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SPECIAL INTEREST

PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

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Upcoming Events

OUR BOARD WILL MEET AT 1000 on:
+ 04 APRIL
+ 02 MAY
+ 06 JUNE

LUNCHEON MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 1130 AT BAY PINES GOLF COMPLEX ON:
11 APRIL

PUBLICATION DEADLINE FOR THE MAY ISSUE IS
25 APRIL 2019

11 APRIL @ BAY PALMS CLUB HOUSE

GREEK PASTA SALAD
GRILLED PITA BREAD
GREEK CHICKEN
KABOBS WITH TZATZIKI SAUCE
GREEN RICE
LEMON GARLIC POTATOES
BAKLAVA



PRESIDENT

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

March was a very busy month for the Tampa Chapter. Starting with our luncheon on March 14th, we enjoyed a traditional Irish meal of corned beef and cabbage after which our featured guest speaker, Ms. Linda Carbone, Director of the Central Florida USO, gave us an excellent overview of the USO's charter and mission to "Serve those who serve" in the uniformed services and to help families and service members stay connected to home and their loved ones.

The USO's based in most major airports she says, "Are especially welcoming to new military recruits, many of whom may be leaving home for the first time, en route to basic training bases."

On March 22nd, the Tampa Chapter once again sponsored a fantastic golf tournament! Supported by a great cadre of volunteers, the Bay Palms Golf Course Clubhouse was packed with 88 enthusiastic golfers, all of whom had a great time playing 18 holes of golf and the weather conditions could not have been better.

We have so many folks to thank, because without them, the success of the annual BOB SILAH MEMORIAL Golf Tournament could not have been possible. I'll start with thanking our GOLF TOURNAMENT COORDINATORS, BOB AHERN AND LTC JIM GRIFFIN; thanks to you both for a well-run and well-organized golf tournament.

Bob has put together the best team from BOOZ-ALLEN HAMILTON that handled our golf tournament registration this year. Our TAMPA CHAPTER VOLUNTEERS and OPERATION HELPING HAND SUPPORTERS also helped with the registration of the golfers handing out "Goodie Bags" as well as with the organization of the raffle and silent auction items. The Golfers enjoyed some of Tampa Bay's best BBQ from HANKS and LUPTON'S CATERING, which was fully donated by both restaurants, along with desserts donated by BLUE BELL ICE CREAM AND MIKE'S PIES. To all of the businesses and sponsors that give so generously to a great cause; the Tampa Chapter is VERY GRATEFUL for your support!

I must also thank our wonderful hosts at BAY PALMS GOLF COURSE, LOU HARRIS and RON MATTHEWS, who year after year provide tremendous support of our golf tournament. It is too soon to tell how much money this year's tournament raised for our signature charity, OPERATION HELPING HAND, so stay tuned 'till we crunch the numbers and reach a grand total. I'll be able to unveil the "big reveal" in next month's edition of the RETROSPECT.

In the meantime, I'd like to remind you that MOAA will "STORM THE HILL" on April 10th. I hope you have taken the time to pull out the postcards from your March MILITARY OFFICER MAGAZINE, sign them and send them to your representatives or e-mail them with a MOAA-suggested pre-written message at "Visit takeaction.moaa.org."

The issues this year that are being debated are: 1. End the SURVIVOR'S BENEFIT PLAN-DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION (SBPDI) OFFSET, aka the WIDOW'S TAX; 2. Stabilize TRICARE FEES and; 3. Maintain COMPENSATION for currently serving troops.

Some members still prefer using the old fashioned means of out-reach to their legislators, the telephone, and MOAA has a direct Toll-free line to the Capitol switchboard as well: (866)272-6622. Either way, you can Storm the Hill, too, without ever leaving your home.

Your support for these actions is crucial and the collective action of all of our MOAA members will have a much greater impact when MOAA representatives visit every legislator's office to advocate for these issues on April 10th.

My parting shot for this month's president's message is to start seriously thinking about registering for the June Florida Council of Chapters annual convention. It will be here before you know it! A lot is at stake in being the host chapter, so we truly need everyone's support. Go to www.moaafl.org and register today.

