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Press Release

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Local Military Officers' Association Wins Distinguished Award

Broward County, FL – The Broward County Chapter of the Military Officer's Association of America (MOAA) has been awarded the **Five-Star Level of Excellence Award** based on its performance as a volunteer organization for 2014. The Five Star is reserved for the "Best of the Best" for all Chapters in the nation.



MOAA is a National organization dedicated to "Preserving National Security and Veteran's Benefits." The National level operationally serves as the direct liaison to Congress and other nationally cognizant organizations for both of these tasks.

On the local Chapter level, members serve as the grass-roots champions of the Mission. They have direct, often one-on-one contact with community, state and national-level elected officials and leaders. Members also participate in community activities to enhance awareness.

"Our Chapter interprets our two pronged mission this way," notes LTC (USA, Ret.) Steve Bettner, Chapter President. "First, we view National Security as the education of our next generation, particularly by working with and in support of our JROTC and ROTC programs. We believe Broward County has one of the best programs in the nation. To support our youth, we present the annual "MOAA JROTC Award for Excellence" to each high school outstanding cadet, as nominated by his or her advisor. Next year we will institute a scholarship program to supplement the awards. We will grow this relationship with the schools and Cadets."

He continues, "Veteran's benefits are not just allocated at the National level. The State of Florida provides additional veteran's benefits over and above national benefits, as does Broward County. We have tangible tasks to accomplish locally in support of our mission."

The Chapter's National Award reinforces its success within the Broward community.

For more information about the Chapter, or joining in on the fun and fellowship, feel free to access our website at www.browardmoaa.com, or call LTC Bettner at 954-942-3651.

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LTC (USA, Ret) Steve Bettner presenting the JROTC MOAA Award of Excellence to Cadet Alexandra Smith, assisted by LTC (USA, Ret) Greg Johnson, Senior Instructor at Pompano Beach High School

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