



OFFICER'S CALL

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

BROWARD COUNTY CHAPTER, INC.

March 2014

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had a very successful and informative Luncheon on February 23 regarding the TRICARE Home Pharmacy Program. There is a short article enclosed summarizing the meeting and some typical questions. Thanks to all involved.



In the annual budget battles, now that the mid-February time has arrived, we have gotten a look at what the SECDEF sees as his position on the sequestration issues. This is going to be a long ride in terms of impact on Service people, both Active and Retired. There is a short note contained in the News Section regarding MOAA's take on the possible cuts. There are long political battles ahead. All these battles are on the National level, and the only impact we can have is by continuing to read and take action through the Monthly MOAA magazine. Should you have electronic access, check their website frequently for some timely information. It appears to me that the Leadership of the major veteran's organizations is "gearing up" for a major battle in DC. All of the upcoming events are involving legislative liaison personnel.

At the Chapter News level is that we are starting to see a little bit of input from our members for the newsletter, but far less that we would like. See pictures inside of what a few of our members are doing. This is just the beginning of what your BOD would like to see. If you take pictures of any Chapter event, or things outside relevant to the Chapter, send them along for to us for others to enjoy.

Also, a synopsis of our March Luncheon is enclosed. See you on March 23 for the Luncheon. Other important upcoming events are also highlighted.

Very best, Steve.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March Luncheon—1230, Mar. 23, LHPYRC, Brunch Buffet | RSVP: LtCol Sam J Trichilo 954-752-1280 or LtCol Steve Bettner 954-942-3651. **Coats Preferred.** Cost is \$30.00/person payable to MOAA/BCC.

Board of Directors Meeting—0900, Mar. 15, 2014, Am. Legion Post

April Luncheon—1230, April 27, LHPYRC | RSVP: LtCol Sam J Trichilo 954-752-1280 or LtCol Steve Bettner 954-942-3651

BOARD MEETING



March 15, 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.

OTHER EVENTS

March 22, 2014 – Palm Beach County BBQ/Aero Club Pilot House, 15675 Take Off Place, Wellington, FL 33414 1130 am. Contact LTC Marc Oliveri, 561-753-7565

June 6-8, 2014 – Florida State Council Convention, St Petersburg, FL. This is the annual state-wide Convention which allows you to meet with many members of the National MOAA Staff, and ask questions about National Organizations functions, etc. More important for this is a chance to meet members of other Chapters and discuss their issues.

Broward County Chapter – Summer Break: June-Sept/2014





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 REMEMBERING

In ancient times, a person's shadow was thought to have meaning and significance. In India, a high caste Brahmin would throw away his food if the shadow of an untouchable, an outcast, passed over it. The shadow of some people was thought to be contaminated. On the other hand, when Mahatma Ghandi was alive, people would maneuver themselves so at least his shadow would fall upon them. In biblical times, people believed that a good man carried with him a healing influence. They pressed in as close to a good man as they could get in the hope that his shadow might fall on them and heal them like Peter. Every one of us casts some kind of shadow that heals or hurts, that blesses or blights. COL John A. Smiley cast a shadow that healed.

We thank you, O God, for this time to fellowship together, to learn from one another, to support one another, to inform one another and to help one another. Be with all of those who help defend our nation, our freedom to worship as we wish, to take advantage of the opportunities for achievement and success that come our way. Be especially with those who defend our country and our freedom in places of great danger, shield them and bring them home and help us to bring wholeness and healing to their bodies and spirits when they return.

We thank You for the food which we have eaten and we thank those that have prepared and served it.

We especially thank You, O God, for the life of our friend, in whose memory we meet this month. Recall to our minds all in him that made us appreciate him. Quiet our vain yearnings with memories of his kindness, responding to us, filling our days with gladness and beauty. We praise You for the friendly and generous spirit that made him loved by young and old, for his sparkling sense of humor that made him always a good companion; for the qualities of goodness that made him share what he had of spiritual and material blessings with all. For all these things and the more personal relationships of the spirit we lift our voices in praise. We pray for all who loved him and those in turn he loved. Above them may there be the mantle of Thy love and beneath them, we pray, the sustaining power of your everlasting arms.