REMEMBER,

"WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK – NEVER STOP SERVING!"



CAPT DVORNIK

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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:

OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: COL CAROL ZIERES USA RET
1ST VICE PRESIDENT: COL CHARLES J DALCOURT, USA RET
2ND VICE PRESIDENT: COL WILLIAM A SCHNEIDER USA RET
EDITOR, THE RETROSPECT: CAPT DONALD DVORNIK USN RET
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SENIOR CHAPLAIN: CHAPLAIN (COL) BERNARD H LIEVING JR USA RET
SENIOR MEMBER: MAJ GEN JAMES JONES USAF RET

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

CHAIRMAN OF OPERATION HELPING HAND: LTC JIM GRIFFIN USA RET
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SURVIVING SPOUSE LIAISON: RENÉE BRUNELLE
PUBLIC RELATIONS: MAJ DOLORES INCREMONA USAF RET;
ROTC/JROTC: MAJ JOHN T MASSEY USAF RET;
RESERVATIONS: LT COL JEANNE RICHARD USAF RET
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COCHAIRS FOC CONVENTION:
 COL LEWIS VANDYKE USA RET
 LTC F DOUGLAS ANDREWS USA RET

Since 1929, MOAA's greatest mission has been to protect your earned military benefits. Through tireless advocacy, we've forged a legacy of success benefiting the entire military community.



MOAA NATIONAL BASIC MEMBERSHIP IS FREE!

Join Today For Info On Benefits, Jobs And More

MOAA fights for the welfare of all service members and veterans and their families.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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 COL JAMES F ARTHUR JR USA RET
 COL IRVIN LEE USAF RET
 COL JOHN MCKENNEY USAF RET
 3
 COL DONALD J BARNES USAF RET
 LTC GEORGE MARTIN USA RET
 4
 LTC TYKISE LARRY USA AD
 5
 MAJ MITCHELL SEABORN USA RET
 7
 CAPT MICHAEL CARRICATO USN RET
 9
 RADM JOSEPH MILLER USNR RET MD
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 LT COL BARBARA BROTHERTON USAF RET
 CAPT ALAN JON NISSALKE USN RET
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 LT COL BRANDT COSGROVE USAF RET
 MAJ DUANE WILLIAMS USA RET
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 COL DAVID S HEINTZ USA RET
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 LTC JANUS FRALEY USA AD
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 LTC KEN DONOVAN USA RET
 LT COL DAVID GIBBS USAF RET
 COL LEO LORENZO USA RET
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 LCDR RONALD HURST USN RET
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 CAPT DONALD DVORNIK USN RET
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 COL SARLA SAUJANI MD USAF RET
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 COL TIM CONWAY USA RET
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 MAJ DAVID BOND USMC RET
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 CAPT DAVID DALLEMAND USAF AD
 LTCOL JOHN INGRAHAM USA RET
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 CAPT JOHN KAMEN USN RET
 27
 FMR USAF CAPT JAMES CULP
 MAJ LANCE ZELLERS USMC RET
 28
 LTJG DAVID COWAN NOAA AD
 29
 LTCOL MARIO RUSSICA USMC IRR

INTRODUCING OUR CHAPTER'S NEW SURVIVING SPOUSE LIAISON, RENÉE BRUNELLE



RENEE BRUNELLE

Renée Brunelle is the Co-Founder of Pathfinders Downsizing Solutions. She guides clients in the navigation of smoothly moving from one residence to another by “rightsizing” their entire home. Using the popular Marie Kondo approach of Decluttering has been a key pillar to success. Renée guides clients on what to take, what to sell and what to donate/trash.

Pathfinders was named after her late husband, Major Travis Brunelle who was both an Army Ranger & Green Beret.

Renée has over twenty years of experience in the Senior Living Industry as both a Marketing Director and Executive Director. She has worked closely with the Department of Veterans Affairs to assist residents that are veteran and/or veteran spouses on receiving benefits.

She has been part of the South Tampa Chamber Military Affairs Committee for over a decade. She continues to volunteer to assist MacDill Air Force Base by working with the Commander’s Chalet for AirFest, assists the Airmen& Family Readiness offices and provides donations to the dorm residents.

