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

I hope everyone had a great summer visiting friends and family. One thing that I have noticed is that I have a lot more of my friends from up north that want to get together and visit me in Florida. Wonder why? Not so much during the recent hurricane. I hope everyone weathered the storm well with little if no damage. Our hearts and prayers go out to all the hurricane victims and pray for a speedy return to normalcy.

Now that summer is over, well technically, it's always summer in Florida, you know what I mean, our work as a council will resume full force one again. We are preparing for our upcoming Leadership Forum, Storming the Hill and the 2018 convention. Let me speak a little on each of the above.

This year our leadership forum will take place in Orlando, Florida at the Rosen Centre Hotel. Same venue as last year with just a little difference. We will start our forum on Friday afternoon at 1pm with two round table discussions independent of each other. One will be a discussion on membership and mostly input from you, the membership chair, or anyone else in the chapter that wants to participate. If you have something to get off your chest or need to discuss about membership then this is the perfect place to do so. MOAA will host these discussions, take notes and present their finding on Saturday to the entire leadership forum. I have also asked MOAA to come up with some leadership succession incentives. Something to think about.

We will do the same for our legislative round table. This round table topic that is rarely visited with in-depth analysis. We will attempt to do so this time. The theme is to have a firm understanding of what MOAA is and why we support MOAA. The chapter members need to understand first and foremost that we are an advocacy group pushing our main agenda in congress, not a dinner organization; and why we push so hard for membership renewals and increases.

In April of next year, we at MOAA will once again gather in Washington to storm the Capitol and interface with our congressmen and women to educate them on issues that are near and dear to the military. Can you say Sequestration, Tri Care, or Widows Tax? Well, neither could I several years ago. Now I can almost recite chapter and verse. And, so should you. We will be discussing our approach this year vs last year’s
President's Message, (Continued)

storming and hope to have a more productive approach.

The last item is always the best. Our convention for 2018 will be hosted by the Lee Coast Chapter of MOAA. It will be held at The Sanibel Island Marriott Spa and Resort. I have posted the on-line registration on our website click HERE. I even made a short VIDEO to promote next year’s convention. The planning has been well organized and from all that I can see from my perch, it should be a bang-up convention. Please click on the highlighted areas to catch a glimpse of things to come.

Oh, one more thing. John Snyder is revamping our web page and it will be outstanding. Cheer him on to make one of the best web pages this council has ever seen.

See you during my upcoming chapter visits,

Marc

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Chapter Membership Management and Recruiting

Lt Col Wayne G. Brown, USAF (Ret)
Membership Chairman, Northern Florida

As we approach year end, it is time to think about our chapter membership management for yearend reporting and next year recruiting. I highly recommend each chapter have a dedicated membership chairman who can oversee the requirements established by national MOAA.

Each chapter is required to submit a year end membership roster to national in January. This roster should list the names of all members who were paid up for the year ending December 31. National will compare your roster submission with the one from the previous year to determine your retention rate. Chapters that attain a 95% retention rate receive an incentive bonus from national.

Retention is achieved by keeping all your members informed and involved with your Chapter activities so they feel like it is worthwhile to maintain their membership status. This is accomplished through chapter meetings with interesting programs, newsletters, email, emphasis on legislative affairs, and other activities that support your members as well as community appreciation for the military.

As our chapters mature, it is important to have ongoing efforts to recruit new members. The best recruiters are your existing members who probably know other individuals who qualify for MOAA membership and can invite them to your chapter. Also, each Spring national MOAA provides a list of potential members who reside within your zip code catchment. This list includes name, rank, address, telephone, and email when available as well as national membership status (active, lapsed) and classification (life, premium, basic). I have found that focusing on the active life and premium members is most productive. My experience over the past several years has been a positive response from 6 – 8 percent of the prospects contacted by email or snail mail. This easily exceeds the cost of mailing when you consider the dues received and the new member bonus paid by national. Do note, national requires that new members also belong to national MOAA as Life, Premium, or Basic members to qualify for the bonus.

The FCOC Leadership Forum, to be held in Orlando from Jan 12 -13, will include specific focus on chapter membership and recruiting. I encourage all Chapter Membership Chairmen to attend this forum.

Please contact me with any comments, questions, or suggestions you may have that may help our retention and recruiting efforts. Thanks for your time.

