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June 20, 2019

Dear Fellow MOAA Members,

Christa and I welcome you to the 42nd Florida Council of Chapters Convention hosted by the Tampa Chapter at the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa on Tampa Bay. The host chapter's Convention Committee has put together an ambitious and informative program that takes advantage of the hotel facilities, and the town of Safety Harbor.

Those of you arriving on Thursday had the opportunity of signing up for a visit to the James A. Haley VA Hospital and an Operation Helping Hand dinner with our Wounded Warriors.

We are honored to have two outstanding leaders to join us at our convention; MOAA President and CEO Lt. Gen. Dana Atkins, USAF (Ret), will be the keynote speaker and Installing Officer at the Military Gala Saturday evening, and the Director of the NOAA Officer Corps, RADM Michael Silah, NOAA, will speak at our "All Hands Breakfast" Saturday morning. Gen. Atkins will be doing "double-duty" as he will present MOAA's Col. Marvin J. Harris Communications Awards to the winning Florida chapters at the President's Reception Friday evening.

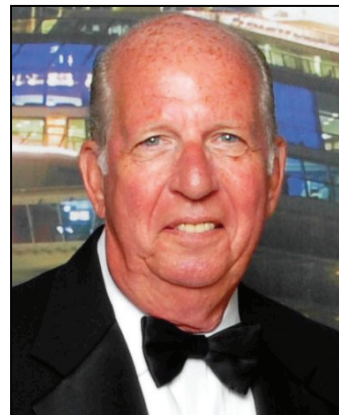
We are also very fortunate to have key MOAA National personnel attending - COL Terri Coles, USA (Ret); CAPT Erin Stone, USN (Ret); CDR Rene Campos, USN (Ret); and Anne Hartline - to provide information on chapter affairs & membership, legislative issues and Surviving Spouse support respectively

I want to thank COL Lewis VanDyke, USA (Ret) the Convention Chairman, COL Carol Zieres USA (Ret) Tampa Chapter President, and all the Chapter volunteers for their efforts to make this Convention a success.

Thank you for coming.

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Len Friedlander
Col, USAF (Ret)
President, Florida Council of Chapters





Lt. Gen. Dana Atkins, USAF (Ret)
President and CEO



Greetings to you and all the members of Florida Council of Chapters. I wish you all the best during the 42nd Annual Florida Council of Chapters State Convention at the Safety Harbor Resort & Spa, Safety Harbor, FL, hosted by the Tampa Chapter, on June 20 – 23, 2019.

You have selected a great location for this year's convention and I'm sure it will be a terrific success. Florida Council of Chapters continues to be one of the of the strongest councils in our affiliate system, having led the way for years with exceptional grass roots support of state and national level issues and as outstanding ambassadors in your communities throughout Florida.

This year, I am delighted to be with you and look forward to renewing old acquaintances with the leaders and members of the Florida Council of Chapters and its respective 43 local chapters.

Thank you for your tremendous support of MOAA, and your leadership both at the council and chapter level. Each and every one of your chapter members embody the spirit of "Never Stop Serving." Have a great convention!

Sincerely,

Dana T. Atkins



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

June 20, 2019

Dear Friends:

Welcome to Tampa for the Military Officers Association of America's 2019 Florida Council of Chapters Convention! Thank you for supporting our active duty, retired, and former military personnel.

As a veteran of the U.S. Navy, I understand the sacrifices our military and first responders make to protect our state and our nation. Those who selflessly serve our country, both at home and abroad, will always have my support.

Thank you for your service. Best wishes for a productive convention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis".

Ron DeSantis
Governor



RICK SCOTT
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United States Senate

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June 20, 2019

Dear Friends:

As a member of the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee, it is my pleasure to welcome the 42nd Annual Convention of the Military Officers Association of America, Florida Council of Chapters, to Safety Harbor. Florida's tremendous tourism and hospitality industry is proud to welcome your members from Georgia and Virginia to the world's top travel destination.

As a Navy veteran myself, I know firsthand the sacrifices our military members, veterans and their families make to keep our country safe. As Governor, I made it my mission to turn Florida into the most military and veteran-friendly state in the nation. We secured funding and legislation to help veterans get a great education, find jobs and open their own businesses. I also worked to alleviate the financial burden on military families by cutting taxes and reducing regulations to welcome these families to our state. It has also been an honor to recognize nearly 15,000 Florida veterans with the Veterans Service Award in appreciation of their service.

