



## \*\*\*\*\*JULY/AUGUST 2022\*\*\*\*\*

MAJ Joseph "Joe" Voge, USA, (Ret), President, 2022, Kingdom of the Sun, MOAA



Our annual Scholarship/Awards Dinner was a great success. There were two scholarship winners and seven MOAA certificate with medal winners, as well as two Science Fair winners. The parents and JROTC instructors were in attendance. The scholarship winners were from the Forest and Dunnellon High School JROTC programs. The certificate with medal awards are given to deserving JROTC cadets from the seven county high schools who have JROTC programs. Nick Navetta organized and presented the awards at their individual schools. Tom Dann introduced the Science Fair winners who happen to be brothers, one from high school and the other from middle school. I am confident that everyone had a good time. It was special this year because it was held at the Ocala Ballroom in the Sovereign Building.

The arrangements were made by Nick Navetta for which we are thankful. He contracted "ClawMamas" catering, who provided room setup, the sound system, and the food, which was

excellent. In a very patriotic manner, an open bar was donated by "Fishhawk Spirits" for the night. The centerpieces were also donated by "Blooming Events". Letters of appreciation will be sent to each of these businesses.

Our Thursday luncheon featured Oncologist, Dr. Norm Anderson. His "two treatments per day" method of radiation therapy seems to be extremely effective in the treatment of cancerous skin disorders. His before and after pictures of his patients were more than convincing that his method works. The question was asked as to the treatment of internal maladies by the same method. He replied that they can be successful. Both Frank and Bill, former patients, touted his method with their stories of recovery.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on September 1st.

### "Never stop Serving"

Joe Voge, President MOAA-KOS Chapter



Kingdom of the Sun Chapter, MOAA  
PO Box 4255, Ocala, Florida 34478-4255

SUNBEAMS is published bimonthly for the information of the members of Kingdom of the Sun (KOS) Chapter, an affiliate of The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). The views expressed do not necessarily reflect the views of either organization.

SUNBEAMS is printed by Concord Print Shop of Ocala, Florida. KOS is a nonprofit organization, incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida on 13 April 1976. KOS is a politically nonpartisan Chapter. It is not associated with the Department of Defense.

**Editor:**

LTC Arlo Janssen, (Army) 352-237-9720

**Photo Editor:**

Dennis Rose (Air Force), 352-425-0500

**Legislation:**

COL Robert Schlegel (Army), 516-815-2816

**Publisher:**

Kingdom of the Sun Chapter of MOAA

**Chapter Officers:**

President: MAJ Joseph "Joe" Voge (Army),  
352-421-9030

1st V.P.: COL R. "Craig" Ham, (Army)  
352-843-2357

2nd V.P.: COL Nick Navetta (Army), 352-620-9651  
SECRETARY: Col James "Jim" Alsobrook, (USAF)  
352-351-5787

TREASURER: Mrs. Linda Byrd, SSM  
352-509-4317

**Directors:**

CDR Tom Dann (USCG), 352-245-3571  
Mrs. Barbara LaFleur, SSM, 508-280-3111

VACANT

LTC Frank Rasbury (Army), 352-687-0981  
COL Bob Schlegel, (Army), 516-815-2816

LTC Carolyn Smith (Army), 352-304-6927

**Birthday Representative:**

Vacant - TBD

**Distaff Representative:**

Mrs. Betty Hayes, SSM, 352-622-7813

**Immediate Past President**

Lt Col Carol Walker, (Air Force)  
352-237-6564

**Meetings:**

The Kingdom of the Sun Chapter (MOAA), meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month. Dates, times and occasions are announced in advance in the SUNBEAMS.

Members are encouraged to attend and guests are always welcome. Meetings are usually suspended during the summer months of July and August. The KOS Board currently meets monthly on the second Tuesday of each month at 12:00 P.M. at Mimi's Café. Officers and Board Members are required to attend.

Visit our website at:

<http://www.moaafl.org/chapters/KOSMOAA/>

## THE DISTAFF SIDE

by Mrs. Betty Hayes

### OUR KOS "DISTAFF REPRESENTATIVE" REPORTS ... ITS SUMMER!

"Summertime and the livin' is easy.." Do you remember those opening words of a famous song?

