

## Upcoming Events

**OUR BOARD WILL MEET AT  
1000 on:**

**+ 05 MARCH  
+ 02 APRIL  
+ 07 MAY**

**LUNCHEON  
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**PUBLICATION  
DEADLINE FOR THE  
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25 MARCH 2020**



**REMEMBER to  
"Spring Forward" 8 March.**

**During periods when Daylight  
Saving time is in effect, proper  
luncheon attire is business cas-  
ual (slacks/shirts with collars).**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT COL CHARLES DALCOURT USA RET



COL CHARLES DALCOURT  
USA RET  
2020 Chapter President

Greetings to all of MOAA's Tampa Chapter members and to all reading our March 2020 newsletter. It's a pleasure to share some insights with you and to also invite you to peruse the entire newsletter. As stated before, our newsletter has become an incredible source of information that is readily accessible from anywhere in the world and whose topics are truly relevant.

### Exceptional Volunteers and Volunteer Opportunities:

I'll begin with thanking our exceptional cast of volunteers that compose myriad committees within our Chapter. Your consistent support and service allows our team to both plan and deliver. Your time and efforts are sincerely appreciated. Along the same line of thought, the Chapter has several vacancies that offer considerable value to the organization and meaningful work for the volunteer. Whether you are interested in public affairs work, becoming our chapter historian, editing our publications, assisting with recruiting and retaining members, or helping us develop a medically savvy team that will champion medical concerns of our constituency, we have need for your talents and rewarding opportunities to serve.

### Priorities and Goals:

I published in last month's edition of the newsletter, an overview of priorities and goals. I appreciate the comments shared by many of you via email and during conversations at our February luncheon. The Board of Directors will continue to refine our path for the year and will share our findings and recommendations accordingly.

As stated before, your input regarding additions and changes to our Chapter's programs is welcome. I reiterate that it is prudent to reflect on our Chapter's calling; to understand the current environment(s) in which our organization operates; and to seek the venues that best align with our strengths and virtues...that will allow us to make an impact today and an indelible imprint on the trajectory of tomorrow.

### Other Highlights:

Teammates, make your way to a Chapter luncheon! We have had some extraordinary sessions and they continue to get better. Last month we were blessed with several new attendees and an exceptional guest speaker, Mr. R. Steven Murray. Our new Area Vice President, Mr. Benny Blackshire and his wife Janet, visited the

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chapter luncheon. It was wonderful to meet Benny and Janet. It was a pleasure to watch our team warmly welcome and engage them both. We welcomed a new addition to our luncheon's head table – our Honored Member of the Month. Our initial honoree was MAJ Dolores Incremona (USAF Retired) and in March we will honor LTC Jeanne Richard (USA Retired). Please come out and enjoy the fellowship and food!

Next, scholarship applications are due in by 1 April. An application and information outlining the criteria to qualify for the scholarship are included in this newsletter. Please seize this opportunity to help our youth transition well.

A third highlight pertains to membership dues. If you have not paid your chapter dues for 2020, you still have time. The deadline is 31 March. We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your prompt response.

#### **Wrapping Up:**

In closing, I remain thankful for the opportunity to serve you and am consistently amazed at the sacrificial nature of our Team. Your desire to serve enables our community to thrive. It has been a catalyst for change and we will continue to improve upon our chapter's great legacy of service and commitment. Thanks again for your confidence and support.

All the best,  
Charles Dalcourt

#### **Notes from the Editor... Col Carol Zieres USA Ret**



**IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDENT/ACTING EDITOR  
COL ZIERES USA RET**

**Congratulations to the Tampa Chapter for receiving a certificate from National MOAA commemorating its' 60th anniversary as an affiliate. You can see a copy of the Certificate and letter in this edition of The Retrospect on Page 14.**

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**Tampa Chapter** (<http://moaatampa.org>) . Communications directed to specific board members may be made by accessing their contact Information listed under "ABOUT MOAA TAMPA CHAPTER" and "LEADERSHIP."

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MEMBER SURVEY ON PAGE 16**



**MARCH 2020 SPEAKER:**

Joe D. Battle

James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital Medical Center Director

Joe D. Battle was appointed Medical Center Director of the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital and Clinics in Tampa, Florida effective July 26, 2015.