Fighting for our heroes continues to be my top priority as a U.S. Senator and a member of the Armed Services Committee. Last month, I worked with my colleagues to include \$750 billion in defense spending and a 3.1% pay raise for military members in the fiscal year 2020 National Defense Authorization Act. Our military provides for the safety of our country and protects freedom across the globe, and I'll never stop fighting to support them.

Thank you for your service to our nation. You have my best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable event, and I hope each of you will visit Florida often.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rick Scott". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Rick Scott
United States Senator

MARCO RUBIO
FLORIDA

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Dear Friends,

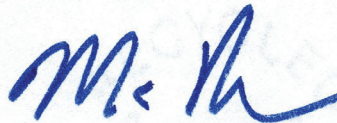
I am pleased to welcome you to the Military Officers Association of America's 42nd Annual Convention of the Florida Council of Chapters.

As you gather to honor our brave servicemen and woman today, let us never forget the countless sacrifices they have made to defend our nation. Some of these men and women served during the darkest times in our world's history and are the reason we enjoy our freedom and prosperity each and every day. I am grateful for your selfless work to support our active and retired military personnel to ensure they receive the support they deserve. You should be proud of your efforts to make a difference in their lives and I am confident your organization will continue to be a strong voice for America's military heroes.

On behalf of the people of Florida, I extend my best wishes to all in attendance today and look forward to hearing of your continued good work in the years to come.

May God bless you, our men and women in uniform, and may God bless the United States of America.

Sincerely,



Marco Rubio
United States Senator



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June 20, 2019

Lewis VanDyke, Convention Chairman
Florida Council of Chapters
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Dear MOAA Members:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to downtown Safety Harbor, in Florida's Twelfth Congressional District, for the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) 42nd Annual Convention of the Florida Council of Chapters.


As our nation's largest and most influential association of military officers, I fully support MOAA's efforts to engage public officials to ensure that the career force, the retired community, and Veterans of the uniformed services receive the benefits they have earned.

I am honored to continue serving on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs in the 116th Congress. As you know, within the Committee, we hold hearings on a vast array of issues affecting our Veterans; including the timely and correct processing of claims, unemployment, homelessness, and access to quality health care, among many others. Together, with the tireless work of organizations such as MOAA, we will continue to make progress in honoring our commitment to the brave men and women who have served and are currently serving in the Armed Forces.

Again, I commend MOAA as the leading voice on compensation and benefit matters for all members of the military community for over 90 years. I am extraordinarily grateful for the service and example you have given to our nation.

It is my hope that you will enjoy your time reuniting with old friends and together celebrating your dedicated service to our nation. Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable and productive convention!

Sincerely yours,



Gus M. Bilirakis
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June 20, 2019

Dear Friends,

It is with pleasure that I extend greetings to the MOAA Florida Council of Chapters' 2019 Annual Convention and congratulate you on paying tribute to the Tampa Chapter's *Operation Helping Hands* project by making it this year's theme, Helping Hands Helping Heroes.

Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) has been, for many years, an essential part of officers' lives. They are always advocating on issues such as pay raises, easing deployment stress, helping second careers officers find their next position, providing scholarships, and protecting earned retirement benefits. By fighting for these issues, MOAA has helped many military families along the way.

The Tampa Chapter is one of the largest and it is recognized as one of the top chapters in the nation. They have been a great help for officers on Active duty, Reserves, National Guard, and retired officers, always supporting MOAA's vision: to maintain a strong national defense and to ensure our nation keeps its commitments to currently serving, retired, and former members of the uniformed services and their families and survivors. As I mentioned earlier, Tampa Bay is fortunate for your work under the *Operation Helping Hand*, which assists wounded and injured military and their families during their stay at the James A Haley Veterans Hospital. As you may know, every day my Tampa office assists military members and veterans, and as representative of a patriotic community, which includes MacDill Air Force Base and James A. Haley Veterans Hospital, your concerns and issues remain a top priority for me in the U.S. Congress.

On behalf of the constituents of the Fourteenth Congressional District of Florida, I want to thank you for your service and wish you a productive gathering during this year's convention.

