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JANUARY PROGRAM: SARASOTA OPERA SINGERS

by Margarete Wiltshire

Once again, five Sarasota Opera Studio Artists delighted the members and guests at our January 15th luncheon. Sam Lowry, the Opera's Director for Audience Development summarized this year's Winter Opera Festival, which will complete the 28-year *Verdi Cycle*, dedicated to performing every note of music written by Giuseppe Verdi.



Tenor Raymon Godfrey Geis from Boistfort WA and baritone Joseph Ryan from Sarasota thrilled us with the impassioned duet, "Au fond du temple saint", from Bizet's *The Pearl Fishers*. Mr. Ryan is also cover (understudy) for Don Pizarro in *Fidelio*. They were followed by bass-baritone William Roberts, from Kingspoint NY, who sang the triumphant "O tu Palermo" from Verdi's *I Vespri Siciliani*. Mr. Roberts will sing the role of the Second Consul of Milan in *The Battle of Legnano* and also covers for Ramfis in *Aida*, Don Fernando in *Fidelio* and Marcovaldo in *Legnano* – an impressive repertoire, indeed.

Soprano Lindsey Anderson, from Traverse City MI, sang the courageous "Suicidio" from Ponchielli's *La Gioconda*. She will cover the heroine Lenore in *Fidelio*. Bass-baritone Isaiah Musik-Ayala, from Cotati CA, sang Banco's foreboding aria "Come dal ciel precipita" from Verdi's *Macbeth*; he is also cover for the King of Egypt in *Aida* and Frederico Barbarossa in *Legnano*. Messrs. Ryan and Roberts capped the program with a powerful rendition of "Suoni la tromba" from *I Puritani* by Bellini. Maestro Howard Lubin, music Director of the Studio Artist Program, expertly accompanied the singers.

The 2016 Winter Opera Festival begins Jan 30th with Verdi's beloved *Aida*, a passionate tale of a tragic love triangle, which will be the largest production ever presented by the Sarasota Opera. It will be followed by Mozart's delightful comedy *Così fan tutte* opening on Feb 6th; and Beethoven's only Grand Opera, *Fidelio*, on Feb 13th. When the final Verdi opera, *The Battle of Legnano* opens Feb 13th,

the Sarasota Opera will become the only opera company in the world to have performed every note Verdi wrote. This historic achievement will be celebrated on March 20th with a Verdi concert, preceded by a gala dinner and followed by an After Party. Visitors from around the world, including two of Verdi's great-grand-children will be in attendance.

Tickets for all may be obtained from the Opera Box Office (328-1300) or www.sarasotaopera.org.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM: Dr. David Zonies: "How To Avoid Cardiologists"

by Perry Korszen

Back by popular demand, we will have another informative and entertaining presentation on "How to Avoid Cardiologists" from Dr. David C. Zonies M.D., FACC. Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Disease, Dr. Zonies is a widely recognized authority in Cardiology.

Dr. Zonies served as a Major in the US Army from 1967 to 1969, with duty stations at Walson Army Hospital, Ft. Dix NJ (1967), and the 50th Medical Clearing Company and the 24th Evacuation Hospital, Long Binh, Vietnam (1968-1969). During that time, the base functioned as a U.S. Army base, a logistics center, and a major command headquarters for the United States Army Vietnam (USARV).

Dr. Zonies earned his BS at the University of Notre Dame in 1958; his MD from Northwestern University School of Medicine in 1962; followed by Internships and Fellowships in Internal Medicine, Cardiology and Neurology at The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania from 1962 to 1967. After his stint in the Army, Dr. Zonies was in private practice of Interventional Cardiology (Pacemakers, cardiac catheterizations, stents etc.) from 1969 until his retirement from active practice. Subsequently, he consulted for major legal firms evaluating possible mass tort litigation in the cardiology field until retiring from a special group of Consulting Cardiologists.

You won't want to miss the February MOAS Luncheon, so sign up early.

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Military Officers Association of Sarasota (MOAS) Mission

MOAS, a non-profit 501c(19) organization, exists to improve the awareness, life style, and overall environment of its members; support and serve the citizens of the Sarasota area; influence the political process in matters pertaining to active duty, retired and former military personnel; and enhance the image of America's uniformed services in our local community.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

George Tracy

Congratulations to MOAS member, the beautiful **Jayne Blair**, who, as of last month, began her 103rd year with us.

Thank you Bill La Follette, Lt Col USAFR, for your single-handed commitment, dedication and service over the past five years in doing all of the hard work to make the MOAS JROTC Awards Program a success. We are so fortunate to have had Bill leading this successful MOAS Program on our behalf!! Bill has turned his JROTC responsibilities over to **Maj Tony Mowry USAFR**, who has stepped up to take the lead in 2016!
Thanks, Tony!!