Previously, Mr. Battle served as the director of the VA Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi and prior to that, he served as the Associate Director of the VA Medical Centers in Orlando, Florida, and Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Battle began his VA career in 1983 as a general engineer at the VA Medical Center in Dublin, Georgia and also worked at the VA Medical Center in Indianapolis, Indiana as the Assistant Chief and later as the Chief of Engineering.

In 2018, Mr. Battle received the Excellence in Clinical Simulation Training, Education and Research Executive Leadership Award, as well as the University of South Florida Partnership Award for Student Success. He is a 2003 graduate of Leadership VA (LVA), the 2002 class of the Executive Career Field Training Program and the Healthcare Leadership Institute. He completed the UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School Senior Executive Strategic Leadership course in 2012. He is a certified mentor and has mentored Executive Career Field candidates and members, and Leadership Development Candidates.



Mr. Battle currently serves on the National Leadership Council, Capital and Logistics Sub-committee. He recently served on the Veterans Integrated Services Network (VISN) 16 Executive Leadership Board, was the Lead Director for the VISN 16 Central Southern Planning Market. Previously his work included VA's Office of Information and Technology Region 3 Governance Board, and Chaired the VISN 8 Information and Data Management Committee, Capital Asset Management Committee and Finance Committee. He has served on several national committees and task forces.

Mr. Battle is a current member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and the LVA Alumni Association. He is a 1981 graduate of the University of Alabama and married with two adult children.



**Shared by: Ruth VanDyke, WIMSA ambassador for West Central Florida (5 county area)**

The Women In Military Service For America Memorial, at the Ceremonial Entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is the only major national memorial honoring all women who have defended America throughout history. Their patriotism and bravery are a part of our nation's heritage and are now recognized.

Visitors to the Women's Memorial experience the collective history of women in the military along with the individual stories of registered servicewomen. Additionally the Women's Memorial:

- recognizes all women who have served in or with the United States Armed Forces—past, present and future;
- documents the experiences of these women and tells their stories of service, sacrifice and achievement;
- makes their contributions a visible part of our history;
- illustrates their contribution equal to that of men in defense of our nation; and serves as inspiration for others;

The link below will allow those wishing to register themselves, family or friends, (living or deceased) in the memorials registry, thus preserving the legacy of their service to our nation.

[Register Here](#)

**LEGISLATIVE LOWDOWN**  
**BY LTC REGINALD WILLIAMS, USA RET**  
 For more information, visit MOAA's [Take Action Center!](#)



LTC Reginald Williams, USA  
Ret  
Legislative Liaison

Greetings once again! Last month I brought to your attention MOAA National's Legislative Mission and Goals for 2020. This month I will provide a brief insight into the Florida's Councils of Chapters legislative focus areas. The Florida Council of Chapters legislative focus areas we will continue to advocate for in 2020 follow:

- Enhanced State Initiatives to improve military spouse licensure portability policy passed.
- Evaluating State Actions to Support Improved Licensure Laws – policy passed
- Allow Service Members to Retain Their Earned Priority for Receiving Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waivers – policy passed
- Temporary Waiver of Residence Requirement for School Enrollment – Bill introduced
- Removing Certification Impediments for Military Spouse Teachers
- Virtual schools can provide a bridge for military children transitioning to a new school district where they don't have access to specific curricula
- Ensure Military Health System (MHS) reform improves the military health care benefit - MOAA's 2020 health care advocacy efforts will be laser focused on ensuring MHS Reform improves care for beneficiaries while maintaining the value of the military health benefit.

What Is the Purpose Behind Congress' MHS Reform? For decades, various committees, commissions and federal government entities have issued reports highlighting a need to re-evaluate or restructure the MHS. With the FY17 NDAA, Congress directed a restructuring of the MHS designed to address a variety of problems with both medical readiness and the provision of beneficiary care. And, although numerous lawmakers have stated MHS Reform is not intended as a cost-cutting exercise, Congress has stated their objectives include greater efficiencies and lower total management cost of the MHS.

MOAA understands Congress is serious about MHS reform, and MOAA is serious about protecting the military health care benefit. We acknowledge and appreciate Congress' intent to improve the MHS, but we must play a critical oversight role in the MHS reform process. We are concerned DoD has so far approached MHS Reform as a cost-cutting exercise, without the focus on readiness and beneficiary care improvements Congress intended.

