

# THE SARASOTA BREEZE



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### **AUGUST PROGRAM: Southeastern Guide Dogs "Serving those who cannot see, and those who have seen too much"**

by Perry Korszen

Levi and his handler Karen Conkel received many cheers and "appaws" during their presentation at our August luncheon, and the membership left with a strong appreciation for the amazing things happening at Southeastern Guide Dogs.

A brief video showed the selective and intensive training process that the puppies go through before being assigned to their humans. Only 50% of them graduate the program and are proficient enough to act as a guide or service dog. Karen discussed the different types of training that the dogs receive depending on their temperament and specific future role.

Levi has an interesting backstory; named for a Vietnam Veteran donor who hoped that Levi would help someone with PTSD, Levi unfortunately was determined to have a hip problem, and was unable to be designated a service dog. But having a wonderful disposition, he became an *Ambassador* dog.

Southeastern Guide Dogs is nonprofit and doesn't receive government funds. Donors like Levi's namesake make their work possible and recipients of the dogs pay nothing. Karen described her path to becoming a volunteer, and how rewarding the experience has been. She invited the audience to sign up for a tour of the facility in Palmetto, and to consider getting involved.

The guide dogs provide many different types of assistance and comfort; people with vision loss can gain the independence they need to live life to its fullest, and veterans with PTSD are able to emerge from seclusion and overcome anxiety. The dogs can assist wounded veterans with challenges such as balance issues, seizures, and hearing loss; and they also serve as emotional support dogs, Gold Star Family dogs, and facility therapy dogs (e.g. Walter Reed and Camp LeJeune Hospitals).

More information can be found at <https://www.guidedogs.org/>.

### **SEPTEMBER PROGRAM: Multi-Chapter Luncheon -Col Dan Merry, USAF (Ret)- MOAA VP Gov't Relations**

by Perry Korszen

Our speaker for our annual Multi-Chapter Luncheon is Col Dan Merry, USAF (Ret), MOAA's Vice President of Government Relations, who will speak about several key topics, including an update on MOAA's advocacy agenda, how our affiliate system helps achieve MOAA's legislative agenda, and legislative priorities to address the unique needs of our military members, veterans, and their families.



Col Merry, a native of Southern California, enlisted in the Air Force in 1982 and was commissioned through AFROTC in 1989, earning his degree in Marketing from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff Arizona. After his commissioning, he was assigned to the personnel career field and served at every level of the Air Force. Col Merry was the Career Field Manager for Personnel, Manpower and Services; was selected as the Air Force's Chief of Compensation; and was a member of the 10th Quadrennial Review of Military Compensation. He had deployments to Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and other Middle East locations.

Col Merry is a graduate of Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB, Alabama; and was the Senior Air Force Fellow at the RAND Corporation in Santa Monica, California. He holds Masters Degrees in Human Resources Management and Military Arts & Science. At the time of his retirement he was the Commander of Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations (AFMAO), responsible for DoD's sole Port Mortuary at Dover AFB, Delaware.

Please join your fellow officers & spouses from Southwest Area MOAA chapters to get the latest word about the legislative issues facing our active duty military and our veterans' community, and most importantly what we can do to influence the congressional deliberations.

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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

*Brian McCarthy*

### MOAA Awarded Our Chapter - 5 Star Level of Excellence Award



Congratulations to our leadership team on our 2016 Level of Excellence Award! These awards signify the best chapters in MOAA. Only 17 chapters in Florida were recognized as 5-Star. It was noted that this year's winners saw a marked increase in community engagement. Our Chapter's community involvement is extensive. We have been recognized for our extensive high school scholarship and Academic Olympic programs, as well as our veterans' programs, both within our community, supporting our veteran college students and our Support Our Troops (SOT) programs overseas. To date our SOT program has distributed 50,000 boxes at concerts, parades, luncheons and through our sister veteran organizations. A Herculean accomplishment. For three years, we have partnered with the community-based *Pops Orchestra of Bradenton & Sarasota* providing patriotic concerts at Patriot Plaza and the Riverview and Neel Performing Arts Centers.

The criteria for achieving 5-Star award is extensive. The Chapter must achieve 220 of a maximum of 240 total points. It is most appropriate to thank everyone on the leadership team for their commitment to our chapter and our community. Sometimes we forget that everyone is a volunteer - demonstrating daily that they ***Never Stop Serving***.

The Board convenes a Nominating Committee each year to reach out to the membership - asking those willing to assume a leadership responsibility to ***step forward***. Positions are available on the board, as a chapter officer, committee chair, or committee member. This year we are also looking for an editor for our 4-Star publication *The Sarasota Breeze*. The Chair of our Nominating Committee is Col. Troy Scott. Don't wait for him to reach out to you. Please email him [[entscott41@gmail.com](mailto:entscott41@gmail.com)] and let him know your area of interest. Don't worry about inexperience; the entire leadership team will be there to help you!

Today our Commander-in-chief is facing down a hostile force, threatening to disrupt the peace on our planet. Reminding me of a similar period - the Cuban Missile Crisis. Let's keep our country's leadership in our prayers.



