

Bits & Pieces # 39

The Palm Beach Area chapter (President, Maj. Evelyn Henry USAF (Ret)) newsletter, "In Step" (Editor CAPT Allan Nirenberg, USN (Ret)) tells about their chapter's efforts to support community drives. It's good for chapters to support their communities for several reasons. First, of course, is they're helping their own neighbors, then it also shows the people of their community that MOAA is there to help them as well as its own members, and it gets the name of MOAA out there so that other people who might be eligible to join, become aware of the chapter and can contact it . Most chapters do something in the way of support – this article just shows two ideas that can be used.

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At the November luncheon, our members contributed *a tablefull of toys* (26, to be exact) for this holiday program. Our own **Capt. John Chaves** (USMC, Ret) takes this cause under his wing each and every year. He solicits and gathers the toys and transports them to the USMC Center in WPB. All the toys are then distributed locally to disadvantaged children, bringing much joy to their Christmas. He is also continuing to collect *old cell phones*, which the chapter donates to an exchange program – which in turn, provides prepaid long-distance calling cards to deployed military service members. This is an on-going program conducted by our PBAC Auxiliary group, and more phones are urgently required. (Please bring them to our luncheons & give them to John or Pat Chaves.

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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](mailto:dccalusa@comcast.net) or (239) 542-5627 and I'll pass it along.

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