Yes, it is summertime but the livin' isn't easy here in the Sunshine State. It's time for blistering heat, dripping humidity and biting bugs. The almost constant hum of air conditioners drowns out the sound of the birds' songs. The busy streets in my neighborhood are deserted. There are no children outside riding bikes and calling to one another. No dogs are zooming around the area looking for squirrels to chase

The usual walkers are not out walking. Maybe they are at the gym? My Grandmother would say, "It's the doldrums of summer." The dictionary explanation of the doldrums is.. "A period of inactivity, listlessness or depression." Summertime ain't easy, but it doesn't last long.

There will be outdoor celebrations on our nation's birthday, picnics in the park, children laughing in the lakes and fireworks in the sky. Hurrah! It's the Fourth of July time to shake off the doldrums and cheer that we live in Florida, USA.

#### BE PREPARED!

Check your hurricane preparation kit. Have a plan ready if the warning comes. Don't panic.

#### IN MEMORIAM

COL Jay "Aleks" Brzezanski, USA, died on May 9, 2022. A service is pending at a future date.

#### The Surviving Spouses Logo from MOAA



# Kudos...



**Timothy L. Williams,  
Captain, USMC (Ret)  
At the OTOW Memorial  
Day Ceremony.**

To Tim Williams for his outstanding presentation at the Memorial Day Ceremony held in the OTOW Recreation Center Ballroom on May 30, 2022. Tim said that Memorial Day is for Remembrance, a day to Respect, and a day of Honor. Tim honored COL Aleks Brzezanski, USA, one of our On Top of the World (OTOW) and Kingdom of the Sun (KOS) veterans. COL Aleks Brzezanski passed away on May 9, 2022. Tim said there is a saying that goes around that “The flag does not fly from the wind but from the last breath of a dying veteran.”

Tim served in Viet Nam with Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division. Tim closed his remarks by saying “To the memory of those who have gone before us know well that “The Torch has been received, and we will carry its flame until we shall join you in eternal rest.” Timothy L. Williams – Captain, USMC (Ret). A “Bravo Zulu” is awarded to Tim for his efforts in supporting the OTOW Memorial Day 2022 Veteran’s program.



**Monograms  
by Liz**

MONOGRAMMING ~ EMBROIDERY ~ ALTERATIONS

Monday - Friday: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Email: MonogramsL@aol.com

Jasmine Square  
6130-2 SW State Road 200  
Ocala, Florida 34476

LIZ SCHAFFRICK  
(352) 237-9626  
Cell: (352) 207-8824

**STUMPCKNOCKERS**  
Restaurant

Featuring Our Famous  
**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT** Catfish

Casual Dining on the Scenic  
Withlacoochee

Fresh Grouper, Snapper, Shrimp,  
Scallops, Oysters, Crab Legs,  
Frog Legs, New York Strip,  
Ribeye, Grilled Chicken Breast

Full Liquor Bar

Highway 200, at the  
Withlacoochee River in  
Dunnellon

Phone 854-2288

**Calendar for KOS Events – JULY TO SEPT. 2022**

July 1 – August 31, 2022, KOS Stuff the Bus Events, TBD

September 1, 2022, KOS Luncheon, The Braised Onion,  
12:00 PM

**BERKSHIRE  
HATHAWAY**  
HomeServices

2161 E Fort King St  
Ocala, FL 34471

**Bron Mytnik**  
REALTOR®

**Home Team Realty**  
352-789-2141  
352-622-9700  
ogbron@hotmail.com

Ⓜ A member of the franchise system of BHH Affiliates, LLC

622-6892

**JANINE'S  
BARBER SHOP**

BLOCKBUSTER PLAZA  
2750 EAST SILVER SPRINGS BOULEVARD  
SUITE 101  
OCALA, FLORIDA 34470

**STUDIO200**  
 "An Extraordinary Salon Experience"  
 352.237.7020  
 studio200salon.com  
 studiotwohundred@gmail.com



**AutoTech II**  
 Service that Speaks for Itself

**237-4441**

6895 S.W. State Rd. 200, Ocala, FL 34476

**Walt's Brake & More**  
 \* Guardian of Your Safety Since 1965 \*  
 Auto-RV-Truck-Repairs & Storage  
 Gas & Diesel-Covered & Uncovered

