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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



PRESIDENT

LTC Steven M. Bettner USA(Ret.)

Well, here it is May already and it seems, at least to me, the year has just started. On the political front, there was recently a "Storm the Hill" event in Washington, DC. For those of you not familiar with it, it is a coalition of veterans' organizations—

MOAA, Navy League, AF Association, Association of the US Army, et al.—who gather their executives together and talk with individual Congressional members about Veterans' issues. Members of MOAA State Councils participate also. That is a reason why part of our job is to maintain a relationship with our local Congressional members, so they already know about our organization and activities in Florida.

On the local level the following is happening:

1) The website is coming together. We are using some of the best ideas from around the state to build a skeleton, and this will be a work in progress as we make it better and populate it with information specific to our Chapter; 2) We have received the annual list of potential Chapter members. There are approximately 700 folks who are members of National MOAA, but not Broward County Chapter members. We have a plan to contact them for our 2013 Membership Drive. 3) We have developed a unique logo for our Chapter. By the time you read this, those of you who attended the April Luncheon will have seen examples of them. They are intended for members, spouses and family members of our Chapter. Ordering information will follow.

Since this is our last Newsletter until the Fall, let me leave you with a thought or two:

Everyone knows we need to grow our member base. One or two people cannot do that alone. As a group, we need to work together to grow and strengthen our Chapter. Ask yourself, "What can I do to help?"

One of our goals is to increase our participation in community activities. Again the same question applies, "How can I help?"

So, everyone please be safe if travelling is on your agenda and be healthy. Your Board of Directors looks forward to seeing you in the Fall.

Very Best, Steve.

MEMORIAL BRUNCH

DATE: Sunday, 19 May, 2013

TIME: 12:30 PM

PLACE: Coral Ridge Country Club
3901 Bayview Drive
Ft Lauderdale FL 33308
954-449-4400

DRESS: **Coats Required**
Uniforms Optional



MENU

Soup du Jour

Salad Bar

Omelet Station to include:

Bacon, Muffin, Bagel & Toast Station

Eggs Benedict

Belgian Waffle Station – French Toast

Prime Rib Breakfast Burrito

Vegetable Medley – Grilled Salmon

Prime Rib Carving Station

Turkey Breast Carving Station

Shrimp Cocktail – Assorted Sushi Boat

Smoked Salmon

Fresh Fruit – Dessert Station

Cheese Blintzes with Berry Compote

COST: \$30.00 Per Person. Please make checks payable to MOAA/BCC. Call ASAP, but **No later than Thursday 16 May**. Note: No Shows, without notice will be billed.

RSVP: LCOL Sam Trichilo 954-752-1280
CAPT George Graveson 954-583-4302

Directions: East on Oakland Park Blvd. North on Bayview Drive (about 3.4 miles from I-95. Left into Coral Ridge Country Club (about half a mile).

Note the time: 12:30 PM

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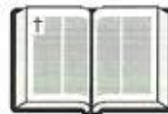
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

THE TASK OUTLIVES THE TOILERS MEMORIAL DAY



"Other men labored, and we have entered into their labors."

—John 4:38—

No man has ever been independent; every man has leaned upon the past. Every liberty we enjoy has been bought at the cost of martyr's blood; every achievement of the race has been made at the cost of incredible toil. There is not a privilege nor an opportunity that modern society grants to us that is not the product of other men's labors. We drink every day from wells that we have not dug; we warm by fires we have not kindled; we live by liberties we have not won.; we are protected by institutions we have not set up. Our churches are built upon the rocks that have been put in place by the martyrs of the ages past. Our governments rest upon the foundations cemented in place by the blood of soldiers who tracked their way, barefoot, through icy battlefields or over burning sands. Our courts are reared upon the bodies of those who died for freedom. No one lives unto himself or herself.

The last word is the one to emphasize. We hear a good deal about reaping where others have sown; about enjoying the results of other people's labors. There is no talk here of reaping, or of results. Others have labored, to sure; but they have not finished. The task sometimes outlives the toilers. We have entered into their labors—not their results. The results are still a long way off, and the time to inherit them has not yet come. But the labor is as yet unfinished, and calls to us as it called to those others before us, whose memories and examples we cherish today.

It is a perfectly natural mistake to look upon Memorial Day as something final, marking the end of a task. In a measure, this is true. The task has ended for the toilers of former times, and Memorial Days invites us to think of those toilers with becoming pride and gratitude. But just because they have finished their shift, it does not follow that the task is finished. Memorial Day speaks in a sterner mood; the task is yet with us. We have entered into the labor. It is hard for us to see life in its continuity. We measure life in terms of personalities and generations. But life asks to be measured in terms of eras and millenniums. There is victory in the future: it is for us to understand that we are still working for that victory.

