



OFFICER'S CALL

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

BROWARD COUNTY CHAPTER, INC.

February 2014

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another year has kicked off, and there are a lot of things “brewing” regarding our basic mission as an organization.

Continually “brewing” is the COLA issue with non-retirement age (62) service members. Your Chapter BOD is doing its best to keep you informed of current status of the action, as is MOAA National. For those of you with computer access, the best resource is the MOAA National website—www.MOAA.org—or this Newsletter and the Monthly MOAA magazine. For those without computer access, the best resource is the Monthly Newsletter and MOAA magazine, just delivered last week. The difficulty is this issue is a “moving freight train”, meaning it changes daily, so stay abreast as best you can.



Right now, our best assessment is that most Congressional members are in favor of repeal, but actual voting won't take place for a while. Therefore, your action is to keep it on the “front burner.” There are several mailers in the current MOAA Magazine (Feb 2014)—tear them out, sign, stamp and mail.

Now, why is this important? Doesn't affect me!!! Well, you're probably right—in the short term. Long term, you're wrong for two reasons. 1) Congress has been after military retirement and benefits since I can remember. One foot in the door, and you're next—TFL payments and prescription co-payments go up. 2) Retention of mid-level quality service people will be hit hard. These two reasons impact both vectors of our Mission, so action on our part is necessary.

In other Chapter News, progress with the website continues, and we now have the Chapter calendar, which will be generally current for the next six months. You'll also see upcoming speakers, and other information as our long-term planning continues.

And last, don't forget your dues this month. See you February 23rd at the luncheon. Very best, Steve.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February Luncheon—1230, Feb. 23, LHPYRC, Brunch Buffet | RSVP: LtCol Sam J Trichilo 954-752-1280 or LtCol Steve Bettner 954-942-3651

Board of Directors Meeting—0900, Mar. 8, 2014, Am. Legion Post

March Luncheon—1230, March 23, LHPYRC | RSVP: LtCol Sam J Trichilo 954-752-1280 or LtCol Steve Bettner 954-942-3651

ANNUAL DUES REMINDER

2014 annual dues are payable by February 28, 2014. **Mail to: MOAA-BCC, PO Box 8552 Deerfield Beach, FL 33443-8552.** Regular members' dues are \$30, and Auxiliary members are \$15. Pay them now and avoid the rush. You may bring Cash or check to the Luncheon for convenience.

BOARD MEETING

March 8, 2014 – at American Legion Post 142, (behind city Hall, Pompano Beach) 171 American Legion Blvd. (SW 2nd St). Enter the meeting room through the Lounge at the Northeast corner of the American Legion Hall. **Breakfast will be served at 0900. The Business Meeting will begin at 1000.** Board members, please call the host, LtCol Sam Trichilo (954) 752-1280 to advise if you do not plan to attend. Other members of the Chapter are also invited to attend. They are requested to call LtCol Trichilo to advise if they do plan to attend.

LUNCHEON

February 23, 2014 – at Lighthouse Point Yacht Club. 2701 NE 42nd Street. **Coats preferred.** Cost is \$30.00 per person payable to MOAA/BCC.



CHAPTER CONCERNS AND INFORMATION

In order to inform Chapter Members about the interests, needs and concerns of their colleagues, this recurring column will provide Chapter members with the opportunity to share joys, concerns and information with each other and strengthen the bond we have, as brother and sister officers of our Nation's Military Services. It is our hope that members will advise the Secretary of the positive items and events of interest in their lives, as well as illness or other sad events for which their fellow members may want to express their sympathy or encouragement. Please remember other members who are ailing and unable to join us for our meetings and socials. They would all like to receive calls or visits, and would appreciate your concern and best wishes.

All members are encouraged to relay information to the **President, or 3rd VP | Dr. Ronald Anderson, USPHS at 954.941.6189**, or other officers of the Chapter, so that we can respond and offer assistance.

Chapter elected officers include:

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER MESSAGE ON: THE FAMILY

This is February, a time when our hearts turn to love, marriage, and the family (President's Day aside). What is a family? One well-known pastor has defined the family this way:

"It is the smallest unit of society. Planet earth is made of continents, made up of nations, made up of states, made up of communities and made up of families.

The family is a little town, a tiny state, a mini-nation. In government more often than not, the family is an autocracy, rather than a democracy.

- The husband is a king
- The wife is a Queen
- Every son is a prince
- Every daughter is a princess

At best, this form is a benevolent autocracy. The king holds court from time to time to confer what is best for his subjects. His heart beats with love for all his loyal and loving countrymen (men and women).

Here is a government where every citizen has a hot-line to the head of state. The family is the one institution where any member can reach the top man (or woman) at any time.

As a mini-nation, the family has a unique diplomatic corps. In this, the smallest of all countries, every member from child to adult, is an ambassador-at-large. Every member, young or old is made to feel that as he or she moves in other countries, cities, circles, or communities, outside his family borders. He/she is an ambassador-at-large for the family. From childhood he/she is taught, rightly to be at his or her best behavior

while away from home, or in the company of others outside the family circle.

As a tiny nation the family has a most unique economic system. "A voluntary sharing of money is the quick and natural thing to do whenever a crisis arrives. Here a sick child can receive unlimited and unrecorded welfare without embarrassment. The king or Queen will sell the land he/she owns, and risk walking the street in rags if necessary to save the life, health and welfare of one of his or her beloved children.

