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## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

### 1LT Frank Mazur, USA

Mary and I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and that your New Year brings you much happiness and good health. This past year has gone by so rapidly. It seems like I just filed my tax return for 2017 and now I have to do it all over again for 2018.

The Navy Jazz Band that performed here on November 11<sup>th</sup> was superb. We had a capacity crowd and the comments after the concert were very complimentary. The band members enjoyed their stay in town and expressed interest in coming back again. The band committee is planning to host the Air Force band at the Event Center next fall.

I got a notice from the Sarasota National Cemetery Chair indicating that on May 25<sup>th</sup> they will host a Memorial Day ceremony. They asked for a donation. There will be other ceremonies around the area as well as the British service in Arcadia for their airmen who died in pilot training during WWII. If you've never been to that ceremony I suggest you attend. Representatives of the British Consulate attend and occasionally family members come from England for the occasion.

I'm open to suggestions for speakers. Though I have commitments through this spring I have not yet received commitments for June and October. I have some ideas but would certainly entertain your input.

In reviewing the financial statement at the last board meeting the Chapter raised \$6300 year to date supporting Bingo with our members serving as cashiers 2-4 times each month. The work certainly isn't hard and it's interesting to see how the game progresses through the evening. This money supports our scholarship program and has enabled us to offer 4 year scholarships to qualified students. Kudo's to the Chapter for this commitment.

As we enter the New Year it I look forward seeing you at our monthly Flag Mess at the Twin Isles Country Club. This is your organization and volunteers are always welcome to become members of our board. Our current board members are committed and have done a good job supporting our Chapter but they're not tenured to that position. So, get involved and help recruit new members. Best wishes, FM

Col Leonard Friedlander (USAF, Ret.), MOAA Florida Council President presented the Chapter with the 2018 4 star level of excellence award at the December 3 dinner meeting.

**Planning & Benefits for The Surviving Spouse**  
<http://www.moaafl.org/Chapters/CHCMOAA/SurvivorAssistance.aspx>

*" Please note that membership dues are required by January 1st for 2019. Paid dues will be indicated by PD19 in green on the mailing labels. Unpaid 2019 dues will be indicated by PD18 in red on the mailing labels. Please get your 2019 dues in as soon as possible so we can get the 2019 Handbook/Directory out in a timely manner. Your support in getting your dues in by the end of January is greatly appreciated."*

*Please check your information in the 2018 Handbook/Directory. Email Jim Dundas at [sadnubull@embargmail.com](mailto:sadnubull@embargmail.com) any additions or corrections."*

### NEW MEMBERS

CAPT Edwin Bouton USN-Ret (Susan)  
 Maj David Good USMC (Jackie)  
 LTC Penelope Goodpasture LTC USAR  
 CPT Alan Hitchcock USAR (Sherry)  
 LTC Mark Houston USA-Ret (Allyson)  
 LCDR Craig Rudy USN-Ret (Wanda)  
 CPT Roger Will USA



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**January Speaker**

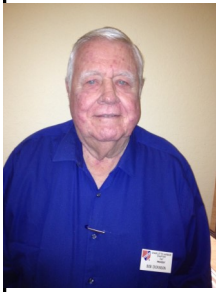
Mark Houston will be our January speaker. He's manager of the Tampa Rays spring training in Port Charlotte. He will discuss how he's transferred skills learned as a West Point graduate and military service to the private sector. He's had a passion for baseball and is charged with extending the Rays brand, furthering community and fan engagement, and ultimately increasing local corporate partnership. He'd like his presentation to be open to questions about professional baseball. One good question would be whether the Rays have any regrets about trading players that eventually helped the Boston Red Sox win the World Series this year.

