

WELCOME TO SARASOTA!

Please Join us for the FCOC 2021 Convention
The Westin, Sarasota, FL
13-15 May 2021

The Military Officers Association of Sarasota Chapter is pleased to serve as the host chapter for the FCOC 2021 Convention. We invite you to come and enjoy our hospitality, cultural treasures, and fantastic dining. Come early and stay longer, the hotel's rates will remain at our low Convention rate for 2 days before and 2 days after the event.

As you may know Sarasota has been the home of the circus for many years and we have an amazing treasure trove of attractions. Our most prominent is the Ringling Museum which includes the Museum



of Art with the art collection of circus magnate, John Ringling, the Ringlings' palatial mansion, and the Circus Museum which houses the Tibbals Learning Center. The cornerstone of the Tibbals Learning Center is the world's largest miniature circus: The Howard Bros. Circus Model. This model is a replica of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus from 1919 – 1938. The model was created over a period of more than 50 years by master model builder and philanthropist Howard Tibbals.

In addition to the Ringling Museum, we have the beautiful Marie Selby Botanical Gardens with a myriad of orchids, bromeliads and other beautiful plants. You can take a bay tour on the Sarasota Bay Explorer and see various kinds of plant and animal life or visit Siesta Key Beach, ranked #1 in America.

The members of the Military Officers Association of Sarasota want you to have a great time in Sarasota, and know you will enjoy a very special 2021 FCOC Convention. Troy Scott is the Chair for the convention. With the help of the hospitality committee he will be ready to advise you on many of the other exciting places of interest, including an array of suggestions for restaurants, some offering special promotions for our attendees. You can reach Troy at 941-379-3023 or email him at sarasotamoaa@gmail.com. We are happy to answer any questions. Additional information on the 2021 Convention will be included in upcoming issues of the Communiqué and posted on the FCOC Website.

