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TAMPA CHAPTER—A FIVE STAR CHAPTER OF MOAA NATIONAL

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## SPECIAL INTEREST

### PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

#### US ARMY BIRTHDAY

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KATHERINE LYNN RICHARD

#### Upcoming Events

OUR BOARD WILL MEET AT 1000 on:

+ 06 JUNE  
+ 11 JULY  
+ 08 AUGUST

LUNCHEON MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 1130 AT SURF'S EDGE CLUB ON 13 JUNE

MENU:  
Black Bean Soup,  
Jamaican Jerk Pork  
Rice and Peas  
Steamed Cabbage  
Fried Dumpling Rum  
Cake

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



PRESIDENT  
COL ZIERES USA  
RETIRED

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 in to 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 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 -

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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  
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RET  
COCHAIRS FCOC CONVENTION:  
COL LEWIS VANDYKE USA RET  
LTC F DOUGLAS ANDREWS USA RET

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TAMPA CHAPTER**

The Florida Council President, Col Leonard Friedlander USAF/Ret, congratulates the Tampa Chapter as one of seven Florida chapters to win the MOAA Foundation Community Outreach award. Total of 22 chapters across MOAA were given award this year. They are:

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

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

1  
LT COL LEONARD BERMAN USAF RET  
LT ROBIN ORR USCG RET  
2  
COL HAROLD YOUMANS USA RET  
5  
FMR NAVY ENS MICHAEL SHAPIRO  
6  
LT DAVID HOPPE USNR  
FORMER USAF MAJ STEVEN STEADMAN  
7  
VADM DAVID PETERMAN USCG RET  
LT COL WILLIAM POVEY USAF RET  
8  
LTC JIM GRIFFIN USA RET PAST PRESIDENT  
MAJ GEN GERALD MINETTI USA  
COL WALT TATUM USAF RET  
9  
LT COL WILLIAM C LEWIS USAF RET  
10  
AUXILIARY MEMBER KATHY SILAH  
12  
LCDR B LESLIE CASH SR USN RET  
MAJ RICHARD TINSLEY USMC RET  
MAJ CHARLES ZIPPERER USA AD  
13  
FMR USAR 2LT THOMAS MONNA  
14  
LTC MATTHEW MALARONI USA AD  
18  
LT LEE CUTHBERTSON USCGR  
20  
AUXILIARY MEMBER JEAN HOWELL  
21  
LTC DEBORAH WILLIAMS USA RET  
22  
FORMER USAF CAPT ROBERT BREEN  
LTC CHARLES HART III USA RET  
COL GREGORY RENN USA RET  
25  
MAJOR MARTHA HUFF USA RET  
27  
COL LUTHER LLOYD USA RET  
29  
LTC HOUSTON TUCKER USA AD  
30  
MAJ ALBERT SINICROPE USAF RET

**Is your June birthday missing?  
JUST SEND A NOTE TO:**

CW2 THOMAS SOUTH USA RET  
tsouth1811@gmail.com



**JUNE SPEAKER: LIEUTENANT GENERAL CARL E. MUNDY III, COMMANDER MARINE CORPS FORCES CENTRAL COMMAND**

Lieutenant General Mundy received a commission after graduating from Auburn University in August 1983. An infantry officer, he has commanded at the platoon, company, battalion, Marine Expeditionary Unit, Marine Expeditionary Brigade and Naval Task Force levels. Prior to his current assignment he served as the Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

He has deployed multiple times over his career including Somalia during Operation Restore Hope, and twice to Iraq, first as a battalion commander and later as a Marine Expeditionary Unit commander, during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He has also served in several staff and training assignments beginning with the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, South Carolina; The Basic School in Quantico, Virginia; the I Marine Expeditionary Force headquarters at Camp Pendleton, California; the Marine Corps Office of Legislative Affairs; the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization in Washington D.C.; HQMC in Washington D.C.; U.S. Central Command in Tampa; and as the Deputy Commanding General of I Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Pendleton, California.

Between these assignments he attended the United States Army Armor Officer Advanced Course and Cavalry Leaders Course at Ft Knox, Kentucky; the Marine Corps Command and Staff College and School of Advanced Warfighting at Quantico, Virginia; the Joint Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia; and he studied foreign policy at The Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C.

His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal; Legion of Merit with a "V" device; Bronze Star; and the Combat Action Ribbon. LtGen Mundy is married and has two daughters.