Kay and I attended the 2016 Florida Council of Chapters (FCOC) Leadership Forum, Orlando Hilton, January 8 & 9. The forum gave us the opportunity to meet our new MOAA National President, Lt Gen Dana Adkins USAF, former Thunderbird pilot, and to hear his inspiring words, emphasizing the critical importance of "Never Stop Serving" Veteran Advocacy and of what we do. It was a pleasure to get to know chapter leaders better, but, more importantly, to learn from one another what is working and what is not working in our efforts to serve you better, increase membership, inspire community support and mobilize positive, effective grassroots demand for legislative action on Veterans issues. **Veterans need Voices!! YOURS!!**

By now, if you have an email address, you will have received an email notification of our **new MOAS web site**, <http://www.sarasotamoa.com/>, telling you how to login in and set up your account, if you choose to do so! In addition to the MOAS site, you have access to our state web site at <http://www.moaaf.org/> and our national website at <http://www.moa.org/>. These are valuable tools at your disposal to inform yourself and to act to protect your rights and benefits as a Veteran. Please check out your MOAS web site, login and give us your feedback **so we can make it better!!**

Important Reminder!!: We are in the midst of our 2016 Membership Renewal Campaign and have not heard from many of you. You will have received by now my second renewal request, either via your email or in last month's (January 2015) mailing of the Breeze. I will simply say, again, **"We really need you to remain an active MOAS member in 2016"** to continue to support your interests and the MOAA fight for Veterans on Capitol Hill. So please submit your dues payment and, if you can, a Scholarship donation, **not later than 30 January**, so that we can retain and grow our membership in 2016! **Thank You!!**

Take Action!! You can make a difference!! Use your MOAA "Take Action" network to connect to your Congressional legislators. Add your voice in support of our MOAA team in Washington to get positive results on Veterans' issues legislation that concerns you! **Just Do It!**

Thanks to all of you, who attended our Jan 15th luncheon with Sam Lowry and his troupe of exceptional Sarasota Opera Company voices. Make it a point to treat yourself to the complete performance of *Aida* through 19 March at <http://www.sarasotaopera.org/index.aspx>.

Remember and live by our MOAA mantras, **"Never Stop Serving!"** and **"Take Action!"**

Thank you all for your support of our MOAS 2016 Team and your donations to our 2016 Scholarship Program!!



SECRETARY'S CORNER

Jack Bartler

The meeting was called to order at 4:00PM on Monday Jan 4, 2016 at the Meadows Community Center. **ATTENDANCE:** Board Members Present: George Tracy (Pres); Brian McCarthy (1VP); Perry Korszen (2VP); Christa Friedlander (Treas); Jack Bartler(Sec'y); Alan Forester (Dir); Claire Power (Dir); John O'Brien (PP). Committee Chairs & Visitors Present: James Hesson, Pat McLain, Tom Piazze, Craig Hullinger, Len Friedlander, & Peggy Mock

BOARD MEETINGS AND LUNCHEONS

MONTH	BOARD	LUNCHEON
FEBRUARY	1	19
MARCH	7	18
APRIL	4	15

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Thanks to those who joined 2016 MOAS Board of Directors and Staff. I sincerely appreciate and welcome your support! I especially want to express my gratitude to those who are returning for yet another year of service, Brian, Christa, Clair, Alan, Len, Elke and Patricia, and to our new officers and chairs: Perry Korszen (2VP-Programs), Jack Bartler (Secretary) and Tony Mowry (JROTC Chair)! Thanks to all who supported the GALA. We celebrated well-deserved MOAA National President's Awards to Patricia McLain and Elke Scott and the Hertz Lifetime Community Service Award to John and Carol O'Brien. Also announced National MOAA awards to Jim Hesson and Troy Scott.

Our **2016 MOAS Renewal Campaign** sent out reminders to the many who have yet to respond. As our community grows older, this campaign takes more and more reminder effort, so stand by for your share of the final phone follow-up effort. Thanks for your support!!

Kay and I will be representing the Chapter at the Upcoming MOAA FCOC Winter Leadership Forum 8-9 Jan. Our Jan 15th luncheon will feature the Sarasota Opera thanks to producers and MOAS members, Russ & Margarete Wiltshire.

Thanks to Brian's hard work and persistence our New MOAS Web Site is operational supporting MOAS Home, SOT and BLOG; still tuning up! Welcome constructive comments and suggestions! The original SOT website remains operational!

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Nov 30, 2015 Board meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer reported the following balances as of December 31, 2015:

MOAS Operating Account	\$28,988.99
Operating Fund	\$ 25,681.50
LoV Flag initiative	\$ 3,307.49
Scholarship Fund Account	\$ 41,427.75
Undesignated Scholarship Fund	\$ 32,030.45
2016 Schmidt Scholarships (Merit/Vet)	\$ 4,000.00
Veterans Scholarships	\$ 1,000.00
SOT Fund	\$ 4,397.30

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Scheduled Events (Elke Scott): The Military Gala paid attendance was 99; profit was \$232.75.

