



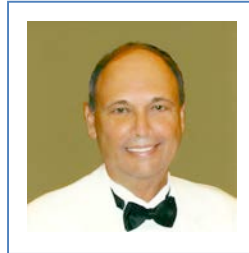
OFFICER'S CALL

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

BROWARD COUNTY CHAPTER, INC.

May 2014

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well, we are suddenly at the summer break. Our Northern friends head back North and many of us remain here, in sunny South Florida. For those of us on the Board and on Committees, it's a chance to "catch up" on all the things we promised you earlier this year. We are re-discovering how much work it takes to get things done. We'll keep you posted on progress, but I can promise you most of the work will initially go into Membership Planning. We need long-term plans in most areas. But this is the most critical. We have also recruited some volunteer Chapter members to serve on committees to help build these plans. If **YOU** have been a chapter member for some time but not really participated in the planning or activities of the chapter, this is your chance. **VOLUNTEER** for a committee where you can bring in fresh ideas.

On the National Scene and benefits for the military, look where we are right now- most Congressmen are in the "campaign" mode,- we are in a "Wait" mode for a study (Military Compensation) which is due out early next year. There is another one due out in June of this year, but that will be a very campaign-sensitive action. The bottom line here is the single most effective thing you can do is make sure you vote in the November election. The outcome of this election will have a very large impact on the future of military in many ways. So, again, we all served to protect our right to vote—make sure you use it.

So, all of you have a very safe and fun summer, whatever you do. Make sure you remember our next event is the Summer Picnic on August 16, 2014. This fall will see some changes, which will really improve our Chapter. But, it will take your help. Stand-by.

Very best, Steve.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May Luncheon—May 23 – Begin assembling at 1130. 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.

May – Sep 2014—Summer break

August 16, 2014—**Summer Picnic.** NOTE: Details posted on Chapter website calendar. Flyer to follow.

Board Meeting—September 13, 2014

OTHER EVENTS

May 29, 2014 – Pompano Beach High School JROTC 5K Run for Paralyzed Veterans. Contact Lynn Warrick or Napoleon Solajes of our chapter.



June 6-8, 2014 – Florida State Council Convention, St Petersburg, FL. This is the annual statewide 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.



CHAPTER CONCERNS AND INFORMATION

This recurring column will provide Chapter members with the opportunity to share joys and information with each other and strengthen the bond we have as brother and sister officers and families of our nation's military veterans. If you have any information in this area to share, please advise the Secretary, Jean Bettner, 954-942-3651.

Please provide illness or other caring information regarding our members to our **President, or 3rd VP | Dr. Ronald Anderson, USPHS at 954.941.6189.**

Chapter elected officers include:

President: LTC Steven Bettner |USA
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1st Vice President: LtCol Sam Trichilo |USAF
954-752-1280

2nd Vice President: LtCol David Harper |USAF
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Chaplain: LTC Ronald Burgess |USA
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WHEN THINKING OF MEMORIAL DAY

When taps has sounded over a battlefield cemetery and tired, aching soldiers turn back to their hated task, the same thought fills their minds that fills our minds today, "Why?"

Each one of us must someday lose his or her earthly life. On Memorial Day we meet in grateful memory of our loved ones and those who gave their lives in defense of our country. The probably is that those who give their all on the battlefield hated war, but they hated tyranny even more. They loved their own life, but even more greatly did they love the lives of others. In the defense of our lives and our freedom, they gave up their lives. Jesus said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man or woman lay down their life for their friends."

Many of our founding fathers developed strength by refusing to bow before any but God. They dreamed of a land—and of a world—in which free men and women might live together under the law, and where they might settle their difference by discussion and vote, not by the club of a secret police. Our fathers did more than dream of such a land; they faithfully worked to make such a dream come true.

There have been many, working within and beyond our country to destroy this dream. We have kept it only at an unbelievable cost of human bravery on the battlefield.

A soldier's immediate task is victory in battle. But we all know that victory does not solve our problems. At best military victory

will bring an opportunity for us to put good will to work in a world that has known more of ill will than of good will.

We know that hatred begets more hatred, that injustice breeds more injustice. Dare we hope that decency and law and kindness will world on a world scale? Only if we hold to such a hope, and if we work to turn it into a fact, are we showing adequate thankfulness to those who have fought to give us the opportunity. Count no contribution small that brings a measure of comfort, of justice, of freedom to another human being.

As long as any child lives in fear of bombers flying overhead, as long as any man lives in fear of the secret police, as long as any person lives in the valley of the shadow of tyranny, just so long does our task remain unfinished.

It is not enough that we should fight for freedom. We must be worthy of it ourselves, and we must offer it to others. That all the thanks we can give to one who gave his last full measure of devotion that we might have the opportunity.

NEW WAY TO PAY DUES....

Now you can pay your Broward County Chapter Dues using the Internet. MOAA has set up an online dues payment option.

To use this option:

- Go to the National MOAA website (www.moaa.org)
- Click on "Chapters"
- Click on "Online Chapter Dues Payment"
- Click on "Join or Renew Your Chapter Dues"
- Enter the required information.

Upon completion, you will receive email confirmation of your dues payment.

The Traditional Way

Of course, you can always pay your dues the traditional way. Please send your check payable to MOAA-BCC to:
MOAA-BCC
P.O. BOX 8552
Deerfield Beach, FL 33443-8552

NOTE: Annual dues for 2014 are \$30 for regular membership; \$15 for auxiliary membership

The Booster Club

When you pay your dues, don't forget to think of the Booster Club. You can dedicate the \$10.00 donation to someone, or whatever you would like.

If your 2014 BBC MOAA dues are currently OVERDUE, use one of these easy ways to take care of them. If you need any help, contact one of your officers.

JROTC STUDENT PRESENTED WITH MOAA ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL



Steve Bettner, Broward County MOAA Chapter President, presents the MOAA Achievement Medal to a JROTC Cadet at the Piper High School Ceremony in April. Nine members of your Board and Chapter have also participated in the awards this year: Sam Trichilo, Jean Bettner, Loretta Young, Ron Burgess, George Graveson, David Harper, Napoleon Solajes and Lynn Warwick. *If you have pictures, please submit them for the newsletter, preferably in electronic format.*

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.

IMPORTANT BROWARD MOAA LINKS...

- **Home Page:** <http://www.browardmoaa.com/>
- **Calendar Link:** <http://www.browardmoaa.com/#!/calendar/c137c>
- **Booster Club:** <http://www.browardmoaa.com/#!/booster-club-members/c2q6>
- **Newsletters (some dating back to 2002!):** <http://www.browardmoaa.com/#!/newsletters/c24sm>