Sincerely,

Kathy Castor

Kathy Castor
United States Representative
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GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR

On behalf of the City of Safety Harbor, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to The Tampa Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America's (MOAA) 42nd Annual Convention of the Florida Council of Chapters, being held on June 20-23, 2019 at the Safety Harbor Resort & Spa. Since its inception, MOAA's mission has been to protect the rights of our active duty military service members, our veterans, their families and survivors. The Florida Council of Chapters is an affiliate of MOAA, consisting of more than 10,000 active, retired and former officers of the uniformed services living here in Florida.

In the coming days you will be connecting with your fellow members and various attendees from Florida, Georgia and Virginia. Safety Harbor is proud to support this year's chosen convention theme of "Helping Hands Helping Heroes." It is my hope that this convention will help the members of the MOAA and the Florida Council of Chapters continue in their positive partnership and efforts supporting a strong national defense as well as ensuring the veterans and their family members receive the entitlements they have earned.

I highly encourage all participants of the convention to explore Safety Harbor and all of its beauty and uniqueness and I wish all the attendees a great experience at the 42nd annual convention.

Sincerely,

Joe Ayoub
Mayor, City of Safety Harbor

CITY OF TAMPA



Jane Castor
Mayor

Greetings,

It is a pleasure to welcome all those attending the **42nd Annual Convention of the Florida Council of Chapters of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)** on June 20-23, 2019. Held at the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa, this important event features the theme *Helping Hands Helping Heroes*, and is a tribute to Tampa's Chapter's *Operation Helping Hand* project that assists families of wounded and injured military during their stay in our city.

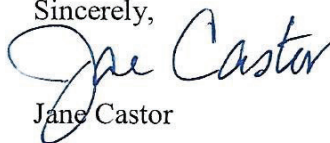


The largest professional association of military officers in the United States, the Military Officers Association of America with a current membership of more than 350,000 was established in 1929, and is an independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization. MOAA represents every branch of the United States of America military including active duty, National Guard, Reserve, retired, former officers, and their families. The Florida Council of Chapters of MOAA consists of forty-three chapters statewide, including the Tampa Chapter, whose members are dedicated to maintaining a strong national defense, and are committed to those currently serving, retired and former members of the nations uniformed services, and their families and survivors.

Tampa offers a unique, exciting experience for all its visitors, and our rich history, entertainment venues, museums, parks and restaurants ensure a memorable visit. For those of you who are visiting for the first time, I hope you will have the opportunity to experience the many cultural and historical venues our city has to offer. Whether you visit one of our landmark attractions, ride the streetcar from downtown to Sparkman Wharf and Historic Ybor City, stroll along Tampa's Riverwalk or Bayshore Boulevard, enjoy a meal at one of our fine restaurants, or visit our many first-class parks and shopping areas, we are sure you will find your stay to be an unforgettable experience.

Again, welcome and best wishes for an informative and enjoyable time.

Sincerely,


Jane Castor



On behalf of our Tampa chapter president, Carol Zieres, I would like to welcome members and guests from chapters across the state and beyond to the 2019 FCOC convention. Our convention hotel, Safety Harbor Resort and Spa, is located in beautiful Safety Harbor, which is a **“treasured gem”** nestled on the sparkling shores of Tampa Bay and promises to be a unique and wonderful experience.

Our theme this year is **“Helping Hands Helping Heroes,”** and highlights our chapter’s commitment to the Operation Helping Hand program, which has received national recognition for providing financial and emotional support to wounded and injured military being treated and recovering at the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital. On Thursday evening, attendees who signed up to go to our monthly OPHH dinner were transported to the VA hospital to meet the military members and their families and were given a tour of the new virtual reality room.

Friday is full of activities you will want to participate in, with the President’s Reception culminating the day’s events. After the reception, you can walk to Main Street, which is just outside the Resort’s doors, for the 3rd Friday festival featuring shopping, dining and entertainment options in a pedestrian-only environment.

Saturday will start with a plated breakfast and RADM Michael Silah, NOAA as guest speaker, followed by a memorial service for friends we lost last year. Convention activities, to include the business meeting and informative presentations will occur during the day with the Military Gala topping off the day. Our keynote speaker for the Gala is MOAA President & CEO, Lt. Gen. Dana Atkins, USAF (Ret), and we have a wonderful band who will play music of the 60’s, 70’s and 80’s, for our dancing and listening pleasure.

