

# Military Spouse News

June 2019

## MOAA President's Message for June 2019



**COL Zieres**

Memorial Day saw record breaking heat in the Tampa Bay area, but that didn't stop the multitude of people from coming out to the many parades and memorial services to remember the fallen heroes who put service before self. First enacted to commemorate Confederate Soldiers following the American Civil War, Memorial Day, formerly known as Decoration Day, was extended after World War I to honor U.S. service members who have died in all wars. In my hometown of Safety Harbor, a special event took place at the Museum and Cultural Center during the week preceding Memorial Day, proudly exhibiting the transportable, "Wall of the Fallen," including fallen firemen and other first responders. It is a very solemn display of photos and captions of fallen heroes. We cannot thank these and all great patriots enough for their sacrifice. I've seen many displays of gratitude and appreciation for our Armed Forces/Military Veterans this past month to include discount offers at restaurants and even free admissions to theme parks. I encourage you to visit [www.Military.com](http://www.Military.com) and [www.wavesofhonor.com](http://www.wavesofhonor.com) if you haven't already done so, to stay informed about current and future discounts for Military Veterans.

I'd like to transition my thoughts to the May luncheon at the Bay Palms Golf Course. May is traditionally our Scholarship luncheon and this year, I was pleased to present a \$2,000 scholarship to KATHERINE LYNN RICHARD, granddaughter of Tampa Chapter member, LTC Jeanne Richard. "Katie" will graduate from Wesley Chapel High School this month and has been accepted into the Bachelor of Science program and the College of Theater at Florida State University. Congratulations and best of luck to Katie in all her future endeavors!

Our luncheon guest speaker was AF Maj. JUSTIN BATEMAN, Operations Officer, 6<sup>th</sup> Security Group, who did a superb job filling in for our originally scheduled guest speaker, AF Lt. Robert Moore. Colonel Moore's luncheon plans were suddenly changed by a visit to MacDill from the Commander, 18<sup>th</sup> Air Force. Major Bateman gave us the "Reader's Digest" version on the many challenges of providing security for MacDill

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## MOAA June Speaker



**Lieutenant General  
Carl E. Mundy III**

LG Carl E. Mundy III  
Marine Corps Forces  
Central Command

Topic:  
MARCENT's Mission

## MOAA Luncheon

13 June 2019 - 11:30 a.m.  
**Surf's Edge Club**  
Members and Guests Cost: **\$16.00**

### Menu

Black Bean Soup, Jamaican Jerk Pork,  
Rice and Peas, Steamed Cabbage,  
Fried Dumpling Rum Cake  
Order Fruit or Chef's Salad  
when you make your reservation

### Program

MARCENT's mission

### Reservations

Call 813-676-4676  
by noon 7 June

## Known June Birthdays

6 Rose Svenningsen  
 9 Renée Brunelle  
 9 Doris Kuhn  
 10 Angela Rickerson  
 20 Jean Howell  
 23 Susan Dvornik  
 26 Helen Mess  
 28 Betsy Wicker



## Sunshine Cards



A Sympathy card was sent to **Pricilla Sarver's** daughter.

A Thinking-of-you card was sent to **Hester Daly** who is recovering after suffering an upper respiratory illness.

## This And That



**Pricilla Sarver's** daughter, Cynthia, called me on May 6 to tell me Pricilla died on April 30. She suffered a massive stroke on April 11 and was not responsive after that. Her ashes will be buried with her husband, George, in Arlington

National Cemetery at a later date. Priscilla joined MOWC 11/12/2010 and really enjoyed attending our luncheons.

If you care to send her daughter a card, this is her address: Ms. Cynthia Sarver, 341 Beacon Street, #4C, Boston, MA 02116.



**Louise McMonegal's** memorial service was held May 24<sup>th</sup> at Grace Lutheran Church, 3714 West Linebaugh Ave., Tampa. Louise passed away in June 2018 while living with her daughter in another state. Louise joined MOWC in 2004 and was very active for several

years. Bonnie Kerr, Barb Ewanowski, Kathy Kennett and Shirley Helveston attended the service.

**Surviving Spouses**—According to MOAA's revised by-laws, surviving spouses have the option to pay dues, but are not required to pay chapter dues like other chapter members. Dues paying members

are given voting rights and other privileges such as holding an office on the board of directors.