Renée has been an active part of the military community after marrying Travis in 1998 while he was stationed at Hunter Army Airfield with the 1st Ranger Battalion. Then was a key spouse while Travis was part of the Florida National Guard in Tallahassee. She was instrumental in starting the Yellow Ribbon Campaign at the Florida State Capitol. Since moving to Tampa over twelve years ago, she has supported US-SOCOM, SOCCENT, 6th & 927th Wings.

Professional and Community Affiliations:

- Chair of the Tampa Chapter MOAA ~ Surviving Spouse Committee
- 927th Reserve Wing ~ Board of Directors
- South Tampa Chamber of Commerce member
- GFWC Tampa Woman’s Club member
- MacDill Alliance member
- Project GoodWorks co-founder with Janeen Salzgeber to support smaller 501C3 needs

Education:

Bachelor and Master Degrees Health Science from Armstrong Atlantic University in Savannah, Georgia with a focus on senior health and wellness.

For Assistance: brunnelle.Renée@yahoo.com

APRIL SPEAKER: THE HONORABLE CARL C. HINSON
UNIFIED FAMILY COURT: DOMESTIC RELATIONS/FAMILY LAW, DIVISION B



THE HONORABLE
JUDGE CARL C. HINSON

JUDICIAL BIOGRAPHY

Year elected to the bench: 17 January 2017

Assignments:

Family Law - Domestic Relations Division, - Present

EDUCATION

Law School:

Nova University Law School, Juris Doctorate - 1986

Undergraduate:

University of South Florida, Bachelor of Arts in Management - 1982

Hillsborough Community College, Associate of Arts

Hillsborough High School

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member of the Florida Bar

Member of the Hillsborough County Bar Association

Justice of the Phi Alpha Delta Fleming Chapter, Nova University Law School

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church

Member of Krewe of Sant' Yago, Board of Directors



LEGISLATIVE LOWDOWN

Copied from http://takeaction.moaa.org/?0

OPERATION HELPING HAND UPDATE

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

Take Action

Welcome to MOAA's Take Action Center

On behalf of the more than 355,000 members of the Military Officers Association of America, thank you for supporting our advocacy efforts. It's because of people like you that MOAA is as successful as it is on Capitol Hill. Thank you for being the embodiment of MOAA's commitment to Never Stop Serving.

These important issues require your immediate attention. Send your elected officials a MOAA-suggested message today.

MOAA Will "Storm the Hill" on April 10

On April 10, over 150 members of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) from every state will meet with legislators on Capitol Hill to discuss important issues facing the military community.

Do Not Raise TRICARE Fees

Think your health care already costs enough? So do we. But jacking up your TRICARE fees and out-of-pocket costs is on the list of budget options for lawmakers to consider. That would ignore the price military retirees and their families have paid up front with their service and sacrifice.

Do Not Cap Pay or Cut Benefits

Military pay and benefits matter. But apparently not to the Congressional Budget Office. On its list of budget options for lawmakers to consider are capping your pay raises and cutting back your BAH. Military families depend on BAH, and it's only right that military pay keep pace with civilian salaries.

Support full concurrent receipt for disabled military retirees

Act now to support H.R. 333, the Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act. This bill provides full concurrent receipt for disabled military retirees, including Chapter 61 retirees.

Act now to end the widows tax

Current federal law requires survivors of deceased military members to forfeit part or all of their purchased Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity when they are awarded the VA's Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC). This loss of any portion of the SBP annuity is known as the widows tax. For approximately 67,000 military survivors, the widows tax makes SBP the only insurance that you pay into but are legally prohibited from collecting.



LTC Jim Griffin, Chairman, OPHH

OPERATION HELPING HAND was able to close out MARCH with a true "slam dunk". The BOB SILAH MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT was a spectacular event for all who attended. The weather was perfect; the food provided by HANKS BBQ, LUPTON'S CATERING, MIKES PIES, BLUEBELL ICE CREAM help to create a very unforgettable event. A very dynamic group of volunteers made all of the processing and checking in of golfers go without a hitch.