**SECRETARY'S CORNER**

*Peter Dering*

President Brian McCarthy called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM on Monday August 7, 2017 at the Meadows Community Center.  
**ATTENDANCE:** Board Members Present: Brian McCarthy (Pres); Ron Wozniak (1VP); Peter Dering (Sec'y); Christa Friedlander (Treas); George Tracy (IPP) & Claire Power (Dir). Board Members Absent: Perry Korszen (2VP); Alan Forrester (Dir) & Mario Fajardo (Dir). Committee Chairs & Visitors Present: Len Friedlander, Peggy Mock, Chris White & Dan Willison.

**BOARD MEETINGS AND LUNCHEONS**

| MONTH     | BOARD    | LUNCHEON |
|-----------|----------|----------|
| SEPTEMBER | 5 (Tues) | 15       |
| OCTOBER   | 3        | 20       |
| NOVEMBER  | 6        | 17       |

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:** The September board meeting will be moved to Tuesday, Sep 5, due to the Labor Day holiday, (board approved). Veterans Concert - We need to organize to take advantage of the Pops commitment to donate 100% of the Veteran's Day profits to our Scholarship Fund. Web Sites -The Stars & Stripes Foundation web site content has been transferred to our new Scholarship Fund web site [www.sarasotamosf.com](http://www.sarasotamosf.com). Need to modify MOAS website ([www.sarasotamoaa.com](http://www.sarasotamoaa.com)) to integrate with the new the Scholarship web site. Scholarship Committee - What schools should be selected to support our veterans' programs? Currently supporting State College of Florida (SCF), Manatee Technical College (MTC), Suncoast Technical College (STC), and University of South Florida (Sarasota-Manatee). All new schools should have a military connection as do the current schools. Brian and Claire will work on suggested Scholarship Fund brochure edits, and staffing the three components of the committee; (i) scholarship selection, (ii) administration and (iii) fund raising. **Nominating Committee** - Troy Scott has volunteered to chair the nominating committee.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The June 5, 2017 Board meeting minutes were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer reported balances as of July 31, 2017. The report was approved unanimously.

**MOAS Operating Account \$33,856.06**

Operating Fund \$ 31,485.59  
 LoV Flag initiative \$ 2,370.47

**Scholarship Fund Account \$28,621.73**

CD: \$ 5,000.00 (exp. 3/2018)  
 Checking Acc't \$23,621.73  
 Undesignated Available Cash \$14,571.14  
 JROTC Scholarships \$ 2,000.00  
 Merit Scholarships \$ -0-  
 Veterans Scholarship \$ -0-  
 JROTC Support \$ 1,248.00  
 Academic Olympics \$ -0-  
 SOT Fund \$ 5,653.09  
 Outstanding Cadet \$ 149.50

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Scheduled Events:** (Valerie McCarthy): The June & July Luncheon had 90 & 65 attendees respectively, and generated profits of \$73.00 & \$33.50. The July luncheon 50/50 raffle

contributed \$153 to the SMOSF (\$102 tickets & \$51 donations).

**Newsletter:** (Len Friedlander): The July and August issues of the Breeze were each emailed to 350 recipients and 70 were mailed to MOAS members. During the upcoming month George Tracy and I will transfer the current Breeze template from Apple Pages format to Microsoft Word/Publisher to ease the transfer of Breeze editor responsibilities to another MOAS member.

**Publicity & Marketing:** (Alan Forrester): Our last month's press release has been sent to our normal channels, and the actual release sent to the Tampa Bay News Wire and was published by them. The Herald Tribune published our special press release about the POPs along with a great photograph.

**Programs:** (Perry Korszen): Aug - SE Guide Dogs; Sep - **Joint Meeting**-- MOAA Gov't Relations VP Dan Merry; Oct- Joseph Holt - Pianist; Nov - Annual Meeting & Toni Gross President Tampa Chapter American Gold Star Mothers; Dec - Military Gala.

|           | LUNCHEON PROGRAMS                       |
|-----------|---|
| SEPTEMBER | Joint Meeting - MOAA VP Gov't Relations |
| OCTOBER   | Joseph Holt - Pianist                   |
| NOVEMBER  | Annual Meeting + Gold Star Mothers      |

**Membership:** (George Tracy): **MOAS Active Membership as of 8/7/2017 - 317:** Active MOAS membership has decreased since the beginning of the year from 339 to a total of 317. (Allied, Auxiliary & Regular) including nineteen (19) new members, newly reported deceased members, removal of non-renewing members, and newly-qualified MOAS Life members since 1/1/2017.

| MOAS              | 1/1/2017 | 5/31/2017 |
|-------------------|----------|-----------|
| REGULAR           | 264      | 239       |
| SURVIVING SPOUSES | 71       | 74        |
| ALLIED            | 4        | 4         |
| TOTAL             | 339      | 317       |

Reconciling MOAS Chapter Roster baseline (4/12/2017 and additions 7/31/2017) with MOAA National 2017 Recruiting (Prospect) List (4/27/2017) of 556 "prospects" (some of whom are already chapter (MOAS) members) to better align our respective active and prospective member files and focus of our 2017 Chapter Recruiting Campaign. Preparing to pursue reactivation of former (Lapsed) members on file as part of our 2017 Chapter Recruiting Campaign. MOAA National has invited all prospective MOAA national members in our area to our September luncheon and is prepared to do the same for our November luncheon.