## MOAA Foundation Community Outreach Grant

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the seven chapters identified below for applying for and receiving a MOAA Foundation Community Outreach Grant to support their chapter's activities serving their military and veteran communities. The MOAA Foundation Program has announced their awards totaling \$79,400 to 22 MOAA chapters across the U.S. who are giving back to the military community through programs that provide needed outreach, services, and recognition to service members, veterans, and military families. Seven of the 22 selected chapters are from Florida and FCOC is extremely proud of them for the work they are doing to support the military and veteran families in their community.

Many of our chapters are deeply involved in their communities and are doing excellent work. The seven Florida chapters receiving the MOAA Foundation grant took the extra step of documenting their ongoing project and submitting a grant request at the appropriate time. I hope that EVERY Florida chapter submits a grant request for their community project when the next grant cycle opens up.

In the meantime — CONGRATULATIONS to our Florida awardees.

- Historic Mayport Chapter
- Indian River Chapter
- Northwest Florida Chapter
- Military Officers Association of Sarasota
- South Central Florida Chapter
- Tampa Chapter
- Treasure Coast Chapter

**Len Friedlander, Col, USAF (Ret)**  
**President, Florida Council of Chapters**  
**Military Officers Association of America**



## WHAT MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME

1. My mother taught me about WEATHER.  
"Your room looks like a tornado hit it."
  2. My mother taught me about RELIGION.  
"You better pray that comes out of the carpet."
  3. My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL.  
"If you don't straighten up I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week."
  4. My mother taught me about OSMOSIS.  
"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
  5. My mother taught me about the CIRCLE OF LIFE.  
"I brought you into this world, I can take you out."
  6. My mother taught me about ENVY.  
"There are millions of less fortunate children in the world who don't have wonderful parents like you."
  7. My mother taught me about RECEIVING.  
"You are going to get it when we get home."
  8. My mother taught me about GENEALOGY.  
"Shut that door... You think you were raised in a barn?"
  9. My mother taught me about JUSTICE.  
"One day you'll have kids... I hope they turn out just like you!"
  10. My mother taught me about LOGIC.  
"Because I said so, That's why."
  11. My mother taught me about STAMINA.  
"You'll sit there until your spinach is gone."
  12. My mother taught me about IRONY.  
"Keep crying. I'll give you something to cry about."
- Share if you've ever hear these words from your mother's mouth or possibly said them a time or two yourself!..

## Women Share A Birthday Together

Four women share a birthday and always celebrate it together.

For their 40<sup>th</sup> birthday they go to the Lakeview restaurant because the waiters are cute and wear tight pants.

For their 50<sup>th</sup> birthday they go to the Lakeview restaurant because the prices are reasonable and it has a good wine list.

For their 60<sup>th</sup> birthday they go to the Lakeview restaurant because it's quiet and has a nice view.

For their 70<sup>th</sup> birthday they go to the Lakeview restaurant because it's wheelchair accessible.

For their 80<sup>th</sup> birthday they go to the Lakeview restaurant because they've never been there before.

## One-Liners

- \* I THOUGHT GETTING OLDER WOULD TAKE LONGER.
- \* A WISE MAN ONCE SAID NOTHING.
- \* RESPECT YOUR ELDERS; THEY GRADUATED WITHOUT THE INTERNET.
- \* WE HAVE ENOUGH GUN CONTROL; WHAT WE NEED IS IDIOT CONTROL.
- \* BEHIND EVERY ANGRY WOMAN STANDS A MAN WHO HAS ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA WHAT HE DID WRONG.
- \* INSTEAD OF "SINGLE" AS A MARITAL STATUS I PREFER "INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED".
- \* PATIENCE: WHAT YOU HAVE WHEN THERE ARE TOO MANY WITNESSES.
- \* VEGETARIAN: ANCIENT TRIBAL NAME FOR THE VILLAGE IDIOT WHO CAN'T HUNT, FISH OR LIGHT FIRES!
- \* I LOOK AT PEOPLE AND SOMETIMES THINK...."REALLY? THAT'S THE SPERM THAT WON?"
- \* IN MY DEFENSE I WAS LEFT UNSUPERVISED.
- \* IF GUNS KILL PEOPLE, THEN PENCILS MISSPELL WORDS, CARS MAKE PEOPLE DRIVE DRUNK, AND SPOONS MAKE PEOPLE FAT.
- \* MY DECISION-MAKING SKILLS CLOSELY RESEMBLE THOSE OF A SQUIRREL WHEN CROSSING THE ROAD.
- \* SOME THINGS ARE JUST BETTER LEFT UN- SAID. AND I USUALLY REALIZE IT RIGHT AFTER I SAY THEM.
- \* CAMPING: WHERE YOU SPEND A SMALL FORTUNE TO LIVE LIKE A HOMELESS PERSON.
- \* IF MY BODY IS EVER FOUND ON A JOGGING TRAIL JUST KNOW THAT I WAS MURDERED SOMEWHERE ELSE AND DUMPED THERE.