Memorial Luncheon for John Smiley

At the April MOAA-BCC Luncheon, a memorial ceremony was held for COL John Smiley (USA/USAF, Ret). John was known throughout our community, and had many friends, as evidenced by the turnout of over 115 people at the memorial. There were, in addition to his MOAA friends and family, members of the Lighthouse Point Yacht Club and members of his Fort Lauderdale High School Class. Several friends shared their remembrances of John, adding to the luster of his life and work, not just as a great soldier and aviator, but a contributor to our community. Organizations presented awards to John's memory, most notably one presented by LtCol(Ret) Leo Gray on behalf of the Tuskegee airmen. John will be sorely missed in MOAA, his community, and by his friends. His achievements will live on. Be thou at Peace, COL Smiley.

MOAA - BCC WEB SITE

For those of you who are interested, the current location of the "working copy" of the website is:

<http://www.moaafl.org/Chapters/Broward/Default.aspx>. We are adding more daily. Most of the info is correct—for example, future events on the homepage—or, go to the "Calendar" pull down. Click on it, and you'll get the current month, dates highlighted. We have an event: Click on the date, you'll get details. It is not the final form we want or need, but it's a start—like POC, etc. but we'll get there. Go to "Join Us", and a membership form is just about ready. Go to Newsletter, and we'll have a historical file of the last six months' or so where one can look at past newsletters. Current newsletter will be posted there as soon as it is ready. At any rate, take a look, and don't be afraid to comment. Here is the location (for now as a "worksheet") <http://www.moaafl.org/Chapters/Broward/Default.aspx>" This appears to be case sensitive, so make sure you put the caps correctly. These things are cranky if you don't get it exactly right. Provide your comments to me.

Best, Steve

BOOSTER CLUB

One Line (member name or spouse, or individual) \$10.00 per year. It can be in memory of, etc. on the one line.
Send a check for \$10.00 (per line) to:

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MAY 2013 BOARD MEETING

Board Members please note!



The May, 2013 Board Meeting will be on Saturday, May 11, 2013, 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 invited to attend. They are requested to call LtCol Trichilo to advise if they plan to attend. **Breakfast at 0900, the meeting starts at 1000.**

