*****UNCERTAIN TIMES*****

Lt Col Carol Walker, USAF, (Ret), President, 2020, Kingdom of the Sun, MOAA

In this time of uncertainty please contact any one of the Board members if you are in need of assistance, be it getting groceries or medications or just to talk. We will do our best to help you in any way we can or find an agency that can offer the assistance you need. The Board of Directors and I hope that you are all staying well and safe at home. What a strange year it has turned out to be so far! I was looking forward to our Joint Luncheon meeting with the Citrus County Chapter at Stumpknockers, spending time socializing with their membership, and enjoying a catfish dinner. Then BAM, the COVID-19 virus happened and life as we know it became very different. With all social activities on hold for the duration, I am not even sure that we will be able to hold our annual Scholarship and JROTC Recognition Dinner in May. The general consensus of opinion is that the 2019-2020 school year is over and that the students will not return until the Fall semester. However, it is up to the Marion County School Board to make that final decision. We do have one scholarship application from Forest High School for this year and will do our best to acknowledge this student at a later date if we cannot hold the May meeting. Most of you are aware that the FCOC has decided to cancel the Annual Convention at the end of May in West Palm Beach due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board of Directors have decided to attempt a virtual meeting to keep the lines of communication open and do what needs to be done for the good of the Chapter. Will let you know how that worked out in a future newsletter. There is really nothing else to report to the Membership at this time. Hopefully we can all get back together soon. In the meantime, stay safe.

“Never stop serving”!
Carol Walker, President MOAA-KOS Chapter

Visit our website at: http://www.moaafl.org/chapters/KOSMOAA/
THE DISTAFF SIDE
by Mrs. Betty Hayes

OUR KOS “DISTAFF REPRESENTATIVE” REPORTS …

“Once a Soldier always a Soldier...a Soldier for Life.”

The Army has a regulation that states that casualty assistance will be provided to help the next of kin of Retired Soldiers who pass away and to the surviving spouse until death. But, now with the growing number of military deaths, the Army is having trouble providing this assistance when requested.

The Adjutant General of the Army along with the Casualty and Mortuary Affairs committee and several other Commands have developed a test program for the development of a Casualty Officer’s Volunteer duty. Retired Soldiers may volunteer for the test training as a Casualty Assistance Officer. The pilot program will last about six months. Volunteers may leave the program at any time. Volunteers will receive no pay other than travel pay approved by the Army. It is believed that most assistance can be provided by phone, email or Skype.

This test program is to determine the procedures, cost, and feasibility of providing such a program. If you would like to volunteer, send an email with your name and contact information to: ArmyRSO@mail.mil. Put “CAO PILOT” in the email subject line.

(The information in this article was published in ARMY ECHOES, Feb-May edition, pgs.12-13)

KOS 2019 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY NOTES & CORRECTIONS

None Noted

FLASH Report…

The MOAA Newsletter, dated April 02, 2020, released the winners of the Col. Marvin J. Harris Communication Awards for 2019. The winners were listed in the April 2020 Council and Chapter News section. MOAA Chapter and affiliates competed in two categories – print and e-newsletters and websites. There were 104 councils and chapter five-star winners for 2019. KOS received both the printed newsletter five-star award and the website five-star award.

IN MEMORIAM

CAPT Henry Lorimer “Larry” Fagan, Jr, USN died on February 20, 2020. His obituary was published in the Ocala Star Banner. Larry was President of KOS in 2013.

MOAA SURVIVING SPOUSES
Kudos...

…to Clara Ward, our newest KOS/MOAA Social Affiliate member. She was 100 years old with a birthday on September 30. Not many MOAA chapters can brag that they have a centenarian member who attends local chapter meetings. She was born in Colorado but was raised in the great state of Texas. She has been attending our KOS Chapter meetings for ten years and is a strong supporter of our KOS Scholarship program. She moved to Ocala, FL, in 1991 and resides currently in the On Top of the World community near her daughter. Her daughter, Linda Byrd, is a Surviving Spouse Member (SSM) of KOS/MOAA. Linda is the current KOS Treasurer, Chairperson of the Scholarship program, and serves as our KOS Chaplain. Kudos and a big “Thank You” to Clara Ward for supporting our KOS/MOAA Chapter here in Ocala, FL.

Calendar for KOS Events – May 2020 to June 2020

May 7, 2020 – KOS Scholarship Dinner (Cancelled)
June 4, 2020 – KOS Luncheon

MEMORY JOGGERS:

May 8, 2020 - Military Spouse Appreciation Day
May 10, 2020 - Mother’s Day
May 16, 2020 - Armed Forces Day
May 25, 2020 - Memorial Day
May 28-31, 2020 - FCOC Convention, West Palm Beach, FL (Cancelled)
June 6, 2020 - Anniversary of D-Day
June 14, 2020 - Flag Day and Army Birthday

Special Note: The obituary for CAPT Anthony “Tony” Tortora, USN, was published in the Ocala Star Banner. Tony was President of KOS in 1989. He passed away on February 15, 2020, in Ocala, Florida, at the age of 90.