**Scholarships:** (Claire Power): The new Sarasota Military Officers Scholarship Fund brochure is in the drafting stage. We need inputs for changes, editing, content, format, etc, to produce a quality document.

**Legislative Affairs:** (Mario Fajardo) The most notable legislative news over the past few weeks is the FY2018 National Defense Authorization bill sent to the Senate. MOAA feels it has a number of inappropriate proposals of significant concern:

(1) Senate proposal to fund DoD programs on the backs of beneficiaries: one by raising TRICARE fees; two, by additional pharmacy increase provisions. (2) Rise in TRICARE fees that could potentially affect choice beneficiaries have in selecting doctors/hospitals; affects dental and vision programs; result in

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

*Mario Fajardo*

### Competing Priorities on Capitol Hill

Approaching the end of a fiscal year with no government funding solution in sight will force preparatory measures that are not conducive to effectiveness or readiness. Continuing resolutions only contribute to the uncertainty and pose additional risks to the preservation to the ready and able all-volunteer-force.

On the surface, little appears to be happening in Congress during the August recess, but there is a lot going on in Washington, D.C. Still at issue are unresolved attempts to overhaul the Affordable Care Act, efforts to build bipartisan support for tax reform, addressing the raising of the debt-ceiling, a sense of urgency to attend to myriad threats posed by North Korea, and continued military operations abroad.

Missing from the mainstream narrative, however, is the apparent lack of a plan or strategy to fund the government beyond the current fiscal year. Equally concerning, given the growing potential for conflict on multiple fronts, is the lack of focus on the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2018. The House passed its version of a defense bill in July, well before the recess, and the Senate deferred any decision on its bill until at least September.

### GI Bill Update: Forever GI Bill Passes House

Major reforms to veterans' education benefits are one step closer to becoming law after the House of Representatives unanimously voted in favor of the legislation. The Harry W. Colmery Veterans Education Assistance Act of 2017 - colloquially known as the "Forever GI Bill" - would make significant changes to the Post-9/11 GI Bill, including elimination of a requirement that veterans use their benefits within 15 years of active-duty service and expanding benefits for reservists, Purple Heart recipients and surviving dependents. The bill would also retroactively restore benefits to veterans affected by recent school closures and provide additional funds to GI Bill users pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering and math.

### VA to Decide on New Agent Orange Ailments by Nov. 1

VA Secretary David J. Shulkin will decide "on or before" Nov. 1st whether to add to the list of medical conditions the Department of Veteran Affairs presumes are associated to Agent Orange or other herbicides sprayed during the Vietnam War. Any ailments Shulkin might add to VA's current list of 14 "presumptive diseases" linked to herbicide exposure would make many more thousands of Vietnam War veterans eligible for VA disability compensation and health care.

Ailments under review as possible adds to the presumptive diseases list include bladder cancer, hypothyroidism and Parkinson-like symptoms without diagnosis of that particular disease. Hypertension (high blood pressure) and stroke also might be embraced, or ignored, as part of the current review.

The process was sparked by the Institute of Medicine's 10th and final review of medical literature on health effects of herbicide exposure in Vietnam. The 1100-page report concluded in March 2016 that recent scientific

research strengthened the association between herbicide exposure and bladder cancer, hypothyroidism and Parkinson-like symptoms.

### VA Claims Backlog

Congress has sent the president a bill aimed at trimming a rapidly growing backlog of veterans' disability claims. The House approved the bill by voice vote Aug 11, sending the measure to President Trump. It would overhaul the appeals process, allowing veterans to file "express" appeals if they waive their right to a hearing or to submit new evidence. The VA could test the new program for up to 18 months until Sec'y Shulkin could certify it was ready for a full rollout with enough money to manage appeals effectively. Lawmakers hope the legislation ultimately could reduce average wait times to less than a year. Currently, veterans could wait five years or more to resolve their appeals over disability claims.

"Veterans have been waiting far too long for an answer from the VA. This bill will speed up the outdated appeals process so veterans can receive the disability benefits that they have earned," said Sen. Tester (D-MT). Still, the legislation offers no immediate fix for the bulk of the 470,000 appeals claims in VA's backlog; the changes would apply almost entirely to newly filed appeals. Trump's proposed VA budget for FY18 does not account for \$800 million in "hiring surges" needed for VA to clear the current backlog within 10 years. The department provides \$63.7 billion in disability compensation payments each year to about 4.1 million veterans with disabling conditions incurred during their military service.

### Who's affected by the new TRICARE changes?

The overarching theme is that there is a new model, a new process where beneficiaries have to make an active annual choice of their program.

**Active duty families** - For active duty service members, there's going to be virtually no change. However, for active duty family members, there will be some changes. Changes will be minimal for those on TRICARE Prime. But during the new open enrollment season for 2018 — which is expected to run from the end of November through December [2017] — active duty family members need to know that they'll be automatically enrolled in TRICARE Prime unless they opt out during that period.