Walt Krumm Jr  
 walt@waltsbrake.com

ASE  
 Approved  
 Auto Repair

www.waltsbrake.com cell 352.843.6215  
 3890 NW Gainesville Rd fax 352.867.1911  
 Ocala, FL 34475 shop 352.629.3134

**DENTISTRY AT BRIDLEWOOD**

**STEPHEN H. DUNN & ASSOCIATES**

7555 SW Highway 200, Ocala, FL 34476  
 352.873.2000 office | 352.873.2002 fax  
 DrDunn@OcalasDentist.com | www.OcalasDentist.com

**EL MEZCAL**  
 MEXICAN RESTAURANT

Authentic Mexican food  
 Expect the best!

8449 SW STATE Rd 200 #147-149  
 OCALA, FL 34481  
 PHONE: (352) 509-7029

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

Carolyn A. Smith, KOS Chaplain

**Honor our Founding Fathers**

"And for the Support of this Declaration, with a firm Reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor." This is the last sentence in our country's Declaration of Independence, signed by fifty-six courageous men 246 years ago. With those signatures, they immediately reached the top of King George III's most wanted list and were relentlessly hunted down during the ensuing years of the Revolution. Some of them did indeed lose their lives and/or fortunes. But their sacred honor not only survived; it has served as an inspiration for patriotic citizens of our great country ever since.

Pat Conroy, one of my favorite authors, said "Honor is the presence of God in Man." This thought parallels King Solomon, who in his many proverbs, declared "By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches and honor and life." (Proverbs 22:4) How many people do you know today, whom you would call a person of honor? One who is honorable can't be bought, bribed, or broken. You might say honor is always doing the right thing, regardless of the consequences. It's sometimes a tough goal. But in a world where we see constant betrayal of promises and even deep corruption among politicians and other leaders, we must not yield to the temptation to compromise our personal honor.

As we approach the 4th of July, or Independence Day, may we never forget those founding fathers and the honor they refused to sacrifice. "If I lose my honor, I lose myself." – William Shakespeare in Antony and Cleopatra

**ESTATE JEWELRY**

24K · 22K · 18K · 14K GOLD, PLATINUM, PENDANTS, RINGS, BRACELETS, NECKLACES, EARRINGS, DIAMONDS, RUBIES, SAPPHIRES, EMERALDS, OPALS, MOISSANITE AND MORE.  
 NEW ITEMS ARRIVING DAILY. CASH OR CREDIT

**PALM BEACH DESIGN**  
**JASMINE SQUARE SR 200, WED-SAT 11AM-5PM**

ESTATE JEWELRY.pptx **352-450-5089** WEB ID 79453

**FRIENDSHIP BARBERS**

At Entrance to On Top of the World

**Open 6 a.m. Weekdays**  
**854-1114**

**CLIFFORD'S GARAGE**  
**TIRE & TOWING SERVICE**

12351 S.E. 72th Terr. Rd.  
 (Corner of 441)  
 Belleview, FL 34420  
**(352) 307-7769**

# SEE AND BE SEEN *By Dennis Rose*

MAY-JUNE 2022

A MONTH BY MONTH PHOTO HISTORY OF KOS-MOAA. ARE YOU IN IT?





## LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

*(Excerpts from MOAA's email updates, Copyright © Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) or from other sources as cited. See more at: <https://moaa.quorum.us/>  
Contact Information for KOS Legislation is COL Robert Schlegel, USA*

### Arlington Cemetery Update: Bill Would Fix Unjust Changes, But It Needs Supports

By: Mark Belinsky    MAY 25, 2022

A long-term legislative solution will preserve burial with full military honors for countless elderly and women veterans who could lose that earned benefit – but only if MOAA members and others encourage their lawmakers to act.

[TAKE ACTION: Ask Your Lawmakers to Co-Sponsor the Expanding America's National Cemetery Act]

The Expanding America's National Cemetery Act of 2022 has yet to be introduced in either chamber. A draft version of the law doesn't specifically address the planned reduction of eligibility at Arlington National Cemetery (ANC), but it takes significant steps toward a long-term solution. The bill would:

Authorize the transformation of a VA-run national cemetery "to continue provision of full military honors" prior to Arlington reaching capacity. This would remove the space restrictions at Arlington which led to the ill-conceived eligibility changes now working their way through the federal rulemaking process.