**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

- **Graphics** — All Muster newsletter graphics contain embedded web links
- **Board Meeting Notice** — The next Board of Directors' meetings are 10 January 2019 and 14 February 2019 at 1700 hours (5 PM), at the Isles Yacht Club Board Room. Board members and committee chairs are requested to attend. Members are welcome.
- **Membership** — Please pay your 2019 dues. Use the form on page 6. Currently the Chapter has **150 members**. *Know someone who was a military or uniformed service officer but not a member of CHCMOAA and MOAA? **ASK THEM TO JOIN.*** Contact Jim Dundas with their name.
- **CHCMOAA Name Badges** — If you would like a CHCMOAA Name-tag / Badge, you can order it direct from <http://www.badgeworksplus.com/moaa-name-badges> using styles 1-CN, 1-DN, or 3-BN.
- **Military ID Card Information** — **MacDill AFB** (Site ID 101435), Telephone: (813) 828-6673; **Coast Guard Sector, St. Petersburg** (Site ID 174794), Telephone (727) 824-7560. Use the RAPIDS Site Locator <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/appj/site>, or use <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil> (use Site IDs for online scheduling, address, & directions or call). **APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED.**
- **CHC MOAA Fund** Help us raise funds at Bingo Trail (1700 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte – on US 41 between Cochran and Murdock). Our chapter has earned a significant amount of money for our Scholarship Program. We need volunteers to count cash for game winners 3 times per month. Volunteers can get free nonalcoholic drinks, purchase food for half price during their shift, and return to play Bingo for half price. We need help as shown below and in the following months since this a year round project. If you have not done a turn already, please consider volunteering. Thanks to Larry Ondecker, Tom D'Abrosca, Chuck and Ruth Evans, and Ken and Janine Schmitt. Contact **George Chamberlain** at [gac1982@hotmail.com](mailto:gac1982@hotmail.com) or (904) 477-4959. The next few months dates are:

Wednesday 1815-2130	Saturday 1145-1400
Mar 6	Jan 26
April 17, May 15	April 13, 27
June 12, July 17	May 11, 25

*“Evil triumphs when good men do nothing”*



**PERSONAL AFFAIRS REPORT**  
**COL Robert M. Dickinson, USA-(Ret)**

I'm going to deviate a little this month. Instead of giving you guidance about some law, regulation, or practice, etc., I'm going to tell you a wonderful story that's been happening to me over the last several months. I wound up going in the hospital unexpectedly for three weeks back in late August. This was followed by a transfer to a rehab center, where I still am. My daughter Kathy was planning a brief social visit from her home in Maryland to Sharyn and me in early September, when she was to be joined by son Timothy and his wife Marianne from North Carolina. When my severe illness occurred, the visit changed from a social to a hospital sick room visit. My three visitors arrived, and, after the usual hugs and greetings, daughter Kathy stood up and called out: "OK, Michael, come on in". In the doorway appeared a handsome man in his very early 50s who was six foot seven inches tall. Kathy said, "Dad, meet your youngest son, Michael!" I was amazed. I remembered that over 50 years ago I had had a brief affair with a young woman named Suzy. After less than a year with her, I had decided to break it off and return to my wife and three children, who graciously took me back. A couple of years later, Suzy contacted me and said she wanted to have a brief talk with me. When we met, she showed me a picture of little Michael at age one. She told me she had gotten pregnant on our last time together, and Michael was the result! She asked me never to contact her again, for she had found another man whom she loved and who would marry her and take care of her and Michael. I agreed, and never saw Michael again – until early September of 2018!

Both Michael and daughter Kathy, early in the summer of 2018, had independently and coincidentally tried exploring with Ancestry DNA. Both independently discovered that each found a sibling in the DNA that they didn't know about. After several tries, Kathy got in touch with Michael, who lives with his beautiful wife Robin in closeby St. Petersburg. After many long talks, they got to know each other pretty well. Kathy convinced Michael, whose mother Suzy died 26 years ago, to visit me as a surprise. And what a wonderful surprise it was for me! Kathy was even able to persuade oldest son Ken, his wife Maureen, and sons Chris and Matt, to come from California to meet Michael (and visit me).

What a wonderful discovery. And what a wonderful time Michael and Robin and Sharyn and I have had over the last few months getting to know each other. Michael calls me Dad and we both express our very real love for each other. Michael and Robin flew to Maryland to spend Thanksgiving with Kathy and her family. And Ken and Maureen celebrated their anniversary in the Keys with Michael and Robin, who were also celebrating their anniversary at the same time!

Ain't life grand?

