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OCTOBER PROGRAM: *Dr. Joseph Holt, Pianist*

by Perry Korszen

Dr. Holt started by reflecting on his twenty years in the Army Band & Chorus in Washington DC. He talked about their history and their incredible operational tempo, a combined 6,000 performances and events per year. The majority of the service members in the chorus have master degrees or higher and are lifelong devoted musicians.

He then played the service song of each branch of the military before performing one of his favorite pieces, the "Warsaw Concerto."

Dr. Joseph Holt has enjoyed a wide-ranging musical career as conductor, pianist, chamber music performer, arts administrator, educator and arranger. This is his sixth season as Artistic Director for Gloria Musicae. He is also Artistic Director for Special Events for the Artist Series Concerts of Sarasota and Music Director at Faith Lutheran Church.

Dr. Holt, during his time as principal pianist with The United States Army Chorus in Washington, DC, performed for US Presidents, dignitaries from around the world and military officials. He also held the position of Associate Music Director for The Choral Arts Society of Washington for fifteen years. During his tenure with Choral Arts, he conducted Singers for All Seasons, a community outreach ensemble, and successfully led the organization in the highly popular Family Christmas Concerts at the Kennedy Center.

The Army Chorus will have a free performance for Veterans Day on November 11th at 4pm at First United Methodist Church in downtown Sarasota.



NOVEMBER PROGRAM: *Annual Business Meeting & "The Symbols of Service and Sacrifice": Gold Star Mother Toni Gross, Silver Star Mother Donna Kistel, and Blue Star Mother Linda Atkins*

by Perry Korszen

Our November luncheon is our Annual Business Meeting where we will be electing the Chapter Officers and Board of Directors for 2018.

As a military organization our membership is well acquainted with service and sacrifice. At our November luncheon we will hear from three mothers who have sacrificed immensely and continue to serve our Nation. They will talk about the Gold, Silver and Blue Star service banners and what each of them signify.

Gold Star Mother Toni Gross is the daughter of the late U.S. Navy Lt. Frank Robert Hankey, who served 29 years. Toni became a Gold Star mother when her only son, US Army Cpl. Frank R. Gross, was killed in action in Afghanistan.

Silver Star Mother Donna Kistel is the daughter of the late US Air Force Captain Jack Cox, a pilot during WWII who received two Distinguished Flying Crosses. Donna became a Silver Star Mother when during her son's fifteen-month deployment to Iraq he experienced three direct IED hits and two suicide bombers.

Blue Star Mother Linda Atkins comes from a long line of military service members. Her father served as a Signal Corps officer for over 30 years and her husband Rob served as an Infantry officer in the U S Army for over 22 years.



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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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"A good Navy is not a provocation to war. It is the surest guaranty of peace."

- Theodore Roosevelt

October 13th marked the birthday of the U.S. Navy, which traces its roots back to the early days of the American Revolution. On October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress established a naval force, hoping that a small fleet of privateers could attack British commerce and offset British sea power.

The early Continental navy was designed to work with privateers to wage tactical raids against the transports that supplied British forces in North America. To accomplish this mission the Continental Congress purchased, converted, and constructed a fleet of small ships -- frigates, brigs, sloops, and schooners. These navy ships sailed independently or in pairs, hunting British commerce ships and transports.

Two years after the end of the war, the money-poor Congress sold off the last ship of the Continental navy, the frigate *Alliance*. But with the expansion of trade and shipping in the 1790s, the possibility of attacks by European powers and pirates increased, and in March 1794 Congress responded by calling for the construction of a half-dozen frigates, The United States Navy was here to stay. GO NAVY!

On Nov. 10th, the Marine Corps celebrates its birthday, bringing leathernecks back to a time surrounded by their brothers and sisters. For many it is a nostalgic day that reflects both Memorial Day and Veterans Day -- it's a time where Marines focus on their brothers in arms, remembering their fellow Devil Dogs who gave their lives for our freedom.

I have been honored to be the speaker at the Marine Corps 242nd Birthday Ball in our area. It's an appropriate time to reach out to our comrades in arms and let them know we're there for them. However, you choose to celebrate the Navy & Marine Corps birthdays, have a happy one.

Please make it a personal priority to attend one of our two veterans concerts this November at either the Riverview or Neel Performing Arts Centers. Purchase your tickets online at www.thepopsorchestra.org. **100% of the profits have been graciously donated by The Pops to our Scholarship Fund.**



SECRETARY'S CORNER

Peter Dering

First VP Ron Wozniak called the Board meeting to order at 4:00 PM on Monday Oct 2, 2017 at the Meadows Community Center.

ATTENDANCE: *Board Members Present:* Ron Wozniak (1VP); Peter Dering (Sec'y), Christa Friedlander (Treas), Alan Forrester (Dir) & Claire Power (Dir). *Board Members Absent:* Brian McCarthy (Pres), Perry Korszen (2VP), George Tracy (IPP), & Mario Fajardo (Dir). *Committee Chairs & Visitors Present:* Chris White, Dan Willison, & Len Friedlander