Newsletter (Len Friedlander): The January edition of The Breeze was emailed to 342 recipients; 110 copies were printed and 101 copies mailed. The total cost to reproduce, package, and mail the newsletter \$130.29. Additionally, 125 color copies

of the Military Gala Program were produced at a cost of \$59.75.

Scholarships (Claire Power): Tony Mowry has agreed to be the Scholarship Committee JROTC Liaison. I will be sending applications to the various SMI's and College Advisors by Jan 15th. I will be contacting the Scholarship Committee members to determine the schools to receive the \$2,000 Schmidt Veterans Scholarship

Publicity (Alan Forrester): Alan Forrester noted that our current press release has been distributed to our media groups such as The Tampa Bay News Wire, The Sarasota Chamber, & MOAA The information is also published in the Breeze, and on our blog, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Pinterest, and Google+ pages.

Programs (Perry Korszen):

LUNCHEON PROGRAMS	
JANUARY	Sarasota Opera
FEBRUARY	Dr. Zonies - Cardiology
MARCH	Lyndon Smith - Residential Fire Safety

Membership(Brian McCarthy): The new chapter website is now on-line at www.sarasotamoaa.com. The Membership Renewal Campaign has only yielded 170 responses to our email/snail mail notices (50%).

MOAS	2014	1/1/2015	12/31/2015
REGULAR	277	277	278
AUXILIARY	82	82	74
ALLIED	4	4	4
TOTAL	363	363	356

Support Our Troops (John O'Brien): We have a replacement unit for the 101st CAB in Afghanistan, which we have supported since April 2015. The new unit is the 4th Infantry CAB out of Ft. Carson. Addresses have been updated on the web site thanks to George Tracy.

YAHOO (John O'Brien): The Army/Navy game at the Tracy's was a great evening. We have an upcoming Hockey Game Jan. 17th and St. Patrick's Day gathering on March 17th hosted by Jon & Mary Gordon. We have no further events scheduled, & are open for new events.

Social Marketing (Craig Hullinger): We continue to develop our MOAS social marketing to augment our web site, the Breeze and emails. It should help us to recruit younger officers who use social media. We operate on the time honored military communication system of telling the troops, then telling them again, and then telling them again. Our social media amplifies our message as we continue to try to engage our membership. Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Pinterest encourage members to interact with and post information to our pages. The Blog address is sarasotamoaa.us contains an unlimited number of photos, notices, stories and social media links to national MOAA and DoD.

NEW BUSINESS:

S&S Foundation planning a flag day event for June. Looking at several different venues for Vet Day USO-type show with a Bob Hope impersonator.

Question of whether to print a 2016 directory because of costs and other concerns was discussed and tabled.

Question of luncheon price at Michaels on East discussed. Kay Tracy and Elke Scott were asked to meet with them to determine if soup or salad might be eliminated to reduce the cost.

Pat McLain discussed number of awards to be given to Academic Olympic participants and whether they should even be continued. Subject was tabled without decision.

Tom Piazze stated that S&S Foundation would give \$100 a year for 5 years to MOAA Military Family Initiative program if MOAS would contribute a like amount. McCarthy motion, Bartler second, Approved unanimously.

Brian McCarthy demonstrated the MOAS web site.

NEXT MEETING: Meeting was adjourned at 5:15PM. The next Board meeting is scheduled for 4:00PM on Monday Feb 1, 2016 at the Meadows Community Center.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Len Friedlander

As I mentioned in last month's update, nothing about the current TRICARE system will be sacrosanct when lawmakers examine TRICARE - and neither will your wallet; and the first effects of congressional/DoD actions will occur on February 1, 2016.

2016 TRICARE COST INCREASES

Two TRICARE programs will see cost increases for 2016; pharmacy co-pays and TRICARE Young Adult (TYA) health plan premiums covering adult children.

The FY2016 Defense Authorization Act required increases in the **TRICARE pharmacy program co-payments**. The chart below shows how much various pharmacy co-pays will change on Feb 1, 2016.

RETAIL (30 DAY SUPPLY)	2015 CO-PAY RATES	2016 CO-PAY RATES
Generic	\$8	\$10
Brand Name	\$20	\$24
Non-Formulary	\$47	\$47

MAIL ORDER (90 DAY SUPPLY)	2015 CO-PAY RATES	2016 CO-PAY RATES
Generic	\$0	\$0
Brand Name	\$16	\$20
Non-Formulary	\$46	\$49
Military Facility	\$0	\$0

TRICARE Young Adult (TYA) - the Military Health System's benefit plan which covers adult children between the ages of 21 and 26 (as does the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in the civilian world) - increased premiums as of January 1, 2016. The following chart shows the new rates, and the (hefty) percentage increase.

