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PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

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Upcoming Events **OUR BOARD WILL** MEET AT 1000 on: + 02 MAY **+ 06 JUNE**

LUNCHEON MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 1130 AT BAY PINES GOLF **COMPLEX ON** 8 MAY

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR MAY 2019 COL CAROL ZIERES, PRESIDENT, TAMPA CHAPTER



PRESIDENT COL ZIERS USA RETIRED

Accompanied by their families and ROTC Instructors, it was my pleasure to honor Four JROTC CADETS from four Hillsborough County High Schools at our annual JROTC awards luncheon April 11: CADET ANDREW HATCH, 1LT JOSEPH LUBINSKI, MASTER SERGEANT THOMAS PARKER and CADET COMMAND MASTER CHIEF SETH KOCH. The CADETS representing the finest JROTC programs from ALONZO HS, MIDDLETON HS, STRAWBERRY CREST HS, and FREEDOM HS were very impressive to all chapter members in attendance. It is gratifying to meet these accomplished

young folks and recognize their potential for future leadership in the Armed Forces by awarding them the MOAA ROTC Medal and Certificates of Achievement. I'd like to thank USAA for again sponsoring our JROTC awards program this year and a personal thank you to LTC KEN MARTIN who always does an excellent job as our chapter liaison and outreach to the students as well as to the JROTC instructors at the respective high schools.

In addition to the Chairman of the Coalition, BGEN HENRIK LARSEN, we were also honored to meet and greet two more Senior National Representatives from the coalition, COL MARIAN MUNTEANU from ROMANIA and COL AHMED ISMAIL from EGYPT.

Our Guest Speaker from Hillsborough County, 13th Circuit Court JUDGE CARL HINSON, spoke to us in military parlance focusing on a serious topic involving Family Law. He shared some real world cases that were particularly challenging, accentuating the familiar caveat; "The role of the Judge is to follow the law and be an impartial decision maker while remaining nonpartisan."

...While we are on the subject of Legal affairs, this might be a good opportunity to bring up the subject regarding our chapter's bylaws. You may be aware that a copy of the Tampa Chapter's by-laws is posted on the website: www.moaatama.org. The current by-laws were reviewed at the April board meeting and some changes were recommended by the board. The changes will be voted on at the upcoming May board meeting and if approved, will supplant the existing by-laws on the web-site. Stay tuned for further details.

Lastly, as a reminder, the FLORIDA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS Convention is coming up soon (20-23 JUNE) at the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa. The room rate is a good deal at a world-class resort and tax free if you register online now at http:// www.moaafl.org/convention. With a chapter of more than 300 members, we'd like the Tampa Chapter to be well-represented at this event!

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



THE TAMPA CHAPTER OF THE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (MOAA)



The Board of the Tampa Chapter, Military Officers Association of America, met in early January to review the 2019 Board of directors and committee assignments. The following officers were installed at the January luncheon which was held at the Surf's Edge Club aboard MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa by Senior Director of Council and Chapter Affairs. The newly elected Board members and committee assignments are as follows:

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LTC KAY SCHWARTZ USAF RET

FORMER LCDR CHARLIE TOUCHTON USN

CAPT PAUL A MORRISON USN RET

10 LTC RUTH VANDYKE USA RET

LCDR LESLIE O'HARA USN AD

12 LTC STEPHEN WARNER USA RET 13

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COL JOHN PARCELEWICZ USAF RET 28

LT DIEGO ESGUERRA USN LT COL RICHARD GRINNELL USAF RET **CAPT STEVEN A SWIFT USNR**

> Is your May birthday missing? JUST SEND A NOTE TO: CW2 THOMAS SOUTH USA RET tsouth1811@gmail.com



OUR SPEAKER: LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT L. MOORE, USAF RETIRED



Lieutenant Colonel Moore USAF RETIRED

Our Chief of Security Police of MacDill AFB, Lt COL Moore, will speak at our luncheon on 8 May. Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Moore is the Commander, 6th Security Forces Squadron, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. The squadron provides force protection, physical security, law enforcement, and police services for over 13,000 military and civilian personnel assigned to the 6th Air Mobility Wing, U.S. Special Operations Command, U.S. Central Command and 38 other mission partners. The unit is the base focal point for the resource protection program and the personnel, information, and industrial security programs, and provides security forces Unit Type Codes for wartime and contingency deployments.

