

May 2022



Indian River Chapter MOAA

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President's Message

The month of May already and our last month of MOAA newsletters and meetings until September. I think it's a great time to think about the past two years and give ourselves a pat on the back for staying on our Chapter's successful path.

Just a few days ago, I was contacted by National MOAA (AKA "Big" MOAA) and told that one of our requests for grant money has been approved. Again, we will be receiving \$3,500 for our participation in community outreach in Indian River County.

We will use these funds towards helping a needy veteran make repairs on their home through the Veteran Council's Veterans Helping Veterans Program. Our **1st Vice President Terry Treat** is the director of VHV. And we are expecting more good news from Big MOAA in regards to other funds we have applied for.

We have gained recognition as a **five-star level** performer once again. There is no doubt that we are becoming more visible within our county and nationally with the MOAA organization.

We are standing by and about to launch perhaps our biggest effort ever as we have voted to take the lead with creating a **Tribute to WWII Veterans** and getting a visible remembrance erected on Veterans Memorial Sanctuary Island. Similar to our successful action in creating a WWI tribute, only on a much larger scale. We have formed a planning team who has been actively working on the concept for this action.

At our May 20th general meeting our team will give our members a power point presentation describing our thoughts and actions to date. MOAA has appointed **COL Tony Young** as team chairman and we will describe how we need you all to help.

We will be managing this WWII effort without taking away anything from our normal yearly assistance to the IRC Veteran Community, scholarship support, classroom involvements, contributions towards the Veterans Council, Gold Star Mothers, Junior ROTC and all organizations and programs that we have been active with for years.

I am asking for help already and request the following: Since we will have the next three months off from events and meetings, I ask you to continue to **donate to our Chapter**. I suggest whatever amount you normally would spend towards lunches, say \$22 per person per month, \$44 per couple, send as a donation check made out to IRC-MOAA and mailed to our P.O. Box 644047, Vero Beach, FL. 32964.-4047

If you can afford \$100 a month that would be even better and we will use wisely. This is what I do every month and I take credit on the taxes of course. When we donate to our own Chapter we know exactly where and how the money is put to use.

We ask that everyone attend our annual **Memorial Day event** to remember the fallen at the 2022 Memorial Day Remembrance at 9AM, 30 May on Veterans Sanctuary Island. You will, once again, see our MOAA Officers participating in the ceremonies. And MOAA will be handing out small flags as we have every year.

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The Buccaneer



Terry Treat Will Coordinate Volunteers Military Expo

1st VP Terry Treat will participate and will coordinate volunteers from our Chapter who wish to help teach small student groups about our military in general and share your personal experiences. Uniforms encouraged but not required. A MOAA shirt would be an appropriate uniform substitute; Terry can tell you how to get one.

UNITED STATES MILITARY EXPO May 25, 2021

Schedule

7am to 820am: Arrival (setup and breakfast)

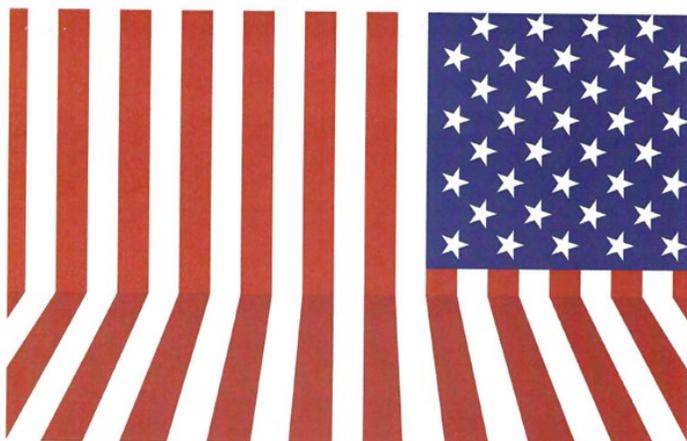
8:25am – 12:30pm: United States Military Expo
All visiting active-duty personnel will meet with students at Gifford Middle School from 6th, 7th and 8th grade levels. Student will receive education and information about the branches of the military. Each grade level will meet with active-duty service personnel, emergency services and veterans separately during this time in small groups.