BOARD MEETINGS AND LUNCHEONS

MONTH	BOARD	LUNCHEON
NOVEMBER	6	17
DECEMBER	4	10 (GALA)
JANUARY	2 (TUES)	19

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Oktoberfest to be held at the Gold Coast Eagle Distributing Tap Room, from 5:00PM to 7:00PM Oct 11, 2017. **November Luncheon** – The Gold Star Mothers have confirmed. Three moms will be attending. **Luncheons** – By board consent Valerie will notify Michael's On East that we will eliminate the soup/salad course from our menu effective January 2018 and she will confirm that our luncheon cost will remain at \$27.50/meal throughout 2018. We will, however, raise our luncheon cost to members to \$28.50/meal, allowing us to increase our margin from 50 cents to \$1.00. **Veteran's Day Concert** [Nov. 12th & 13th] – Brian requested the board encourage our members and their friends to attend. 100% of the profits go to the Scholarship Fund earmarked for veterans. **Membership:** Our membership is currently at 318 members at September's end, even though we have done a great job recruiting 21 new members. Our 2018 goal is 350 members (32 members to recruit before the end of the calendar year). **Surviving spouses:** Given that we have 70 surviving spouse members in the chapter we need to give more attention to this very special group. Peggy has done a wonderful job spearheading this effort. Special tables are working out well. Name tags now have a star on them and luncheon lists have been forwarded to Peggy each month. **Programs:** We are working on next year's programs. The Naval War College is working on their 2018 travel lecture series and the tentative schedule will include the MOAS luncheon on Friday Feb 16, 2018. The Wilshire's have informed us that the opera will not be performing this January for us. **Scholarship Fund:** We had an exceptional scholarship year and presentation luncheon. We have submitted our grant proposal to the William Schmidt Foundation for next year. As you are aware they will be no Giving Challenge this year. It was determined by the board we should make an extra effort this year to solicit member funds and secure sponsors. **Nominating Committee:** The nominating committee has provided next years' slate of officers & directors for vote at the November luncheon. We have a candidate for Treasurer, and I understand Len has agreed to stay on for four months as newsletter publisher. Claire has identified a member to assist with admin support for the Scholarship Committee. **Support Our Troops:** The SOT program has been expanded to the marines in Afghanistan. **Veteran's Day Parade:** In addition to passing out SOT boxes we will also pass out Veterans' Day concert flyers and Scholarship Fund brochures.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Sep 5, 2017 Board meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer reported balances as of September 30, 2017. The report was approved unanimously.

MOAS Operating Account \$31,371.31
Scholarship Fund Account \$33,614.51

CD: \$ 5,000.00 (exp. 3/2018)
 Checking Acc't \$28,614.51
 Undesignated Available Cash \$14,711.23
 JROTC Scholarships \$ -0-
 Merit Scholarships \$ -0-
 Veterans Scholarships (donor request) \$ 1,000.00
 JROTC Support \$ 748.00
 Academic Olympics (battery pack sale) \$ 45.00
 SOT Fund \$ 5,468.09
 Outstanding Cadet \$ 149.50
 Veterans Support \$ 4,122.22
 Flag Initiative \$ 2,370.47

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Scheduled Events: (Valerie McCarthy): The September Luncheon was cancelled due to Hurricane Irma aftereffects.

Newsletter: (Len Friedlander): The October issue of the Breeze was emailed to 352 recipients, 70 were printed and mailed to MOAS members, and 5 extra copies were printed at a cost of \$91.80.

Publicity & Marketing: (Alan Forrester): Nothing to Report.

Programs: (Perry Korszen): Oct- Joseph Holt - Pianist; Nov - Annual Meeting & Toni Gross President Tampa Chapter American Gold Star Mothers; Dec - Military Gala, Jan - TBD.

	LUNCHEON PROGRAMS
NOVEMBER	Annual Meeting + Gold Star Mothers
DECEMBER	Military Gala
JANUARY	TBD

Membership: (George Tracy): **MOAS Active Membership as of 9/30/2017 - 318:** Active MOAS membership has decreased since the beginning of the year from 339 to a total of 318. (including twenty-one (21) new members).

MOAS	1/1/2017	9/30/2017
REGULAR	264	240
SURVIVING SPOUSES	71	74
ALLIED	4	4
TOTAL	339	318

Scholarships: (Claire Power): Col. Mike Ryan and the JROTC cadets from Sarasota Military Academy will provide the honor guard for our Gala on Sunday, December 10, 2017.

The Schmidt Foundation Board of Directors was due to meet the end of September. I should be hearing from them within the next week.

The Community Foundation of Sarasota County's Giving Challenge will be held May 1-2, 2018 from noon to noon.

I delivered the MOAS Board of Directors approved \$500 donation to the Booker High School JROTC program to help fund their trip to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mario Fajardo

TRICARE Publishes New Changes: Beneficiaries Could See Increased Costs Next Year

We are marching ever closer to the Jan. 1, 2018, start date for anticipated changes to the TRICARE program. As part of this process, TRICARE late last week announced its formal requirements for implementing portions of last year's National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The Interim Final Rule (IFR) guides the implementation of TRICARE Select, the new preferred provider organization option, which combines the current TRICARE Standard and Extra plans. Other changes are forthcoming as well, many of which were addressed in the MOAA TRICARE questions and answers series you may have seen before at <http://www.moaa.org/Content/Publications-and-Media/MOAA-Blog/You-asked.-MOAA-answered--Will-TRICARE-changes-affect-my-access-to-care-.aspx>

But then the story took an unanticipated twist. Along with implementation of the new TRICARE Select option, and without any prompting or open discussion, **a new set of cost shares and fees unexpectedly appeared in the IFR**. These new fees are targeted at existing beneficiaries who currently, by law, are grandfathered into the current TRICARE Standard/Extra program fee structure.

A key feature of last year's package of sweeping TRICARE reforms was that **all those currently serving, as well as those retiring prior to Jan. 1, 2018, would be grandfathered into the existing fee structures**. New entrants into the services after Jan. 1, 2018, would be subject to newer, much higher fees. The whole goal of the grandfathering was to keep fees where they currently are, at what we believe to be a reasonable level, for beneficiaries in the service prior to Jan. 1, 2018. Now this commitment seems to be slipping away. Many of these new TRICARE Select fees water down any benefit of grandfathering. In most cases, there will be higher fixed fees and cost shares for both retirees and active duty families who choose the new Select option.

In many instances, new entrants who join after Jan. 1, 2018, will be paying *less* than current beneficiaries, who should be grandfathered into the previous, lower fee structure. To focus on a few of the most glaring TRICARE Select examples under the IFR guidance:

A current, would-be grandfathered, active duty family member's cost for a primary care visit will be \$27 for a network provider. Contrast this with a new entrant family member after Jan. 1, 2018, who will pay \$15.

The same grandfathered member would pay \$34 for a specialty care visit, while a new entrant family member would pay \$25.

Grandfathered retirees under age 65 would pay \$35 for an in-network primary care visit. Future retirees who entered after Jan. 1, 2018, would pay \$25.

Grandfathered retirees under age 65 will pay \$250 a day, versus \$175 a day for future entrants for inpatient hospitalizations.

