

Bits & Pieces # 26

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In the October issue of their newsletter, The Volusia Officer's Call I found an article by MAJ Curt Voelbel, USAF (ret.), their Community Relation Chair. He was giving the members 4 things to consider before contributing to a charity or volunteering. The 4th point, how much of donations actually go toward the people that need help, had two websites listed that will rate charities for you without charge. They are: www.charitynavigator.org or www.guidestar.org.

One thing to note: I used both of these to check on a local charity organization here in Cape Coral, and neither site had any information on it. This does not mean it's a bad charity, it's just that there are millions of charities out there and these two web sites can't cover them all. They are excellent sites for tracking the majority of charities that you might come in contact with, though.

I only used a piece of MAJ Voelbel's article – if you want to read the whole thing, type "moaafl.org" into the Google search box, find the "Florida Council of Chapters HOME page", click on "chapters" and scroll down to the name of the chapter you want. It's fun to poke around on that page and see what other chapters are doing.

Bits and Pieces is a collection of odd items that I mostly glean from chapter newsletters. The idea is to pass those items along to other chapters, trading our useful bits and pieces around for everyone's benefit. If you have something your chapter has done that you think others might be able to use, please contact me at dccalusa@comcast.net or (239) 542-5627 and I'll pass it along.

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