12:30 – 1:15pm: Lunch will be provided

1:15pm -1:30pm: Lineup for Assembly

1:30pm – 2:00pm: Assembly "Thank you"

2pm - Departure



United States Military

EXPO

Presented By

Gifford Middle School

4530 28th Ct, Vero Beach, Florida 32967

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

8:30am to 2pm

Contact: Mr. Connor 772.564.3632 and Mrs. Saint-Louis 772.564.3665



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Last but certainly not least, join us on our **River Cruise Boat ride from Captain Hiram's resort in Sebastian at 10 AM on Thursday June 23rd**. Lunch at Hiram's is optional afterwards. We had a great time last June and want a full boat. Seating is limited so send in your reservation as soon as possible.

I want to personally thank each of you for your support during the past 18 months. Mostly it's your confidence and friendship that I feel and appreciate. I always say that there is nothing better than being with fellow veterans and working together in helping our veterans here at home. "Still Serving" is the MOAA motto and we live it proudly. God Bless.

Carroll Oates

LTC USA

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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Do you know someone who is a retired or former military officer or widowed spouse of an officer, but not a member of our chapter or MOAA? If so, ask them to join and contact **Carroll Oates** at 954-494-8742.

Treasurer's Report for March 2022

Bill Duffy

We started the month with a balance of \$16,236.90.

This was a very busy month.

We held the MOAA Lunch on March 18 with our guest speaker, Judge Nicole Menz. We paid Vero Beach Yacht Club \$813 and collected \$1,051 in lunch payments and the 50/50 for a net positive of \$238.

We donated \$1,500 to the Veterans Council Denim & Diamonds event.

Gold Star Mothers Neil Diamond Concert efforts resulted in over 300 ticket sales and Donor contributions of \$5,500. After expenses our efforts produced direct donations of \$4,400 and our contributions of \$4,200 for a Grand Total of \$8,700 to support the efforts of the Gold Star Mothers of Indian River County.

We received the dues funds from MOAA (from members using the National MOAA web site) totaling \$1,527.50.

We ended the month with a balance of \$15,440.72.

Bill



May 2022

US Army Launches K-9 Corps From History.com Submitted by Terry Treat

On March 13, 1942, the Quartermaster Corps (QMC) of the United States Army begins training dogs for the newly established War Dog Program, or “K-9 Corps.”

Well over a million dogs served on both sides during World War I, carrying messages along the complex network of trenches and providing some measure of psychological comfort to the soldiers.

The most famous dog to emerge from the war was Rin Tin Tin, an abandoned puppy of German war dogs found in France in 1918 and taken to the United States, where he made his film debut in the 1922 silent film, *The Man from Hell's River*. As the first bona fide animal movie star, Rin Tin Tin made the little-known German Shepherd breed famous across the country.

In the United States, the practice of training dogs for military purposes was largely abandoned after World War I.

When the country entered World War II in December 1941, the American Kennel Association and a group called Dogs for Defense began a movement to mobilize dog owners to donate healthy and capable animals to the Quartermaster Corps of the U.S. Army. Training began in March 1942, and that fall the QMC was given the task of training dogs for the U.S. Navy, Marines and Coast Guard as well.

The K-9 Corps initially accepted over 30 breeds of dogs, but the list was soon narrowed to seven: German Shepherds, Belgian sheep dogs, Doberman Pinschers, collies, Siberian Huskies, Malamutes and Eskimo dogs.

Members of the K-9 Corps were trained for a total of 8 to 12 weeks. After basic obedience training, they were sent through one of four specialized programs to prepare them for work as sentry dogs, scout or patrol dogs, messenger dogs or mine-detection dogs.

In active combat duty, scout dogs proved especially essential by alerting patrols to the approach of the enemy and preventing surprise attacks.

The top canine hero of World War II was Chips, a German Shepherd who served with the Army's 3rd Infantry Division. Trained as a sentry dog, Chips broke away from his handlers and attacked an enemy machine gun nest in Italy, forcing the entire crew to surrender. The wounded Chips was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star and the Purple Heart—all of which were later revoked due to an Army policy preventing official commendation of animals.



Scout Dogs: US Marine dog handlers and their K-9s in the South Pacific



1LT Terry Treat and Roger, The Friendly St Bernard, at a border security camp on the East German border, Dec '72. He was not a war dog...just Terry's best buddy and unofficial unit mascot.