This new structure leaves us scratching our heads, with more questions than answers. How can it be

that existing grandfathered beneficiaries will pay *more* for their health care than those newly entering the service? Are grandfathered beneficiaries being saddled with disproportional increases as to cover costs of other programs? Why would DoD unveil these new fees, couched as necessary to stabilize costs, before a defense bill is resolved and presented to the president? Not to mention the Senate's version of the pending defense bill, which has its own designs on increasing TRICARE pharmacy copayments. What led DoD and the Senate to change their level of support to currently serving and retired service members?

MOAA is concerned these changes will result in cost increases for many beneficiaries, increases which bypassed open dialogue among military service organizations. As the Armed Services committees begin to take on their annual defense bill negotiations in conference committee, these fee changes muddy the waters. Adding to the confusion, a provision in the FY18 NDAA would repeal the grandfathering clause from last year's defense bill, subjecting all beneficiaries to the fee structure for new entrants. But according to the IFR, the fee structure for new entrants after Jan. 1, 2018 is marginally better than what would be put in place should grandfathering remain.

MOAA hopes beneficiaries aren't being coaxed into picking between two bad choices: leave grandfathering alone and take disproportional fee hikes anyway, or repeal grandfathering and take on newer, smaller - but still disproportional - fee hikes. The latter also would achieve one of DoD's objectives: to have only one fee system for all beneficiaries, old and new. It seems this strategy of two choices ensures DoD wins either way.

House 2018 Budget Resolution to Cut Federal Retirement

The House is expected to pass a 2018 budget resolution setting the stage for billions of dollars in cuts to federal retirement. The resolution includes "reconciliation instructions," charging the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee to develop legislative proposals to reduce the federal deficit by \$32 billion over 10 years through reforms to civil service pensions which would include:

- Higher employee contributions to the federal defined benefit pension plan;
- Elimination of supplemental payments to employees who retire before age 62;
- Switch to a defined contribution pension plan for new federal employees.

Passing this resolution is another small step in a long, complicated process to enact deeper cuts to federal retirement and compensation.

Higher VSIPs, Whistleblower Protections, & Other Bills

Several federal workforce bills will make their way to the Senate floor, after the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee passed 14 pieces of new legislation at a Wednesday morning markup.

Higher early out offers are one small step closer to becoming reality. The committee passed a bill from Sen. James Lankford (R-Okla.) that would increase the maximum Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment (VSIP) from the current \$25,000 to \$40,000, which would be adjusted for inflation every year and tied to the Consumer Price Index. Some agencies are considering or have already used VSIP

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Charles Caudill

Giving Thanks

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord...He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

Jeremiah 17:7-8

The recent tragedies we have faced in America may make many of us question our trust in God. My heart goes out to those who are still suffering the affects of hurricanes, raging fires and massacres. We need to take time to still our soul and bear patiently the grief of pain and know that everything works for good to those who trust in God. I still have not lost heart for our future because of my faith in God, which has remained through all my many personal losses.

Some may question how we can be thankful after these events, but we have a model from our own history of Thanksgiving. Since the founding of our country we have confronted crisis after crisis and still never lost hope and our faith in God.

In September 1620 The Mayflower set sail from Plymouth, England to the New World carrying 102 passengers. After two miserable months at sea they arrived at the wrong place.

They spent the first winter living on board the Mayflower where half the crew perished and only 53 passengers survived. Their next winter was spent onshore, where more than half of the colonists died from malnutrition, disease and exposure to the harsh New England weather.

Without the help of the native people, it is likely that none of the colonists would have survived. The neighboring Wampanoags taught them how to hunt local animals, gather shellfish and grow corn, beans and squash. At the end of the next summer to celebrate their successful harvest they held a three-day festival of thanksgiving.

We have always had hardships but we have always taken time for thanksgiving regardless of what we have faced during the year. The writers of our Declaration of Independence lost their property and faced death, but they never lost their faith and gave us a document that we continue to defend. After it's signing the colonies celebrated and gave thanks.

Several Presidents, including George Washington, made one-time Thanksgiving holidays. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln designated the last Thursday in November as a holiday, but it wasn't until 1941 that Congress approved the celebration on the fourth Thursday of every November at the request of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

My wish for all of us this year is that we find many ways to give thanks and give to others remembering we have God's love and grace.



SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Christopher White

November 11, 2017: You can salute local vets during the **Sarasota Veterans' Day Parade**. The theme for this year's parade and ceremony is, "We Can Do It!" The Parade, will begin at 10 a.m. at Main Street and Osprey Avenue and will end at approximately 11 a.m. at Chaplain J.D. Hamel Park at the corner of Main Street and Gulfstream Avenue where a ceremony will be held.

MOAS Volunteers are needed to help distribute boxes along the parade route and to help man the SOT table at the end of the parade. We have a commitment from Riverview and Booker JROTCs to provide 5 cadets each to help pass out boxes along the parade route.

We also plan to have a SOT table at each of the two Pops concerts on Sunday and Monday, **November 12th and 13th**. A couple of volunteers at each would be helpful.

Please email white.christopher.f@gmail.com or call (941) 355-6320 if you can help during one or all of these events.

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Legislative Affairs: (Mario Fajardo) NDAA headed to conference committee; Steep TRICARE Fee Hikes. Trading Set to Begin On Key TRICARE Issues. VETERAN SUICIDES: A NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE- VA and Congress are fighting to solve this national crisis. TRICARE Overseas: A Globally Integrated Health Care Delivery Program. Supply and Demand: The challenge of maintaining an all-volunteer force-are we willing to pay for it?

Support Our Troops (SOT): (Chris White): There nothing significant to report regarding SOT. I'll have the Vets Day SOT details for the October newsletter. We are still planning a box party around Halloween.

Outreach/Auxiliary/Surviving Spouse: (Peggy Mock): No new information to report.

Sarasota County Veterans Commission: (Dan Willison): Nothing to report.

YAHOO: (Ron & Linda Wozniak): **We continue to look for volunteers to organize future YAHOO events.**

The Cubs/Rays game resulted in 20 tickets sold. Since we did not pay sales tax, an e-mail poll taken prior to the game unanimously decided to donate the \$42.34 savings to the MOAS Scholarship Fund to be presented at the Oct Board Meeting to Claire Power.