Our initiatives for Florida nest into the National level goals as we continue to advocate for servicemembers, veterans and family members to obtain equality of care, equipment, and benefits.

As we prepare for Storming the Hill 2020, I ask that you continue to engage your respective Congressperson for our local/state advocacy needs. You can use the link below to communicate with your Congressperson.

[Click Here](#) for the MOAA Take Action Link

*Source: MOAA National and FCOC newsletters, Feb 20*

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We'll be There.

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**Scholarship Deadline is 1 April!**



**MOAA Tampa Scholarship Information for year 2020 is available.**

**Visit our website and download the latest information. You can also find the application and details on Pages 17-18 in this newsletter.**

[Scholarship Program](#)

**OPERATION HELPING HAND UPDATE**

"As long as we are needed, Operation Helping Hand will be there..."



LTC JIM GRIFFIN,  
CHAIRMAN, OPHH

Our 190th consecutive dinner for FEBRUARY was a truly fantastic evening. The honorees were shown a very warm, appreciative, and supportive crowd. Our sincere thanks to SOF MISSIONS for their generous support of OPERATION HELPING HAND by sponsoring the dinner. To Dr. Damon and Dayna Friedman, thank you!

The BRUNCHERY came through with another superb dinner. It was a truly delicious meal. Thanks to Greg and the BRUNCHERY STAFF for helping make the evening a great event.

Our MARCH DINNER is sponsored by our own TAMPA CHAPTER, MOAA. I would like to thank the CHAPTER for their continued support of OPERATION HELPING HAND.

On 27 MARCH at the BAY PALMS GOLF COURSE, the BOB SILAH MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT will be played. This year this is a very special event due to the fact that Friday is the practice day for the AIRFEST EVENT which is held on 28-29 MARCH. You will have the opportunity to see an air show up close and personal. You are able to sign up for the tournament as a player or a sponsor until 16 MARCH. Please sign up quickly if you want to play because we are always sold out before the deadline and we limit the number of foursomes to 30 to insure a quicker pace for the tournament. You are able to register on line at OPERATIONHELPINGHANDTAMPA.COM.

As always, a very special thanks to our tireless volunteers which enables us to consistently provide 96.5% of all the monies donated to go to our wounded and injured 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 we receive from numerous donors every month in the way of checks, or on our website (OPERATIONHELPINGHANDTAMPA.COM) 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!**

**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.



**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

CHAPLAIN (COL) BERNARD H LIEVING JR USA RET



CINDY AND CHAPLAIN (COL)  
BERNARD H LIEVING JR USA RET

Each year on March 17th rivers turn green (with human help), people drink green beer and wear some green article of clothing. It is a time when Irish pubs are full and no one has to be Irish to justify drinking more alcohol than they should. It is all in celebration of St. Patrick's Day, named in honor of the patron saint of Ireland, Patrick. At age 16 he was captured on his father's farm in Roman Britain and taken to Ireland as a slave. He later escaped, went back to Britain, became a Catholic priest and returned to Ireland to convert the pagans to Christianity.

By the time he died in 432, supposedly on March 17th, he had founded churches, monasteries, and schools.

While St. Patrick's Day is a holy day of obligation only for Catholics in Ireland, in other parts of the world it is more often an Irish cultural day when St. Patrick is remembered by parades, food, drinks, and all things green.

Many people remember the day with the St. Patrick's Breastplate, a prayer attributed to him. A much truncated version, which may well become our daily prayer, says: "I arise today through God's strength to pilot me, God's might to uphold me,



God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to see before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's way to lie before me. God's shield to protect me, God's host to secure me against snares of devils, against temptations and vices, against inclinations of nature, against all who shall wish me ill, afar and anear, alone and in a crowd..."

**Happy St. Patrick's Day!**

**Enjoy and be safe!**

## 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 CDR Geoff Harrington USNR Ret at (813) 926-7988 so that he may call or send cards to let them know they are missed. Alternatively, you may send an e-mail to: [TampaMOAA.Secretary@gmail.com](mailto:TampaMOAA.Secretary@gmail.com), CDR Geoff Harrington USNR, Ret, Sick Call Chairman

### MARCH 2020 DATES TO REMEMBER



#### Navy Reserve Birthday—March 3rd

This reserve branch got its formal start on March 3, 1915 when it was known as the Federal Naval Reserve. This would last until 1916 when the Reserve was reorganized and re-christened the United States Naval Reserve Force. At the start of World War One, approximately eight thousand reserve members served, but by war's end those numbers swelled to 250 thousand, according to Navy.mil. [Read More Here](#)