A very special thanks to BOB AHERN, MELLISA MARRISON, JOHN MASSEY, BILL SZYDLOWSKI, MOAA VOLUNTEERS, CABA VOLUNTEERS, and especially the great folks at BOOZE ALLEN HAMILTON. As usual, the wonderful folks at BAY PALMS who always make our tournament there a completely enjoyable experience. Just a heads up—THE 2020 BOB SILAH MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT WILL BE ON 27 MARCH.

The OPERATION HELPING HAND DINNER on MARCH 21 was very well attended by a very positive group. Our new sponsor was METLIFE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

The caterer was WILLIE JEWELL'S BBQ and they provided lots of great BBQ for the dinner crowd in attendance.

The APRIL 18TH SPONSOR WILL BE CENTURY BUICK AND PILOT BANK. THE APRIL CATERER WILL BE BONEFISH GRILL. We look forward to seeing you all there.

All of the credit for the fantastic events, the DINNER and the GOLF TOURNAMENT, goes to all of the volunteers who make this whole organization work.

It takes a lot of dedicated folks who seek perfection anytime we honor the wounded and injured and their families. The strong support of our local business community and their commitment to sponsor our dinner events and golf tournament, and to 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!

NEVER STOP SERVING!



Contact Your Representatives



Senior Senator Marco Rubio



Junior Senator Rick Scott

The URL below will display your congressional district and representative:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Florida%27s_congressional_districts





BULLETIN BOARD

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Unfortunately, we have zero new members!
Why not Recruit one or more?

SUBMITTED BY COL William A Schneider USA RET,
Membership Chairman

TAPS

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.



BOB SILAH MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
I would like to sincerely thank all of you who joined together to make this the best tournament we have had to date—it was the best organized, planned event from the start. If you know our additional helpers from local businesses, please forward this thank you to them.

The folks who were in charge of the signing in, did a fantastic job and were ready to begin an hour before the sign in was scheduled. We experienced 'zero' problems at the gate! I was told by many folks that this was the best golf tournament in which they have ever participated. This does not happen without the dedicated volunteers who made the commitment.

Again, my sincere thanks to you all.—LTC JIM GRIFFIN USA RET PAST PRESIDENT



The Late Captain Robert (Bob) J. Silah, U.S. Navy (Ret), was no stranger when it came to serving our military families and the community in which he lived. He served as Chairman of Operation Helping Hand (Op HH)—a special initiative of the Tampa Chapter of Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)—dedicated to providing support for U.S. military active duty personnel wounded/injured abroad and being cared for at the James A. Haley VA Hospital in Tampa, and their visiting families. Since its inception, Op HH has assisted more than 900 wounded/injured patients and a countless number of family members.

Born in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, Bob attended high school and graduated from St. Mary Springs Academy before going to Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he received a B.S. Degree in Industrial Management. Shortly after graduation, he joined the United States Navy, and thus began a career lasting 27 years that included: 15 years of service on U.S. Navy ships; 2 tours in Vietnam; 2 tours in the Pentagon; and his last assignment at Central Command in Tampa. During this time, Bob earned his MBA from the Naval War College. In addition, Bob had received the following awards/recognitions:

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"Newman's Own" – Selected first out of 177 in national competition; The Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce – Special Humanitarian Award; The United Way – Volunteer of the Year Award; The Mayor's Alliance – Community Service Award; Governor's Point of Light Award; President's Call to Service Award (from President George W. Bush); Tampa Bay Lightning "Community Hero" Award; Admiral Collins Leadership Award (first recipient); ASAE National Award; Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame selection (1 of 6 out of 155 applicants) The Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce – Bob Cutler Volunteer Award Bob also founded and was President of SKY Sportswear, Inc. In 2012, he was elected to the MOAA National Board of Directors, which oversees the 400,000 national MOAA members.

Bob was married to wife, Kathryn (Kathy), and had two sons, Mike and Jason. His legacy lives on through his family, through the work of Operation Helping Hand, and in his community.



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

Spring is here! Our neighbors' trees have finished covering our roof and yard with their pollen laden oak "worms;" our backyard orchids are in bloom; the pruned rose bushes are alive with new buds (one with a dozen); the earth boxes' herbs and vegetables are thriving; and we just witnessed our first out-of-the-cocoon spring butterfly stretching its wings and taking its first flight to the flowers. This old West Virginia country boy is thrilled with the signs of new life.