Wed, Oct 11th Oktoberfest - POC Pete Dering

Tues, Oct 17th 0730-1300 & 1400-1900 Inshore Fishing Terra Ceia Bay – Ron Wozniak

Wed, Nov 8th 1530-1730 pre-Meet & Greet pontoon boat cruise on Sarasota Bay -Ron Wozniak

Wed, Nov 8th 1800-2000 Meet & Greet, Marina Jack's

Tues, Nov 14th Inshore Fishing Terra Ceia Bay – Ron Wozniak

Sat, Dec 9th Army-Navy Game - Private Residence - POC Tracys

Date TBD Southeastern Guide Dogs FacilityTour, Palmetto – POC Christa Friedlander

If you have an idea for a future YAHOO outing/event that you would like to see us do, or that you may want to organize, please text Ron & Linda Wozniak at 941-779-5448 or e-mail at: RonWozniak13@gmail.com.

NEXT MEETING: Meeting adjourned at 5:17PM. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for 4:00PM on **Monday Nov 6, 2107** at the Meadows Community Center.

October Luncheon Photos



Russ & Margarete Wiltshire



(L-R) Mary Quigley, Peggy Mock & Toni Borman



Peggy O'Connell & Max Jonah



Nicky Dovener (L) & Beth Hullinger



Troy Scott (L) & FCOC 2018
Convention Chair Doug Quelch
of Lee Coast Chapter



President Brian McCarthy (C) with
Hope & Stanley Judd of McIntosh Middle School
Veterans Day Celebration



(L-R) Craig Hullinger, Ralph Scheffert & Joe Dovener



Carmen Ramsey & Charles Caudill



September/October Birthdays

(L-R) Jurgan Graugaard,
Lynn Gould, Bobbie Fernander,
Alan Forrester, Carmen Ramsey,
Mary Lou Morris



(L-R) Margarete Wiltshire, Jan Caudill & Bettye Sarjeant



Paul & Ilene O'Connell



YAHOO
Young at Heart Officers Organization
Ron & Linda Wozniak

We are still looking for volunteers to organize future YAHOO events.

There were two YAHOO events during the past month; Cubs/Rays Baseball game at Tropicana Field on Sep 19th and a combined Meet & Greet and YAHOO Oktoberfest at the Gold Coast Eagle Distributing Tap Room in Lakewood Ranch on Oct 11th.



Twenty tickets were sold for the baseball game won by the Cubs (2-1), and since we were not required to pay sales tax for the tickets, an e-mail poll unanimously decided to donate the \$42.34 savings to the MOAS Scholarship Fund.

The Oktoberfest was a great success, with 58 paid attendees enjoying authentic German food from Geier's Sausage Kitchen, beer provided by Col John Saputo's Gold Coast Eagle Distributing, and a diet of German *Oom-Pa-Pa* music throughout the event. A good time was had by all!!!



Pre-Meet & Greet

Pontoon Boat Cruise on Sarasota Bay
Wednesday 15 November 1530-1730

"No Cost" boat cruise on Sarasota Bay. Two pontoons from Freedom Boat Club dock at Marina Jack. (Dock located on South side of 2 Marina Plaza, adjacent to shoreline concrete walkway). We will slowly cruise the shoreline around Bird Key. Sign up early to reserve your spot(s). Afterwards walk over for our 1800 Meet & Greet at Marina Jack's Palm Room. Hope to see you there. Text Ron Wozniak 941-779-5448 or RonWozniak13@gmail.com

Inshore Fishing Venice
Tuesday Nov 14th, Two Outings
0730-1200 & 1300-1730

990 Laguna Drive, Venice
Freedom Boat Club Dock.

Four (4) Fishermen per boat

Limited spaces available 1st COME BASIS.

Only cost is fuel & bait. FL saltwater fishing license required (unless 65+ & FL resident). If you have saltwater light to medium tackle, bring it, if you do not we will provide. Wear rubber soled shoes & bring your own sunscreen, food and drink. Text Ron Wozniak 941-779-5448 or RonWozniak13@gmail.com

If you have an idea for a future YAHOO outing/event that you would like to see us do, or that you may want to organize, please e-mail RonWozniak13@gmail.com or text Ron & Linda Wozniak at (941) 779-5448.

Future planned events

Sat Dec. 9 Army-Navy Game -Private Residence-
 POC George & Kay Tracy

We are looking for volunteers for events that need a Point of Contact (POC).

Member Suggestions for Future Events:

Tour Sarasota Opera Company – POC TBD

Tour Van Wezel– POC TBD

Ft. Myers Paddle Boat Trip– POC TBD

Marina Jack Lunch or Dinner Cruise– POC TBD

LeBarge Cruise on Sarasota Bay– POC TBD

Siesta Key Rum Distillery Tour– POC TBD

Neil Diamond's America
 Tribute Artist
 Bobby Palermo

Veterans Day Concert

Profits go to the
 Sarasota Military Officers
 Scholarship Fund, Inc.
 to benefit our veterans.

Sun., Nov. 12, 3pm
 Riverview Performing Arts Center

Mon, Nov 13, 7:30pm
 Neel Performing Arts Center

Get Your Tickets Today!
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Special discounted tickets are available to all veterans and their families

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MOAA
 SARASOTA CHAPTER
www.SarasotaMOSF.org

Purchase your tickets at:
<https://popsorchestra.getmytix.net/events#list>



Scholarship Program Update

Claire Power

The beginning of the school year marks the start of the 2018 scholarship season.

I hope everyone had a great summer and I am sure all are thankful that we were spared the devastating effects of this season's (so far) hurricanes.

Several things have happened over the last few months:

-Brian McCarthy and I produced an impressive fund-raising brochure, which will be available at our luncheons. We hope to use this brochure as a marketing tool to increase our fund raising efforts in the community.

-In September the Fund made a \$500.00 gift to the Booker High School JROTC to help underwrite their annual trip to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Without our support some cadets would have been unable to attend the event.

-The scholarship fund dissolved its relationship with the Stars & Stripes Foundation ("S&SF"), and with that dissolution one third of S&SF's cash on hand (\$4,122.22) was distributed to our scholarship fund. Another third was distributed to the other participant, the Pops Orchestra, and one third remained with S&SF.

