



# OFFICER'S CALL

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

BROWARD COUNTY CHAPTER, INC.

OCTOBER 2015

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



While many were enjoying well-deserved vacations, our Chapter has had a very successful and exciting summer. First, the Special Events Committee headed by Phil and Hope Myers put together a great "WW II plus 70" summer picnic. Fran Roon brought some guests who were great sports and volunteer Jitterbug students to the tunes of Glenn Miller. We had over 50 people. Second, we were notified of our first receipt of the Five-Star designation by MOAA. That's a great accomplishment for all of you. And last, we have our JROTC Scholarship plan, developed by Jim and Marla Armstrong, ready for prime time. We also have the available resources to execute the plan. That will be the subject of our October Luncheon, because it is really an accomplishment.

Unfortunately, there was an event, which requires immediate action by all of us. Chuck and Rachael Radoy have decided to move to Jupiter, and he will be leaving his role as Treasurer. **This is a critical position on our Leadership Team**, and someone needs to step forward and help our Chapter. We really don't necessarily need a CPA, but someone with basic computer skills or a willingness to learn would be required. If you can manage your own budget at home, you can do this.

In the meantime, we have also been in contact with our Congressmen and Staff, which is becoming more and more critical given the world situation. The next few years will be critical in letting them know how we feel, not just as an organization, but as citizens. The caution here is that we are an apolitical, Tax Free organization. Never represent your opinion as the opinion of MOAA and know what the positions of MOAA are by reading the magazine or use the website.

All in all, we have taken a couple of great steps forward in building a viable, effective Chapter.

Best, Steve.



## CHAPTER CONCERNS AND INFORMATION

Please provide illness or other caring information regarding our members to our **Chaplain/Personal Affairs Chairman or 3<sup>rd</sup> VP (Personal Affairs, Awards.)**

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.

### **Chapter elected officers include:**

*President:* LTC Steven Bettner | USA  
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# THE GOLDEN RULE...

That was a memorable moment when Pope Francis stood before Congress recently and implored us all to fully embrace the Golden Rule, "do unto others as you would have them do to you." (Matthew 7:12). Pope Francis implores us to "treat others with the same passion and compassion with which we want to be treated. Let us seek for others the same possibilities we seek for ourselves," he said. "In a word if we want security, let us give security. If we want life let us give life. If we want opportunities, let us provide opportunities.

Francis brought up the Golden Rule in the context of discussing immigrants and refugees. "That's not my problem" he says, "is one of the most wicked (problematic?) statements we can make. In our culture, we've decided to accept a very narrow range of agency over which we take responsibility in our interactions with other people. The "Golden Rule often is limited to being pleasant and congenial in the most banal circumstances in which we have to interact with others. We let the job market and the housing market and the various other markets take care of most of what actually impacts other people's lives in our world. Because whether or not other people get laid off or evicted or ripped off or robbed or deported or exiled or otherwise oppressed is none of my business. As long as I'm nice to the people I talk to and don't put any awkward burdens on them, then I can make peace with the fact that I don't accept any awkward burden from anyone else. Today the burdens are awkward.

The Pope has given us a challenge. It shouldn't be controversial to anybody, religious or secular, liberal or conservative. But we'd rather blame other people for their circumstances and let ourselves off the hook. When it comes to solidarity, the Golden Rule doesn't let anybody off the hook.

C. Ray Bailey  
Chaplain (BG) USA  
Deputy Chief of Chaplains

# JROTC

## Corner

Hollywood Hills Military Academy held the New Cadets & Graduating Class Kickoff Ceremony of 2019 on August 22, 2015. The program was led by the Cadet Presentation of the Colors and the National Anthem. This was followed by the Hollywood Hills Spartan Band led by Mr. Lawson. The National Anthem was sung by Coach Leo Green. LTC. (Ret.) John DeVillez gave the "Welcoming Address" and was followed by the "Procession of Cadets" who all recited the "Cadet Creed" upon formation.

The Hollywood Hills Military Academy is the only Public School Program of its kind in South Florida. The vision of the Academy is equity for all cadets in the core areas of leadership, character development and citizenship. They utilize innovative teaching practices and cutting edge technology along with service to the community to prepare Cadets with the life skills necessary to achieve success in major universities, Service Academies and society.

The mission of the Academy is to afford all students equal access to rigorous

and innovative college preparatory curriculum that upholds the leadership and character development embedded within the JROTC Program. Cadets are prepared as future leaders and are placed in companies that provide them the opportunity to solve real life problems and develop critical thinking skills. Cadets are offered a college preparatory curriculum as well as electives that will allow students to gain industry certification. This is an Army program and Cadets are in uniform throughout the week. Hollywood Hills Military Academy Cadets have been recognized throughout the past semester both academically and through physical endeavors and competition. Their achievements this year have included coming in First Place Overall Championship Broward County JROTC Drill Meet held at Ft. Lauderdale High School with over 1,000 cadets.