I am reminded that since 1970 April 22nd is celebrated as Earth Day here in the USA. The purpose of the day is to remind us all of how precious and how precarious our earthly home is. Regardless of your belief about the beginning – whether God created it or it evolved over billions of years, we are here. Life is precious. Earth is our home – it nurtures us, it feeds us, it gives us sunlight, moonlight and the view of star-filled nights. The earth is precious.

Our home is precarious because it is dependent upon our caring for it and we are not doing a good job. We are responsible for polluting our water, land, and air resources and for the deforestation of over eighteen million acres of forest each year. Oil and gas development is having a serious effect on wildlife as well as land and water resources.

Dealing with much of this is beyond our pay grade. However, we can do our part if we follow "The Three R's" recommended by leading efforts to preserve the earth. They are "Refuse," "Reuse," and "Recycle." Google those three words to learn your role in sustaining the earth. By the way, on April 22nd pick up litter, plant a tree, or at least, enjoy nature by watching a sunrise or sunset, gardening, or taking a walk on the beach, in a park or on a tree-lined street.

A blessed Earth Day to you!



Flight to Honor Mission #5 is scheduled for 30 April 2019. The Mission will depart from and return to Lakeland International Airport for the one day visit to Washington DC. The purpose of the program is to safely

transport veterans to Washington DC to visit the memorials erected in their honor for their service to our country; provide an opportunity for the community to express their appreciation for their service; and, reinforce the importance of service above self. **All veterans are eligible to apply for the mission provided they have not been on a previous Flight to Honor or Honor Flight Mission.** Guardians wishing to accompany veterans are also encouraged to apply. Applications for both can be downloaded at <http://polkveteranscouncil.com>. Veteran and Guardian applications are being accepted—**NOW**. To be assured of selection for the mission, apply as soon as possible. The mission is free for Veterans. Guardians are asked to donate \$450 toward the cost of the mission. **Donations toward the cost of the mission are also being accepted. Tax deductible contributions can be made to: GiveWell Community Foundation, Flight to Honor, 1501 South Florida Avenue, Lakeland, FL 33803-2258**



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**

NAME	Rank	ADDRESS
Phone #	Service	Email Address
Name of Guest	Chapter	

RESORT RESERVATION COST

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____
 \$ _____ = # Nights X \$109.00 **Bed preference:** ___King ___2 Queen

Please indicate the number registering, shirts, and attending each event below

<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u> </u>	X \$30.00 =	<u> </u>	Registration: \$30.00 Each Attendee
<u> </u>	X \$30.00 =	<u> </u>	Presidents Reception: \$30.00 Each Attendee
<u> </u>	X \$30.00 =	<u> </u>	Breakfast : \$30.00 Each Attendee
<u> </u>	X \$30.00 =	<u> </u>	Luncheon: \$30.00 Each Attendee
<u> </u>	# Attending Military Ball		

Meal choices for Military Ball

<u> </u>	X \$50.00 =	<u> </u>	\$50.00 each London Broil
<u> </u>	X \$50.00 =	<u> </u>	\$50.00 each Chicken Marsala
<u> </u>	X \$55.00 =	<u> </u>	\$55.00 each Grilled Salmon

Shirts

<u> </u>	X \$35.00 =	<u> </u>	Man: <u> </u> Small <u> </u> Med <u> </u> Large <u> </u> XLarge <u> </u> XXL Large
<u> </u>	X \$35.00 =	<u> </u>	Woman: <u> </u> Small <u> </u> Med <u> </u> Large <u> </u> XLarge <u> </u> XXL Large

_____ **TOTAL COST (Check Payable to: Florida Council of Chapters)**

 Will Attend Will Not Attend **20 June Operation Helping Hand Dinner**
(No charge for meal. Transportation provided by James A Haley Veterans Hospital from Safety Harbor Spa and Resort for first 50 that sign up.)
 Will Will not need transportation from Spa

Mail Form and Check to: Lewis VanDyke
 1151 Shipwatch Circle
 Tampa, FL 33602-5786

NOTE: Send questions or special accommodation needs to: vandykeRL@verizon.net
 Provide any comments you may have on the back of this form.