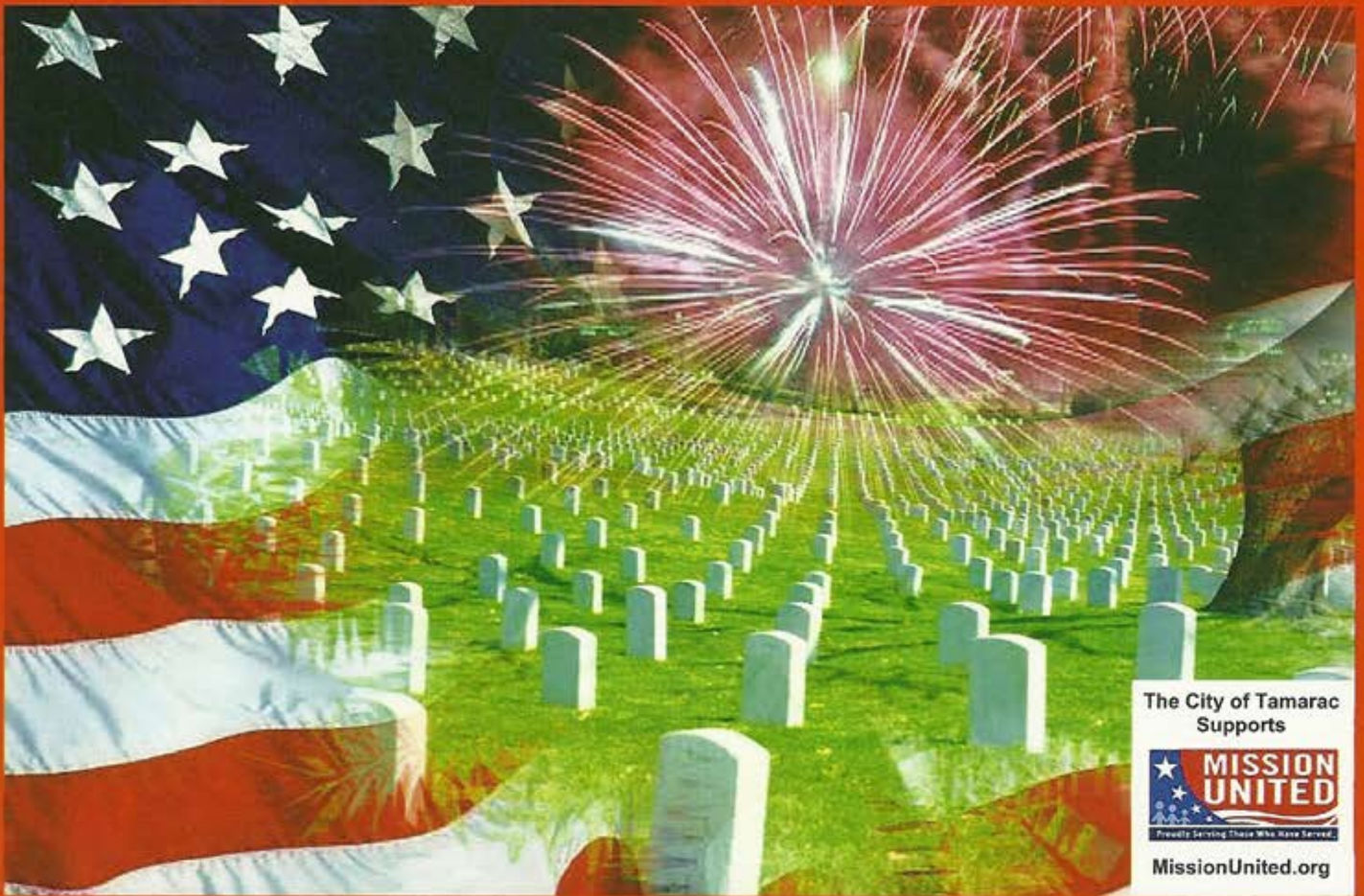
CHAPTER BOOSTER CLUB

The MOAA BCC Booster Club provides our Chapter with additional funds that help to support the Chapter's charitable donations. Booster Club membership cost is \$10.00 per year.

If you would like to be a Chapter Booster, please add \$10.00 to your dues check, or send a check to the Treasurer at any time:

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We would welcome back those who have not signed up for this year.



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City of Tamarac and the Veterans Affairs Committee Presents

Memorial Day Ceremony

Monday, May 27, 2013

10:30am

Veterans' Memorial Park

7825 Southgate Blvd.

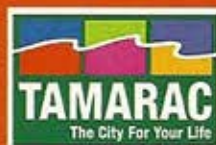
Please join us as we pay tribute to those who gave their lives to protect our freedom.

Special guest speaker Major General Joseph P. DiSalvo of the US Army,
music performed by Taravella High School Band,

Massing of Colors by Tamarac Fire Rescue, and light refreshments.

For more Information: 954-597-3620

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CHAPTER CONCERNS AND INFORMATION

In order to inform Chapter Members about the interests, needs, and concerns of their colleagues, this regularly 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 hoped 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 our 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. Please include our colleague, RADM Jim BLACK, in your thoughts and prayers. Jim recently had **Quadruple By-Pass surgery**. He returned home Saturday, 4 May and is doing well, recovering from the surgery.

Members are encouraged to relay to the President, the third VP, or other Officers of the Chapter, any information of which they become aware, relating to illness or death of members or their spouses, so that we can respond and offer assistance.

Our Community Salutes (OCS) Broward County Program

Each spring, Broward County, as a part of the National OCS program, hosts a ceremony honoring the members of High School Senior Classes who are enlisting in the Armed Forces upon graduation. Their swearing in is conducted at the ceremony, with their family and County dignitaries present. Each enlistee receives a proclamation from the State of Florida presented by the Chairman of the Broward County commission and/or Mayor of Ft. Lauderdale. Beginning this year, each will also receive a Certificate of Appreciation from the MOAA-Broward County Chapter presented by an officer of the Chapter. This year there will be 163 enlistees honored.

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REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



*Memorial Day
May 27, 2013*

ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

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MEMO FROM THE EDITOR

Chapter Officers and other members are requested to provide inputs to the Editor no later than the third Friday of the month prior to the next issue of the *Officers' Call*.

The submission dates for the new year will be as follows:

September 13, 2013 for the October 2013 Issue

JROTC Program

Each spring, our Chapter participates in local High School JROTC awards dinners/ Military Balls. We have 29 High Schools in Broward County, and these affairs are the highlight of the JROTC Cadet's career at the High School activity. Many of the Cadets are top students and athletes in their classes. The ROTC Instructors teach the Cadets to conduct their own ceremonies, and it is always a delightful affair for MOAA-BCC members and Board Members. Many of these Cadets will go on to College level ROTC participation and eventual commission, so it is an important activity for our Chapter.

Message from the 3rd Vice President

If you know of a Chapter member (or spouse) who would like to make a special need (i.e. sickness, death, prayer requests) known to the other members, please contact our 3rd Vice President for assistance.

Our 3rd Vice President is Dr. Ronald Anderson, USPHS.
He can be reached at: 954.941.6189