The Resort is conveniently located near downtown Safety Harbor. In addition to the stunning views of Tampa Bay, there are a number of things to do in the immediate vicinity of the Resort. Just a few suggestions include: Ruth Eckerd Hall for a musical performance, golf at one of several local courses, or taking a stroll on the historic city walk. If you want to just stay in and relax, the Resort is offering special pricing at their award winning Spa facilities and salon.

We are excited to have you join us for our annual convention and want you to have a memorable experience during your stay.



Lewis VanDyke, COL, USA (Ret)
Convention Chairman

In Memory of John L. Morrison, Lieutenant Colonel, USA (Ret)



John Morrison was a long-time MOAA Member with a record of distinguished service and leadership in the Palm Beach Fla. military community, the Florida Council Of Chapters (FCOC), and MOAA.

Born in New York City, and raised in New Jersey and Ohio, John graduated from The Ohio State University in 1969, and was commissioned in the US Army through the ROTC program. During the next twenty years, he served in Vietnam, Korea and Germany in addition to CONUS assignments, retiring in 1989 as a Lt. Colonel. After retiring from the Army, he had a horse farm south of Kansas City, and in 1995 moved to Wellington, FL.

Upon moving to Florida, John joined the Palm Beach-Martin Counties Chapter of MOAA, and served in key leadership roles as 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President, and finally as Chapter President for three years. During his tenure the chapter's membership grew to 140 members. As Chapter President John initiated the chapter's sponsorship of ice cream socials at the local VA Medical Center Long Term Care Facility -- where chapter members visited to play bingo with the patients and serve them ice cream. He also started a formal chapter recognition program for the top juniors and seniors at five local high school JROTC Programs.

As a result of his outstanding leadership at the chapter level, John was elected the FCOC Southeast Area Vice President where he was responsible for guiding the recruiting and legislative affairs of eight chapters, and two years later was elected Council Vice President. Subsequently elected FCOC President, he was forced to resign just four months later for health reasons.

LTC John Morrison was the kind of officer and veteran who simply *never stopped serving* until his health precluded his activity. He will be missed.

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The Tampa MOAA Chapter and the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa Extend a Warm Welcome to the Florida Council Of Chapters and Our Fellow Florida Chapter Members to the Forty Second Annual Convention

WHAT WE DO

- Since 2004 Tampa MOAA Chapter's Operation Helping Hand (Op HH) has raised and distributed over \$2.5 Million dollars to assist the active duty wounded and injured and their families at the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital (JAHVH) in Tampa, Florida.
- Every month since May, 2004, Op HH has held 170 consecutive monthly dinners at the JAHVH to honor the wounded and injured and their families. Over 350 have attended the dinners.
- USCENTCOM International Coalition presence at our luncheons and we attend their International Night.
- JROTC Awards and Scholarship Programs.
- Partnered with St. Petersburg College, Tarpon Springs Campus, Op HH and the JAHVH to host the annual Star Spangled Art Exhibit.
- Supports Operation Traffic Signal at the JAHVH.
- Annual Bob Silah Memorial Golf Tournament raising over \$20,000 for Op HH.
- Supports JAHVH Recreation Therapy Department and Straz Center Bill of Rights Veterans Art Exhibit.
- Toys for Tots Donations.
- OP HH Virtual Reality Room Equipment donated to JAHVH.
- Op HH Welcome bags for active duty wounded and injured at JAHVH.
- Op HH / Tampa Bay Ray's game outings for wounded and injured.



Wounded / injured attend the Op HH / Rays Games



Tampa MOAA and Op HH support Operation Traffic Signal to make the main entrance at the JAHVH safe for pedestrians and vehicle traffic



Tampa MOAA artists participated in the Straz Center Bill of Rights Veterans Art Exhibit on the River Walk in Tampa