<https://www.marcent.marines.mil/Leaders/Bio/Article/549432/lieutenant-general-carl-e-mundy-iii/>





**LEGISLATIVE LOWDOWN**



COL Charles Dalcourt, USA RET Legislative Affairs

Many of our members may know of the famed actress and comedian, Lily Tomlin. Amongst many things she has said, the quote “I always wondered why somebody doesn't do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody” stands preeminently above other lines she has spoken. These words connote a revelation, a call to action, and infers that this epiphany will inspire movement, involvement, engagement.

I want to thank all of you that have heard previous calls to action and advocacy, via articles we have published, and decided to get involved; to do something about the challenges our constituents face. Your assistance has provided much needed support for several critical initiatives which MOAA fights. Your involvement is making a difference. Please continue to write, email, and call our leaders in both the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives about the vital issues MOAA seeks to resolve in manners favorable to our Brothers and Sisters in arms.

What’s also important to know about the impact of your engagement, is that your voice is amplified across myriad Veteran Services Organizations through MOAA’s membership in The Military Coalition. I spoke to a few Tampa Chapter members last month about MOAA’s collaborative efforts with The Military Coalition and they were unaware. In light of this, I’ll share a little information in this article about this phenomenal team and provide a few links you can use to learn more.

The Military Coalition is a group of 32 military, veterans and uniformed services organizations in joint pursuit of the following goals:

- +Maintaining a strong national defense provided by recruiting and retaining skilled and highly capable personnel in the seven uniformed services;
- +Maintaining uniformed services compensation and benefits at levels sufficient to attract and retain professional uniformed service members for careers of service to the Nation;
- +Representing the interests of the entire uniformed services community, including members' families and survivors, and responding to assaults upon the compensation and benefits earned by members of that community through years of dedicated service; and
- +Educating the public on the extraordinary demands and sacrifices associated with a career in uniformed service, and the need to maintain a similarly unique system of compensation and benefits to attract and retain the kinds and numbers of high-quality personnel needed to meet the Nation's short- and long-term defense requirements.

Just over a year ago, The Military Coalition submitted an influential statement to the Senate Arms Services Committee, cosigned by MOAA’s Dan Merry (USAF COL [Ret] and Vice President, Government Relations), regarding Military Personnel, Family Readiness, Healthcare and Related Topics for FY 2019. This document helped set conditions for MOAA’s 2019 advocacy campaign. The collaborative effort of the coalition added credence to the requests of individual organizations and garnered attention on Capitol Hill.

Please take a few moments to review the committees within The Coalition and their goals using this link: <http://www.themilitarycoalition.org/tmc-committees.html>. More information about The Military Coalition can be found at the following: <http://www.themilitarycoalition.org/>.

**OPERATION HELPING HAND UPDATE**

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



LTC Jim Griffin,

**I would like to express my thanks for a job well done by RICHARD HELVESTON and DON DVORNIK for the years of beyond the call of duty in the publishing and editing of our award winning RETROSPECT. For over a decade, this publication was the measuring stick for all newsletters in MOAA. THANK YOU BOTH!**

MAY’S DINNER was the beginning of our 16<sup>th</sup> year and our 181<sup>st</sup> consecutive dinner honoring the wounded and injured active duty patients and their families. One of our original supporters of OPERATION HELPING HAND, USAA sponsored the MAY DINNER. A very special thank you to all of the USAA volunteers who made the dinner very special to all of us.

NOSH, once again, hit it out of the park with a truly spectacular dinner. Thank you KARLA NIELSEN for bringing these great people in as caterers.

The JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> DINNER is going to be a very special dinner. Our sponsor will again be the HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE. They will have a very dynamic presence at the dinner. They will also provide the COLOR GUARD for the dinner. Our caterer will be the wonderful folks at the BRUNCHERY in SOUTH TAMPA so we can expect a fantastic dinner.

A special treat will be our guests from the FLORIDA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS CONVENTION hosted by your TAMPA CHAPTER. They will receive a tour of the JAMES A HALEY VA’S VIRTUAL REALITY ROOM and the MUSIC AND ART THERAPY ROOMS. They will also get to experience an OPERATION HELPING HAND DINNER and meet the active duty wounded and injured and their families.