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The Field of Love

The physical phenomenon of quantum entanglement is a wonderful illustration of the interconnected nature of reality, both spiritual and material. In layperson’s terms: in quantum physics, it appears that one particle of any entangled pair “knows” what is happening to another paired particle—even though there is no known means for such information to be communicated between the particles, which are separated by sometimes very large distances according to Science News.

The Christian tradition clearly points to this entanglement. In his letter to the Romans, Paul writes, “the life and death of each of us has its influence on others” (14:7, Jerusalem Bible). The Apostles’ Creed affirms our belief in “the communion of saints.” There is apparently a positive inner connectedness that we can draw upon if we wish. It seems that quantum entanglement is a foundationally Christian concept, which is now finding voice in modern science.

This phenomenon is the experiential “force field” of the Holy Spirit. One stays in this positive force field whenever one loves, cares, is in solidarity with, or serves with positive energy. In Trinitarian theology, the Holy Spirit is foundationally described as the field of love between the Father and the Son. When people stand in this place and rest in love as their home base, they become quite usable by God, and their lives are filled with quantum entanglements that may result in very real healings, forgiveness, answered prayers, and new freedom for those whom they include in the force field with them. (Is that what it means to pray for someone?) Conversely, there are people who carry death wherever they go; they can pull almost anyone into their negative force field. (Is this hell?)

When we regress into any kind of intentional negativity toward anything or anybody, even in our minds, we are actually hurting and harming them and ourselves. Each of us moves things along in the direction of violence every time we fail to love. It surely follows that each of us moves things along in the direction of healing and wholeness each time we choose to love. It is always a choice and a decision.

We must deliberately choose to be instruments of peace—first of all in our minds and hearts. This is conscious quantum entanglement. God is not “in” heaven nearly as much as God is the force field that allows us to create heaven through our intentions and actions. Adapted from Richard Rohr, “Quantum Entanglement,” (Center for Action and Contemplation: November 2014), 1.
SEE AND BE SEEN
MARCH-APRIL 2020
A MONTH-BY-MONTH PHOTO HISTORY OF KOS-MOAA. ARE YOU IN IT?
By MOAA Staff

The coronavirus pandemic has highlighted the country’s need to cut its drug dependency on China, according to a recent commentary by a MOAA board member that appeared in The Capital newspaper of Annapolis, Md.

“The issue has become even more frightening as the search continues for vaccines to fight the coronavirus,” wrote Rear Adm. Tom Jurkowsky, USN (Ret). “But the coronavirus takes the problem beyond the context of the military. Our dependence on China for drugs is truly a national security issue that affects each and every citizen.”

China’s stronghold on prescription drugs could endanger the United States, as medicines in the hands of an adversary can be weaponized, Jurkowsky wrote.

“Clearly, making this investment will help reinvigorate the U.S. generic manufacturing base and capacity,” he wrote. “It’s a necessary step for the U.S. to achieve even a minimum level of self-sufficiency in manufacturing pharmaceuticals vital to our nation’s health security. The time to cut our drug dependency on China is now – and well overdue.”

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In March, health care author and adviser Rosemary Gibson testified before the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, where she said $8.3 billion in emergency supplemental package to respond to coronavirus is a critical step forward, but doesn’t include funding for the United States to manufacture generic drugs. This leaves the nation reliant on China for manufacturing, she said.

Gibson recently co-authored China Rx: Exposing the Risks of America’s Dependence on China for Medicine, which provides insight into China’s role in the prescription and over-the-counter drug market. She also wrote an article about the U.S. dependence on Chinese drugs and drug ingredients for the April 2019 edition of Military Officer magazine.

### Schedule of Events

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| **7 May – Dinner** | **4 June – Luncheon**  
Program: Mark Hotchkiss, First Command - “Tax Strategies for Smart Investors”  
Cost: $15 per person**  
11:30 A.M. Cocktails (Cash Bar)  
12:00 P.M. Lunch  
Menu: Pasta Salad, Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli. All meals served with coffee, tea, rolls and butter and Chef’s choice of dessert. | **HELP WITH STUFF THE BUSS!**  
**NO SOCIAL ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR JULY**  
**CELEBRATE OUR INDEPENDENCE ON SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2020** |
| **CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 QUARANTINE** | | |
| **5/12 - Board of Directors**  
12:30 P.M. (Virtual)  
Everyone is welcome. | **6/9 - Board of Directors**  
12:30 P.M.  
Everyone is welcome. | **NO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IN JULY** |

Tables will be available for single members at all KOS events.

*June Luncheon is tentative pending the status of the statewide COVID-19 quarantine.

**Walk-ins without reservations will pay an additional $2.

Reservations: Please call COL Craig Ham at (352) 843-2357 or email him at UofM76@aol.com or Linda Byrd at byrdloves2read@gmail.com
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Sons of the American Legion Sq. 284
1st Thursday of the month at 7pm
Riders Chapter 284
4th Monday of the month at 6pm.

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Early Birds start at 5pm — Regular Games start at 6:15pm
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