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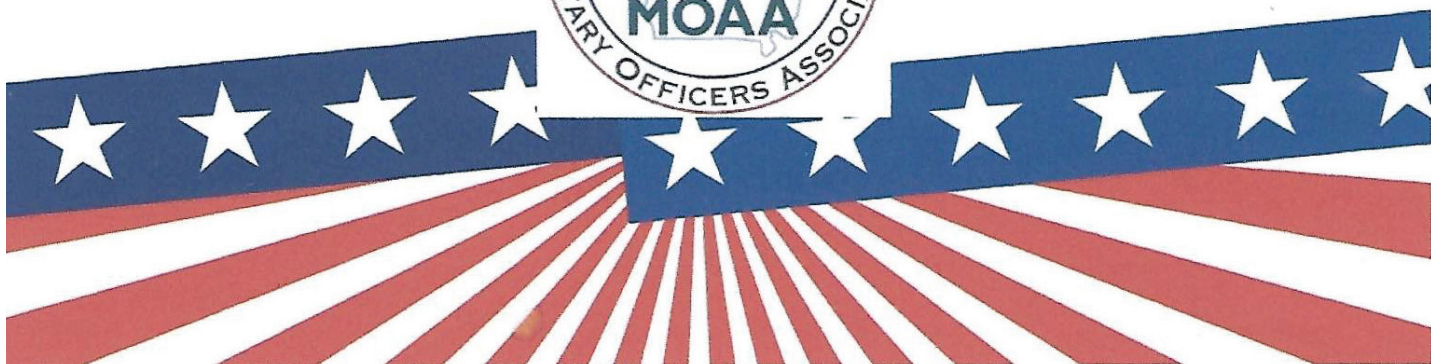
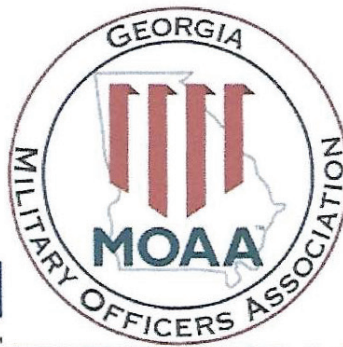
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THURSDAY, June 20, 2019

1300 - 1500 **EARLY REGISTRATION** (Baranoff Lobby)
1500 Bus departs Safety Harbor Resort and Spa for Tour of Virtual Reality Room and Operation Helping Hand Dinner (JAHVA Hospital)
1800 **Dinner** (JAHVA SCI Dining Room)
2030 Estimated bus return to Safety Harbor Resort and Spa

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2019

1100 – 1700 **REGISTRATION OPEN** (Baranoff Lobby)
1200 – 1700 **Hospitality Suite Open** (Desoto Suite)
1200 – 1700 **Vendor Tables Open** (Baranoff Lobby)
1300 – 1330 **Brief History of Safety Harbor** (East Room – COL Carol Zieres)
1330 – 1400 **MOAA Vacations** (East Room --- Jon Brenneman)
1400 – 1500 **Health & Wellness Seminar** (Baranoff Ballroom – Mary Strykowski)
1430 – 1600 **FCOC BOARD MEETING** (East Room – Col Len Friedlander)
1700 – 2000 ***PRESIDENT’S RECEPTION** (History Hall & Athena Ballroom) (Cash Bar)
1730 —1800 **Awards Presentation** (Athena Room - Lt. Gen. Dana Atkins)
1800 — 2000 **Reception w/heavy hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar** (History Hall)
2000 — **Third Friday Festival on Main St. Safety Harbor**

* **DRESS:** Florida casual (open collar shirt/blouse slacks/skirt) at all events except Military Gala