With grateful hearts we praise you, and bless you, O God of life, that we have been permitted to share life until this time with him, whom we now honor and whose memory we shall forever cherish. Help us to keep our faces turned toward Thee and lead us in thy paths until our life's journey brings us to Thy Throne. Amen.

SPEAKER: DR. PHILLIP GREENBERG

Our Speaker will be Dr. Phillip Greenberg. Topics discussed will include medical specialties available at the Clinic. How many patients are served at the Clinic, how the Clinic fits into the overall Miami VA Medical System, and new ways of using the VA system.



Dr. Phillip Greenberg is the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) at the William "Bill" Kling VA Outpatient Clinic (aka Broward County VA Outpatient Clinic) in Sunrise, FL. This clinic is a 96,000 sq. ft. multispecialty clinic serving over 22,000 veterans. He is also responsible for the community-based outpatient clinics in Deerfield Beach, Hollywood, and Pembroke Pines, FL. The Broward VA was recently recognized as the top VA in the country because of its' innovative practices, particularly in the area of diabetes management and veteran mentoring programs. This is a direct result of Dr. Greenberg's staff facilitating and leadership.

Education: College: University of Cincinnati, College of Pharmacy, RPH; Medical School: Medical College of Ohio at Toledo, MD; Residency Internal Medicine: Presbyterian University of Pennsylvania Medical Center.

Experience: Chief Resident: Presbyterian University of Pennsylvania Medical Center; 13 years in private practice in Philadelphia; 1996 - Joined the Philadelphia VA and helped to open up the Primary Care Center; 2000 - Moved to the Miami VA - Oakland Park Division as an internist; 2004 - Became the Chief Medical Officer of the Oakland Park Satellite Outpatient Clinic. There will also be a short discussion of the MyHealthyVet system and how you can review records from home, a new program being promoted extensively by the Broward County VA system.

Join us this month (March 23) for a summary of Veteran's Administration (VA) benefits for Broward County.

CHAPTER WEBSITE: www.browardmoaa.com

FOLLOW UP: TRICARE HOME PHARMACY

A Follow-Up to Last Month's Luncheon by Birney Pease: Express Scripts administers the program on behalf of the Department of Defense explained Bruce Smith, a senior executive with company, at our Chapter meeting on February 23. In addition to providing a tri-folder pamphlet (extras are available), he explained the benefits to all Tricare eligible members and answered the chapter members' questions and the program. He indicated that he would be available, via email, in the future to trouble shoot any problems that chapter members might have. These are the typical questions and answers that were provided.

- 1. Why can't we get we get Crestor? Or Better yet, what do we have to do to get Crestor or other drugs that you do not normally supply?**

Answer: Crestor requires step therapy. Additional information and PA criteria can be found on the DOD pharmacoeconomic center website: http://pec.ha.osd.mil/fst/formulary_search_results.php

- 2. What can be done to stop the "oversupply of medicines? On occasion people get two 90 supplies of medicine within a few days.**

Answer: This should definitely not be happening. Perhaps there was a change in therapy? Would you be able to send us an example?

- 3. How do people handle the need for additional pills when they are traveling? For example, if someone travels to Europe for six weeks and their medicine runs out 35 days into their trip how do they get resupplied?**

Answer: A beneficiary is allowed to receive an early fill for vacations every year. We can also add temporary address with stop and start dates. All the beneficiary needs to do is call beneficiary services **1-877-363-1303**.

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Anybody remember some of the things we're looking at?????

Looks like ARMY ROTC summer training at Ft Knox to me. And of course, the soldierly looking fellow would be our own Chris Williams, ROTC Cadet Extraordinaire at Embry Riddle in Daytona Beach, FL.

These are exactly the type of photos we – your BOD – are looking for. The intent is to let everyone know what you, our members, are “up to”. We would like to see the Newsletter filled with these sorts of pictures.

Forward either electronic copy or hard copy to me, your humble acting Editor, Steve Bettner.

Anybody recognize this guy??? (*The one with the Black Backpack.*)



ACCESSING 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.