#### National Vietnam War Veterans Day—March 29

National Vietnam War Veterans Day is a US holiday observed annually on March 29. It recognizes veterans who served in the US military during the Vietnam War. March 29 was chosen as National Vietnam War Veterans Day because on March 29, 1973, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) was disbanded and the last U.S. combat troops departed the Republic of Vietnam. [Read More Here](#)

#### Don't forget to add these to your calendar!

- Hug a GI Day—March 4
- Seabee Birthday—March 5
- K9 Veterans Day—March 13
- American Legion Birthday—March 15
- St. Patrick's Day—March 17
- Medal of Honor Day—March 25

*Happy Birthday!*

- 1 MARCH**  
LTC ROBERT TUCKER USAR RET  
COL CAROL ZIERES USA RET
- 3 MARCH**  
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LTC JAMES ROY JR USAR RET
- 7 MARCH**  
FORMER ARMY 1LT ROBERT WILDE
- 10 MARCH**  
LT COL ROBERT WADSWORTH USAF RET
- 11 MARCH**  
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- 12 MARCH**  
AUXILIARY MEMBER MILLIE DALCOURT
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Is your **MARCH** birthday missing? JUST SEND A NOTE TO:

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### HOW TO JOIN THE TAMPA CHAPTER:

Come to a luncheon (2nd Thursdays) at 1115 at the Surf's Edge Club on MacDill Air Force Base and ask for Membership Chairman COL William A Schneider USA RET OR [download our brochure](#) and mail the application accordingly with payment.

You can email Col Schneider at [TampaMOAA.Membership@gmail.com](mailto:TampaMOAA.Membership@gmail.com)

Our Tampa Chapter Membership Application is found on our [website](#), or in this edition of The Retrospect on **Page 15**.

**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.



### Have you "liked" our Facebook page?

Visit us on Facebook at [@TampaMOAA](#) where you can scroll through our photo albums, like and share our posts, and stay up to date on Tampa Chapter news and events.



### HAVE YOU SEEN OUR UPDATED WEBSITE?

[WWW.MOAAATAMPA.ORG](http://WWW.MOAAATAMPA.ORG)

The MOAA Tampa website is a comprehensive and valuable tool that you can use to make the most of your MOAA Membership. Some of the things you can find on our website include:

**Events Calendar:** We have a new "Events" page where you will find an updated calendar, displaying our upcoming MOAA events, as well as events happening with Operation Helping Hand. Click on our [Events Page](#) to check it out!

**Photo Gallery of Events:** This is our photo gallery, where you will see all of the photos during our luncheons, special meetings, conventions and more! If you've had your picture taken at our events, you can likely find it by scrolling through our [Photo Gallery](#)!

**Newsletters:** Here you will find the latest volume of The Retrospect, our award winning Tampa Chapter Newsletter. You can also access archived versions of The Retrospect for reference and research. In addition, you can find archived versions of the Military Spouse Newsletter, which has been merged into The Retrospect starting in August 2019. Visit [The Retrospect](#) page to read on!

**Member Directory:** You can access an electronic version of our Member Directory on our website. **The list is password protected** for safety of our private information, but MOAA Tampa Chapter Members can be provided the password to access. You can also download an Excel version of the list once permitted into the page. Check out the [Member Directory](#) now!

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**DOD Moves to Use Data More Effectively in Decision-Making**

FEB. 14, 2020 | BY DAVID VERGUN, DOD NEWS

[Read Article Online](#)

The Defense Department is seeking ways to use data more effectively for improved decision-making on the battlefield and in its business practices, Deputy Defense Secretary David L. Norquist said.

Norquist and DOD Chief Information Officer Dana Deasy met with data analytics industry experts in the Pentagon today to discuss the way ahead for the department.

"This is the core of what we need to do under the National Defense Strategy," the deputy secretary said, noting that better use of data leads to increased reform and lethality. At the most basic level, data from everyone's salary and every piece of equipment could be collected and reported in a data set to which analysis could then be applied, Norquist said. This information would be especially useful in the DOD-wide audit and reporting to lawmakers, he noted.

To accomplish this, he said, DOD has to determine internal methods of data identification, collection, organization and how it can be used most effectively for operational and business decisions.