One of the most creative solutions to psychological problems today is group therapy. Why do we need group therapy? What we are trying to do is create families!

A family is a place where a few people, two, three, four or more form a caring sharing bearing, daring, small therapeutic fellowship. In this small group the members are blunt at times, even cruel with each other; still, they love each other deeply.

The family is a group that you know will take you in when you come back, knocking on the door, and you know they will still love you even when they have heard and seen you at your worst. Here is the one group that will take you in when the world shuts you out. Here is the one circle of persons who will care enough to cry over your hurts when no one else gives a thought about you."

What is the secret of such a home? It is the love of God at work in human lives loving, lifting, and helping people who are hurting, even those, especially those, in our own household.

SPEAKER OF MONTH: BRUCE SMITH

Bruce Smith is the Military Treatment Facility (MTF) Senior Program Development Executive, Federal Pharmacy Services Division, Express Scripts, St. Louis, Missouri. He partners with and oversees program development at all Department of Defense (DoD) MTF's in collaboration with the Defense Health Agency on all matters in regards to the pharmacy benefit program for the DoD.



Bruce Smith is from St. Louis, MO and now lives in Tacoma, WA with his wife Amy. He is retired United States Air Force and retired from the Air Force in 2007.

EDUCATION

- Master's degree in Human Resource Development, Webster University
- Bachelor's degree in Management, University of Maryland
- Associates Degree in Health Care Administration, Community College of the Air Force

EXPERIENCE

- August 2011 – Present, MTF Senior Program Development Executive, Express Scripts, St. Louis, Missouri
- January 2008 – August 2011, TRICARE Regional Provider Representative, TriWest, Tacoma, Washington
- May 2007 – December 2007, Project Manager, General Dynamics, Frederick, Maryland
- July 2005 – May 2007, Force Manager, Health Services Management, United States Surgeon General's Office, Washington D.C.
- July 2002 – July 2005, Superintendent, Clinical Medicine Flight, Little Rock AFB Clinic, Jacksonville, AR.
- December 1996 – July 2002, Health Services Management Instructor/Instructor Supervisor & Technical Writer, Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls, Texas
- December 1993 – December 1996, Assistant Administrator, Ramstein Clinic, Ramstein Air Base, FGR.
- December 1991 – December 1993, NCOIC, Medical Readiness, Lajes Field, Azores, Terceira, Portugal
- April 1987 – December 1991, Outpatient Records/Resource Management Clerk & NCOIC Mobility, Mather AFB, Sacramento, California

CHAPTER MEMBER ON THE MOVE

LTC USA-Ret Darryl Wright joined the Chapter in 2012. He retired from the Army after 22 years. His last assignment was at SOUTHCOM, where he was a member of the Public Affairs Office.



During his career, Darryl served two combat tours in Iraq, as well as a peacekeeping tour with the UN in Iraq.

Post retirement, Darryl is the founder and owner of Vivam Vita. As an entrepreneur, he helps fellow entrepreneurs run, grow, and protect their businesses by providing them comprehensive support through an array of personalized services, resources and tools.

Darryl resides here in Ft Lauderdale, FL with the lovely Ms Ginger (GG) Yerovsek.

On Wednesday, January 29, 2014, the North Broward Hospital District officially welcomed Darryl to its Board of Commissioners. This is an At-Large Gubernatorial appointment. This is especially impressive because it required several direct interviews with Governor Scott.

North Broward Hospital District is the 10th largest American health care system. The Board exercises budgetary authority, selects the senior executive management, participates in the fiscal management, provides taxing authority and determines the scope of services to be provided to the community. Next time you see Darryl, congratulate him on his achievement.

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MOAA – DISCOUNT PROGRAM

Being a member of MOAA offers several personal benefits. Below are the discount programs offered to MOAA members, with more details found at: <http://www.moaa.org/discounts>.

- **Health** – Get great rates, a variety of products, quality customer service and customer advocacy.
- **Financial Products** – Take advantage of MOAA's low-rate credit card, bank deposits program, and mortgages.
- **Dell Member Purchase Program** – Did you know that MOAA members save up to 30% off select computers when purchased through the Member Purchase Program on MOAA's Web site?
- **Travel** – Find military travel discounts, tips and resources for planning your next trip, and added benefits.
- **Insurance Plan** – As an MOAA member, take advantage of the many different insurance products (including MEDIPLUS TRICARE Supplements and Long Term Care Insurance) offering outstanding members-only benefits at reasonable rates.
- **Apple Member Purchase Program** – Looking for an Apple computer? MOAA members now receive special discounts - and free shipping - on select Apple products and accessories. Visit MOAA's online Apple store to see and order the latest must-have gear. (www.moaa.org/apple)
- **Legal** – Search MOAA's lawyer listing to find a participating attorney near you who is willing to offer a 25 percent discount to fellow MOAA members.
- **MOAA Exchange** – MOAA has a new easy-access online store. Visit the MOAA Exchange today, or call toll-free at (866) 860-9293 to place an order.

ACCESSING OTHER MEMBER BENEFITS

MOAA has many products and services available to its members, including transition assistance, military health and benefits counseling and financial information. Details on all member benefits MOAA offers that you can take full advantage of with your membership can be found at: www.moaa.org/discounts.