Lastly, I would like to thank our member Jean Lewis for her very generous gift to the Scholarship Fund. Her gift made in the name of her late husband John C. Lewis is funding a veteran's scholarship at Suncoast Technical College here in Sarasota.

I encourage our membership to think about funding either a high school or veterans scholarship in the name of a deceased loved one.

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offers as a way to reduce the size of their workforces through attrition. The Senate committee pushed forward several other pieces of legislation, which could impact agency whistleblower programs and hiring flexibilities.

Federal Employees Health Care Increases in 2018

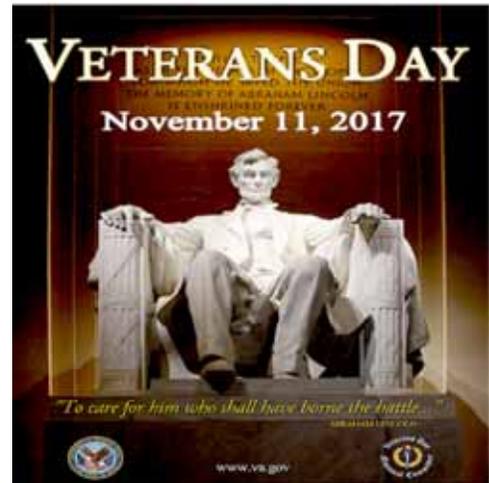
Non-postal employees and annuitants enrolled in the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) can expect to pay, on average, 6.1% more for their health care premiums in 2018. The Office of Personnel Management announced the rate changes Wednesday ahead of the 2018 open season, which runs from Nov. 13 through Dec. 11.

Overall, FEHBP premiums will go up 4% next year. The government will contribute 3.2% more toward federal employees' health care premiums in 2018, but the enrollee increase will continue to outpace it.

IRS Legacy IT systems Grow Older

The IRS claims it needs more funding to address aging IT infrastructure, but lawmakers say before the tax agency can ask Congress to show them the money, it must first show appropriators a plan. During a House Ways and Means subcommittee hearing, Rep. Vern Buchanan (R-Fla.) told IRS executives he wanted to see an Return on Investment (ROI) roadmap for modernizing the agency's IT systems. He wanted to see a plan that shows savings.

McIntosh Middle School



Salutes Our Veterans

Thursday, November 9, 2017
9:30-10:30 A.M. in the MMS Gym

701 S. McIntosh Road Sarasota, FL

(941) 361-6520 x61362

(Veterans to arrive by 9:10 am)

McIntosh Middle School invites our membership to attend their Veterans celebration held each year. Last year about 70 Veterans attended. Uniforms are worn by about half of the veterans.

The Veterans gather in a room in the gym for a social with coffee and pastries before 9:10. About 9:35 everyone enters the gym by branch of service to be recognized by the students. No one is required to speak or give a presentation.

If you plan to attend, please notify Ron Wozniak NLT Friday Nov 3 at RonWozniak13@gmail.com by text to 941-779-5448 as the school needs a headcount.



MEET & GREET

Sarasota MOAA

Meet & Greet/Officer's Call

Wednesday, Nov 15th 6:00 - 7:30pm

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

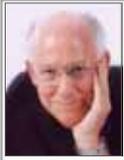
We hope you can make the next Meet & Greet

@ Marina Jack - Downtown Sarasota

2 Marina Plaza, Sarasota, FL

Palm Room (Ground Floor Center)

www.marinajacks.com



MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS

George Tracy

Dear MOAS Members,

As we once again approach the end of the year and, more importantly, the start of a great New Year, 2018. What better way to begin than to renew your membership to ensure MOAS' continued support of our local programs and our national MOAA voice on Capitol Hill on behalf of our veterans, past, present and future. You may expect to receive your 2018 MOAS Membership Renewal Request via postal mail in early November. We would appreciate your prompt response with your renewal payment along with any changes to your profile, especially an **operational email address** to reach you.

Although we have attracted 21 new members to our MOAS ranks since the beginning of this year, inevitable losses continue to diminish our ranks, now 94% (318/339) of where we were this time last year. **So Please Renew!! Your membership is critical!!**

As you know, one of our key MOAS programs is Scholarship Awards to provide deserving local youth **and returning veterans**, a financial jumpstart on their post high school education or training goals. This year we do not have the benefit of last year's Giving Challenge support to double your scholarship donations. So, your donation to our Sarasota Military Officers Scholarship Fund (SMOSF) will be that much more important as a vital source of 2018 scholarship funding. **With your renewal please help us continue our scholarship program, so important to the Veteran image in our community. Your contribution, however small, will make a BIG difference!!**

To encourage your MOAS membership renewal and your scholarship donation, I would remind you of the importance of what we do! We are the Military Officers Association of America, Sarasota Chapter, (MOAS). Our

mission, as an organization of military officers, is to reach out to the community to advocate for, celebrate and support all military veterans of all military services, who have served, are serving or may serve and to promote understanding, respect and support for our flag, our military and our country. Through our state council and national affiliate, we strive to be "The Voice" on Capitol Hill for the rights of American military veterans and their families. See [Seven Reasons To Renew!!](http://www.moaa.org/main_article.aspx?id=10974) at http://www.moaa.org/main_article.aspx?id=10974) and add your voice at <http://www.moaa.org/takeaction/>.

Remember that, if you are an active member over 90 years of age in 2018, you are a MOAS Chapter Life Member and your MOAS membership is free (dues-exempt). However, we still need you to respond to our 2018 MOAS Membership Renewal Request, so that we know that you are OK and wish to continue.

As you know, we have been working with national MOAA (412 chapters, 380,000+ members) to implement more effective programs that more directly assist our efforts to retain current Sarasota chapter members and to recruit new ones. The result of this collaboration has been the "MOAA Chapter Recruiting 2017" initiative, which began 1 January 2017 with MOAA providing increased assistance to our chapter's recruiting, and awards incentives specifically for chapter retention and growth. We welcome your candidates for Regular (Military, US), Allied (Military, Non-US), Auxiliary (Surviving Spouses), and/or Associate (Non-Military Supporter) membership. **So, please renew now and continue to engage and encourage others to join!**

A hearty welcome to our new members.
Thank You for your support of MOAS and MOAA!!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Directory Additions & Changes
Rice, Frances P (Peter) LTC, USA
RiceRFPF@gmail.com

FCOC Convention

The Lee Coast Chapter is hosting the 2018 FCOC Convention at the **Sanibel Harbor Marriott Resort & Spa** **June 1 to June 3 2018.**

The room rate is \$139 per night to include free parking, no resort fee, and no taxes if you register/pay through FCOC. The same rate applies 3 days prior & 3 days after the convention.