**Under-65 military retiree** - They will also be automatically enrolled during that same November-December [2017] period into the plan they're already in. For example, if they're on TRICARE Prime, they'll automatically be enrolled in that same plan unless they opt out. If they're on TRICARE Standard, they'll automatically be enrolled in TRICARE Select, which is the new name for TRICARE Standard. If someone wants to switch from TRICARE Standard into TRICARE Prime, or they want to drop their coverage because they're picking up insurance elsewhere, they'll have to make that change during the open enrollment period. This is a new change for folks.

**Over 65 TRICARE for Life User** - There are no changes.  
**Dependents between the ages of 21 and 26 who use Tricare Young Adult?** Remains as is.

**TRICARE Reserve Select** - That will stay as TRICARE Reserve as it stands right now. But anyone who uses or wants that plan will need to make sure they enroll for it during open enrollment later this fall.

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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

*Charles Caudill*

### Check-Up Time

*"Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil - it has no point."* *Billy Graham*

I have always loved cars and have always kept the ones I owned in top condition, including the first car I bought when I was 17 years old. I worked three jobs during the summer so I could afford college and a car. I paid \$100 for a '34 Ford and wish I still owned it today. I kept it in mint condition and it never failed me.

It is the same with my current car. Before a recent 2,000 mile trip I took it in for a complete check-up: tires rotated, brakes inspected, engine serviced, fluids topped-off or changed, and a car wash. As I waited for the service to be completed it occurred to me that I might be taking better care of my automobile than I am of myself. I questioned if I was performing an appraisal of my mind and body so I would be in good shape for the life that lies before me. The answer was "No." My life was given to me by God, and that life is priceless. Why don't I make sure it is always prepared for the trip in front of me?

I realized it was time for a *life evaluation* in order to follow my legacy as a child of God. I am now taking positive control of my diet, physical activity, and mental stimulation so I will have a longer, healthier life.



When I was working I stayed in good health physically and mentally so I would always be at my best for my family and

career. When I retired it didn't seem quite as important to keep the maintenance schedule as strict. Procrastination and good intentions became my habits. I was always going to eat better, train often, rest properly and find ways to stimulate my mind. I finally recognized I didn't have the energy I once had and I was losing the wisdom necessary for the changing times.

Residing in a retirement community I notice many neighbors who have made emergency visits to the hospital because they have ignored their doctors and preventive health care. They can no longer visit their families or take trips. Now everyone has to make an effort to see them.

Observing the sad result of this neglect has also encouraged me to make changes in my own life. I want to be able to spend priceless time with my loved ones and take trips. We spouses and parents are still role models for our mates and families and if we are not taking complete care of ourselves we cannot inspire them to do the same.

The Bible helps us in this:

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."*

*Proverbs 3:5-6*

*"Glorify God in your body, and in your spirit."*

*1 Corinthians 6:20*

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higher fees with fewer benefits. (3) VA Sec Shulkin to decide list of medical conditions the VA, will consider associated with Agent Orange/other herbicides sprayed during Vietnam War.

**Support Our Troops (SOT):** (*Chris White*): After a busy Memorial Day and 4th of July, SOT activities have slowed down. We have distributed about 1100 boxes this year and collected \$1,310 in contributions (thanks to the Ridgeways and Heritage Oaks). Thanks to Ron Wozniak, we now have addresses for the Marines in Iraq. I have about 35 boxes on hand and will change the addresses to the Marine units. In November we'll have boxes going to Iraq and Afghanistan. The Sarasota County Operations Center on Fruitville Rd has a box distribution effort, and took about 250 boxes.

**Outreach/Auxiliary/Surviving Spouse:** (*Peggy Mock*): I continue to receive calls almost daily from surviving spouses who are eager to become more connected. I am pleased to see they are reading the newsletter and responding to the e-blasts. Several have expressed interest in joining in on the Meet and Greets, but did not know this was open for surviving spouses. Additionally, I will prepare an e-blast to be sent out several times encouraging all surviving spouses to attend the Pops concert on Nov 12 & 13 as a group. Several are still away, but will be returning soon so we will be scheduling additional events.

**Sarasota County Veterans Commission:** (*Dan Willison*): The Veterans Affairs Department now allows veterans and family to apply for burial in national cemeteries before their death, rather than requiring family members to apply on their behalf after it. The member may download VA Form 40-1007, (Nov 2016) and submit it. If opting for burial in a Private Cemetery, the military will still provide Honors, the Flag and Grave Stone or Marker. Arrangements can also be made for a Sea Burial of the Ashes. The website for Burial Arrangements is <http://www.cem.va.gov>.

In honor of all Veterans that have returned home The "Heroes Welcome Home" Organization is hosting a Veterans Day Golf Scramble on Saturday, Nov 11, 2017 at the Rolling Green Golf Club, 4501 N Tuttle Ave, Sarasota, FL 24234. Money raised will benefit veterans and families by providing a hand-up when seeking stable housing options. For more info call (941) 448-8651 or [www.HeroesWelcomeHomeFL.com](http://www.HeroesWelcomeHomeFL.com).