Lieutenant Colonel Moore was born 21 January 1967 in Memphis, Tennessee. He graduated from Wooddale High School, Memphis Tennessee in 1985 and enlisted in the Air Force in October of 1985. He completed Officer Training School March 2001, Security Forces Academy in September 2001 and has had assignments as a Security Forces officer in Illinois, Florida, Texas, Utah,

served as Chief, Security Forces Training Branch, Operations Division,

Directorate of Security Forces, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Installation

and Mission Support, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces, Washington, D.C. and multiple deployed locations. Lieutenant Colonel Moore arrived at his current assignment, MacDill Air Force Base Florida in June 2018.

EDUCATION

2000 Bachelor of Arts Criminal Justice Administration, Columbia College, Missouri

2001 USAF Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

2002 USAF Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

2005 Master's of Arts in Business and Organizational Security Management, Webster University, St. Louis Missouri

2005 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

2012 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence

2015 Air Command and Staff College (in-residence), Maxwell AFB, Alabama

2015 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

2016 Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

- 1. March 2001 December 2002, Flight Commander, Resources and Training, 375th Security Forces Squadron, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois
- 2. December 2002 May 2004, Assistant Operations Officer, 375th Security Forces Squadron, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois
- 3. May 2004 July 2005, Operations Officer, 375th Security Forces Squadron, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois
- 4. July 2005 September 2007, Deputy Chief, Modeling & Simulation Div, Force Protection Battlelab, Lackland Air Force, TX
- 5. September 2007 September 2009, Deputy Chief, Modeling Cell Operations Division, HQ Air Force Security Forces Center
- 6. September 2009 January 2011, Operations Officer, 45th Security Forces Squadron, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida
- 7. January 2011 July 2011, Commander, 45th Security Forces Squadron, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida
- 8. July 2011- June 2013, Commander, 82d Security Forces Squadron, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
- 9. Jul 2013 Jul 14, Commander, 75th Security Forces Squadron, Hill Air Force Base, Utah
- 10. Jul 14 Jun 15, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
- 11. Jun 15 Jun 18, Chief, Security Force Training, Strategy, Readiness, and Force Development Division, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
- 12. Jun 18 Present, Commander 6th Security Forces Squadron, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and two Oak Leaf Clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters

Meritorious Unit Award with two Oak Leaf Clusters

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor one Silver and two Oak Leaf Clusters

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with one Oak Leaf Cluster

Air Force Good Conduct Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster

Air Force Recognition Ribbon

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2004 375th Mission Support Group Company Grade Officer of the Year

2004 375th Airlift Wing Company Grade Officer of the Year

2004 Air Mobility Command Security Forces Company Grade Officer of the Year

2004 Air Force Security Forces Unit-Level Company Grade Officer of the Year

2006 HQ Air Force Security Forces Center Company Grade Officer of the Year

2011 Air Force Space Command's Outstanding Large Security Forces Unit--Commander

2012 Air Education and Training Command's Outstanding Small Security Forces Unit--Commander

2013 Air Force Materiel Command's Outstanding Large Security Forces Unit--Commander

2015 HQ Air Force Security Forces Pentagon Field Grade Officer of the Year

2016 HQ Air Force Security Forces Pentagon Field Grade Officer of the Year

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant -- March 2, 2001, First Lieutenant -- March 2, 2003, Captain -- March 2, 2005, Major -- November 1, 2010, Lieutenant Colonel -- March 1, 2016



LEGISLATIVE LOWDOWN



COL Charles Dalcourt, USA RET Legislative Affairs

Greetings to all of MOAA's Tampa Chapter members and those reading this month's article with interest and the intent of joining our great chapter. I look forward to finally meeting many of you at the upcoming convention in June.