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Statement from Acting Secretary of Defense, Patrick M. Shanahan, and Secretary of the Air Force, Heather Wilson, on the Delivery of the Legislative Proposal to Congress for the U.S. Space Force.

The Pentagon announced today the delivery of the legislative proposal to Congress on the establishment of the Space Force.

"This is an historic moment for our nation. The Department of Defense's legislative proposal to establish the United States Space Force as the sixth branch of the Armed Forces is a strategic step towards securing America's vital national interests in space. Our approach follows President Trump's bold vision for space and commits resources to deliver more capability faster, ensuring the United States can compete, deter, and, if needed, win in a complex domain."

—Attributed to Acting Secretary of Defense Patrick M. Shanahan

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We are inspired by the battlefield success of the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF). Today's SDF announcement that the liberation of the territory once held by ISIS in Iraq and Syria is 100 percent complete confirms that more than 20,000 square miles in Iraq and Syria have been cleared of ISIS since January 2017 and the terror group no longer controls populated areas.

Now is an appropriate time to recognize the SDF who led the fight against ISIS in Syria, the Iraqi Security Forces who led the fight in Iraq, and the Coalition and U.S. Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines who have fought bravely in support of our partners over the last few years.

While this is a critical milestone in the fight against ISIS, we understand our work is far from complete. As the D-ISIS campaign in northeast Syria transitions from liberating territory to enabling local security and preventing resurgent ISIS networks, we will continue to work by, with, and through our partners and allies to enable stabilization efforts.

We will continue our work with the Global Coalition to deny ISIS safe haven anywhere in the world. We remain committed to ISIS's enduring defeat and we are confident that we will prevail.

—Attributed to Acting Secretary of Defense Patrick M. Shanahan

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"We will continue to be the best in the world at space and establishing a dedicated space force strengthens our ability to deter, compete and win in space."

—Attributed to Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson



A Navy MH-60S Seahawk helicopter flies toward the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis in the Indian Ocean, March 16, 2019.



TESTIMONIAL:

The biggest benefit to teaching is knowing that you have a direct impact in helping prepare your students to succeed in life beyond the classroom. The impact may come in the form of conveying information, as in my subject of chemistry... It may also be in modeling patience, self-control, organization, or how to treat others with respect. The impact teachers have on students' lives can never be overestimated.

~John A. Fedorowicz, U.S. Navy,
1988-2013
Chemistry teacher, Indian River
High School

Why Teach?

- Make a difference in young people's lives
- Use your experience to bring subjects to life
- Help students realize their potential
- Positively impact your local community

Why Hire Veterans?

- Increase employment retention rates
- Provide diversity among teaching staff
- Adaptable and a natural fit for the classroom
- Relieve critical need shortages

Troops to Teachers was established in 1993 to assist transitioning Service members and veterans in beginning new careers as K-12 school teachers in public, charter, and Bureau of Indian Affairs schools. The program provides counseling and referral services for participants to help them meet education and licensing requirements to teach and subsequently helps them secure a teaching position. Since 1993, more than 20,000 veterans have successfully transitioned to a career in education.

Inception

Since inception, oversight and funding have been shared between the Departments of Defense and Education. The National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal 2013 transferred program policy funding and oversight responsibilities back to the Department of Defense. The Troops to Teachers Program Office is located within the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES), a component of the Defense Human Resources Activity (DHRA). The Program Office is responsible for day-to-day operations and management of the program.

Vision

Every service member interested in a career in teaching will receive assistance to transition his or her leadership, training, and core values to teaching in kindergarten through grade twelve schools.

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Mission

Assist transitioning Service members with meeting the requirements necessary to become teachers

Assist program participants with finding employment as a teacher when eligible

Reduce veteran unemployment

Improve American education by providing motivated, experienced, and dedicated personnel for the nation's classrooms

Increase the number of male and minority teachers in today's classrooms

Address teacher shortage issues in K-12 schools that serve low-income families and in the critical subjects - math, science, special education, foreign language, and career-technical education.