**YAHOO:** (*Ron Wozniak*): **We are still looking for volunteers to organize future YAHOO events.** Sarasota Bay Explorers Boat Tour and Guided Mote Marine Aquarium Tour conducted July 14. Our 6th YAHOO fishing outing was Saturday, July 15 from Regatta Pointe Marina, Palmetto. Prospective MOAS member, LtCol Mario Russica, USMC Forces, Central Command (MARCEN), MacDill AFB, and his two sons were Woz's guests.

### Upcoming events

**Wed, Aug 9**, pre-Meet & Greet Pontoon boat ride on Sarasota Bay  
**Mon, Aug 14**, Near Offshore Fishing Gulf of Mexico off Anna Maria Island.  
**Wed Aug 23**, Siesta Key Beach Sunset Picnic. **Mon, Sep 25**, Near Offshore Fishing Gulf of Mexico off Venice.

**Future events.** Looking for volunteers to help organize:

**Tues, Sep 19**, Chicago Cubs vs Tampa Bay Rays, Tampa  
**Wed, Oct 11**, Oktoberfest - Gold Coast Eagle Distributing Taproom,  
**Sat, Oct 28**, Halloween Party - Private Residence - POC TBD.  
**Sat, Dec 9**, Army-Navy Game - Private Residence - POC Tracys.  
**Idea for a future YAHOO outing/event?** Text Ron Wozniak (941) 779-5448 or e-mail him at: [RonWozniak13@gmail.com](mailto:RonWozniak13@gmail.com).

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Membership** - Oktoberfest: Schnitzel Trailer catering was discussed. Cost may be too high considering this is a recruiting event.

**Flag Initiative** - The Board recommended to slowly withdraw from the Flag Initiative as the curriculum is now integrated into the Sarasota County School System.

**Stars & Stripes** - The Board determined that Stars & Stripes distribution be used solely for veterans scholarships.

**NEXT MEETING:** Meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for 4:00PM on **Tuesday Sep 5, 2017** at the Meadows Community Center.

# August Luncheon Photos



Arne & Wilhelmina Ellermets



SPORTY - Southeastern Guide Superdog with his artist MOAS member Vic Reiling



Mario & Lynn Fajardo



Troy Scott (L) & Ralph Scheffert



Tony Mowry (L) & Perry Korszen



Brian McCarthy (C) with Jack Klingensmith & Kristine Nickels



Speaker Karen Conkel & Levi



Barbara Hamilton



Nancy & Vic Reiling flank their guests Molly & David Jackson



Marty Donner (L) & George Hoffman



Pam McMillen



New Member Kathryn Chandler (L) & Barbara Donner



Mary Jo Krebs



Ed & Betty Burton and Sammy



Elizabeth Ameal with Levi



Kay Tracy (L) & Christa Friedlander



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

(L-R) Tom Malone, Troy Scott, George Tracy, and Jerry Welch



My Mom is speaking. Are you paying attention?



**YAHOO**  
 Young at Heart Officers Organization  
*Ron & Linda Wozniak*

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

On Wednesday, Aug 9, we had our first "no cost" pre-Meet & Greet boat cruise on Sarasota Bay. Participants were Brian & Valerie McCarthy, George & Kay Tracy, Pete & Claudette Dering, Joe & Denise Jennings, and Ron & Linda Wozniak. Pete & Woz captained two pontoon boats from



Freedom Boat Club at Marina Jack. We slowly cruised out of the harbor and back for about 90 minutes. The seas were calm; weather was warm, and no rain. Everyone had a good time and would certainly do it again. We had room for 10 more, so next time we do this (November?) sign

up early to reserve your spot(s). Watch *The Breeze* for details. We then joined 20 MOAS land lovers for our first Meet & Greet at Marina Jack's Palm Room, (inside & air conditioned).

**Spontaneous Sunset Gathering**  
**Siesta Key Beach Park**

**Wednesday August 23 @ 6:30 PM**

On Wednesday August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the YAHOOs will celebrate why they enjoy SW Florida by gathering on the beach at the north end of the Siesta Key Beach Park to watch the sunset and share commuting stories.

This event is characterized as "spontaneous" since there is **no plan** and **no RSVP**. Come as you are, and bring your own grog, food and chairs – just show up. The US and Marine Corps flags will mark the gathering spot at the **North** end of the beach



park, and will be on station by 6:30PM. The sun sets at 7:59PM so you will want to arrive in plenty of time to socialize before then. **Special Note: No glass** containers are allowed on the beach – only plastic and cans. **See? No Plan!!!!**

**Chicago Cubs vs Tampa Bay Rays Baseball**  
**Tropicana Field, St Pete**  
**Tuesday, September 19 @ 7:10 PM**

The Tampa Bay Rays have saved a block of 40 seats for this Cubs vs. Rays baseball game. The cost is \$40 per seat. **Cutoff date reservations is Friday 25 August.**

We encourage carpooling. Hope to see you at the game. As of 12 August, we have only 11 seats reserved and paid for. If we do not get more interest and a check to reserve

seats for in this outing, we will lose our block of 40 seats, so please make your check payable to Ron Wozniak ASAP & mail to: Ron Wozniak, 207 68<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Bradenton, FL 34209-2227.