	2015 ANNUAL PREMIUM	2016 ANNUAL PREMIUM	ANNUAL CHANGE (\$)	ANNUAL CHANGE (%)
TRICARE PRIME	\$2,496	\$3,672	+\$1,176	+47%
TRICARE STANDARD	\$2,172	\$2,736	+\$564	+26%

The TYA program is required to charge its young adult beneficiaries premiums that cover the full government cost of coverage. Unlike most other insurance plans in the country, TYA is legally not able to spread its costs over the larger pool of insured beneficiaries. This year's premiums represent - for the first time - the actual

cost of providing care to the TYA population. The result for military families, many with more than one child needing coverage, is that they are paying much more than their civilian counterparts. MOAA will be seeking ways to ease this unfair cost burden.

There is no doubt TRICARE will be taking center stage this year, with Congress having promised reforms. MOAA will continue to focus on ensuring any TRICARE reform sustains top-quality care, and that fee-adjustment formulas recognize that military beneficiaries prepay very large premiums for their lifetime coverage through decades of service and sacrifice.

VA Pharmacy Co-pay Change Proposed for 2017

On Jan 4th the VA announced new proposed guidelines (meant to lower the co-pay for veterans buying prescription drugs; estimating about 80% of eligible veterans would save between \$1 and \$5 per month's supply of a prescription under the new guidelines and 6% would see an increase. The proposed guidelines would eliminate the current procedure, which charges \$8 or \$9 for a 30-day supply, with price increases tied to Medical Consumer Price Index (although the VA has frozen co-pays since 2009). It would be replaced with a system involving three tiers; Tier 1 - (Generic medications) co-pay of \$5; Tier 2, with a co-pay of \$8; Tier 3 (brand name drugs still under patent protection) co-pay of \$11.

In its proposal, the VA predicts that at least half of all medications requiring a co-pay would fall in Tier 1. The prices would not increase automatically and could be changed only by further rule-making. The new guidelines, which would go into effect in January 2017, would also create an annual co-payment cap of \$700 (the current cap is \$960 and increases along with the co-payments). The VA estimates the new limit will increase the number of veterans saving money with the cap from less than 3% to about 9%. It says the copayment amounts would increase three times over six years if the current regulations were left unchanged.

The proposed co-pay rule has been declared economically significant and therefore will be reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget to determine cost savings or increase for the VA.

Commissary Budget Neutral Plan Deadline

The new year may bring more clarity to the future of the commissary benefit. Congress recently passed a provision requiring DoD to come up with a comprehensive plan to make the commissary benefit, as well as the military exchanges, "budget neutral" (operate with zero taxpayer dollars, while sustaining discounts to customers). A plan must be submitted by March 1st, with a target implementation of Oct. 1, 2018. DoD is authorized to conduct pilot programs to test different ideas for achieving the targets - again, while maintaining discounts.

DoD says the only way to get the requisite budget cuts would be to reduce savings, close stores or both. The Military Retirement and Compensation Modernization Commission recommended consolidation of the commissary and exchange systems to some degree. While defense officials believe that is not necessary, they have begun charting a new course for the future of commissaries and exchanges, laying out their plans in a fact sheet. Details are minimal, and military advocates are calling for the process to be fully transparent to commissary and exchange customers. DoD established a new board, the Defense Resale Business Optimization Board, which includes the leaders of the commissary and exchange systems, which has begun its work.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Charles Caudill

Epiphany

"A moment in which you suddenly see or understand something in a new or very clear way."

Merriam-Webster

The past holiday season has been a time of introspection for me. It began with the drive from Florida to Virginia on I-95. From Florence, SC to Washington, DC I drove in heavy traffic with fog, torrential rain plus truck spray, and could barely see the yellow line. We were stopped for automobile wrecks to be cleared, and beginning in Fredericksburg, VA the line of traffic all the way to the District of Columbia was at a standstill. It reminded me of all the dangers I had ever faced and survived.

During the joyful time at my son's house the entire family went to the Kennedy Center to see the traveling Broadway musical Matilda. The story of this brilliant young girl, unappreciated by her parents and brother who mock her and verbally abuse her, brought to mind many of the people I have counseled who still suffer from their childhood. Although Matilda is sent to a school that is run like a prison by the headmistress, she has a loving teacher who becomes



impressed with her precociousness and abilities and befriends her. The play depicts lots of trials for the children, and they also play lots of tricks on the evil headmistress: ultimately good triumphs over bad. Leaving the theatre I strongly wished for happiness for everyone I met. It is my experience that a smile when you meet someone will elicit one in return.