A special event is being planned for the first day, a cruise of Sanibel Harbor aboard the 70-foot yacht, "Sanibel Princess." A buffet dinner and cash bar will be offered aboard, and attendance will be limited to convention attendees.

Get additional information & make your reservations at:

<http://moaafll.org/Convention/Default.aspx>

VETERAN ID CARDS

More than two years after former President Obama signed the measure into law, legislation sponsored by Rep Vern Buchanan (R-FL) will soon be benefitting veterans nationwide. Starting next month veterans will be able to apply for an ID card on the US Department of Veteran Affairs website www.va.gov.

The program is intended to make it easier for veterans to provide proof of their

MOAS Luncheon
Friday, November 17, 2017
Michael's On East



MENU

SERVED LUNCHEON

*Butternut Squash & Apple Bisque
 with a Touch of Cinnamon & Fresh Cream*

Signature Bread Basket

ENTREE

*Sautéed Breast of Chicken
 Topped with Roasted Pear Salsa
 Mashed Sweet Potatoes
 with Brown Sugar & Crushed Pecans,
 Fresh Peas & Roasted Corn*

SERVED DESSERT

*Chocolate Infatuation: Warm Chocolate Cake,
 Bittersweet Molten Center, Burnt Caramel Ice
 Cream & Malted Milk Chocolate Anglaise*

Served Coffee, Decaf & Tea

MOAS LUNCHEON RESERVATION

For 11/17/2017 at 11:30 AM

Michael's On East

DRESS: Coat (Tie Optional)

Please reserve ___ seats for the luncheon

Cost \$28/person (Tax & Gratuity included)

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____

MEMBER INFORMATION

NAME, RANK, SERVICE & PHONE #

New member or first luncheon attendance? **NEW FIRST**

Is this your Birthday month? **YES**

Is this your spouse's Birthday month? **YES**

GUEST INFORMATION

(Use extra sheet if needed)

1. NAME: _____
2. NAME: _____
3. NAME: _____
4. NAME: _____

RSVP by Monday, 11/10/17 with check made out to:

MOAS

Mail to: **Valerie McCarthy**
7429 Starfish Drive
Sarasota, FL 34231

QUESTIONS? (440) 391-1974 or

Valerie.Mccarthy@GoToAlwaysHome.com

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.

We must provide the restaurant with an exact number of reservations and guarantee the number of attendees on the Monday in advance of event. Additional requests or refunds will not be honored after that time.

If you make your reservation with the intent to pay at the door we must hold you to that promise as Michaels on East will charge us for your guaranteed meal, if you attend or not.

TO OUR MEMBERS

We need your help!

Our aim has always been to make your luncheon reservations as convenient as possible for you, and while the use of the US mail accompanied by check still appears to be the preferred method for most of you, phone reservations requiring payment by check or cash at the door have drastically increased. However, the increase has also resulted in issues with insufficient payments or no payment at all for too many of these reservations.

Please be reminded that Michaels on East requires us to provide a **guaranteed number** of luncheon reservations **on the Monday** prior to the date of the luncheon. Michaels on East charges us for guaranteed reservations if service is rendered or not, and our small budget can no longer sustain the continuous drain of paying for those who cancel too late, attend with a smaller number of guests than their original reservation(s), or do not attend at all.

Members making their reservations by phone are responsible for submitting the **full** payment for these reservations **regardless** if they (or their guests) are not able to attend unless they cancel their reservation 48 hours prior to the luncheon. We thank you for your understanding.

 November - December 2017 		
DATE	EVENT	TIME
Nov 6, Monday	MOAS Board Meeting - Meadows Community Center	4:00 p.m.
Nov 11, Saturday	Sarasota Veterans Day Parade - Main Street	10:00 a.m.
Nov 12, Sunday	Veterans Day Concert - Pops Orchestra - Riverview PAC - Page 7	3:00 p.m.
Nov 13, Monday	Veterans Day Concert - Pops Orchestra - Neel PAC - Page 7	7:30 p.m.
Nov 15, Wednesday	Meet & Greet - Marina Jack - Sarasota - Page 9	6:00 p.m.
Nov 17, Friday	Luncheon-Michaels On East-Annual Mtg-Gold Star Mothers 	11:30 a.m.
THANKSGIVING		
Dec 4, Monday	MOAS Board Meeting - Meadows Community Center	4:00 p.m.
Dec 10, Sunday	Military Gala - Michaels On East 	6:00 p.m.
Dec 13, Wednesday	Meet & Greet - Marina Jack - Sarasota	6:00 p.m.

MESSAGE TO CONGRESS ON FY 2018 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

Send our legislators a MOAA-suggested message (<http://takeaction.moaa.org/moaa/app/write-a-letter?0&engagementId=405393>) urging them to pass a bill commensurate with the Service and sacrifice of those who serve. Make sure your voice is heard.

PAY RAISE - The Senate is seeking to cap the pay raise at 2.1%, further undoing a decade of work by Congress to eliminate a 13.5% wage gap. Pay gaps add up. **MOAA's position:** Support the House provisions and give the troops the full 2.4% pay increase they deserve.

TRICARE FEES - Last year, currently serving & retired beneficiaries were explicitly exempted from new TRICARE fee structures. Now, Congress may repeal that grandfathering provision, which would cause steep fee increases for all. **MOAA's position:** Oppose the Senate provision. Congress must live up to its commitments to the troops.

BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING (BAH) - BAH is an integral part of the military compensation package and eroding military compensation is the wrong move at the wrong time. **MOAA's position:** Oppose the Senate provision eliminating the with-dependent rate for dual-member couples with children.