**Near Offshore Fishing**  
**Gulf of Mexico off Venice**  
**Monday September 25, 0715-1900 (or earlier)**

**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](mailto:RonWozniak13@gmail.com)



**Inshore Fishing Terra Ceia Bay**  
**Monday October 16, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM (or earlier)**  
**Freedom Boat Club Dock**

**1<sup>st</sup> Dock on left - Regatta Pointe Marina**  
**1005 Riverside Drive, Palmetto, FL**

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 not, we will provide. Wear rubber soled shoes. Bring your own food and drink & sunscreen. Text Ron Wozniak at (941) 779-5448 or [RonWozniak13@gmail.com](mailto:RonWozniak13@gmail.com).

**Oktoberfest (in lieu of Meet & Greet)**  
**Wednesday October 11, 5:00 – 8:00 PM**  
**Gold Coast Eagle Distributing Taproom**  
**7051 Wireless Court, Lakewood Ranch**

Venue & beverages donated by our own MOAS member, Col John Saputo, owner Gold Coast Eagle Distributing. Authentic German food served. Cost is \$15 per person.

POC: Pete Dering 941-960-1142 or [slpdering@gmail.com](mailto:slpdering@gmail.com)  
 Make reservations and send your check payable to: Peter Dering, 3024 Ringwood Meadow, Sarasota, FL 34235

**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](mailto:RonWozniak13@gmail.com) or text Ron & Linda Wozniak at (941) 779-5448.**

**Future planned events.**

Sat Oct. 28 Halloween Party - Private Residence -POC TBD  
 Sat Dec. 9 Army-Navy Game -Private Residence-POC  
 George & Kay Tracy

**We are looking for volunteers for those without a 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

## Legislative Update Continued from Page 4

### National Guard Waives Almost All Bonus Debts

MOAA previously reported thousands of National Guard soldiers were being pursued by debt collectors for bonuses they were paid. Some soldiers suffered serious financial distress from the collection activities. The National Guard claimed the bonuses had been paid in error or the soldiers had not fulfilled their obligations to entitle them to the bonuses. This was dubbed the bonus "clawback."

The House Armed Services Committee's Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing in December 2016 and in January 2017 then-Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter publicly announced all the debts would be reviewed for validity by July 2017.

Earlier this week, DoD released an update on its progress. As of July 31, a vast majority of the debts - 17,092 of the 17,485 bonuses reviewed - had been dismissed or waived by the DoD unilaterally. The others did not have enough evidence to support a waiver or dismissal and proceeded through the appeals process. Of those 393 cases, two ultimately were waived or dismissed, 191 are still in the appeals process, and another 200 soldiers have been notified of their right to appear before an appeals board but have failed to respond.

As the remaining soldiers further appeal the determinations made in their cases, MOAA will continue to seek updates from DoD to ensure no soldier is pursued for an unjust debt.

### Vet Funeral Benefits: BRAVE Act

U.S. Senators Gary Peters (D-MI) and Marco Rubio (R-FL) announced that are introducing bipartisan legislation to improve burial services for our nation's veterans by increasing funeral benefits for eligible veterans.

The Burial Rights for America's Veterans' Efforts (BRAVE) Act would update the current funeral and burial benefit system to ensure that all non-service connected deaths are treated equally, regardless of where the veteran passes away. Veterans with no next of kin that pass away in a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facility are currently afforded greater funds to cover the costs of their funerals and burials than veterans who pass away in a private home or other facility.

### Military Burials

All eligible veterans, to include military retirees, are entitled to military funeral honors. At a minimum, the funeral honors ceremony will consist of the folding and presentation of the American flag and the playing of Taps. At least two uniformed military personnel, in addition to a bugler, if available, shall perform the ceremony. If a bugler is not available, a high-quality CD will be used. One of the uniformed military personnel will be from the deceased veteran's parent military service and will present the flag to the next of kin. The Military Services may provide additional elements of honors and may use additional uniformed military personnel or other authorized providers, such as members of a veteran's organization, to augment the Funeral Honors Detail. The next of kin or appropriate individual must request the funeral honors, they are not provided automatically. DoD policy calls for the funeral directors, rather than the next of kin, to contact the military. 1-877-MIL-HONR (645-4667) has been set up for funeral directors to coordinate the ceremonies.



## Surviving Spouse Corner Peggy Mock

Several Surviving Spouses took advantage of the August 9th MOAS Meet & Greet event and gathered at Marina Jack's for drinks and dinner. This is a great opportunity for all to enjoy getting to know one another and I encourage all interested to join in. The next Meet and Greet will be at Marina Jack's on Wednesday, Sept. 13th at 6:00 PM.

Many of our Surviving Spouses have been away during the summer months but are starting to return. Our attendance at the monthly luncheons at Michael's on East continues to grow, and we are in the process of planning and scheduling our up-coming events. If you have any special interests please contact me at [peggymock@michaelsaunders.com](mailto:peggymock@michaelsaunders.com) or (941) 356-3584.



## SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

### Christopher White

We recently received the following correspondence from CSM Mark Brock, US Army, 16th CAV Brigade in Afghanistan:

Sir,

*We have been receiving the boxes and are very appreciative. Currently your boxes get into the hands of Soldiers in over 10 locations. We can definitely fly a flag for you, no issues. Again we appreciate the benevolence of your organization.*

We are gearing up for our Veterans Day SOT box push, and I'll shortly be ordering 1000 boxes and associated items from the USPS. We'll have another box party (late October) to prepare the boxes for distribution at the Sarasota Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, and at the MOAS - Pops Veteran's Day Concerts on Sunday & Monday Nov 12 & 13. Details to follow in next month's updates. Please save the dates and plan to join us.