"This is an area where there's a great deal to be learned from industry," Norquist said. "We don't have to be ahead of industry. We just have to competently follow industry and take advantage of some of the things they've already done."



Deputy Defense Secretary David L. Norquist speaks about data analytics with industry experts at the Pentagon, Feb. 14, 2020. To his left is Defense Department Chief Information Officer Dana Deasy. Photo By: Marvin Lynchard, DOD.



Juliana Vida, industry representative and retired naval aviator, speaks to Deputy Defense Secretary David L. Norquist and Defense Department Chief Information Officer Dana Deasy about ways to leverage data analytics. Photo By: Marvin Lynchard, DOD

Deasy said data accuracy is especially important to making informed decisions and allowing individuals to trust the data.

Although the way industry uses data may differ from the way the Defense Department does, he said, DOD could borrow some of industry's methods.

Juliana Vida, industry representative and retired naval aviator, said data collection could come from sensors embedded in machines, weapons platforms and facilities to predict outages, material failure and other information, thereby saving money and making things safer.

Data analytics is so important for the department, she said, because the margin for error is shrinking, the decision cycle is shortening, and the attack surface is growing. "There are more bad guys out there looking for vulnerabilities," she added.

Anthony Perez, industry representative, said data analytics collection and processing could be automated to operationalize the data so humans in the process can make informed and critical decisions.

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**DoD to restructure 50 hospitals, clinics to improve readiness**  
**By Military Health System Communications Office / Published February 19, 2020**

[Read Article Online](#)

The Department of Defense announced, Feb. 19, plans to restructure 50 military hospitals and clinics to better support wartime readiness of military personnel and to improve clinical training for medical forces who deploy in support of combat operations around the world.

Military readiness includes making sure medical treatment facilities are operated to ensure service members are medically ready to train and deploy," said Tom McCaffery, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs. "It also means MTFs are effectively utilized as platforms that enable our military medical personnel to acquire and maintain the clinical skills and experience that prepares them for deployment in support of combat operations around the world."

The restructuring effort focused on strengthening the prime responsibility of military medical facilities for training medical personnel and "for keeping combat forces healthy and ready to deploy according to readiness and mission requirements – all while ensuring the MHS provides our beneficiaries with access to quality health care," McCaffery added.

These plans were described and explained in a report sent to Congress, Feb. 19, titled "Restructuring and Realignment of Military Medical Treatment Facilities." This report was required by law under Section 703(d) of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2017, which directed the DoD to analyze its hospital and clinic footprint and submit a plan to Congressional defense committees.

Of the 343 facilities in the United States initially screened for this report, 77 were selected for additional assessment, with 21 identified for no changes.

Of the 50 facilities ultimately designated for restructuring, 37 outpatient clinics now open to all beneficiaries will eventually see primarily only active-duty personnel. Active-duty family members, retirees and their families who currently receive care at those facilities will transition over time to TRICARE's civilian provider network. The report states that seven of these clinics may continue to enroll active-duty family members on a space-available basis.

In addition, many active-duty-only clinics will continue to provide occupational health services to installation civilian employees related to their employment.

The report acknowledges that transitioning patients from MTFs to the TRICARE network will take time – in some cases several years – and if local TRICARE networks cannot provide access to quality care, DoD will revise implementation plans. "Markets are expected to transition MTF eligibles to the network at different rates and, in certain markets, the transition could take several years," the report states. Detailed implementation plans will be developed through coordination with MTFs, the Defense Health Agency, the military departments and the TRICARE Health Plan.

TRICARE is the health care program for the U.S. armed services. The two most popular plans available to most eligible beneficiaries under 65, TRICARE Prime and TRICARE Select, include more than 6.7 million enrolled patients. Other plans are targeted for specific beneficiary groups, such as Reservists and those eligible for Medicare.

During his keynote address at the December 2019 annual meeting of the Society of Federal Health Professionals, known as AMSUS, McCaffery offered a broad overview of intentions for changing the scope of operations at certain MTFs in what is known within the MHS as the Direct Care System.