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2019

0730 - 1200 **REGISTRATION OPEN** (Baranoff Lobby)
0800 – 0915 **ALL HANDS BREAKFAST** (Four Springs Ballroom)
Guest Speaker, RADM Michael J. Silah, NOAA
0915 – 1000 **FCOC MEMORIAL SERVICE** (Four Springs Ballroom - COL Bernard Lieving)
0900 – 1630 **Hospitality Suite Open** (Desoto Suite)
0900 – 1630 **Vendor Tables Open** (Baranoff Lobby)
1015 -- 1115 **SPOUSE BREAKOUT SESSION** (*Private Chef of Tampa -- Desoto Suite*)
1015 – 1115 **FCOC ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING** (Baranoff Ballroom)
Palm Beach- Martin Counties 2020 Convention Presentation
1115 – 1200 **MOAA CHAPTER AFFAIRS/MEMBERSHIP** (Baranoff Ballroom – COL Terri Coles)
1200 – 1315 **LUNCHEON** (Four Springs Ballroom)
1315 – 1400 **NATIONAL MOAA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE** (Baranoff Ballroom- CDR Rene Campos)
1330 – 1430 **SPOUSE BREAKOUT SESSION** (*Wine and Cheese Event -- SydEntel Gallery*)
1400 —1430 **FL LEGISLATIVE SESSION SUMMARY** (Baranoff Ballroom – Lt Col Steve Murray)
1430 —1445 **BREAK**
1445 —1515 **SURVIVING SPOUSE BRIEFING** (Baranoff Ballroom -- Sherry Freese/Anne Hartline)
1515 —1545 **OPERATION HELPING HAND BRIEFING** (Baranoff Ballroom -- LTC Jim Griffin)
1630 – 2200 ****MILITARY BALL** (Four Springs Ballroom)
1630-1800 **Cocktails** (History Hall) (Cash Bar)
1730-1800 **Proceed to Four Springs Ballroom** (Music by *Sounds of Joy*)
1800-1830 **Opening Ceremonies, Service Songs & Toasts**
1830-1945 **Dinner & Installation of Officers**(Cash Bar /Four Springs Ballroom)
1945-2015 **Keynote Speaker Lt. Gen. Dana Atkins, USAF (Ret)**
2015-2200 **Music & Dancing** (Daniel Joiner Quartet)

** **Dress:** Formal/semi-formal, dinner jackets, dark suits. **Nonmilitary Ladies; cocktail attire**

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2019

0830 — 0930 **FCOC BOARD MEETING** (East Room – Col Len Friedlander)
0700 — 1100 **Breakfast (on your own) is available in the Fountain Grill**
1100 — 1430 **Sunday Brunch (on your own) is available — Reservation Required**

**FLORIDA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS 2019 CONVENTION
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Saturday June 22, 2019

0945am – 1045am

AGENDA

1. **Call to order:** Len Friedlander
2. **Invocation: Chaplain -** Terry Robertson
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Len Friedlander
4. **Appoint Parliamentarian:** Len Friedlander
5. **President's Comments:** Len Friedlander
6. **Secretary's Report:** Jon Gordon
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Don Courtney
8. **Proposed FY 2020 Budget:** Don Courtney
9. **Election of Officers:** Len Friedlander

East Central AVP – Raoul Gonzalez

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10. **Old or Unfinished Business:** Len Friedlander
11. **New Business:** Len Friedlander
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12. **Adjourn:** Len Friedlander

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FCOC 2019 Speakers

Lt Gen Dana T. Atkins, USAF (Ret) MOAA President & CEO

Lt. Gen. Atkins is a native of Portland, Ore. He earned his bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Portland and holds two master's degrees, one in aeronautical science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and another in national security strategy from the National War College.

A command pilot with more than 4,000 hours in fighter aircraft, Lt. Gen. Atkins has served in a number of key command and staff positions, including commander, 20th Fighter Wing, Shaw AFB, S.C.; commander, 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa, Japan; vice commander, 7th Air Force and U.S. Air Force Korea; director of operations, U.S. Pacific Command; and special assistant to the supreme allied commander Europe during the air war over Serbia. During his career, he flew as a demonstration pilot for both the European A-10 Demonstration Team and the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds.



At the time of his retirement from the Air Force, Lt. Gen. Atkins served as commander, Alaskan Command, U.S. Pacific Command; commander, 11th Air Force, Pacific Air Forces; and commander, Alaskan North American Defense Region, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.

He and his wife, Laura, were the 2004 recipients of the General and Mrs. Jerome F. O'Malley Award, which recognizes the wing commander and spouse whose contributions to the nation, the Air Force, and the local community best exemplify the highest ideals and positive leadership of a military couple.

Before becoming the ninth president of MOAA, Lt. Gen. Atkins served as president of Chronicle Media, a print and digital media company based in Augusta, Ga. that serves the southeastern U.S.

Rear Admiral (RADM) Michael J. Silah, NOAA Director, NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps (NOAA Corps) and NOAA's Office of Marine and Aviation Operations (OMAO)

RADM Michael J. Silah is responsible for the operation of NOAA's fleet of research ships and aircraft as well as commissioned NOAA officers and civilian personnel.

Commissioned into the United States Navy in 1992, he served in Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9) as the squadron's safety officer, completing three deployments to Southeast Asia and the Persian Gulf. He also served in Naval Force Aircraft Test Squadron (FORCE) before transferring to the NOAA Corps in 2002.