We welcomed the New Year with my best friend and his wife. He is like a brother to me. Nearing 90, with macular degeneration and osteoarthritis he can barely use a walker. Once 6'3" he is now stooped to 5'6", but his mind and ability to inspire is gigantic. He never complains and all his family praises him and honors him. He is an example of how to live in any circumstance. He always inspires me to be better.

Near my friend's house is the cemetery where my late wife is buried. When I go see her grave my tears flow. This time when I saw the headstone (which also has my name on it) I had the epiphany that I needed to change. I always thought that I had to preach sermons, provide counseling, and visitations, and write articles to share God's love. Standing there the realization came to me that all I have to do is BE love.

My hope is for all of us to find ourselves renewed. Instead of looking at the past, look forward to the future with hope and great expectations. Expect an Epiphany!



Chapter Gets A New Facelift

Welcome to the new face of MOAS. Recently you received an email inviting you to our redesigned web site www.sarasotamoaa.com. While our address hasn't changed - just about everything else has. When you type in our web address you will see the page above. This is the **public face** of our Chapter. Anyone can access this section of the site and learn about our Chapter: our history, leadership, how to join, and all about our various activities and events. They may also donate directly to our The MOAS Scholarship Fund, our Chapter, or The Stars & Stripes Foundation. Everyone can even **Take Action** with just one click to www.MOAA.com and read about current legislation initiatives and contact their legislative representatives.

What's equally exciting is we now have a **private face** too. Everyone with a registered email address with the Chapter was sent an email announcing the new web site and how you log in with **your unique user name and password**. If somehow you didn't receive the email, please let me know bnmccarthy@gmail.com and I'll send you another. We hope every member will log in this month and catch up on the latest news and announcements. By March our BLOG will migrate to the new web site, our newsletter is already available and the luncheon menu is just one click away. We are also enthused by the site's registration capability. Go to the monthly calendar, click on **Luncheon** and register right online! This will give us a "heads up" that your check is on the way. You can also see who else has registered for the luncheon.

Want to volunteer for a leadership position, join a committee or get involved in one of our activities. You can easily fill out an online form and you will be most welcome as a volunteer.

This is an exciting time to be a MOAS member. CHECK IN - LOG IN!

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January Luncheon Photos



2VP Perry Korszen & guest Jessica Barroso



Sarasota Opera Studio Artists
(L-R) Maestro Howard Lubin, Joseph Ryan, William Roberts, Lindsey Anderson, Raymon Godfrey Geis, & Isaiah Musik-Ayala



David & Karen Purviance



Lynn & Linda Gould



Russ & Margarete Wiltshire flank potential new members Allen Klibanoff & Marcia Howarth



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS
(L-R) Frank Smith, Lore Gollnick, Wilhelmina Ellermets, Margot Bartler, David Purviance, Donald Harvey & Carole Welch



Arne & Wilhelmina Ellermets with guests Heidi Marburger, Beth Barnett & Jennifer Marburger



Jayne Blair celebrated her 102nd Birthday



Elke Scott (R) with Xenia Monaghan and her guests Al Doty & Tim Gemesi



Jack & Margot Bartler



Edith Hirschberg & guest Dale Rieth



Jackie & Stuart Tauber



Paul & Ilene O'Connell



Paul Kaufman & guest Marcia Shurtak



Tom & Pauline Mazzone



President George Tracy & potential new member Catherine Ailes



Don & Deborah Harvey with guests David Beaver & their daughter Lynn Harvey



Janice Sladzinski & guest Frank Klauser



YAHOO
Young at Heart Officers Organization

The 22 YAHOO's attending the Army/Navy game, hosted by George & Kay Tracy, enjoyed a tremendous football game in a wonderful environment. The Midshipmen hung on to win their 14th straight game against Army by a 21-17 score. Navy went on to do all of us proud in the Military Bowl on December 28th defeating the University of Pittsburgh 44-28. Go NAVY! The Tracy's laid out a fantastic buffet of Turducken and Jambalaya from New Orleans that was enjoyed by all. Thanks for a great evening George & Kay!

It's too early to write a note about the YAHOO's January 17th jaunt to Tampa for a hockey game (Lightning v. Panthers), and we do not have an event for February. However, March 17th will feature the annual St. Patrick's Day with the Gordons (see below) and on May 7th we will celebrate Derby Day with Patt & Mike Staley.

Thursday March 17th @ 6:00PM
St. Patrick's Day @ The Gordons

'Tis time for the wearin' of the green
Celebrate St. Patty's on March 17
With corned beef and green beer,
Irish pipe tunes to hear,
And trivia for minds that are keen.