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 continues unabatedly. 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! NEVER STOP SERVING!**

**VISITING FAMILY MEMBERS**

Since the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital has had a marked increase in the number of wounded and injured active duty members referred for treatment. Their Spinal Cord Injury and Comprehensive Rehabilitation Units have treated some of the most severely injured service members who have been in combat in these operations. The average stay for the injured is 45 days. Many of the families travel from all over the country and must provide for themselves while staying here in the Tampa Bay area.



**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](mailto:moaatampachapter@tampabay.rr.com)  
*CW3 Bill Farrow, USA, Sick Call Chairman*

**We mourn the death of Helga Estep, wife of Chapter member, Col Ronald Estep.**

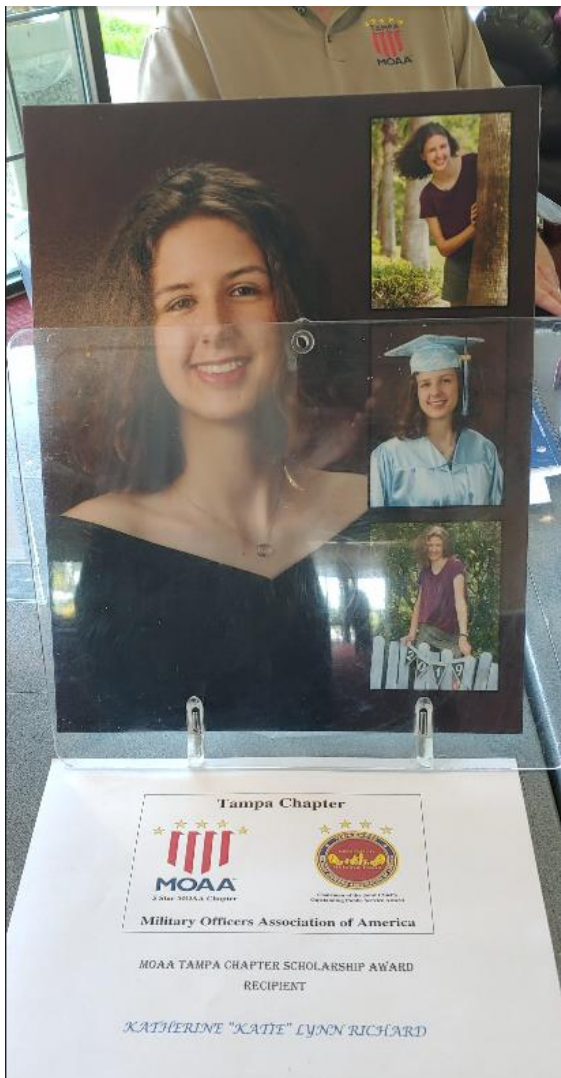
**HOW TO JOIN THE TAMPA CHAPTER:**

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.

**SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**



**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**  
 Navy Chaplain CDR Richard Helveston USNR RET

In the New Testament, the tenth chapter of Acts describes Cornelius as a good and faithful man. He regularly prayed and supported the poor even though he was a centurion (a commander in the Roman army), but when Peter entered his house, Peter was more worried that he was a Gentile, rather than a commander of an army. "You know it is against our laws for a Jewish man to enter a Gentile home like this or to associate with you"(v28) But God in His grace, uses the most wonderful ways to bring about His will in people's lives. By using Peter to bring the gospel to Cornelius, Jesus showed that no-one is exempt from God's love.



When the American Revolution broke out, the rebellious colonies did not possess an army in the modern sense. Rather, the revolutionaries fielded an amateur force of colonial troops, cobbled together from various New England militia companies. They had no unified chain of command, and although Artemas Ward of Massachusetts exercised authority by informal agreement, officers from other colonies were not obligated to obey his orders. The American volunteers were led, equipped, armed, paid for, and supported by the colonies from which they were raised.

In the spring of 1775, this "army" was about to confront British troops near Boston, Massachusetts. The revolutionaries had to re-organize their forces quickly if they were to stand a chance against Britain's seasoned professionals. Recognizing the need to enlist the support of all of the American seaboard colonies, the Massachusetts Provincial Congress appealed to the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia to assume authority for the New England army. Reportedly, at John Adams' request, Congress voted to "adopt" the Boston troops on June 14, although there is no written record of this decision. Also on this day, Congress resolved to form a committee "to bring in a draft of rules and regulations for the government of the Army," and voted \$2,000,000 to support the forces around Boston, and those at New York City. Moreover, Congress authorized the formation of ten companies of expert riflemen from Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia, which were directed to march to Boston to support the New England militia.