RADM Silah previously served as Commanding Officer of NOAA's Aircraft Operations Center (AOC). Under his command, AOC improved execution to over 90 percent and flew over 6,000 flight hours in support of NOAA missions. His team was recognized with Department of Commerce Silver and Bronze awards, a NOAA Unit Citation, and the Safety Management System Level 3 award--the highest possible distinction. He also led AOC during the relocation from MacDill AFB in Tampa to a new facility in Lakeland, Florida.

Earlier assignments include: Chief of Staff of National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP), Chief of Staff of OMAO, and aide-de-camp to the NOAA Administrator. RADM Silah has flown over 3,000 flight hours in the P-3, including over 1,500 hours as pilot-in-command, over 500 hours of Navy flight test, and nearly 150 hurricane penetrations.

RADM Silah holds a degree in economics from Duke and an MPA from Harvard. His awards include the Department of Commerce Gold Medal, NOAA Corps Meritorious Service Medal, NOAA Corps Commendation Medals, and NOAA Corps Achievement Medals. He is an active member in the prestigious Explorers Club, a group dedicated to promoting scientific exploration.

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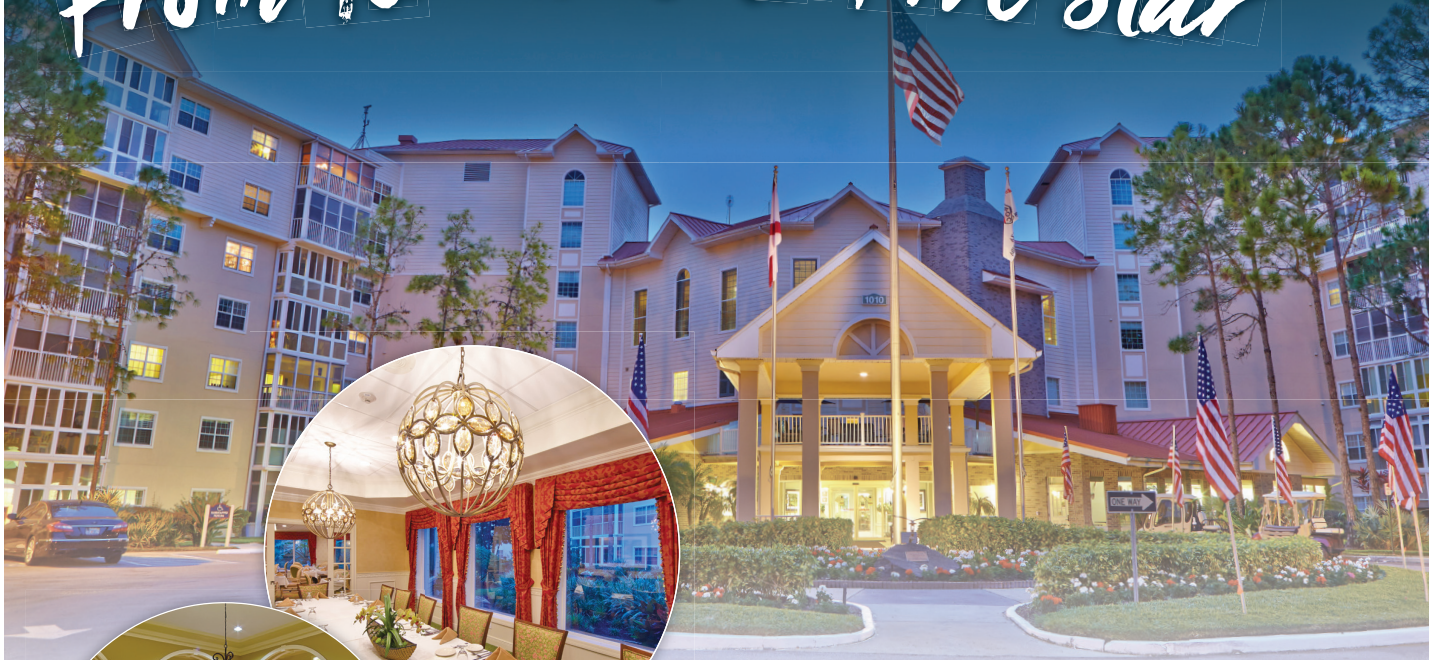
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