Jon and Mary Gordon continue the YAHOO tradition of observing St. Patrick's Day. So put Thursday, March 17th at 6:00 PM on your calendar and circle it in green. The hosts will provide a traditional Irish meal along with green beer and soft drinks. Guests are asked to bring an appetizer, salad, vegetable dish, or dessert – something Irish, something green, or just something good. If you prefer wine to green beer, the hosts ask that you make it a BYO event. Remember to refresh your knowledge of Irish lore (it's s-h-i-l-l-e-l-a-g-h!).



Plan to join our annual "wearing of the green" at 8208 Deerbrook Circle; please use the Turtle Rock North Gate on Palmer Ranch Parkway.

Please RSVP with your acceptance and your dish preference to Mary by March 10th. Call 923-2302 or email JMKPL@aol.com.



VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS
@ Booker
Pat McLain

FEB 5-6

7:00 PM

Death By Chocolate

Tickets: \$10

Call Judy Piercy @ 941-355-2967, Ext 1 or
www.vpabooker.com/tickets

There will be musical performances in the corners of the Booker High School Café. You will be seated at tables; servers will bring you coffee, and there will be a platter of decadent chocolate creations for you to munch on.

FEB 11-13

7:00 PM

The Trojan Women (Drama) –

Tickets: Adults \$15; Seniors \$10; Students \$5

Call Judy Piercy @ 941-355-2967, Ext 1 or
www.vpabooker.com/tickets

The Trojan Women, an anti-war play by Euripedes, was first performed in 415 BC during the Peloponnesian War. The message is summed up in a speech by Poseidon, the god of the sea. "Foolish is the man who sacks cities and gives over to destruction of temples and tombs which are sacred to the dead, only to perish himself."

The play reveals the brutal cost of the Greek's victory over the Trojans in a series of episodes: Cassandra is carried off as the concubine of Agamemnon, and becomes half mad; Hecuba, the queen, becomes a slave of Odysseus and learns of her daughter's murder. The play ends with the cries of the Trojan women as the Greeks burn their city.

In a revival at the Long Wharf Theatre in New Haven, Connecticut, the young actress playing the distraught Cassandra would work herself up to a frenzy on stage and strike the nearest actor. This was normally David Spielberg; although his fellow actor Martin Acquire advised, "Hit the bitch back." Spielberg took the blows patiently until one night when the actress drew blood with a direct blow to his mouth. He turned to two sentinels on the parapet of Troy and ordered, "Guards, take her away." The two extras carried the stunned actress off in the middle of her scene.

Euripedes wrote 92 plays of which 17 tragedies survive. He used simple everyday language, bringing a new realism to the stage. Although his contemporaries accused him of killing tragedy, he humanized drama by adding elements of sentiment, romance, and even comedy. He was the first to argue against the social inferiority of women, and the first to show women in love. According to folklore, when the Spartans arrived to burn Athens they desisted after a reminder that this was Euripides' city.





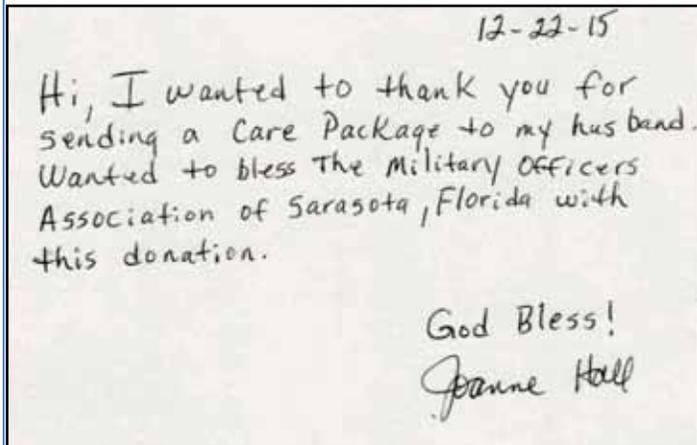
SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

John O'Brien

Our Chapter is now settled in to support the 4th Infantry Combat Aviation Brigade out of Ft. Carson, CO assigned to Afghanistan. We have already updated the addresses on our web site with the new information thanks to Jim Hesson for his fast follow through in getting the information, and George Tracey for loading it onto the web site. Go to our site for the new addresses at http://www.supportourtroopsmoas.com/where_to_send_packages.htm.

We did have some initial web site problems, and some people could not get the addresses to come up. It should be cleared up. But, if you have this problem, tap Control F5 and the addresses should appear. If this doesn't work, call the O'Brien's at (941) 907-8891.

Last month we received a very special note in the mail from Joanne Hall of Powder Springs Georgia, thanking MOAS for sending a Care package to her husband in Afghanistan, and enclosing a \$50 donation to MOAS/Support Our Troops.



Don't forget to send our Troops a Care package!



