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## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

### 1LT Frank Mazur, USA

#### Mission United...aka MyCharlotteFLVet

There are 23,000 veterans in Charlotte County, the second highest concentration of veterans per capita in the country. The county realized it needs to have a better reach-out program to address the challenges veterans are facing including health issues, education, employment and stable housing. Veterans will continue to face these obstacles and **they have earned community support through their service.**

Charlotte County currently has a 2-1-1 phone number for emergency services but less than 1 percent of the calls were from veterans requiring assistance. A better reach out program is needed to address the problems vets are facing. The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), consisting of former military officers accepted the challenge and urged their chapters to launch **Mission United** which connects with community leaders and volunteers to coordinate services and leverage community assets to meet veterans' needs. Each veteran 2-1-1 call will be handled by a centralized trained case manager who will follow the case until the veteran's needs are addressed.

The State of Florida realizes the importance of Mission United and committed to establish their model statewide in all counties. The State, through the Tampa Crisis Center, provided a two year funding grant to Charlotte County for two people. Staff launched a planning effort in anticipation of this grant in November at the same time the Charlotte Harbor MOAA chapter contacted the county about establishing the Mission United model. The county is now ready to proceed and the Charlotte County commissioners have approved the contract and accepted the State Grant money. This new initiative will be referred to as **MyCharlotteFloridaVet** and partners with the 2-1-1 program.

Charlotte County Veterans' Service will still provide health and human services information to veterans. There are many other resources in the county available for veterans that will require new partnerships. It's important to gather databases from organizations already servicing veterans to ensure accurate, comprehensive and consolidated service wherever possible.

Charlotte Harbor MOAA members are supportive of this effort. Collaboration with the trained, caring and industrious MyCharlotteFLVet Team will provide the necessary 24/7 coverage for veterans and their families in Charlotte County. The transition to this new concept will be seamless and is the right thing to do.

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

#### Taps

Col James Bowden USA (Ret)

Lt Col Theodore Naumann USAF (Ret)  
 Former Color Guard Member

We offer our sympathy and condolences to Virginia and Shirley and their families.

#### 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

In honor of Jim Dundas-Christel Gerdel, Norm & Ann Ashworth



<http://www.moaa.org>

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[Charlotte Harbor Chapter Website](http://www.moaa.org)

<http://chcmoaa.org>

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**FLAG MESS PROGRAM \*\*MAY 20th\*\***

The Charlotte Harbor Chapter each May recognizes Naval Junior ROTC cadets from Charlotte, Port Charlotte and Lemon Bay High Schools. North Port High joins them this year. Junior year cadets receive the MOAA NJROTC Medal. Seniors receive a scholarship that awards \$1000/per year for four years to attend college or receive vocational training. The scholarship is awarded to a cadet or a senior that has a family military connection. These scholarships are possible due to member contributions, Bingo Trail profit sharing, and \$5000 matching donations from Smugglers Enterprises. Thank you to everyone for their donations of time and money. This is a \$16,000 per year commitment for the Chapter.

The Chapter invites the Awardees and their families to dinner as our guests to celebrate their success. **Join us to recognize and support these outstanding students.** There is a space to sponsor a meal on the dinner sign up form.

Wearing of the uniform is encouraged. Coat and tie for men and appropriate woman's attire is suggested.

**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

- **Graphics** — All Muster newsletter graphics contain embedded web links
- **Board Meeting Notice** — The next Board of Directors' meetings are May 9 and June 13 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 **153 members**. *Know someone who was a military or uniformed service officer but not a member of CHCMOAA and MOAA? ASK THEM TO JOIN.* Contact Tom D'Abrosca 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 Ray and Joann Jasica, and Tom D'Abrosca. 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
	May 11, 25
May 15, June 12	June 8, 22
July 17. August 14	July 13, 27

*“Evil triumphs when good men do nothing”*

**THE FLAG MESS**

**Monday, May 20, 2019 (Note Earlier Date)**

**Location**

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

**MENU**

**Top Sirloin Steak w/Portabello Sauce  
Southern Fried Chicken  
Salmon w/Dill Sauce**

**Ice Cream Sundae/Fudge Sauce**

**Coffee and Tea Service**

**\$27.00**

**Dress**

**Gentlemen and Ladies informal dress.**

**Members are encouraged to wear jacket and tie.**

**Members with uniforms are encouraged to wear their uniforms to the Medal/ Scholarship Flag Mess.**

**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, MAY 15, 2019; PLEASE ALLOW THREE TO FOUR DAYS AFTER MAILING FOR DELIVERY).**

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

**CHOICES**

**Steak \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**SALMON \_\_\_\_\_**

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

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

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

**Sponsor NJROTC Cadet/Family \_\_\_\_\_**

**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, May 15, 2019.**

**Note:** For Late Reservations to the dinner after March 20, 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, May 16, 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.



**MUSTER ON LINE**  
**<http://chcmoaa.org>**

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**2019 Membership**  
Please renew your membership by 20 May if you wish to be included in the 2019 Handbook. The renewal form is below.



**MOAA Medal**

This medal was created by MOAA to recognize leadership and academic achievements of ROTC and JROTC cadets. It is presented annually to specially selected individuals who are participating in ROTC and JROTC programs throughout the country and who exhibit a high potential for military leadership. The seven uniformed services from which MOAA draws its membership are listed on the medal and the ribbon colors are the colors of our Nation's flag, which our armed forces have rallied around during war and peace.



**Veterans Park Paver**  
Pictured above is the paver the Chapter placed in the Punta Gorda Veterans Park. It is in the small grove at the west (Laishley Crab House side) of the wall just in front of the donor pedestals. Be sure to see it when you visit the park.

**2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL**  
NEW MEMBERSHIP or RENEWAL  
CHARLOTTE HARBOR CHAPTER

**The Military Officers Association of America**

A local organization, comprised of retired, regular, reserve, and former officers of the uniformed services. Dedicated to safeguarding and promoting the best interests of Our Country, its uniformed services, our members, their dependents, and their survivors, in every proper manner. Chapter members are requested to have and maintain a national MOAA membership.

Annual Dues are \$15.00 (\$7.50 for Surviving Spouse/Auxiliary Members).  
Chapter dues are payable in advance. Please enclose your check.  
**Make Checks payable to: Charlotte Harbor Chapter, MOAA (CHCMOAA)**

Please complete the following for our records and mail to : **CHCMOAA Membership**  
(For renewals please indicate any changed information.) **P.O. Box 511851**  
**Punta Gorda, Florida 33951-1851**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name      First      Middle Int.      Rank      Service      Ret(Y/N)      Birth Date      Spouse's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number      Street      Apartment      City      State      Zip Code (9-Digit)      Telephone

Chapter Dues (Reg-\$15/Aux-\$7.50) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

For Band Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_ National MOAA Number \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE FILL IN ALL BLANKS. THIS IS HOW WE UPDATE THE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER AND THE CHAPTER HANDBOOK.**