



Officers Call

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One Nation Under God

Jan 2024

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President's Message



As we start a new year, here are five interesting things about January.

1. January was named after the Roman god Janus. Janus had two faces which allowed him to look forward into the coming year and backwards into the past year.
2. The original Roman calendar only had 10 months. January and February were not included, but were added later.
3. Julius Caesar added a 31st day to the month. That completed the full month of January we practice now. It is the first of seven months that contain 31 days.
4. Ellis Island opened on January 1, 1892. The opening allowed for the immigration of over 20 million people.
5. Ancient Anglo-Saxons called it Wulfmonath. It was the month hungry wolves would pose a threat to human settlements.

Also, January 15, 2024 marks MLK Jr Day and the theme is "Living the Dream: It starts with me—spreading Hope, Courage and Unity".

My hope is for all people to find the courage to embrace diversity leading to unity.

Peggy

Ch 41 Members Recognized for Participation in "Veterans in the Classroom" Program

Cecil Hengeveld, Harry Gilman, Mike Connors, Billy Jones, and David Lydon were presented with certificates by the Flagler County Board of Education for sharing their military experiences with county high school and elementary students.





January Program/Speaker Dr. Alvin Jackson

Dr. Alvin Jackson holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Maryland in College Park, MD, as well as Masters and Doctorate of Ministry Degrees from The Thomas Brown Bible College in Jacksonville, FL. He is, also, the author of the book ***It Is Another Great Day: An Inspiring Guide to Effective Leadership***.

(Quantum Publishing Group, 2009).

Dr. Jackson is presently serving as the City Manager for Bunnell, FL. Bunnell is the second largest city, in land area, in the State of Florida with over 89 thousand acres within the city limits (majority agriculture). He is strategic and results-driven, focused on achieving exceptional results for administrative and operational functions in growth-oriented environments that demand continuous improvement. He possesses more than 38 years leading in municipal, state, economic development and workforce initiatives and agencies. A customer-focused leader possessing a unique blend of marketing, business, and financial strengths, he has spearheaded numerous breakthroughs and innovative accomplishments throughout his career that have touched lives of people.

Alvin spent the previous four years as Suwannee County Economic Development Director, providing strategic oversight and effectively leading the organization to new levels of efficiency and success. During his tenure in Suwannee, he directed the recruitment and expansion of 21 companies that drove more than \$166 million in capital investment, creating over 800 new jobs, drafted a performance-based Business Incentive Program which drove an additional creation of over 650 jobs for an investment of \$5.2 million dollars in performance-based incentives. In addition, Alvin recommended and created a new Land Use category, titled "Employment Centers" which would accommodate a mixed use of business, industrial, manufacturing, commercial, retail and limited residential properties. At the end of his tenure, he secured \$3.2 million to construct a wastewater treatment infrastructure at the hottest sites in the region.

(Source: Dr. Jackson's personal biography)

Yes, We Have Some Bananas.



A friend of mine, a retired Navy Chief Hospital Corpsman, recounts the following story:

"I was on board the USS Boston CAG-1 in 1962 for the Cuban Missile Crisis. Our mission was to stop any ships suspected of carrying any missiles or missile parts into Cuba. We sent out a crews of 10 sailors from the Boston, heavily armed to do a complete search of the vessels. A Hospital Corpsman was sent out with each surveillance crew carrying a 45-caliber pistol. The call to assemble and search was, "Away the Surveillance Detail."

I participated in 10 details, and we never found any missiles, only bananas. We didn't remove the bananas to see what was in the bottom of the crates. We saw bananas, turned around and headed back to the ship. We didn't want to start any conflict."

Flagler County Chapter, FL 41 News/Activities



Now Hear This



- Remember that all our monthly meetings for, at least, the first half of the year will be luncheons at Halifax. We are hoping to resume dinner meetings after our summer hiatus.
- Don't forget that 2024 local dues of \$25 is due on 1/1/2024.
- We are still seeking a volunteer for the position of Secretary. Please contact Peggy or any staff member if you are interested.
- New member Carolyn Sinatra has graciously accepted the lead position for our New Beginnings group. Thank you Carolyn for filling this important position.
- Future speakers
 - February – Blair Craig, Incarcerated Veterans Advocate
 - March – LaShakia Moore, Superintendent Flagler County Schools
 - April - Suzanne Johnston, Flagler County Tax Collector

**General Meeting Reservation
January 25,2024
Halifax Golf Club**

Social Time—11:30 AM Luncheon & Meeting— 12:00 Noon Program – Dr. Alvin Jackson

Name _____			
	Meal Charge	Meals Requested	Meal Total
Chicken Parmesan /spaghetti	\$29.00	_____	\$ _____
Pot Roast	\$29.00	_____	\$ _____
Supporting Donations (Circle one): Toys for Tots/ Feed Flagler/ JROTC Academic Achievement Award/ Other (please designate) _____		Donation Total \$ _____	
<small>(Suggested donation—\$10 min)</small>			
2024 Dues (if not yet paid)		Dues	\$ _____
			Grand Total \$ _____

(IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETING, PLEASE USE THIS FORM TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CAUSES THAT WE SUPPORT OR TO PAY YOUR DUES. WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. MARK "NO MEAL," CIRCLE FUND, AND INDICATE AMOUNT. Remember that we are collecting Food Panty donations in the bin at the registration table.

Mail Check to: MOAA, P.O. Box 352495, Palm Coast, FL 32135-2495

Please ensure that checks and reservations are received by Wednesday, Jan 17th, 2024. Thank you.

Dates to Remember

Board Meetings
 County Admin Bldg.
 Jan 4th 3:30 PM

 Feb 1st 3:30 PM

New Beginnings
 No Events
 Currently
 Planned

General Membership Meetings

Dinner Meetings

 Later in 2024

Luncheon Meetings

Halifax Golf Club
 Jan 25th Feb 22nd

Jan Birthdays

- 1 Annette Weaver
- 2 Sally Morris
- 6 Dhalma Azua
- 6 Frank Grover
- 7 Rene McClanahan
- 7 Kandi Wells
- 8 Sue Lewis
- 9 Gene Walker
- 11 Gerry Bell
- 12 Rhonda Stapleford
- 18 Jim Long
- 20 Robert DeVilbiss
- 23 Isobel Karvwatt
- 25 Kris Woycke
- 27 Fred Azua
- 27 Linda Hoskins



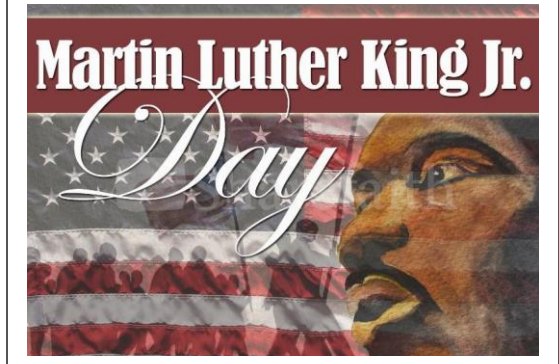
Jan Anniversaries

- 1 Hershel Gober &
Mary Lou Keener
- 4 David & Victoria Kelsey
- 19 Phil & Suzan Jones



Jan Observances

- 1 New Years Day
- 1 Emancipation Proclamation Issued (1863)
- 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 16 U.S. Enters Persian Gulf War (1991)
- 27 Signing of Viet Nam Peace Accord (1973)
- 28 U.S. - Viet Nam Cease Fire (1973)



Remember the Food Pantry
 Cash donations accepted in
 basket at Registration Table

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