Wayne Brown, waynegbrown@gmail.com, 336-601-1317.
Legislative Affairs
Lt Col Bob Bienvenue, USAF (Ret), Legislative Chairman, rbienven@sprynet.com

The senate completed their work on the NDAA on September 8th. However, it's provisions differ significantly from the House passed version in several matters. Until the two bills are reconciled there will be delays to the final outcome that affect servicemembers, their families, retirees and surviving spouses:

- Military likely won't learn until December what their January pay raise will be, whether pharmacy copayments through mail order and retail outlets will rise sharply, or whether working-age retirees will see TRICARE fees jump next year.
- Also, servicemembers with children and who are married to other servicemembers likely won't know for a few more months whether their combined Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) will drop significantly as soon as they're reassigned.
- And, 69,000 surviving spouses impacted by the so-called SBP/DIC (Survivor Benefit Plan/Dependency and Indemnity Compensation) offset won't know until December whether the partial relief they enjoy from a monthly Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance will expire after May 2018 or become a permanent payment at $310 a month, plus annual adjustments to keep pace with inflation.

Read more about the differences here:


The fate of these key elements of compensation is uncertain because the Senate and the House treat them differently in their separate versions of the fiscal 2018 National Defense Authorization Act (H.R. 2810) bill. The top leaders of the House and Senate Armed Services committees met the first week of October to outline the beginnings of a conference committee to smooth out differences in their respective versions of the FY 2018 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

The defense bill carries many of MOAA's most pressing priorities every year, so this is likely the last chance to draw the line in the sand on these big issues until next year. As we continue to put the pressure on the conferees over a long list of issues, we remain steadfast in our positions on the following provisions:

A major roadblock to their efforts is that Congress must reach “a budget deal” to set topline funding levels for defense and all other federal departments.
That deal could shear billions of dollars from the final defense bill. But even deeper cuts could occur if no deal is reached and Congress allows automatic cost-cutting (sequester caps) across government under the 2011 Budget Control Act (BCA). In most recent years, lawmakers have worked around the sequestration threat with late-hour agreements.

As the Oct. 1 start of a new fiscal year drew near, to avoid a government shutdown, Congress and the White House agreed for a ninth straight year to have the government operate under a continuing resolution, or CR. This one lasts until Dec. 8, freezing spending at fiscal 2017 levels and delaying new program starts for 10 weeks into FY 2018.

While there are three full months left in calendar year 2017, there are less than 30 days when both houses are in session. Given this year’s noted differences between the House and Senate, and the fact that the conference committee really hasn’t started deliberations, we are looking at a reduced opportunity for robust discussion.

As the defense bill debate begins in the conference committee, your earned benefits are at stake. Congress will decide on the military pay raise, TRICARE pharmacy fees, and significant changes to the military health system. With so much on the line in these final days of the legislative cycle, MOAA is asking us to engage our members of Congress to ensure the conference committee gives their full attention to these important issues affecting our uniformed services. While not every member of Congress will be a conferee, they do remain influential to the process and outcomes.

Let your member of Congress and Senators to know that singling out military beneficiaries to carry the burden of reducing Defense budgets instead of cutting costs within other DoD programs is just plain WRONG. Asking those who sacrifice more for our nation than any other citizen to continue to pay more for their earned benefits is patently UNFAIR.

Follow these links to take action:
http://takeaction.moaa.org/app/write-a-letter?0&engagementId=402853
http://takeaction.moaa.org/moaa/app/write-a-letter?0&engagementId=405393

NOTE: MOAA has changed the format of their Legislative Action Center on the website – in order to read (and edit) the draft version of the letters MOAA suggests we send, you now must fill in the personal information section first and then click on “submit”. The letter will be on the next screen you see – after reviewing (and editing) click “submit” again.

January Leadership Forum

Last year MOAA initiated a new format for its Council and Chapter Leadership Workshops at the Florida Council Symposium, inviting council and chapter leaders from several surrounding states to participate.

Again, this coming year Florida will be the site of the Southeast Workshop, January 12th & 13th in Orlando. The agenda and reservation information has been sent out by FCoC President Marc Oliveri.

The main topics to be addressed are membership, chapter management, leadership succession, legislative issues and our grass roots advocacy mission. I urge every chapter to have someone designated to attend the Round Table session on this subject.
More than ever, our voices need to be focused, frequent and forceful communicating to our legislators in advancing the interests of the entire military community regarding compensation and benefits.

MOAA’s reputation as the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers is based on the strength of that advocacy mission in achieving our goals on behalf of our constituents. Our leadership in this regard is recognized by MOAAs permanent Vice-Chair position in The Military Coalition and consistent top ratings by The Hill Newspaper for our lobbying efforts.

Come prepared to share your chapter’s experiences in communicating MOAAs 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.

Hope to see many of you there.

