpetuity.

We are pleased to help Veterans help themselves into productive second careers as a hand-up honor (not a handout), to preserve their pride -- in the same way that they have so courageously served our country.

In addition to inspiring Chapter members to increase our fundraising efforts, we hope the public identification of us with these college scholarships will bolster their confidence in our endeavors and their willingness to contribute to these important efforts.
Northwest Florida MOA Chapter
By By Maj Dave Parisot USAF (Ret), Director

Two Chapter Members Inducted into Florida Veterans’ Hall of Fame

On Tuesday, December 4, 2018, two of Northwest Florida Military Officers Association (MOA) chapter members were honored in Tallahassee when they were inducted into the Florida Veterans’ Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame honors veterans who “through their work and lives during or after military service, have made a significant contribution to the State of Florida.”

Among the 2018 inductees were BG Patt Maney, USAR, (Ret) and Major Charles (Chuck) Merkel, Jr., USA, (Ret), PhD (in History).

BG Patt Maney is a veteran of 37 years in the Army Reserves and is a recently retired Okaloosa County Judge who is credited with founding the Veterans’ Court program for the State of Florida, as well as a pioneer in Mental Health Court.

Dr. Charles Merkel, Jr. was recognized for his humanitarian work during his military service, both while active duty with the U.S. Army and as a DoD civilian at Eglin AFB, FL.

Major Merkel was a UH-1N pilot while serving with the U.S Army for 20 years. As a DoD civilian, Merkel served as the historian for the 53d Wing at Eglin AFB.

Much of his humanitarian endeavors have involved working with programs involving children’s education and orphanages in Vietnam, the Republic of Korea, and Afghanistan.
To vote or not to vote is not the question...
In Florida the issue is how to vote.

Voting... it’s everybody’s right, and as voters, we expect our votes to count. As the last election demonstrated, every vote counts. But still, mistakes can be made – and not just by the poll workers.

In Florida there are three ways to vote:

1. Vote by mail, including absentee overseas or deployed ballots.
2. Early voting at a centrally located county location.
3. Election day at your precinct.

The question is which leads to the least mistakes? My personal opinion is early voting.

Last November, as we normally do, my wife and I voted early. I like to vote the weekend before Election Day, if possible, as occasionally something happens late in the campaign that changes my mind. Also, in early voting, the lines tend to be not bad.

When you vote early, they centralize the precincts and print a ballot specific to your precinct. As with election day voting, you take the ballot to a booth and fill it out, then take it to a counting machine specific to ballot/precinct.

Florida law requires that a electronic or electromagnetic voting system must have the ability to reject the ballot if there is an overvote or no votes cast. This happened to the guy in front of me. The poll worker handed him the ballot, showed him his mistake and suggested he redo it. He did.

And that is why I prefer in-person voting. The machine and poll workers check for mistakes with you watching. If you make a mistake, you can correct it.

While vote by mail is convenient (and mandatory for overseas or deployed), if a mistake is made, the vote does not count. You also have to meet strict timelines for mailing the ballots in.

No matter which way you vote – just remember to vote.

Suggestion: If voting in-person, figure out who you are voting for before you go to the polling place. The last election had 12 amendments on the ballot and nine state and national offices, not to mention DCA and Circuit Judges AND local races. If you hadn’t decided beforehand how you will vote, you can literally bring the polling place to a standstill. It is perfectly acceptable to bring a piece of paper or your phone to the polling place with your intended voting. I had it on my cell phone. (My wife, Jill, says I’m addicted...)
Sun City Center Chapter
By CAPT B. Frank Kepley, USN (Ret), Legislative Liaison

Sun City Center Veteran’s Memorial Dedication

Fulfilling the long-standing dream of Walt Cawein, Lt. Col. USAF (Ret), a ribbon-cutting dedication ceremony for the newly constructed Sun City Center Veteran’s Memorial took place in front of the Sun City Center Community Hall on Jan 10, 2019. Col. Mike Davis, USMC (Ret), was the Keynote Speaker.

The SUN CITY CENTER (SCC) chapter of MOAA played a role in the almost two-year planning and execution for the Veterans Memorial. Several chapter members were on the Memorial planning committee and Benny Blackshire, SCC President, was the Master of Ceremonies at the dedication ceremony.

The Sun City Center Charitable Foundation, Inc., in cooperation with local military and community organizations, initiated the construction of a Veteran’s Memorial in July 2018. The goal was to construct a Memorial that honors their past, current and future male and female veterans and their families while at the same time promoting civic pride. The memorial was partially funded by selling engraved commemorative bricks placed at the base of the memorial to pay tribute to the courage and sacrifice of those who served.

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Vietnam dog trainer, addresses January Meeting

SGT Theodore James Van Aulen Jr. was the featured speaker at the Sun City January monthly meeting focusing on the training and substantial accomplishments of the military dogs that saved many a soldier’s life in Vietnam.

Sgt Van Aulen, drafted in April of 1968, volunteered for Scout Dog training at Fort Benning, GA. where he was paired with “Warlock.” After intensive training for the Scout Dog teams which walk point for combat units, in 1969 he was deployed to LZ Baldy south of DaNang. Team Warlock walked point in over 30 missions; not one U.S. soldier was killed, though hundreds of prisoners and KIA’s were taken due to their efforts.

By discharge, Van Aulen received the Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star, Vietnam Campaign and Service Medal and National Defense Service Medal. Completing a civilian career in telecommunications, he has authored several engineering manuals and publications.

Deceased Vietnam Veteran’s Surviving Spouse Certificates

Sun City Center: Jan Bassett, (R) presented the Deceased Vietnam Veteran’s Surviving Spouse certificates and lapel pins to, from left, D. Kay Benson; Jane Foppe; Doris Glass; Doris Johnson; Marsha Jordan; Beverly Turner and Elizabeth Ward.

Tampa Chapter

By LTC Robert F. Sawallesh, USA (Ret)

Tampa MOAA Christmas Luncheon

The Tampa Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) hosted their annual Christmas luncheon at the Surf’s Edge Club on December 13th at MacDill AFB. Proudly in uniform, left to right, are Major Matt McNerney, US Marine Corps, Toys for Tots Officer; Colonel Bernard H. Lieving, Jr, US Army, Retired, Chapter Senior Chaplain; Lieutenant Colonel Barbara Brotherton, USAF, Retired; Major Richard C. Tinsley, former US Marine, Chapter Personal Affairs Officer, Tampa; Santa Clause; Colonel Carol L. Zieres, US Army, Retired, Chapter President, Safety Harbor and Lieutenant Colonel Robert F. Sawallesh, US Army, Retired, Reserve Component Liaison Officer, Valrico.

The chapter donated $465 and many toys to Toys for Tots. Photo by LTC Robert Sawallesh.
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