MOAS Chapter President George Tracy (L) presents the National MOAA President's Award to COL Troy Scott



ACADEMIC OLYMPICS

Pat McLain

The Sarasota County Academic Olympics will begin competition between schools on Tuesday Jan 19th. All matches begin at 3:00 pm at the stated location. The weekly round-robin competition runs through the end of March with the semi-final and final competition conducted on April 2nd. Non- high school off-site locations are:

VCC = Venice Community Center

LND = Landings - Sarasota Cty School Board - Blue Bldg

Tuesday Jan. 19, 2016

Pine View HS v. Imagine North Port @ VCC, Room F

Booker HS v. North Port HS @ VCC, Room G

Cardinal Mooney HS v. Venice HS @ LND, Blue Bldg Rm 101
Riverview HS v. Suncoast Polytech HS @ Suncoast Polytech HS
Sarasota HS - Bye

Tuesday Jan. 26, 2016

Sarasota HS v. Venice HS @ LND, Blue Bldg Rm 101
Imagine North Port v. North Port HS @ North Port HS
Pine View HS v. Riverview HS @ Riverview HS
Cardinal Mooney HS v. Booker HS @ Booker HS
Suncoast Polytech HS - Bye

Tuesday Feb. 2, 2016

Sarasota HS v. North Port HS @ VCC, Room F
Imagine North Port v. Riverview HS @ VCC, Room G
Pine View HS v. Cardinal Mooney HS @ LND, Blue Bldg Rm 101
Venice HS v. Suncoast Polytech HS @ Venice HS
Booker HS - Bye

Tuesday Feb. 9, 2016

Pine View School v. North Port HS @ VCC, Room F
Sarasota HS v. Imagine North Port @ VCC, Room G
Cardinal Mooney HS v. Suncoast Polytech HS @ Suncoast Polytech HS
Booker HS vs. Riverview HS @ Riverview HS
Venice HS - Bye

Tuesday Feb. 16, 2016

Venice HS vs. Booker HS @ LND, Blue Bldg Rm 101
North Port HS v. Riverview HS @ VCC, Room F
Imagine North Port v. Cardinal Mooney HS @ VCC, Room G
Sarasota HS v. Suncoast Polytech HS @ Sarasota HS
Pine View HS - Bye

Tuesday Feb. 23, 2016

Booker HS v. Imagine North Port @ VCC, Room G
Suncoast Polytech HS v. North Port HS @ VCC, Room J
Sarasota HS v. Pine View HS @ Pine View HS
Riverview HS v. Venice HS @ Venice HS
Cardinal Mooney HS - Bye



MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS

Brian McCarthy



I hope you had an opportunity to read the article this month about our web site launch. The web site was collaboration of hundreds of hours of work that has taken place over decades. While our face may have changed and the capability enhanced, the site's content was developed over years by our Chapter volunteers.

The reason for the redesign was to capitalize on the latest technology to make our site more useful to you – our members. If we are more relevant to you, we will do a better job of retaining you - getting you more involved in our events, activities and increasing volunteerism. While everyone enjoys the luncheons, I encouraged everyone to contribute by volunteering for a leadership position, helping out on committees or just lending a helping hand at our events.

To remain one of the top chapters in the nation we need to be always adding members. We believe there are 70,000 veterans in our Congressional district, which translates to over 10,000 officers. Many are your friends and neighbors. You will be making a big contribution to your Chapter by inviting them to a *Meet & Greet* downtown Sarasota, a monthly luncheon or to participate one of our activities and events. We are in particular need of fund raising expertise.

To remain a *viable* chapter, in addition to recruiting new members, we must seek to retain our current members. We initiated our 2016 membership renewal campaign in November of last year. To date we have received only a 50% response rate. If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2016, please submit your renewal (you can use the form on the last page of this Breeze) with your dues payment as soon as possible.

We need everyone to **Take Action**. We can't do it without you!



Taps

*Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to
the family & friends of
Victor O. Mennicke LTC, USA*

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES New Member

Lawyer, William F (Barbara) CPT, USA
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colglm@verizon.net

Willett, Frank W (Remle) COL, AUS
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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS
(L-R) Elke Scott, Craig Hullinger
& Jayne Blair

MOAS Luncheon
Friday, February 19, 2016
Michael's On East



MENU

SERVED LUNCHEON

*Baby Arugula & Boston Salad with
 Toasted Prosciutto, Grapes,
 Manchego Cheese
 & White Truffled Vinaigrette*

Signature Bread Basket

ENTREE

*Pan-Seared Salmon
 Topped with Fennel & Tomato Relish
 infused with Basil & Balsamic Reduction,
 Forbidden Rice, Haricot Verts
 & Roasted Red Pepper*

SERVED DESSERT

*Lemon Mousse Cake: Moist, Lemony
 Sponge Cake & Light Lemon Mousse,
 Topped with Whipped Cream & White
 Chocolate Shavings*

Served Coffee, Decaf & Tea

MOAS LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

For 2/19/2016 at 11:30 AM

Michael's On East

DRESS: Coat (Tie Optional)

Please reserve _____ places for the Luncheon
 A check for \$ _____ is enclosed based on **\$27.00**
 for each person attending (Tax & Tip included).

