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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

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MOAA DEPLOYS TO TAMPA - AND THAT AIN'T ALL!

Although I rode this horse in the last issue of the Communiqué, the issue is so important that I decided to give it some more ink.

The subject is, of course, the MOAA general meeting November 16 & 17. The reason it's important to all MOAA members in Florida - whether they belong to a local Chapter or not - is that Florida MOAA's will NEVER have a better chance to attend the premier meeting of the national organization. Let's face it, although we

in Florida take the lead in many, many activities of MOAA, we're not the only catfish in the sea! There are 49 other states who are just as deserving of MOAA's award of a general meeting and, since the general meeting is held in the Washington, DC area in every even-numbered year, it could well be a looong time before we see the folks from the MOAA leadership in Florida again. All this is by way of trying to urge all of you who are reading this to register for, and attend, the event. You'll find a registration form elsewhere in this issue. You'll be missing the chance of a lifetime if you don't!

As important as it is for you to attend the MOAA annual meeting on November 16 & 17, there is another event a little further down the pike that deserves your attendance if you're a Chapter President or First VP. As you know, the Council holds a President's Meeting every winter in conjunction with the Winter Council Board Meeting. This winter, though, MOAA is getting into the act.

Last May, the Council and Chapter Affairs Department conducted a Leadership Workshop for the California Council, (told you we weren't the only catfish in the sea!), that was very successful. So successful, in fact, that they are going to bring the workshop to Florida for our February President's Meeting.

We'll get the attendees together on Friday evening for registration/cocktail hour, followed by a buffet dinner - no speaker, but I'll say a few words. Saturday morning buffet breakfast for all - then split off the spouses for their activities while the leadership tackles the workshop from 0800 to 1200 with a break at 1000. Lunch at 1200 on the Council, then a Council Board Meeting at 1300-1500. The best part - MOAA will pay for one representative and spouse from each chapter to stay one night and will cover the dinner, breakfast and Friday cocktail hour. Your Florida Council will pick up the tab for lunch, so your only expense will be transportation costs. I'll have more to say about this in the next issue of the Communiqué - but, in the meantime, make sure it's on your calendar.

Finally, the Bylaw changes that were passed at the Convention at Sea last May are posted in the Blue Book section of the Council web site. I urge every Chapter Leader to become familiar with the changes. Don't miss a chance to have a voice in your Council.

Until next time - - please keep out Comrades in The Profession of Arms in your thoughts and prayers.

EDITOR'S NOTE - - For those who are not yet aware of our President's physical condition, please be advised that Bill is currently under his doctor's care for blockages in his blood supply. He has already undergone a procedure to expand a few of the blockages, but they ran out of necessary materials - - so, while he is looking forward to MOAA Deploying To Tampa, he will be getting more treatment in the very near future - - so pray for him and Jessica.

LEADERSHIP CHANGE - - Due to health reasons, former Council Secretary COL Roger Shields, USA (RET) has resigned from his position - - and Council President CAPT Bill Monk, USN (RET) has appointed LtCol Jim Connors, USAF (RET) to fill the position. We should all pray for Roger's return to good health while supporting Jim in his new position - - which, with all of the arrows that we all throw, ain't gonna be easy.