"In optimizing the operation of the Direct Care System to most effectively support the MHS readiness mission, we need to identify those areas where we could expand capacity at MTFs that offer potential for sustaining the skills and knowledge of our medical force," McCaffery said during his AMSUS speech. "But, we also must examine those areas where facilities do not offer now, and likely will not be able to offer in the future – a platform for maximizing capabilities to support medical readiness. In those situations, we need to be open to right-sizing MTF services and capabilities so as to ensure that we are using finite resources most efficiently ... while not compromising our ability to meet mission."



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FEBRUARY LUNCHEON PHOTOS



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## FEBRUARY OPERATION HELPING HAND DINNER PHOTOS



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**PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD (photos taken from <https://www.defense.gov/observe/photo-gallery/> )**



An Air Force KC-10 Extender conducts an aerial refueling with a French Dassault Rafale over Southwest Asia, Feb. 1, 2020. Photo By: Air Force Tech. Sgt. Joshua Williams. <https://www.defense.gov/observe/photo-gallery/igphoto/2002250147/>



U.S. Marines and Japanese service members exit an MV-22B Osprey during vertical assault training at Camp Takayubaru in Kumamoto, Japan, Jan. 28, 2020, as part of Forest Light Western Army. Photo By: Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Ethan LeBlanc. <https://www.defense.gov/observe/photo-gallery/igphoto/2002249998/>



An unarmed Trident II missile launches from the submarine USS Maine off the coast of San Diego, Feb. 12, 2020. The successful launch demonstrated the readiness of the Navy's strategic weapon system. Photo By: Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Thomas Gooley. <https://www.defense.gov/observe/photo-gallery/igphoto/2002249267/>



NASA astronaut and Army Col. Andrew Morgan pauses for a photo at the International Space Station's Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer work site, Jan. 25, 2020. Photo By: Luca Parmitano, European Space Agency. <https://www.defense.gov/observe/photo-gallery/igphoto/2002247665/>



U.S. sailors pull a combat rubber raiding craft carrying Japanese soldiers aboard the USS Pearl Harbor in the Pacific Ocean, Feb. 6, 2020, during Iron Fist, an exercise designed to enhance U.S. and Japanese forces' ability to plan, communicate and conduct combined amphibious operations. Photo By: Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Natalie Byers. <https://www.defense.gov/observe/photo-gallery/igphoto/2002246974/>



Army Spc. Christopher Andres, an Oregon National Guardsman assigned to the 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team, provides security for an Air Force C-130J Super Hercules during unloading and loading operations in Somalia, Feb. 6, 2020. Photo By: Air Force Tech. Sgt. Christopher Ruano. <https://www.defense.gov/observe/photo-gallery/igphoto/2002248581/>



Marine Corps Sgt. Justin Roe demonstrates an attack procedure with Jack, a military working dog, aboard the USS America in the Philippine Sea, Feb. 7, 2020. Photo By: Navy Seaman Apprentice Theodore C. Lee. <https://www.defense.gov/observe/photo-gallery/igphoto/2002246969/>

A student participates in a cold-water immersion training at Fort McCoy, Wis., Jan. 17, 2020, as a part of the Cold-Weather Operations Course. Photo By: Scott Sturkol, Army. <https://www.defense.gov/observe/photo-gallery/igphoto/2002244530/>



February 11, 2020

Dear Colonel Zieres,

Congratulations to the Tampa Chapter on **60 years** as a MOAA Affiliate. The efforts and contributions made by your chapter to the military community and MOAA National over the years is remarkable.

Throughout my time at MOAA, I have been moved and inspired to see chapter leaders and members setting the bar high for others to follow—you truly stand out in this crowd of superstars!

I wish you continued success in your ongoing goal to "Never Stop Serving."

Sincerely,

*Dana T. Atkins*

**Tampa Chapter  
Celebrates  
60 Years  
as a  
MOAA  
National  
Affiliate!**

*Military Officers Association of America*



**Presents This**

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Affiliate Award**

*to*

**Tampa Chapter, MOAA**

*Commemorating 60 years*

*As an Affiliate of*

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*February 11, 2020*  
*Date*

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



## MOAA TAMPA CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP FORM DUES: \$25.00

**HELP US MAINTAIN A CURRENT MEMBERSHIP ROSTER BY PROVIDING YOUR MOST UPDATED INFORMATION:**

RANK, NAME, SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: CELL/HOME: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

**Tampa Chapter Annual Dues: \$25.00**

(There is no dues requirement for active duty personnel or surviving spouse)

**MOAA National Annual Dues:**

\$48.00 You can join National MOAA at their website: [moaa.org](http://moaa.org)