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A MESSAGE FROM JIM SALGADO—THE VTC LEADER ON THE VETERAN'S TREATMENT COURT

I am writing you to follow-up with each of you since most either donated to and/or joined our walk team, to let you know that on Saturday, April 6th @ Al Lopez Park, the annual MS Walk takes place and we need YOU!. I am the Team VTC leader and am building a group with hopefully more people than last years walk, (I Hope!) that will join us to walk in support of the MS Society and their effort to bring change and hopefully a cure for Multiple Sclerosis.

I am approaching you today to ask for your support to our team, 'Team VTC', (Veteran's Treatment Court) for the MS Walk 2019. The walk is FREE and only requires you to register at the MS Society MS Walk 2019 site. If you aren't able to attend the walk then why not consider making a contribution to the MS Society under 'Team VTC' at the link below as it is quick and easy and there is no exchange of cash or checks between us. Here is the link: <http://main.nationalmssociety.org/goto/TeamVTC>

For those that supported us last year with a monetary donation, I want to challenge you to increase your donation over last years numbers, and all for multiple good reasons: I've been following the news coming from the MS Society and the many strides made against the disease are significant. While a cure has not yet been discovered, we are going really fast and in the RIGHT DIRECTION! Your donation makes a difference, make no mistake, your hard earned money does help and there is a clear return on your investment, (ROI)! Can I count your support this year? AT the present time I personally have received less than \$500 in donations, far lower than last year at this time. The urgency is now!

This is a family-friendly event where kids, their wagons/bikes and the family dog is welcome! The event is @ Al Lopez Park which is just north of Raymond James stadium and accessible from Himes Ave. The walk starts @ 0800, Saturday, 6 April 2019 and is ALL-INCLUSIVE, meaning, if a person cannot walk the route, is disabled, etc... we will have some of my vets there to provide assistance as needed.

Jim Salgado
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STATEMENT FROM THE ACTING SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ON TERRITORY
ONCE HELD BY ISIS

Attributed to Acting Secretary of Defense Patrick M. Shanahan:

We are inspired by the battlefield success of the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF). Today's SDF announcement that the liberation of the territory once held by ISIS in Iraq and Syria is 100 percent complete confirms that more than 20,000 square miles in Iraq and Syria have been cleared of ISIS since January 2017 and the terror group no longer controls populated areas.

Now is an appropriate time to recognize the SDF who led the fight against ISIS in Syria, the Iraqi Security Forces who led the fight in Iraq, and the Coalition and U.S. Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines who have fought bravely in support of our partners over the last few years.

While this is a critical milestone in the fight against ISIS, we understand our work is far from complete. As the D-ISIS campaign in northeast Syria transitions from liberating territory to enabling local security and preventing resurgent ISIS networks, we will continue to work by, with, and through our partners and allies to enable stabilization efforts.

We will continue our work with the Global Coalition to deny ISIS safe haven anywhere in the world. We remain committed to ISIS's enduring defeat and we are confident that we will prevail.

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/FMfcgwxwBwStHjKlZVCzvdjmrnmlkfTm>



The Coast Guard cutter Eagle transits down the Savannah River accompanied by two Coast Guard helicopters, March 15, 2019. The Eagle arrived in Savannah, GA on Saint Patrick's Day with over 100 guests on board.



Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Arturo Cunillasvaladez kisses his wife upon returning to San Diego, March 1, 2019, following an eight-month deployment aboard the USS Rushmore.



Marine Corps recruits prepare for a combat fitness test at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., March 20, 2019.



One of two Air Force CV-22 Ospreys makes a 90-degree turn after takeoff during a demonstration at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO



The Thunderbirds, the Air Force's air demonstration squadron, perform a practice flyover for the Captain Marvel world premiere in Los Angeles, March 4, 2019. The flyover was in honor of the men and women serving in the Armed Forces who are represented in the movie.



Marines fire their weapons during low light live-fire machine gun training at Andersen Air Force Base,



A U-2 Dragon Lady pilot drives a high-performance chase car along a runway trying to catch a U-2 performing a low-flight touch-and-go landing at Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates, March 15, 2019.



An Army paratrooper participates in a live-fire training exercise in Postojna, Slovenia, March 14,