There are several critical issues MOAA continues to tackle this year. We've highlighted several in previous articles and MOAA's legislative priorities for 2019 can be found at the following: <a href="https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-content/publications-and-

articles/2018-news-articles/advocacy/2019Goals/.

This month, I will briefly highlight a critical concern that remains at the forefront of MOAA's agenda. It is the "widow's tax." The widow's tax is the loss of any portion of the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity.

Under current law, survivors of deceased service members must forfeit part or all of their purchased SBP annuity when they are awarded the VA's Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC). This financial penalty affects nearly 66,000 survivors.

Please take a moment to watch MOAA's video discussing the challenges associated with this issue using the following link: https://youtube/YpMGCxyJ0ts. Once you have viewed the message, take a few moments and help advocate for change by sending a MOAA-suggested message to your elected officials about the widows tax. Also, please use the link below to see the progress of HR 553 – Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act.

In addition to the seminal issue mentioned above, please keep an eye on the following legislation as these bills progress through the system.

Federal - S 21: Pay Our Coast Guard Act--A bill making continuing appropriations for Coast Guard pay in the event of an appropriations act expired prior to the enactment of new appropriations (official title to be confirmed).

Federal - HR 333: Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act-A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated less than 50 percent to receive concurrent payment of both retired pay and veterans' disability compensation, to extend eligibility for concurrent receipt to chapter 61 disability retirees with less than 20 years of service, and for other purposes.

Federal - HR 413: Hire A Hero Act of 2019

A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the work opportunity credit to small businesses which hire individuals who are members of the Ready Reserve or National Guard, and for other purposes.

Federal - HR 553: Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act
A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan for military surviving spouses to offset the receipt of Veterans dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

As always, thanks for your continued interest. Even more, thanks you for taking action – using your time, experiences, and passion to help advance MOAA's legislative efforts and the wellbeing of our Brothers and Sisters in arms. Please, don't forget to find me at the MOAA convention in June at Safety Harbor and say hello.

OPERATION HELPING HAND UPDATE

"As long as we are needed, Operation helping hand will be there..."



LTC Jim Griffin,

APRIL'S DINNER was our 180th consecutive dinner honoring the wounded and injured active duty patients and their families. Our special thanks to CENTURY BUICK AND PILOT BANK for their sponsorship. BONEFISH GRILL provided an exceptional meal for all those who attended. MIKE STEVENS,FLORIDA HICKORY GOLFERS, once again made a significant donation on their behalf from the proceeds

of their annual tournament. We sincerely appreciate their sponsorship over the many years they have been a solid supporter.

The OPERATION HELPING HAND DINNER FOR MAY will be held on 16 MAY at 6:00 pm at the JAMES A HALEY VA HOSPITAL in the SCI DINING FACILITY, HERO'S CAFÉ.

This month's sponsor is USAA, a sponsor of OPERA-TION HELPING HAND from the beginning. Thank you for your continued support that makes it possible for us to continue support the wounded and injured and their families.

The caterer for the APRIL DINNER is NOSH. From past experience, we know we can expect a fantastic dinner.

Our tireless volunteer base which enables us to consistently provide 96.5% of all the monies donated to go to our wounded and their families. The strong support of our local business community and their commitment to sponsor our dinner events, golf tournament, and provide generous donations throughout the year along with the individual support that we receive from numerous donors every month insure that the support of our mission will not be interrupted for as long as our assistance is required.

OUR TREMENDOUS GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS MAKE ALL OF THIS POSSIBLE!

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BULLETIN BOARD

CARING FOR OUR "SHUT-IN" MEMBERS

Our Chapter wants to become aware of members who are hospitalized, homebound, in care facilities or just plain sick and has provided a way for you to inform us. Please contact CW3 Bill Farrow, USA (Ret) at (813) 884-7823 so that he may call or send cards to let them know they are missed.