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THE BUCCANEER

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CORRECTIONS TO 2022 SOCIAL ROSTER

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302-545-5454

TAKE ACTION

Here is the link to MOAA's online legislative Take Action Center:

[MOAA | Take Action Center \(quorum.us\)](https://quorum.us)

1. The Richard Star Act

This bill would end an unjust offset faced by tens of thousands of combat-injured retirees who were unable to complete 20 years of service due to their combat injuries. Retired pay is for completed years of service paid by DoD, while disability compensation is for life-long injury paid by the VA. Two different payments for two different purposes. To reduce retired pay because of a disability is an injustice.

2. The Stop Copay Overpay Act

This bill would reduce mental health copays that were more than doubled through military health system reforms. Mental health is increasingly important and getting attention on the Hill due to pandemic impacts and the effects of social media on children's well-being. This issue impacts currently serving families on TRICARE Select, working age retirees and their families.

3. Military Pay Raise at 4.6% per the Employment Cost Index (ECI)

MOAA supports the full pay raise for all and will guard against any reductions to fund pay-table overhauls.

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Saturday May 7, 2022
Florida Brass Performance for
The Indian River Gold Star Mothers
Performance at 7 PM
Vero Beach Elks

This is a rare opportunity to see the renowned Florida Brass in Vero Beach.

The Florida Brass drum and bugle corps was organized in 2003 in Lakeland, Florida with seven members. It has now grown to be one of the best musical groups in the state of Florida. The Florida Brass is made up of past members from all eras of over 60 different drum and bugle corps nationwide.

They appear in parades and perform in concerts all over the sunshine state. The Florida Brass is a non profit organization and performs in these events for fun, to entertain the public and to raise money for instruments, uniforms and instructors.

Their music offers up selections that vary from a Latin style beat to music from the opera...done with class and a flair that only The Florida Brass knows how.

See the flyer on Page 9 for details about the concert.



Captain Hiram's Boat Ride

Thursday June 23, 2020 at 10:00 AM
Sebastian, Florida

We are pleased to announce that our summer gathering will be an eco river cruise aboard **Captain Hiram's River King** at 10:00 AM, Thursday June 23. Cost is \$25 each. The River King seats 40.

After the tour, we have an optional lunch at Captain Hiram's Blackfin Restaurant.

This will be an enjoyable and relaxing few hours.

Contact Bill Duffy to reserve your seats.
bduffy156@hotmail.com

We look forward to seeing you.

Bill Duffy, Treasurer



SAVE THE DATE

June 9-12
2022

FUN in the SUN

45th ANNUAL CONVENTION
Hosted by the Florida Council of Chapters

West Palm Beach Marriott



MOAA Florida Conference Registration is now open!

The MOAA Florida Council of Chapters (FCOC) Annual Convention is set for June 9th - 12th at the West Palm Beach Marriott. MOAA Members from around Florida will have representatives at the Convention and all MOAA Chapter Members and Guests are invited. The fun will include a Mystery Dinner Theater Dinner and a Casino Night Fundraiser for the MOAA Foundation, along with optional trips, outings, and adventures! Join us for a great time with old friends or to meet new friends!

For more information and to register, go to the Florida Council Website at:
MOAAFL.org.

Save the Date



**State of Florida
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Benefits Fair**

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MAY CHAPTER LUNCHEON REGISTRATION

IRC-MOAA Luncheon, Friday May 20, 2022

Vero Beach Yacht Club, 11:30 AM

Our speaker for the May 20th luncheon is **Tony Young**, Chapter Member, former Vero Beach Mayor and Committee Chair for the planned WWII Memorial on Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary. Tony will present the proposed design, planning steps and fundraising activities for this ambitious and permanent addition to the Island. At long last, we will have a first-class permanent stage/reviewing stand structure for future ceremonies and veteran presentations. As was the case for the recently dedicated WWI monument, our Chapter has offered to take the lead on turning this concept into reality. This is a big project and will require significant funding, and a lot of help from our membership. Here is your chance to participate in an activity which will enhance the Island, properly honor our WWII veterans and enhance our role in our community. Come to the luncheon to learn all about it!

-----Tear Line -----

Send reservations and payment by 5:00 PM

Friday May 13, 2022

Name _____

MENU CHOICES AT \$22 PER PERSON:

Chicken Picatta w/whipped potato and vegetable medley _____

Meatloaf w/whipped potato and vegetable medley _____

Caesar Salad w/ Salmon _____

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