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## Future Opportunities

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**June 13: MOAA luncheon**

**July 11: MOAA luncheon**

**August 8: MOAA luncheon**

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## Lakeland dental pioneer plans farewell



Dr. Harry Bopp in his pediatric dentistry clinic in Lakeland on April 25. Bopp is retiring after 43 years as a pediatric dentist.  
(JENNIFER PETERS/THE LEDGER)

**Dr. Bopp is Evelyn Bopp's son. Evelyn has been a member of MOWC since 1994.**

## Lakeland dental pioneer plans farewell

Dr. Harry Bopp, the city's first pediatric dentist, retiring after 43 years

**By Gary White**

The Ledger

LAKELAND — Women who work in Dr. Harry Bopp's dental office reverently describe him as "the children whisperer."

As a pediatric dentist, Bopp has spent his career among children who would often rather be anywhere else than in his office. His longtime staff members say he exhibits an uncanny gift for convincing even the most tremulous children to sit pliantly and let him examine their mouths. "Sometimes you wonder, 'How do you do that?'" said clinical coordinator Robin Riley, an employee of 31 years. "He just knows how to make them feel at ease."

"I think it's his voice," added Jeannette Murphy, a member of Bopp's staff for 34 years. "It's that low, calming voice, and it just calms them down."

Bopp will treat his final batch of children June 11 before retiring after 43 years. While some dentists prefer to avoid treating children, Bopp chose to spend his career caring for young patients. "It's kind of a personality thing," he said on a recent morning, sitting in his office and wearing a gold tie with a pattern of rabbits and carrots. "My personality was I enjoyed kids. I enjoyed playing with them and entertaining them. My whole philosophy's been to try to make it like a playground where they get their teeth fixed."



**May Luncheon Attendees**

**Top: Millie and Charles Dalcourt, Frank and Valerie Andrews**

**Middle: Ed and Pat Geasa, Shirley Helveston**

**Bottom: Jeanne Richard receiving an MOAA scholarship award for her granddaughter from MOAA President Carol Zieres**

**Ladies that attended but were not photographed: Anita High and Alice Merlin**



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AFB including; ground, air space, and maritime threats along the seven miles of coastline. He spoke about the various air men training programs with special emphasis on cyber defense as part of the new curriculum.

One important announcement, as most of our members live in Hillsborough County, the Tampa James A. Haley VA Hospital (JAHVAH) recently announced the opening of another Community-based Outpatient Clinic, at 12920 Summerfield Crossing Blvd on May 21<sup>st</sup>. The new clinic serves a population of more than 10,000 Veterans in the Apollo Beach, Riverview, Ruskin, and Sun-City communities. This 50K foot clinic will provide much needed services like primary care, mental and behavioral health treatment, radiology, lab and telemedicine services for Veterans closer to home. This is good news for retired military Veterans who live some distance from the VA hospital - there are no geographical restrictions and Veterans can receive care wherever they choose.

Happy FLAG DAY and 244<sup>th</sup> birthday to the US ARMY on June 14<sup>th</sup> and don't forget the FLORIDA COUNCIL of CHAPTERS 2019 CONVENTION kicks off with the OPERATION HELPING HAND Dinner and Facility Tour of the JAHVAH's new Art and Music Therapy Division on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Let me say in advance, "A big Thank you" to those chapter members who have signed up to support this convention! I look forward to seeing many of you in Safety Harbor at the 20-23 JUNE convention.