Alternatively, you may send an e-mail to:

moaatampachapter@tampabay.rr.com

CW3 Bill Farrow, USA, Sick Call Chairman

HOW TO JOIN THE TAMPA CHAPTER:

Come to a luncheon (2nd Thursdays) at 11:15 at the Bay Pines Golf Complex and ask for COL William A Schneider USAF OR fill in, print and mail the form on our web:

http://www.moaatampa.org/

NOTE: to be eligible for membership in the Tampa Chapter, one must be a member of MOAA National or join National at the same time the Chapter is joined.

CINCO DE MAYO

Cinco de Mayo is an annual celebration held on May 5. The date is observed to commemorate the Mexican Army's difficult victory over the French Empire at the Battle of Puebla, on May 5, 1862, under the leadership of General Ignacio Zaragoza. In the United States, Cinco de Mayo has taken on a significance beyond that in Mexico. In the U.S. the date has become associated with the celebration of Mexican-American culture.

MOTHERS' DAY

Mother's Day is a holiday honoring motherhood that is observed in different forms throughout the world, and Mother's Day 2019 occurs on Sunday, May 12, in the United States. The American incarnation of Mother's Day was created by Anna Jarvis in 1908 and became an official U.S. holiday in 1914. Jarvis would later denounce the holiday's commercialization and spent the latter part of her life trying to remove it from the calendar. While dates and celebrations vary, Mother's Day traditionally involves presenting moms with flowers, cards and other gifts.

ARMED FORCES DAY

Armed Forces Day. Armed Forces Day is a day which is celebrated on the 3rd Saturday in May. The purpose of this holiday is to honor the men and women who served the armed forces of the United States which include: the Coast Guard, the Air Force, the Navy, the Army and the Marine Corps, as well as members of the Department of Defense.

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering and honoring persons who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. The holiday, which is currently observed every year on the last Monday of May, was most recently held on May 28, 2018. Memorial Day was previously observed on May 30 from 1868 to 1970.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER CHAPLAIN (COL) BERNARD H LIEVING JR USA RET

This month marks the 69th anniversary celebration of Armed Forces Day, a day set aside in 1949 to commemorate the establishment of the Department of Defense with all branches of the nation's military brought together under one umbrella. While all military branches still recognize and honor their founding date, there are no separate "days" for each branch.

When the first Armed Forces Day was held on May 20, 1950, there were huge celebrations including parades all over the country. In Washington D.C. 10,000 service members of all branches and veterans paraded before President Truman. In New York City there were more than an estimated 33,000 participants. Two hundred and fifty military planes joined in a massive fly-over. The moth-balled USS Missouri, USS New Jersey, and USS North Carolina were all opened for public inspection. At Templeh of Airfield in Germany 1,000 U.S. military members paraded before German citizens.

While the days of such massive celebrations for Armed Forces Day are now history, it is appropriate for all of us who have served and are currently serving, regardless of service, to be sure that on May 18th we fly our flags, appropriately greet others who have served and are serving and thank them for wearing their uniform. While it will be nine days early, let's use our May 8th luncheon meeting as an opportunity to say "thank you" to one another.



Fifteen years ago a small group of Marine "newbie" parents got together to help support each other because we knew our sons/daughters were going to be sent to war.

Fifteen years later thousands of military, veterans and their families - along with many patriotic followers - are part of this organization in one way or another.

We are so fortunate to have such faithful supporters and donors that have learned of who we are and what we do, believing in our mission and keeping it alive and growing for this long. We have also developed incredible partnerships with other organizations which have allowed us to do so many things beyond our wildest dreams.

Being based in Tampa, FL has allowed us to build great relationships with MacDill AFB, MARCENT, the USMC Reserve unit, recruiters of all branches and numerous military/veteran organizations, which means we can reach more military/veterans and their families.