Ensure all eligibility criteria used for full military honors at the proposed cemetery are the same as those in effect for ANC as of March 31, 2022. This would make Congress' intent clear regarding eligibility changes beyond that date, increasing the likelihood of the current process staying in place.

Require a joint DoD/VA report covering both cemetery expansion and any new eligibility criteria, paying special attention to women veterans and to those whose military careers did not include service in combat. This further clarifies Congress' intent to better account for these groups in the eligibility process.

#### MOAA Fights for You

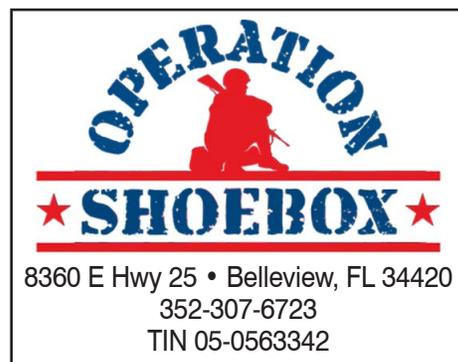
Get involved and make sure your interests are addressed.

**Support MOAA's COVID-19 Relief Fund**

Donate to help The MOAA Foundation address emerging needs among currently serving and former uniformed service members, retirees, and their families.



600 S. Magnolia Ave • Ocala, FL 34471 • (352) 629-0736 • Fax: (352) 732-0311  
Email: [service@concordprintocala.com](mailto:service@concordprintocala.com) • [www.concordprintocala.com](http://www.concordprintocala.com)



# Schedule of Events

## Lunch/Dinner Meetings and Board Meetings

<b>JULY</b>	<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HELP WITH STUFF THE BUS!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Call Craig at <b>352-843-2357</b> to volunteer</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NO SOCIAL ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR JULY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CELEBRATE OUR INDEPENDENCE DAY ON MONDAY, JULY 4, 2022</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECRUIT A FRIEND TO KOS-MOAA MEMBERSHIP THIS SUMMER!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>EACH ONE REACH ONE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NO SOCIAL ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR AUGUST</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Braised Onion 754 NE 25th Avenue, Ocala</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>September 1, 2022</b></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Dr. Patrick Pacalo</b> KOS Chapter Member and Life Member of MOAA</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>12:00 PM Cocktails (Cash Bar)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>12:30 PM Luncheon</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Choice of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classic Meatloaf</li> <li>• Seafood Salad Sandwich</li> <li>• Chicken Marsala</li> <li>• Southern Cobb Salad</li> <li>• Quiche of the Day</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">All include beverage, sides, and gratuity.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cost: \$20 per person*</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Reservations with meal choices ASAP but not later than noon on Sunday, August 28th!</i></b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">No Board of Directors meeting in July</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8/9/22 – Board of Directors 12:00 PM at Mimi’s Café</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Everyone is welcome</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9/13/22 - Board of Directors 12:00 PM at Mimi’s Café</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Everyone is welcome</p>

Tables will be available for single members at all KOS events.

\*Walk-ins without reservations will pay an additional \$2.

**Reservations: Please email Linda Byrd, SSM at [ByrdLoves2Read@gmail.com](mailto:ByrdLoves2Read@gmail.com) or Call or text her at (352) 789-4904 as soon as possible.**



P.O. BOX 4255, OCALA, FLORIDA 34478-4255



**Return Service Requested**



## AL KRIETEMEYER AMERICAN LEGION POST 284

5515 SE 109th Street  
Bellevue

### **Meeting Nights**

Post 284 & Auxiliary Unit 284

1st Monday of the month.

Dinner at 6pm – Meeting at 7pm

Sons of the American Legion Sq. 284

1st Thursday of the month at 7pm

Riders Chapter 284

4th Monday of the month at 6pm.

### **Fundraiser**

BINGO on Wednesday & Saturday of each week. Open to the Public.

Early Birds start at 5pm — Regular Games start at 6:15pm

Come help us support our veterans and their families.