We received addresses for three Marine Corps units that are currently deployed in Afghanistan and have added them to our list of supported units.

Maj Kendra Motz, USMC  
PAO Task Force Southwest  
Camp Shorab  
APO AE 09354

SPMAGTF 17.1 CE  
Attn: PAO USMC  
UNIT #89033  
FPO AP 96610

24<sup>th</sup> MEU Det 1 CE  
Attn: PAO USMC  
Unit #80177  
FPO AE 09508-7700

Go to <http://www.sarasotamoaa.com/support-us> for package mailing information.



## MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS

*George Tracy*

Dear MOAS Members,

Can you believe it's already September! Quite a year so far! Thanks to you and to your MOAS leaders, whom you know well by now through this newsletter. Our numerous initiatives, begun last year, have accomplished much of what we had hoped, increasing our visibility in the Sarasota community and to enhancing our ability to serve the needs of military veterans with activities that continue to justify your continued support!

Through our Legacy of Valor partnerships with the Patterson Foundation (<http://www.thepattersonfoundation.org>) and other veteran and community entities like Goodwill Manasota, Jewish Family & Child Services, and the Sarasota County Schools, we have successfully collaborated in activities, like the U.S. Flag Initiative, and events, like Patriot Plaza, to educate, build enthusiasm and focus the community on more actively honoring and supporting veterans and their families. We have taken the results of our work with the Community Foundation, <https://www.cfsarasota.org/>, to develop a strategic plan of action to more effectively plan, organize, market, fund, recruit and, otherwise, execute our MOAS mission goals and objectives, as a volunteer, non-profit, charitable enterprise. We are again in the process of selecting candidates for MOAS leadership, now for 2018. And we are preparing to launch our 2018 MOAS membership renewal and recruiting campaigns. In addition, we continue our scholarship and "Support Our Troops" programs, while expanding our involvement in helping returning veterans. Though we have recently received from national MOAA yet another MOAA Five-Star Level-of Excellence and

Web Site awards and the MOAA Four Star award for our newsletter, we are all-the-more committed to becoming a better team and to doing a better job for the remainder of 2017 and in 2018! **We need your help!!**

So, if you have not done so as yet (and even if you have), now is the time to tell us what you think; say what's on your mind; highlight an issue (and propose a solution); recommend a candidate for MOAS office and/or volunteer your own services. **And, of course, find and recruit a new member!!**

My annual reminder, regarding our MOAS membership database: In our efforts to maintain and use this critical file to communicate with you, I note that, while most of our data appears current, a number of you appear to have changed a home address, email address and/or phone number, leaving us with no reliable means of reaching you. So, if any of your contact information changes, please let me or any other Board member know, so that we can update the file. Also, since email is our most efficient, timely and low-cost means of communication, please consider exercising your option of receiving this newsletter via email, which many members do find more convenient. Be assured that we will be discrete and infrequent in our use of email to convey what you need to know. We appreciate your support toward accomplishing this objective of keeping your email or other contact information current.

Our team effort with the national MOAA office continues to identify many active national MOAA members in our area, who we are inviting to join our Sarasota chapter. These prospects, along with other groups of active, former and retired local veteran officers, provide a promising outlook for increased membership, as we approach the home stretch of 2017 and prepare to launch our campaign to renew your membership and recruit new members. This effort, along with your own recruiting, has brought 20 new members to our chapter so far this year with a number of prospects in process. And, with regard to national MOAA membership, remember, if you are renewing or joining the national MOAA for the first time, please be aware that you now have the option of a no-fee, electronic membership, whereby you can take advantage of many national MOAA benefits via the Internet. So check the MOAA benefits at <http://www.moaa.org/Main Menu/Access Member Benefits/Access Member Benefits.html> and the options at <http://www.moaa.org/Join/> and, while you are at it, take a look at what MOAA is accomplishing at <http://www.moaa.org/>. Help strengthen our voice at the national level. **Join MOAA!!**

We encourage and appreciate your efforts to extend the hand of our Sarasota chapter and of the national MOAA community. Enjoy the Labor Day Holiday and a hurricane-free September!! **A hearty welcome to our new members.**

**Thank You for your support of MOAS and MOAA!!**

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

#### *New Members*

**Klingensmith, Jack H (Kristina Nickel) Capt, USAF**  
763 Shadow Bay Way  
Osprey, FL 34229-8876  
(941) 918-0016 [Klingensmithjack@gmail.com](mailto:Klingensmithjack@gmail.com)

#### *Directory Additions & Changes*

**Roberts, Edwin J (Elizabeth) LTJG, USN**  
[erob1953@gmail.com](mailto:erob1953@gmail.com)

**McLain, Patricia A. Mrs**  
2250 Jesus Way #214  
Sarasota, FL 34240  
(941) 203-3694

### RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS NEEDED!!

By Cheryl Brandi, CDR, USN (Ret.)  
Nurse Practitioner, Roskamp Institute

The Roskamp Institute is conducting two studies that are of great importance to veterans.