Looking back over the years there are so many chapters that have made us what we are and each of you have contributed in one way or another.

Come help us celebrate!

Marine Families 15 Year Gelebration Saturday, May 11, 2019 11a.m. - 2p.m. 5205 N 12th St Tampa FL 33603

RSVP: info@MarineFamilies.org

For more info: www.MarineFamilies.org

Marine Families PO Box 7915 Tampa FL 33673 (813)965-2682



MOAA Convention 20-23 June 2019 SAVE THE DATES: Register Now

As we move into 2019 many of us look back and ask where did 2018 go? As you look forward, and consider special events you want to be part of and support, The officers of our chapter and I are hoping the 2019 annual convention that our chapter is hosting at the Safety Harbor Resort & Spa this June, is one of those events.

It may seem like June is too far out to plan for, but now is the time we need you make your reservation by filling out the reservation form and writing your check.

You have two options for registering. Option one is, you can go online to the MOAAFL.org website, fill out the registration form and pay with a credit card or a check. We are encouraging you, when you registering online, to choose the option to pay by check, because it will save our chapter the processing fees incurred, when paying with a credit card.

Option two is, you can download the registration form from the website or pick up a copy at our monthly luncheon. Once you have filled out the registration form, you can mail the form and check to the address on the registration form or give it to me at our monthly luncheons.

The chapter website (TampaMOAA.org) and council website (MOAAFL.org) have information about Safety Harbor Resort and Spa, the events that will be happening, and registration options. I encourage you to visit these to learn more about this special event our chapter is hosting.

Our chapter leadership encourages and depends on you to support this event.

Contact me if you have any questions: vandykeRL@verizon.net

COL LEWIS VANDYKE USA RET, 2019 Convention Chair



2019 ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM 20-23 JUNE 2019 Safety Harbor Resort & SPA

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SHOOTING STAR

An Army AH-64 Apache helicopter sits on the flightline at Pōhakuloa Training Area, Hawaii, as a shooting star falls in the distance, April 13, 2019.



CHAPLAIN COVERAGE Navy Chaplain CDR Dick Helveston, USNR RET, his wife, Shirley, and Senior Army Chaplain (COL) Bernard H. Lieving USA RET



Two Army paratroopers descend onto Juliet drop zone in Pordenone, Italy, after jumping from an Air Force C-130 Hercules aircraft, April 16, 2019.



HONORS PROCESSION

U.S. service members attached to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency carry the possible remains of unknown service members onto an aircraft during a repatriation ceremony in Pakse, Laos, April 10, 2019.



AIR FORCE FALCON

Air Force Cadet 4th Class Alli Kearns holds Zues, an American Kestrel Falcon at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., April 6, 2019. Zues was given to the academy by the Birds of Prey Center in Idaho for presentation and public education.





A soldier crawls through the mud during the seventh annual Rugged Terrain Obstacle Run at the Grafenwoehr Training Area in Germany, April 6, 2019.



Change of Command

Sailors stand during a change-of-command ceremony aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp in Subic Bay, Philippines, April 13, 2019.



Boost UP

An airman lifts a child up to see an A-10 Thunderbolt II at Clark Air Base, Philippines, April 6, 2019, during Balikatan, an annual U.S.-Philippine exercise.



Seahawk Support

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Ruby McCullough, right, directs an MH-60S Seahawk as Petty Officer 1st Class Charles Brown supports her aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon in the Persian Gulf, April 18, 2019.

Shadow Inspection

Army Spc. Fernando Marzan conducts preflight inspections on an RQ-7B Shadow in Afghanistan, April 8, 2019.



Egg Hunt

Families participate in Bunnies and Eggs at Joint Base Andrews, Md., April 20, 2019. With about 115,000 eggs and more than 2,000 attendees, the event is one of the largest Defense Department Easter egg hunts.



Leid Remembrance

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Jovie Tanele offers a Hawaiian lei during a remembrance ceremony for the USS Sigsbee aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, April 16, 2019.