**FLORIDA NUMBER ONE!**

Lt Col Bob Bienvenue, USAF (Ret), Legislative Chairman

As reported in the Miami Herald, Tampa Bay Times, and Florida Trend (according to personal-finance site WalletHub), Florida is the most friendly state for retired veterans. WalletHub’s analysis in May of 2017 compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia using 22 key indicators of retirement-friendliness toward veterans. The rankings below are based on the three highest weighted factors.

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Here’s the Wallet Hub website with the complete analysis of their methodology and results:  
[https://wallethub.com/edu/best-states-for-military-retirees/3915/](https://wallethub.com/edu/best-states-for-military-retirees/3915/)
Chaplain’s Message
Chaplain (Col) Charles Caudill, USAF, (Ret) Religious Activities

Check-Up Time

I have always loved cars and have always kept the ones I owned in top condition including the first car I bought when I was 17 years old. I worked three jobs during the summer so I could afford college and a car. I paid $100 for a ’34 Ford and wish I still owned it today. I kept it in mint condition and it never failed me.

It is the same with my current car. Before a recent 2,000 mile trip I took it in for a complete check-up: tires rotated, brakes inspected, engine serviced, fluids topped-off or changed, and a car wash. As I waited for the service to be completed it occurred to me that I might be taking better care of my automobile than I am myself. I questioned if I was performing an appraisal of my mind and body so I would be in good shape for the life that lies before me. The answer was “No”. My life was given to me by God and that life is priceless. Why don’t I make sure it is always prepared for the trip in front of me.

I realized it was time for a life evaluation in order to follow my legacy as a child of God. I am now taking positive control of my diet, physical activity and mental stimulation so I will have a longer, healthier life.

When I was working I stayed in good health, physically and mentally so I would always be at my best for my family and career. When I retired it didn’t seem quite as important to keep the maintenance schedule as strict. Procrastination and good intentions became my habits. I was always going to eat better, train often, rest properly and find ways to stimulate my mind. I finally recognized I didn’t have the energy I once had and I was losing the wisdom necessary for the changing times.

Residing in a retirement community I notice many neighbors who have made emergency visits to the hospital because they have ignored their doctors advice and preventive health care. They can no longer visit their families nor take trips. Now everyone else has to make an effort to see them.

Observing the sad result of this neglect has also encouraged me to make changes in my own life. I want to be able to spend priceless time with my loved ones and take trips. We spouses and parents are still role models for our mates and families and if we are not taking complete care of ourselves we cannot inspire them to do the same.

The Bible helps us in this:

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”
Proverbs 3:5-6

"Glorify God in your body, and in your spirit.” 1 Corinthians 6:20
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**St Pete Chapter Convention Shirt Fund Raiser**

This lovely quilt, made from the shirts of previous FCoC conventions, will be offered in a drawing at the 2018 convention in Sanibel. This fund raiser is sponsored by the St. Pete chapter.

**Chapter Factor**

TICKETS: 6/$5:00

More Info? Contact Sherry Freeze, 727-641-5979
Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee (SSAC)
Joyce Harte, Member, MOAA Board of Directors
Print & Digital Media Committee

What can Florida Chapters and the Council do for Surviving Spouses?

(This article is gender neutral. "Her" is used because currently the vast majority are women.)

During the summer, the Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee completed a number of projects for MOAA. One of them was a paper suggesting what MOAA could do to support the surviving spouse members. I have paraphrased their report, where appropriate, to reflect the same principles to our chapters and the Florida Council. Most chapters are already doing most of these so think of it as guideline to best practices.

• Surviving spouses are full fledge members of your chapter. They pay dues, have voting rights, and are a part of your official roster. Include articles for them in your newsletters and other publications. In your membership brochures, include surviving spouses as eligible members. So many invitations and events note open to all veterans & their families. Add the term "and surviving spouses" to all such notifications so they will know they're included.

• When a member who has a surviving spouse dies, make sure, (after the condolences, sympathy cards, and visits) she is encouraged to become a member of your chapter. If her spouse was a life member, she automatically belongs to MOAA and is only required to pay chapter dues. If not, then she is eligible to join MOAA and the local chapter in her own right. It would be a nice gesture to give her a year’s chapter membership. You do what you can to keep up those recruiting numbers, right?

• Provide educational programs to current spouses about the many benefits she has upon a spouse's death. A chapter officer or other member should schedule and accompany her to a visit with the county veteran official to facilitate that she has all the applications and help to complete all the paperwork in a timely manner.

• Invite surviving spouses to regional meetings and invite them to join all activities planned for current spouses. Social situations become awkward and the spouse left behind is not sure that she is included.