George Washington received his appointment as commander-in-chief of the Continental Army the next day, and formally took command at Boston on July 3, 1775.



## OPERATION HELPING HAND DINNER PHOTOS



**READOUT OF ACTING SECRETARY OF DEFENSE PATRICK SHANAHAN'S MEETING WITH VIETNAM DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER PHAM BINH MINH**

Acting Secretary of Defense Patrick M. Shanahan met with Vietnam Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Pham Binh Minh at the Pentagon today to reaffirm the comprehensive partnership between the United States and Vietnam.

The leaders discussed the regional security environment and highlighted historic progress in the U.S.-Vietnam defense partnership. The two countries are continuing to build practical defense cooperation in the areas of maritime security, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, and peace-keeping. The leaders also highlighted close cooperation on addressing legacy of war issues and accounting for U.S. personnel missing from the Vietnam War.

Secretary Shanahan outlined the U.S. vision for a free and open Indo-Pacific region, and the two leaders agreed that a strong and comprehensive U.S.-Vietnam partnership, specifically in the area of defense cooperation, promotes regional and global security and economic development.

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<https://dod.defense.gov/News/News-Releases/News-Release-View/Article/1857279/readout-of-acting-secretary-of-defense-patrick-shanahans-meeting-with-vietnam-d/source/GovDelivery/>



The U.S. Army Drill Team performs during a Meet Your Army event at Point State Park in Pittsburgh, May 4, 2019



A soldier parachutes near Mount Rainier while preparing to land at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., May 5, 2019.



A soldier assigned to the Army Black Daggers Parachute Demonstration Team carries the U.S. flag during a performance at the Keesler and Biloxi Air and Space Show in Biloxi, Miss., May 5, 2019.

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Army paratroopers enter a CH-47 Chinook helicopter during an airborne operation at the Juliet drop zone in Pordenone, Italy, May 9, 2019.





Marines run toward a helicopter during tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel training at Fort Greely, Alaska, May 15, 2019.



The Navy's Sailors of the Year speak with World War II veteran Walter Green at Nationals Park in Washington, D.C., May 14, 2019. The sailors were honored in a ceremony before the game.





U.S. Naval Academy midshipmen scale the grease-covered Herndon Monument at the school in Annapolis, Md., May 20, 2019. In the annual rite of passage, first-year students form a human pyramid to replace an underclassman's "Dixie cup" hat at the top of the obelisk with an upperclassman's cover.



Air Force Col. Jennifer Short has her feet painted green by her family after her fini-flight at Moody Air Force Base, Ga., May 14, 2019. The fini-flight is a long-standing Air Force tradition that occurs when a pilot leaves the base.

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Army paratroopers wait to board a CH-47 Chinook helicopter and conduct an air assault during Exercise Immediate Response at Vojarna Josip Jovic air base in Udbina, Croatia, May 17, 2019. Immediate Response is designed to help U.S., Croatian and Slovenian troops move forces and equipment more quickly.

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Marines move up a ramp during a memorial ruck run at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, May 16, 2019. The run honored Marine Corps Cpl. Sara A. Medina and Lance Cpl. Jacob Hug, who were killed in 2015 when the UH-1Y Huey helicopter they were aboard crashed during a humanitarian mission after a 7.8 magnitude earthquake hit Nepal.



The USS Carney fires an SM-2 missile during a live-fire exercise as part of Formidable Shield 19 in the Atlantic Ocean, May 17, 2019. Formidable Shield is designed to improve allied interoperability using NATO command-and-control reporting structures.



A pair of MV-22B Ospreys arrive at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, May 11, 2019.



Sailors and Marines salute from the flight deck of the USS New York while transiting the Hudson River en route to a pier in Manhattan during Fleet Week New York, May 22, 2019.



Air Force Tech. Sgt. Pete Rivera, a recruiter for the Thunderbirds, the Air Force air demonstration squadron, looks at his reflection at the Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C., May 8, 2019.



Vice President Mike Pence lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier with Acting Defense Secretary Patrick M. Shanahan and Army Maj. Gen. Michael L. Howard at Arlington National Cemetery, Va., May 27, 2019.

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



Soldiers conduct rappelling and ruck march during air assault course at the Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany, Sept. 20-21, 2018.