**MOAA National Lifetime Dues:**

Based on age. Range: \$693-\$72

You can bring this completed form to any event or you can mail it with the \$25.00 check made out to: "MOAA Tampa Chapter",

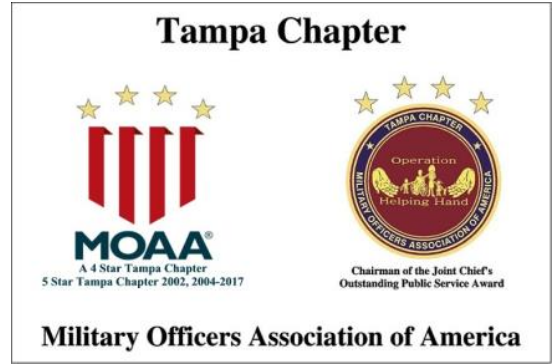
to: Bill Schneider  
15888 Sanctuary Dr.  
Tampa, FL 33647  
Email: [TampaMOAA.Membership@gmail.com](mailto:TampaMOAA.Membership@gmail.com)

**NOTE: MOAA NATIONAL DUES MUST BE PAID SEPARATELY (<http://www.moaa.org>)**

**MOAA Tampa Chapter Membership Survey 2020:** Change in luncheon location and speaker/topic suggestions

Dear MOAA Tampa Chapter Member,

In order to bring you the best value and even greater social experience during the MOAA Tampa Chapter Luncheons, the Board of Directors is considering changing the meeting location for the Chapter’s monthly luncheons.



Some of the reasons for changing the location are to:

- eliminate the need for vetting base access to members and guests to get on base
- improve the quality of the food and beverage service for the cost involved
- enhance the audiovisual support
- provide greater flexibility to accommodate the growing needs of our Chapter

We are interested in knowing how the general membership feels about meeting off base.

Please take a moment to complete your response below:

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If you are in favor of moving the location, please recommend off-post venue(s)for the Board to consider. Provide the name of dining establishment, contact person and phone number or email (if known):

We are interested in your suggestions for specific topics or guest speakers that the Tampa Chapter Programs Officer consider for the calendar year 2020. Provide a BRIEF description of topic, contact person’s name and phone number/email address:

Your Name and Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

Send your completed form/information to: Dick Siegman at [dicknick2@msn.com](mailto:dicknick2@msn.com) or bring to the next Chapter Luncheon.

THANK YOU for your input.  
MOAA Tampa Chapter Board



**SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS  
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA TAMPA CHAPTER**

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

Be a dependent or grandchild of a member of the MOAA Tampa Chapter who has been in good standing for a minimum period of one year prior to the date of application. Be a graduating senior from a secondary school.

Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher OR documented IEP/504 Status.

Complete the Scholarship Application Form.

Attend the June 11, 2020, Luncheon & Awards Ceremony. Attendance is required by the **recipient or immediate family member** in order to receive the scholarship award.

**REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS:**

Submission of proof of Military Affiliation (DD214 or Military ID) of the sponsoring MOAA Tampa Chapter member as the applicant must be a depend or grandchild of a member of the MOAA Tampa Chapter.

Submission of proof of 3.0 GPA in the form of the high school transcript OR transcript and IEP/504.

Submission of two written letters of reference from someone other than a relative. References may be from teachers, school counselor, clergy, work supervisor, etc.

An acceptance letter from an accredited college, community college, or university with Student ID number included.

A letter **written by the student** in which he/she explains his/her goals, academic experience, and extracurricular activities.

A completed Scholarship Application Form (see Application on the web page). **No late documentation will be accepted.**

A color photo head shot or student senior picture (or a scanned photo sent via email in jpeg format).

The selection committee reserves the right to limit the scholarship awards to one per sponsor.

**Submit completed application package by 1 April 2020 to:**

MGEN (Ret) James G. Jones  
15824 Sanctuary Drive  
Tampa, FL 33647

**MOAA TAMPA CHAPTER  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date sponsor joined chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor MOAA National # \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduating School: \_\_\_\_\_

College Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Awards & Honors (Name & Year Received):

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School Activities (Clubs, bands, athletics, etc. – Name & Year):

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Other Extracurricular Activities, Community Activities (scouting, volunteering, employment, etc. – Name & Year):

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Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.