• Attending a MOAA event alone for the first year or so after her husband's death is difficult. Have someone personally invite her, make plans to pick her up if possible, and definitely have a place for her to be seated with someone she knows. All of these are little things but will make a big difference between having a new member or just losing a former member.
Local MOAA Chapter Wins National Grant and Donates Funds to the Highlands County Veterans Council

COL Mike Borders, USA, Ret., SW Area Vice President, South Central Florida Chapter President

Sebring—The South Central Florida Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) was one of six chapters in the nation recently awarded the MOAA National Military Family Initiative (MFI) grant of over $3200. The chapter immediately donated these funds to the Highlands County Veterans Council for its Veterans Assistance Fund. This fund provides food and financial assistance to needy veterans in the community.

According to retired Air Force Col. Mike Turner, MOAA vice president of development and executive director of the MOAA MFI: “Through the MOAA MFI Community Outreach grant program, MOAA, one of the most respected voices speaking on behalf of military and veteran families nationwide, can rely on its robust 400-plus council and chapter network in all 50 states to help direct donor contributions where they will do the most good.” According to local chapter president retired Army COL Mike Borders, providing these funds to some of our less fortunate veterans in the community is simply the right thing to do.

MOAA is an independent, nonprofit organization of retired, active and former military officers, including the National Guard and Reserve, with some 355,000 members worldwide. “It operates exclusively to the benefit of our nation, uniformed service personnel, their families and survivors. It is the nation’s largest veterans group of military officers and their families,” the group said.

There are some 420 chapters at the local level, representing the seven uniformed services, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, the Public Health Service and the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration. Membership is open to any person who holds or has ever held a warrant or commission in any of the seven uniformed services. Surviving spouses of deceased members qualify for auxiliary membership.

For information on the South Central Florida chapter, call chapter president, COL Mike Borders, U.S. Army, retired, at 402-8292.

MOAA Chapter President Mike Borders presents Veterans Council President Betsy Waddell with a grant check for $3229.
MILITARY OFFICERS & POPS ORCHESTRA TEAM UP WITH NEIL DIAMOND FOR VETERANS DAY CONCERT

Alan Forrester, MOAS Director

Southwest FL - Again, this year the Military Officers Association of America – Sarasota Chapter will join the Pops to honor our veterans with Neil Diamond’s Salute to America’s Veterans. Come ready to hear tribute artist Bobby Palermo perform Song Sung Blue, Forever in Blue Jeans, Love on the Rocks and Sweet Caroline followed by a rousing tribute to America’s veterans including Coming to America, God Bless the USA, Salute to the Armed Forces, and many more.

Special discounted tickets are available to all veterans and their families. Phone 941-926-7677 for discount information. Concerts as part of a 4 concert series:

- Neil Diamond's America-Sunday November 12 at Riverview PAC- 1 Ram Way, Sarasota, Florida 34231
Visit [http://www.popsorchestra.getmytix.net](http://www.popsorchestra.getmytix.net) to view and select your reserved seat(s).

MOAS is the Sarasota Chapter of Military Officers Association of America. MOAA is the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers with 370,000 members. It is an independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organization. For more information visit, [www.sarasotamoaa.com](http://www.sarasotamoaa.com) Are you a former military officer? Please come and join us at our monthly luncheon.

For More Information, Contact: Alan Forrester. aforrester@tampabay.rr.com, (P) 941-504-5759

Mayport Chapter Sponsors “No Dough Dinners”

LCDR John Snyder, USN, Ret, Chapter Immediate Past President

In August and September, the Mayport Chapter of MOAA sponsored two “No Dough Dinners” at the Mayport USO. Each of those events provided free dinners to local active duty enlisted military members and their families. The first dinner was “Breakfast” the second they enjoyed stroganoff with salad and dessert.

Members of the chapter assisted in the kitchen and manned drink station, salad station and dessert station. The chapter was instrumental in launching the No Dough Dinner program several years ago by visiting various veteran’s organizations and encouraging them to assist in financial support. The program has been such a success that the Mayport USO has all 26 events booked out for a year in advance. MOAA's moto is “Never Stop Serving” and the Mayport chapter is a good example of that.
Citrus Chapter Reports
CAPT Terri Harrison, USN (Ret)

The monthly meeting of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), Citrus County Chapter, was held at the Crystal River Golf Club on Thursday, September 21st. Chapter members listened intently as the guest speaker, Debbie Selsavage, CDP, of Coping With Dementia, LLC, provided a comprehensive overview of Dementia and Alzheimer’s disease. She described how it affects people and offered techniques for providing care.

COL Mark Bodenheim, USAR (Ret), President of the MOAA Citrus County Chapter presented a certificate of appreciation to Debbie Selsavage for her presentation on Dementia and Alzheimer’s disease.