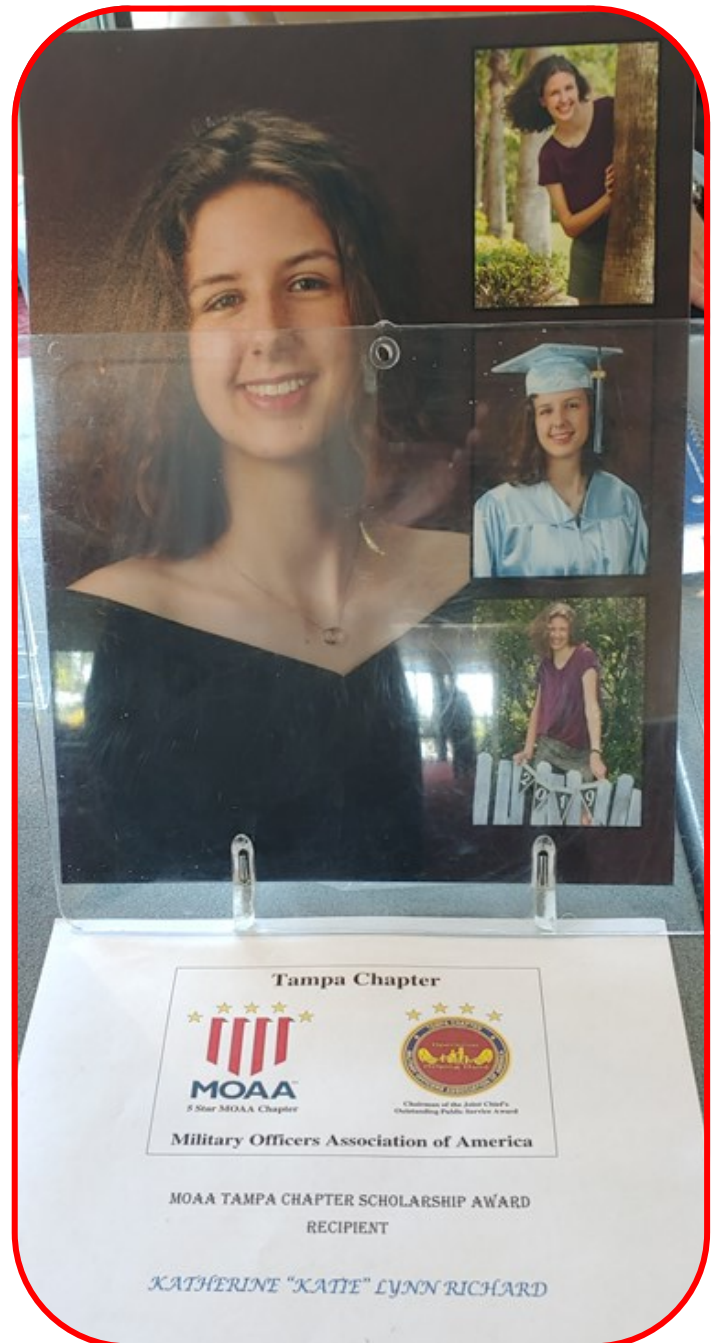
AS ALWAYS, WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK –  
NEVER STOP SERVING – TAKING CARE OF  
OUR TROOPS IS A LIFETIME COMMITMENT.

## MOAA Scholarship Awarded

Katherine Lynn Richard is this year's Scholarship recipient for the MOAA Tampa Chapter. She has been accepted to the Bachelor of Science program and the College of Theater at FSU focusing on a dual major, in Earth Science and Theater.

Katherine (Katie) is the grand daughter of chapter member, LTC Jeanne Richard, USAF (Ret).

Congratulations!





**Ruth Helveston Entner treated her Mom, Shirley Helveston, to lunch to celebrate her birthday May 17th. They ate at Lavender & Lace - a tea house in Lake Alfred. It was beautiful and the food was outstanding. We recommend it!**



**Ruth had Chicken Salad**



**Shirley had Spinach, Mushroom, Cheese Quiche**