This is a program well worth taking the time to visit and see that we have some deserving young people that deserve our support. They are our future leaders.

For God and Country  
Loretta Young



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**THE LEGISLATIVE  
CORNER**

*By Thaddeus Hamilton*

Broward Chapter of MOAA, in keeping with MOAA National goal of "Preserving National Security and Veteran's Benefits", is meeting with our Congress Members and local veteran organizations. Steve Bettner, Thad Hamilton, and Chad Maxey met with Ms. Theresa Brier, Broward Director for Congressman Ted Deutch. The intent is to schedule a follow-on meeting with Congressman Deutch. We furnished "Talking Points" to help direct the discussion. The overall intent is to establish a rapport with the local Congressional Representatives. We are scheduling a meeting with Congresswoman Lois Frankel's staff as a preamble to meeting with her. It is crucial that Congress, State and local elected officials know MOAA's stand on issues of National Security and Veteran Benefits.

Also, note that George Moraitis, a Naval Academy Grad and State Representative for a large part of Broward County is now a member of our Chapter. We'll probably see him at a few meetings.

The Broward County Chapter is also working with the Broward County Veterans Coalition and other veteran organizations in Broward County to coordinate our messages.

This will grow to be a significant part of our mission activities.





## CHAPTER BOARD ADDRESSES COMMUNICATIONS ISSUE

*A recent event pointed out a long time Communications issue, which has hindered your Board of Advisors and by extension, our Chapter, from fully accomplishing our mission. This event was the passing of one of our staunchest members, Mary Jo Rayburn about a month ago. She had been in ill health in Texas, but returned here and had a live-in companion.*

*By pure chance, we had been trying to contact her and had left a phone message. She did return the call, but sounded very weak. The next thing we knew, her daughter called and told us the news. She had come in from California, and had no idea whom to contact. She proceeded with the service quickly and she only found our number later.*

**The Problem:** We don't have close enough communications to get news out quickly. Yes, we have e-mail, our chapter website and the Newsletter, but they only help if you read them.

**The Solution:** Establish a Communications Committee, wherein a group of volunteer members will call a specific group regularly for the purpose of informing each other about Chapter matters. We can eliminate several issues:

- Getting a commitment/ not attending for Luncheons;
- Discussing significant Chapter events;
- Helps us remind you of Dues;
- Gives you a personal Chapter POC if you need to discuss anything regarding assistance in any military matters;
- Gives you a direct line to the Board of Advisors for any ideas about the Chapter.

This idea will improve the cohesiveness and unity of the Chapter. Sam and Charlotte Trichilo have agreed to head up this Committee and already have several Volunteers to do the calling. If you are willing to join in, let them know.

In this day and age, information is power. And nothing makes you feel more "left out" than if you don't know. We have a transitional demographic in our Chapter between electronic (about 60%) and traditional Newsletters (40%). As we grow, more will become electronic, but it still doesn't help if you don't read it.

We believe this will be a big boost for the Chapter.





## THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

The Broward County Chapter of the Military Officers 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.



## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS...

### OCTOBER | 2015

#### **MOAA LUNCHEON | October 18, 11:30 am – 3:00 pm**

- LOCATION: Coral Ridge Yacht Club, 2800 Yacht Club Blvd, Fort Lauderdale
- SPEAKER: JROTC 2016 Plan-Jim Armstrong

#### **MOVING WALL | October 22 - 26**

- LOCATION: Sportsplex at Coral Springs, 7575 Sportsplex Drive
- SPEAKER: Steve Bettner, MG Read, Connie Christensen, Eddie Cruz

#### **MOAA NATIONAL CONVENTION | October 30 – November 1**

- LOCATION: Buena Vista Palace Hotel & Spa, Orlando, FL

### NOVEMBER | 2015

#### **SPECIAL VETERANS SERVICE | November 8, 10:00 am – 11:30 am**

- LOCATION: Everlasting Life Church at Eagle Point Elementary, 100 Indian Trace, Weston, FL
- SPEAKER: LTC USA (Ret) Shawn Brower, Pastor

#### **WEST POINT GLEE CLUB CONCERT | November 8, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

- LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church, 401 SE 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Ft. Lauderdale

#### **LHP YACHT CLUB SALUTE TO VETERANS | November 11, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

- LOCATION: Lighthouse Point Yacht Club, 2701 NE 42<sup>nd</sup> St., Pompano Beach

#### **BCC MOAA BOARD MEETING | November 14, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

- LOCATION: John Knox Village, 651 Village Drive (Hibiscus Rm) Pompano Beach

#### **FAU SALUTES VETERANS | November 14, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

- LOCATION: Florida Atlanta University, 777 Glades Rd., Boca Raton

#### **MOAA LUNCHEON | November 15, 11:30 am – 3:00 pm**

- LOCATION: Lighthouse Point Yacht Club, 2701 NE 42<sup>nd</sup> St., Pompano Beach
- SPEAKER: Briefing by Broward County Crime Prevention Task Force