SPECIAL SURVIVOR INDEMNITY ALLOWANCE (SSIA) - The House stated they wish to completely eliminate the SBP-DIC offset, but the Senate offered to permanently extend SSIA by increasing pharmacy fees. **MOAA's position:** The Senate provision doesn't go far enough. Maintaining the current SSIA level is insufficient progress. The offset must be eliminated by means other than increased fees for other benefits.

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 _____ Country _____

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 _____

MOAS Annual Business Meeting

The Annual MOAS Business Meeting to be held at the November Luncheon will have a single item of business; the election of Chapter Officers and Directors for 2018. The Nominating Committee has nominated the following individuals for the identified positions.

BRIAN MCCARTHY (President) RADM Brian McCarthy was commissioned from OCS and is a graduate of the Navy Supply Corps School, Naval War College, Armed Forces Staff College and the Defense University. He served 30 years in the navy and was decorated nine times. He earned his surface warfare qualification serving aboard the USS BUCK (DD-761) and as the Boat Officer for a River Assault Squadron of patrol boats [PBRs] conducting operations off the coast of Vietnam and in the Mekong Delta.

RADM McCarthy held five commands and served in various staff positions. As a flag officer, his assignments included Special Assistant at the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA); Deputy Commander, Defense Fuel Supply Center; Force Commander of the DLA's Contingency Support Teams, which conducted operations for Hurricane Andrew, Desert Storm, Somalia, Rwanda and Haiti; and flag oversight for all the Navy's Expeditionary Fuel Operating Units.

He currently is on the boards of The Bird Key Yacht Club, The Pops Orchestra of Sarasota, MOAS, SMOSF, and Black Sail, LLC. The CEO of Starboard Tack LLC and Always Home LLC, licensed brokerage and property management companies in Sarasota, he has developed and managed over \$1/2 billion of commercial properties during his 40-year real estate career. He holds a BS in engineering from Oakland University and an MBA from Harvard University.

He is married to the former Valerie Lojewski and has four children Conner, Amara, Meghan and Kelly.

RON WOZNIAK (1st VP) Born in Chicago, Woz joined the USMC in 1968; commissioned a 2nd Lt upon graduation from Lewis College 1970; served active duty until 1974 when he joined the Reserves; retired 1996 as a LtCol; recalled to active duty 2003 for Operation Enduring Freedom.

Woz worked for Prudential as a Special Agent and Development Manager, and as a Veterans Service Officer for LaPorte County, IN. He was the Cubic Applications Inc., USMC Forces Pacific Command (MARFORPAC) Liaison Officer at Camp Smith, HI, for U.S. and foreign forces exercises in the Far East; the Exercise Coordinator at USMC Forces Central Command (MARCENT), MacDill AFB for U.S. & foreign forces military exercises in the Middle East and Africa; and the MARCENT Freedom of Information Act Coordinator reviewing official records for public release.

Woz & Linda were married "on the beach" in Maui. They live in Bradenton with daughter Katie, where he is semi-retired helping Linda kick off her real estate sales career. Woz has two additional children, Julie and Ron in IL, and five grandchildren.

JACK KLINGENSMITH (2nd VP) Currently retired, Jack Klingensmith's practice of law spanned close to 50 years, retiring as partner at Walters Levine Klingensmith and Thomison of Sarasota, Tampa and Chicago although the bulk of his practice was in Miami, Florida. He is admitted to practice in the Illinois, Colorado and Florida, as well as the United States Supreme Court, and the US Court of Appeal 5th & 11th Circuits. He holds Certificates of Competency — Trial Counsel and Defense Counsel before USAF General Courts Martial and is Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent. Prior to private practice he served as JAG, USAF. He was discharged with the rank of Captain.

A graduate of DePauw University, he was elected Phi Beta Kappa and was the USAF ROTC Distinguished Graduate; his JD degree is from Northwestern University where he was Associate Editor of the Law Review. Jack is a graduate of Leadership Sarasota; is an Elder of the Presbyterian Church; and has served as the president of his HOA. Currently, he enjoys photography and his travel photos are published regularly in the Sarasota Herald-Tribune Style Magazine. He resides in Osprey with his wife, Kristine Nickel and their two dogs. They are members of the Bird Key Yacht Club and the Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast.

PETER DERING (Secretary) Pete enlisted in the US Army in 1969, and transferred to the Reserves in 1972 as an E-5, after duty in Okinawa and Aberdeen Proving Grounds MD. He earned his BA in speech correction; worked as a public school speech therapist in Marlboro Township, NJ, for one year; and returned to school to pursue a Masters Degree in Communication Disorders.

Entering the USAF in 1979 he served at Minot AFB, ND for five years as a missile launch control officer, missile crew instructor, protocol officer and executive officer. Subsequent assignments had Pete and Claudette moving to Germany as part of the Ground Launch Cruise Missile deployment; Vandenberg AFB, CA, for a special duty assignment in the AF Top Hand Program (test missile launch and evaluation); and Public Affairs Officer for the reactivated 20th AF.

Pete closed out his Air Force career at the Pentagon, serving as executive officer for DCS Logistics, and as a staff missile maintenance officer. During his last months at the Pentagon, Pete began work towards another Masters degree in Speech-Language Pathology, a new career that has now spanned 20 years.

Pete and Claudette moved to Sarasota and became MOAS members in 2014.

CHRISTA FRIEDLANDER (Treasurer) Christa was born, raised, and university-educated in Berlin, Germany. She was a senior member of a major health maintenance organization administrative team in the Washington DC area, providing extensive experience in budgeting, purchasing, human resources, marketing, labor relations, staff assignments, and clinical oversight.

While assigned in Turkey, Christa was on the Executive Board of the Turkish-American Archaeological Society, providing logistical and financial support to American archaeologists working in Turkey, and was on a fundraising/distribution committee providing assistance to schools and hospitals in impoverished regions of eastern Turkey.