The first study requires veterans who have experienced at least one Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) at least nine months ago, and the study's goal is to advance future treatment options for TBI.

The second study involves military members who served in the Gulf War (1990-91). The goal of this clinical research study is to determine if a blood test can be developed to diagnose Gulf War Illness.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to participate in either of these studies, or for further information, please contact the Roskamp Institute at 941-256-8019 or email Sandra at [scinor@roskampinstitute.net](mailto:scinor@roskampinstitute.net)



**MOAS Luncheon**  
**Friday, September 15, 2017**  
**Michael's On East**



**MENU**

*SERVED LUNCHEON*

*Autumn Fruit & Lettuce Salad  
 with Goat Cheese, Dried Cherries,  
 Dried Apricots, Golden Raisins & Pear Slices  
 Finished with a Champagne-Honey Vinaigrette  
 Signature Bread Basket*

*ENTREE*

*Parmesan Crusted Chicken Breast with  
 Prosciutto, Sage & White Wine Roasted Garlic  
 Mashed Potatoes, Grilled Asparagus  
 & Baby Carrots*

*SERVED DESSERT*

*Myer's Truffle Cake: Ultra-Rich  
 Bittersweet Chocolate Mousse Cake,  
 Copiously Spiked with Myer's Dark Rum,  
 Enrobed in Textured Ganache & Cocoa*

*Served Coffee, Decaf & Tea*

**MOAS LUNCHEON RESERVATION**

For 9/15/2017 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return reservation form and check made out to:

**MOAS**

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

**QUESTIONS?** (440) 391-1974 or

[Valerie.Mccarthy@GoToAlwaysHome.com](mailto: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 at least 48 hours 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.



**MEET & GREET**

Sarasota MOAA

**Meet & Greet/Officer's Call**

**Wednesday, Sept 13th 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](http://www.marinajacks.com)

**Veterans Day Concerts**

**Sunday, November 12 3:00 pm Riverview PAC**

**Monday, November 13 7:30 pm Neel PAC**

MOAS is joining with the Pops Orchestra of Bradenton & Sarasota to honor our veterans with a Neil Diamond **Salute to America's Veterans Concert.**

Tribute artist Bobby Palermo will perform *Song Sung Blue, Forever in Blue Jeans, Love on the Rocks, & Sweet Caroline* followed by *Coming to America, God Bless the USA, Salute to the Armed Forces*, and many more.

Special discounted tickets are available to all veterans and their families. Purchase your tickets at:

<https://popsorchestra.getmytix.net/events#list>



# September - October 2017



| DATE              | EVENT  | TIME       |
|-------------------|--|------------|
| Aug 23, Wednesday | YAHOO - Siesta Key Sunset Beach Party - Page 8   | 6:30 p.m.  |
| Sep 5, Tuesday    | MOAS Board Meeting - Meadows Community Center  | 4:00 p.m.  |
| Sep 13, Wednesday | Meet & Greet - Marina Jack - Downtown Sarasota - Page 11   | 6:00 p.m.  |
| Sep 15, Friday    | Luncheon -Michaels On East - Multi Chapter - Col Dan Merry  | 11:30 a.m. |
| Sep 19, Tuesday   | YAHOO - Ryas/Cubs Baseball Game - Tropicana Field - Page 8   | 7:10 p.m.  |
| Sep 25, Monday    | YAHOO - Offshore Fishing -- Venice - Page 8  | 7:15 a.m.  |
| Oct 2 Monday      | MOAS Board Meeting - Meadows Community Center  | 4:00 p.m.  |
| Oct 11, Wednesday | Meet & Greet - Oktoberfest - Eagle Distributing - Page 8   | 5:00 p.m.  |
| Oct 20, Friday    | Luncheon -Michaels On East - Joseph Holt, Pianist           | 11:30 a.m. |

### Military Exchanges

Veterans' online shopping at military exchanges, is slated to open for honorably discharged veterans on Veterans Day, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>.  
 Vets are encouraged to confirm their eligibility status at <https://www.vetverify.org>.

### FCOC Convention

The Lee Coast Chapter will be hosting the 2018 FCOC Convention at the Sanibel Harbor Marriott Hotel from **June 1 to June 3 2018**.

The room rate is \$139.00per nite to include free parking, no resort fee, and no taxes if you register/pay through FCOC. The same rate applies 3 days prior and 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.

Make your reservations on the FCOC website, <http://www.moaafi.org/>

### Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) Address Changes

DFAS addresses changed on May 1, 2017 to:

#### Retired Pay:

DFAS  
 U.S. Military Retired Pay  
 8899 E 56th Street  
 Indianapolis IN 46249-1200

#### Annuitant Pay:

DFAS  
 U.S. Military Annuitant Pay  
 8899 E 56th Street  
 Indianapolis IN 46249-1300

The old PO Boxes in London, KY will remain open and all mail will be forwarded to the new address for one year. However, sending mail to the old address will add three to five days to the normal processing time.

Please use the following web address for additional contact information:  
<https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary.html>

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 \_\_\_\_\_