Robert M. Dickinson

**NATIONAL MOAA MEMBERSHIP**

One of the criteria for Chapter Level of Excellence is the number of national MOAA members in the Chapter. It is recommended, but not required, that regular Chapter members join the National MOAA. There are three levels of membership in MOAA: Premium, Life and Basic membership. Premium member dues are paid annually. Life membership is based on age. For additional information on National MOAA membership you can go online at [http://www.moaa.org/join/?utm\\_source=HP&utm\\_medium=Red%20HP%20Button](http://www.moaa.org/join/?utm_source=HP&utm_medium=Red%20HP%20Button) for information on membership levels and how to join. Numbers do count (350,000 voting members) to have our voices heard on Capitol Hill.

**Identity Theft at USA.Gov**

<https://www.usa.gov/identity-theft#item-206115>

Or

**ID Theft Recovery**

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS**

The chapter would like to thank those members who made donations to the CHC MOAA Scholarship Fund at the last Flag Mess. Your donations allow the chapter to provide scholarships to the Charlotte County High School graduates who are members of JNROTC, a child or grandchild of: (1) an Active Duty, Guard or Reserve military parent; (2) a CHC MOAA member in good standing (or in good standing at time of death), (3) a military veteran parent, or (4) students who aspire to military service. Without your donations we would be unable to provide such generous scholarships to worthy students.

**Scholarship Donations**

Norm & Ann Ashworth, Bob & Barbara Neitzke, Gary & Sandy Harrell, Hugh & Debbie Porter, Christine Austin, Bick Bicknell, Diane Watson, Dick & Jean Carr,

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 To Mavis English at (941) 639-3268.





**MOAA Legislative Affairs  
Col Antonio (Tony) T Pimentel  
USAF (Ret)**

**MOAA-Backed Study Shows Health Risks Remain for Those Who've Served**

A MOAA backed study in generous partnership with the United Health Foundation on the health of those who've served shows they are more likely to report their health as "good" or "excellent," than their civilian counterparts but they're also more likely to suffer from a litany of chronic diseases and to engage in unhealthy behaviors.

The **America's Health Rankings Health of Those Who Have Served Report** compiled responses from more than 1 million participants from 2015-2016.

Some of the findings:

- Those who've served are more likely to have cancer (10.9 percent, compared with 9.8 percent of civilians), cardiovascular disease (9.8 percent to 7.2 percent), and arthritis (24.7 percent to 22.8 percent) than their civilian counterparts.
- Those who've been in uniform have higher rates of excessive drinking (21.4 percent, compared with 18.6 percent of civilians), smoking (19.9 percent to 16.6 percent) and insufficient sleep (42.5 percent to 34.6 percent) than civilians, as well as more than double the rate of smokeless tobacco use (8.7 percent to 3.5 percent).
- Despite the above, 56.3 percent of those who've served reported being in good or excellent health, compared with 51.1 percent of those who didn't serve.

Those who've served also show a tendency to engage in preventative health care services at a greater rate than their civilian counterparts, with more of them visiting the dentist (69.6 percent, compared with 65.2 percent of civilians), getting a flu vaccine (50.6 percent to 37.0 percent), and undergoing a colorectal cancer screening (72.4 percent to 66.0 percent).

The report compared its survey findings with a similar survey from 2011-2012. Those comparisons showed some improvements in key health areas among those who've served: Declines in drinking and smoking, for

instance, and greater access to health insurance.

It also showed some troubling trends, particularly among women who've served - their rates of suicidal thoughts more than tripled, for example, from 1.8 percent in 2011-12 to 7 percent in 2015-16. The rate of depression rose 9 percent (15 percent to 16.4 percent) among all survey-takers who have served, and rose 32 percent among those ages 26 to 34 (14.8 percent to 19.5 percent).

These and other mental health findings from the report "are concerning," said Kathy Beasley, USN (Ret), director of MOAA's government relations health affairs. "We will continue to highlight these and others to officials in both the DoD and the VA and with Congressional policymakers on the committees and in testimony."

MOAA has partnered with the United Health Foundation for nearly four years, Beasley said, with the goal of determining how the unique demands of military service may affect long-term health "so that research and public policy can be directed toward understanding and improving these factors and conditions."