Currently the Architectural Review Committee Chairperson for a community of 750+ homes, Christa has been MOAS Treasurer since Oct 2010, and was 2012 FCOC Convention Treasurer. The Friedlanders have two children, three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

MARIO FAJARDO (Director) Mario is a retired CAPT (0-6), having served as a medical officer for a combined 32 years of military service with the US Air Force (7 years) and the US Public Health Service/US Coast Guard (25 years). He served in multiple capacities over the course of his career as a physician, including: senior flight surgeon/aviation medicine, general internist, and occupational medicine physician at US Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC. CAPT Fajardo's his last active duty tour was as Division Chief of the Coast Guard's Operational Medicine Division in Oakland, CA.

Following his military retirement in March 2011, he served as a general service employee (GS 14) - first as an Occupational Medicine physician at the US Coast Guard's National Maritime Center in Martinsburg, WV, and lastly as a GS-15 medical record review physician at the James A. Haley Tampa VA Hospital.

He performed his Internal Medicine Residency at Keesler AFB, MS; the Aviation Safety/Mishap Investigation Certification program at the University of Southern California; and has a Master's of Public Health in Emergency Disaster Management from American Military University.

CLAIRE POWER (Director) Claire holds a B.A. degree from Brooklyn College. Her Wall Street career spanned 35 years; during those years she held executive positions at American General Capital Management and the Dreyfus Corporation before joining the investment-banking firm of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, Inc. ("DLJ"). After 21 years she retired from DLJ as Vice President, Assistant Corporate Secretary and Global Insurance Manager.

Claire has been a member of the Habitat for Humanity Sarasota Family Support Committee for 14 years where she has prepared scores of families for home ownership. Claire has served on the MOAS Board and Scholarship Committee Chairperson for the last 8 years. Her hobbies include writing, yoga, swimming, reading, cooking, and travel.

KRISTINE NICKEL (Director) A veteran marketing and public relations professional, Kristine Nickel has led highly successful, award-winning teams on campaigns for organizations in multiple industries – consumer packaging goods, financial and insurance organizations, and health care. She brings decades of experience and expertise to her clients, meeting their needs, creating strategy to tackle their challenges with confidence and energy. She was chief marketing officer for TideWell Hospice, and prior to that, she was chief communications officer for Tropicana Products and the FCCI Insurance Group.

Kristine has maintained an active freelance writing career since the early 80s, writing a wire-distributed weekly column for the Chicago Tribune for 7 years and covering food, wine and travel topics for the Sarasota Herald-Tribune, Zagat Surveys, Wine Spectator, Sarasota Magazine and others.

An honors graduate of Michigan State University, she has received multiple awards during her career, including a Silver Anvil, public relation's highest achievement; the PepsiCo Chairman's Award in 2000 & 2002; over 50 local and regional Addy awards; and is a member of Johnson & Johnson Health Care Division's Ring Club for national sales achievement. Kristine lives in Osprey with her husband Jack Klingensmith, two furry friends, Stanley and Henry, and Alfie the snake - who lives under their front porch.

GEORGE TRACY (Past President) Born in St. Louis, raised in Baltimore, George graduated from the US Naval Academy in 1963 after his Hall-of-Fame lacrosse career. He completed two Vietnam tours aboard the USS McKean (DD784); followed by two Vietnam tours as Executive Officer/Navigator of the USS Polk County (LST1084), including a FIRST Pacific transit with the huge LCU-1619 strapped to the main deck. He met and married his incredible wife, Kay, in San Diego prior to his fourth Vietnam tour, George returned there in 1968 as Naval Instructor and Chief Inspector of battle readiness training to over 50 Navy ships in preparation for Vietnam combat operations.

George left the Navy in 1970 and began his successful, challenging 44+-year Information Technology career, as a systems engineer, manager, business developer and consultant; delivering IT solutions to industry and government clients in the US, Middle East and Europe.

George continues his IT services part-time in Sarasota, while serving with Kay as a 12th Circuit Court Guardian ad litem, an at-large lacrosse coach-consultant, a proud father of three sons, the "Grand Dude" for four grandchildren, and a lucky husband, enjoying MOAA-Sarasota camaraderie, Lakewood Ranch hospitality and Gulf Coast living.

The Military Officers Association of Sarasota
Proudly Presents
THE 35TH ANNUAL MILITARY GALA
Sunday, December 10th 2017
at Michael's on East

6:00 pm – No-Host Cocktails & Social, Easy Music & Dancing
7:00 pm – Toasts, Dinner & Installation of 2018 Officers & Board of Directors
8:40 pm - Group Singing of Service Songs
Music for Dancing & Enjoyment by “La Croix”

DRESS CODE: Dress Uniform or Black Tie for Officers (Dark Suit and Tie acceptable)
Appropriate Evening Attire for Spouses and Guests

MENU

Chardonnay or Merlot Wine for Traditional Toasts

*Cosmopolitan Salad: Seven Leaf Lettuce Tossed with Candied Pecans,
Shaved Fennel & Goat Cheese Crumbles Finished with an “Absolut” Honey-Red Wine Dressing*

Signature Bread Basket

(PRE-SELECTED ENTRÉE)

Roasted Garlic & Herb Encrusted Chateau of Beef with Roasted Shallot Butter
OR

Mahi Mahi “Saltimbocca Style” with Prosciutto, Sage & White Wine Sauce

Both served with

Gruyere Scalloped Potatoes, Roasted Asparagus, Baby Carrots & Red Pepper

DESSERT

Chocolate Blackout Cake, Chocolate Custard, Chocolate Jimmies & Shaved Chocolate

Served Coffee, Decaf & Tea

A VERY SPECIAL EVENING FOR ONLY \$ 65.00 PER PERSON
(INCLUDES GRATUITY, TAXES, AND BAND)

We are again collecting toys for the US Marine Corps Reserve TOYS FOR TOTS
Please bring an unwrapped toy (or a donation check)

Please return this reservation form with your check made to MOAS to:

**VALERIE MCCARTHY 7429 STARFISH DRIVE
SARASOTA, FL 34231**

Please reserve _____ seats for the GALA

A check for \$ _____ is enclosed @ \$65.00 per person (maximum of 10 people per table)

Name/Rank & Phone # _____ Beef _____ Mahi Mahi _____
Spouse and/or Guests (Use extra sheet if required for more attendees)

Name(Rank) _____ Beef _____ Mahi Mahi _____

Note: Last day for reservations, or cancellations and refunds is
Monday, December 4, 2017 !!