Chapter Factors

Three Chapters Meet with Congressman Webster During August Recess

Members of three chapters of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) meet with Congressman Daniel Webster of the 11th Congressional District, during the August Congressional recess. Pictured from left to right: CAPT Terri Harrison, USNR (Ret); COL Mark Bodenheim, USAR(Ret); MAJ Carol Burgess, USA (Ret); CAPT Paul Hauser, USN (Ret); 1LT Ron Lundberg, USA (Former); Congressman Daniel Webster; Lt Col Wayne Brown, USAF (Ret); Lt Col Bob Bienvenue, USAF (Ret).
Kingdom of the Sun (KOS) Fall Chapter Activities for 2017
Arlo Janssen, LTC, USA (Ret), Chapter President, KOS/MOAA

Our KOS Chapter started our fall activities with our "Welcome Back" luncheon in September 2017, and we celebrated at our Halloween Dinner/Dance in October. I was able to meet with Congressman Ted Yoho along with Mary Rose and Phil Johnson at his office in Gainesville on September 29, 2017. Phil (our KOS Legislation Chairperson) had a great agenda and we were able to present our key MOAA items to him.

Our Annual Meeting and Memorial Service will take place on November 2, 2017, and our KOS Veterans Snowflake Ball will finish up the year 2017 on December 21, 2017. The annual Army/Navy game Tailgate party is set for December 9, 2017, and I hope that Army can pull off another victory. We have a great Five-Star KOS Team in place, and transition to 2018 should move very smoothly. We have several Veteran Day events here in Marion County in November. I hope to be at our "On Top of the World" Veterans Day event on, Saturday, November 11, 2017.

Halloween Dinner Dance

Chapter Factor

KOS President, Arlo Janssen, greeting members at the Halloween Dinner Dance

L-R Phil Johnson, Arlo Janssen, Mary Rose Janssen and Congressman Ted Yoho KOS Chapter Delegation in Ted Yoho’s office in Gainesville, FL

L - R Carol Walker, Jim Chandler and Bob Schlegel Ready for the KOS Halloween Inspection.

Linda Byrd collecting the money.
The St Johns River Valley Chapter, MOAA, will have its next meeting on October 17, Beef O’Bradys, commencing at 1130. The program will be retired Florida Fish and Wildlife police officer Bob H. Lee. Bob will discuss his newest book, *Bad Guys, Bullets, and Boat Chases*. This book was released in March, 2017.

We will also make plans to participate as usual in the annual Palatka Nov 11 Veterans Day Parade. We will gather 0930, 11th Street, vicinity of entrance to the Palatka Post Office, same location as last year. The parade will kick off at 1000, and end at the riverfront.

The chapter must decide if we will meet in November on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving or the week prior on November 14. We also need a new chapter president and membership person if the chapter is to continue.

The chapter Christmas party will be December 19. Likely suggest all members bring a $10 gift, and we will exchange them according to the Ruthann Thropp and Mary Crawford SOP.

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**Proceeds from General Snowden’s Book Sales Go to Florida Veterans Foundation**

Dennis Baker, Commander U.S. Navy (ret.)

Lt. General Lawrence F. Snowden, USMC, (Ret) passed away in February of 2017 generously leaving 50% of his book sales going to the Florida Veterans Foundation. To find the book: https://www.amazon.com/dp/098594384X/ref=sr_1_3?s=books&amp;ie=UTF8&amp;qid=1477104892&amp;sr=1-3&amp;keywords=snowden%27s+story

To find out more about the Florida Veterans Foundation see the information on page 12 of this newsletter and visit their web site at https://floridaveteransfoundation.org/

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**Wreaths Across America:**

The SaddleCreek Logistics Services is the fantastic focal support organization for this annual event honoring those who have served and no longer with us.

If you go to the below website you can get the 16 December Schedule along with how to purchase a wreath or make a donation.

https://www.sclogistics.com/waa/

Thanks to SaddleCreek and the US Military Veteran Motorcycle Club for making this event such a special one.

Gary Clark, Colonel USAF(Ret)
Chairman, Polk County Veterans Council

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**The Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017, H.R. 3218, passed by the House and Senate was signed by the President on August 16, 2017.**

Also known as the *Forever G.I. Bill*, the legislation improves provisions in the existing G.I. Bill and provides more flexibility for using educational benefits. The measure contains a number of provisions that specifically impact disabled veterans and their families, including:

To see the complete text of the *Forever G.I. Bill* click here

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Skip Hartnett, Maj USMC, (Ret), West Central Chapter
October 2017

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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.

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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

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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

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