A key MOAA goal is to strengthen DoD and VA collaboration and services to support wounded warriors and an expanding population of women veterans. This study demonstrates the need for MOAA's continued advocacy and provides key indicators for lawmakers and the government to use in implementing needed changes and improvements.

**TAPS**

**None**

**Find Elected Representatives (state & federal)**

<http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>

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**Senator Rick Scott**

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**Senator Marco Rubio**

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**Representative Greg Steube**

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**THE FLAG MESS**

**Monday, January 28, 2019**

**Location**

**TWIN ISLES Country Club  
301 Madrid Blvd.  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950**

**MENU**

**London Broil/Mushroom Sauce  
Pecan Encrusted Chicken/Praline Sauce  
Pan Seared Flounder/Glazed w/Butter Sauce**

**Carrot Cake**

**Coffee and Tea Service**

**\$27.00**

**Dress**

**Gentlemen and Ladies informal dress.**

**Times**

**1800 (6:00 PM) Social**

**1830 (6:30 PM) Dinner**

**2000 (8:00 PM) Program**

**Useful Internet Links & Phone Numbers**

MOAA Blogs at <http://www1.moaa.org/blogs/>

MOAA Florida Council of Chapters Newsletter:  
[www.moaafl.org/Communique/Default.aspx](http://www.moaafl.org/Communique/Default.aspx)

Florida Department of Veteran Affairs  
[www.floridavets.org/](http://www.floridavets.org/) (727) 518-3202

Veterans Administration: [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) 1-(800) 827-1000

Charlotte County Veterans Services: <http://www.charlottecountyfl.gov/services/veteran/> (941) 764-5579

Express Scripts Mail Order Pharmacy: [www.express-scripts.com/tricare/](http://www.express-scripts.com/tricare/) 1-(877) 363-1303

TRICARE: [www.tricare.mil](http://www.tricare.mil) (South Region) 1-(800) 444-5445

TRICARE for Life [www.tricare4u.com](http://www.tricare4u.com) 1-(866) 773-0404

DEERS: [www.tricare.mil/deers/](http://www.tricare.mil/deers/) 1-(800) 538-9552

milConnect: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/>

DOD Benefits (Survivor Benefit Plan): <http://militarypay.defense.gov/Benefits/SurvivorBenefitProgram.aspx>

Social Security <http://ssa.gov> 1-(800) 772-1213

Medicare: [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) 1-(800) 633-4227

MacDill AFB: <http://www.macdill.af.mil/> (813)828-1110

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**RESERVATIONS**

**(RESERVATIONS NEED TO BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2019 PLEASE ALLOW THREE TO FOUR DAYS AFTER MAILING FOR DELIVERY).**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**CHOICES**

**London Broil** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chicken** \_\_\_\_\_

**FLOUNDER** \_\_\_\_\_

@ \$27 per person \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Fund \_\_\_\_\_

Band Fund \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:**

**CHCMOAA Dinner**

**P.O. Box 511851**

**Punta Gorda, Florida 33951-1851**

**Please make all payments by check payable to CHCMOAA.**

**Note:** Food is ordered according to reservations. Without reservations, we may have difficulty in accommodating you. **No guarantees for reservations received after 12:00 PM on Wednesday, January 23, 2019.**

**Note:** For Late Reservations to the dinner after January 23, 2019 call: **Charles Brox at (941) 505-1944 or email [broxtrng@yahoo.com](mailto:broxtrng@yahoo.com).**

**Note:** Persons with reservations, who are then **unable to attend, should call Charles Brox at (941) 505-1944 to cancel by Thursday afternoon, January 24, 2019** (thus allowing time for adjustments and possible credit).

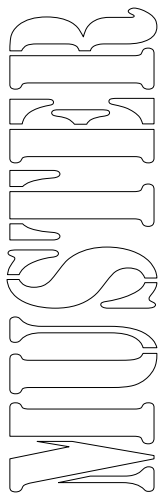
The Twin Isles' CC policy is that we will have to pay for the total number of reservations that we call in on Wednesday unless we make any cancellations prior to Friday afternoon.



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