NAME, RANK, & PHONE # of Requesting Member.

Please print names of additional persons attending.
 (Use an extra sheet of paper if necessary)

New or First Time Attending Member _____

Is this your birthday month? _____

Is this your spouse's birthday month? _____

Please return the above form with check made out to

MOAS

Mail to:

Elke Scott

841 Forestview Court

Sarasota FL 34232-2455

Elke's Phone # 379-3023

NOTICE:

We must provide the restaurant with an exact number of reservations at least 48 hours in advance of event. No additional requests or refunds will be honored after that time.

Requests for menu changes due to dietary restrictions should be provided at the time of reservation. Please do not contact Michael's on East directly. Thank you.



(L-R) Elliot & Carole Welch and Linda & Robert Coleman



MOAA

MEET & GREET

Friday, Feb 12th, 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Sarasota MOAA has a monthly
Happy Hour/Meet & Greet/Officer's Call
 on the

second Friday of each month from 5pm to 7pm

Our Happy Hour re-creates the camaraderie we enjoyed at the O' Club back when we were on active duty. We'll have a few drinks and swap some stories. Members and prospective members can get to know each other in an informal setting.

We hope you can make the next Meet & Greet

at the Sarasota Vineyard

**downtown Sarasota at 1528 Main Street
 between Lemon Ave & Orange Ave**



Calendar



February - March - April 2016

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Feb 1, Monday	MOAS Board Meeting - Meadows Community Center	4:00 p.m.
Feb 5-6, Tue-Wed	VPA: <i>Death By Chocolate</i> (Music)- Details Page 8	7:00 p.m.
Feb 11-13, Thu-Sat	VPA: <i>The Trojan Women</i> (Drama) - Details Page 8	7:00 p.m.
Feb 12, Friday	Meet & Greet - Sarasota Vineyard - Details Page 11	5:00 p.m.
Feb 19, Friday	Luncheon - Michaels on East - Dr Zonies, Cardiologist	11:30 a.m.
Mar 7, Monday	MOAS Board Meeting - Meadows Community Center	4:00 p.m.
Mar 11, Friday	Meet & Greet - Sarasota Vineyard - Details Page 11	5:00 p.m.
Mar 17, Thursday	YAHOO: St. Patricks Day Party - Details Page 8	6:00 p.m.
Mar 18, Friday	Luncheon - Michaels on East - Lyndon Smith - Fire Safety	11:30 a.m.
Apr 4, Monday	MOAS Board Meeting - Meadows Community Center	4:00 p.m.

Military Officers Association of Sarasota, INC. P.O. Box 1016, Sarasota, FL 34230-1016

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Annual Membership Dues: Regular Auxiliary Associate

Mail registration with your check for \$35, made payable to MOAS. If email is unavailable, newsletters may be sent by UPS - Add \$12

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____ Rank _____ Spouse Name _____
 Street Address (Include Apt#) _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Home Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____ Birthday mm/dd/yy _____
 Status: Active Retired Former Officer Regular Reserve Surviving Spouse Foreign _____
 Service Component: Army Navy Air Force Marine Corps Coast Guard NOAA USPHS National Guard
 Please do not publish my personal information in the Directory Who told you about the Association? _____
 Signature _____ Date _____ National MOAA Member Number _____

**VIETNAM WAR 50TH COMMEMORATION
DID YOU KNOW?**
by Jim Hesson

RACE AND ETHNIC BACKGROUND

Personnel who actually served in Vietnam

- 81.8% were Caucasian;
- 10.6% (275,000) were black;
- 6.6% (170,000) were Hispanic;
- 1% belonged to other races.

Personnel who died in Vietnam

- 81.3% were Caucasian
- 12.5% were black
- 5.2% were Hispanics
- 1.2% belonged to other races.

70% of enlisted men killed were of North-west European descent.

Veterans Scholarships
by Claire Power,
Scholarship Committee Chairperson

This second week of January 2016 we made (3) three awards of \$1,000 each to the Veterans programs of State College of Florida (SCF), Manatee Technical College - East and Manatee Technical College - West.

All three schools have well established Veterans programs and are very responsive to the needs of our community. The Scholarship Committee and the MOAS Board of Directors were very pleased with the awards the schools made with the monies we awarded to them in 2015.

These awards are in addition to the JROTC and merit scholarships we will be awarding in May to graduating Sarasota-area high school seniors who will be pursuing a college education.