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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



PRESIDENT  
LTC Steven M. Bettner USA(Ret.)

Now we have entered April, and, on the National level—and, as most of us thought — sequestration has happened. Now, how do we find out exactly what it means to us? Well, one source is MOAA. For those of you who can, use the MOAA website at "MOAA.org" to get legislative updates.

These things are happening faster than national MOAA can print a magazine, so it is an excellent way to keep current. The other option is you, yourself. Common sense applies here. As an example, the national budget is on the order of \$4.25T. Are you telling me a 2% cut (\$85B) is a catastrophe?? Most of us have run businesses or organizations, and a 2% decrement is a short term crisis—"How do I do it?", but not a catastrophe. This is a very politically charged event, as will be the end of March government negotiations deciding government shut down. Everything, including Medicare and other entitlements, are on the table. I urge each of you to keep yourselves informed of what the situation is and what you should do using those wonderful talents you have of deciding and acting for yourself. We are here to assist you in any way we can, but be advised, the vast majority of the information we get is electronic, and changes at least weekly in the current environment. Unfortunately, it's infeasible to mail it out in a timely manner.

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, but this will be a work in progress as we make it better; 2) We have received the annual list of potential Chapter members. There are almost 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. More to follow.

Everyone have a safe and happy month, we'll see you at the April Luncheon.

Very Best, Steve.

### APRIL 2013 LUNCHEON

DATE: Sunday, April 21, 2013  
TIME: 12:30 PM  
PLACE: Lighthouse Point Yacht Club  
2701 NE 42nd Street  
Lighthouse Point, FL 33065  
Tel 954 942 7244  
DRESS: Coats Preferred



MENU  
Juices- Fruit display  
Danish - Bagels - Muffins  
Assorted Salads  
Lox, Cream cheese, etc  
Three Carving Stations  
Omelet Station  
Eggs Benedict -Pancakes- Waffles  
Sausages-Bacon-Corned Beef Hash  
Fish and Chicken dishes  
Potatoes and vegetables  
Sundae Bar  
Assorted Pastries and Cookies  
Coffee and Tea

One free drink- Champagne, Mimosa or Bloody Mary

COST: \$25.00 Per Person. Please make checks out to MOAA/BCC. Call ASAP, but No Later than Wednesday 17 April. Note: No Shows without notice will be billed.

RSVP: L/Col Sam J Trichilo 954-752-1280  
LtCol Steve Bettner 954-942-3651

Directions: North on US 1 (Federal Hwy) past Sample Rd to 39th Street. (First Light after Sample) Go Right (East) Stay on 39th and Bear Right at Fork in the Road to 27 Terrace. Go Left on 27 Terrace to 42 St. The Club is on the Right. Valet Parking Available

Note the time: **12:30 PM**



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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### CELEBRATE SPRING!



Spring has come at last, a season associated with rebirth, renewal, regrowth, jonquils, tulips, and Easter lilies. March 20 is the date that most of us recognize as symbolic of the changing season. On that date, at precisely 7:21 p.m., the sun passed directly over the equator. The moment is known as the vernal equinox in the northern hemisphere. For the southern hemisphere, this is the moment of the Autumnal equinox. Translated literally, equinox means "equal night." Because the sun is positioned above the equator, day and night are about equal in length all over the world during the equinox.

It's beginning to feel like Spring (which isn't always the case this time of year) and it's wonderful! Though I believe summer will always be our favorite time of year, Spring should have a special place in our hearts, because it means that in only a few short months, Summer will arrive.

The seasons change, we change, we grow, we move on. We learn new things each day; ways to be better people, ways in which we are strong, ways that hurt. Each day we are given a chance to start new, to dissolve past regrets, to become the person we truly want to be. We are incredible creatures & we exist for a reason, each & every one of us. It may take years, decades, to discover this reason, but it's there. It's there! Perhaps it's like love. We only find it hidden when we stop searching. It comes to us. We are incredible creatures, never forget that.

As I was thinking about Spring, I got to thinking about the best ways to enjoy this time of year.. Here are some ideas:

1. Take a long walk.
2. Set up a picnic.
3. Look for signs of spring.
4. Open your windows.
5. Buy flip-flops.
6. Pay attention to nature
7. Engage in Spring cleaning.
8. Snap photos of the season.
9. Sit outside at a restaurant.
10. Buy (or bring out) a fun, new outfit.
11. Visit the zoo or park.
12. Go for a drive.
13. Celebrate with friends.



If you're going to enjoy the season, you might as well celebrate it! Invite some friends over to get into the season with you. There's nothing quite like being surrounded with friends to bring out the best in any season. Celebrate the Spring!

### 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



## 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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### April 2013 BOARD MEETING

Board Members please note!



The April 2013 Board Meeting will be on Saturday, April 13, 2013, at American Legion Post 142, (behind City Hall, Pompano Beach) 171 American Legion Blvd (SW 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Chuck Radoy (561) 733-7276 to advise if you do not plan to attend.** Other members of the Chapter are invited to attend. They are requested to call LtCol Radoy to advise if they plan to attend. **Breakfast at 0900, meeting at 1000.**

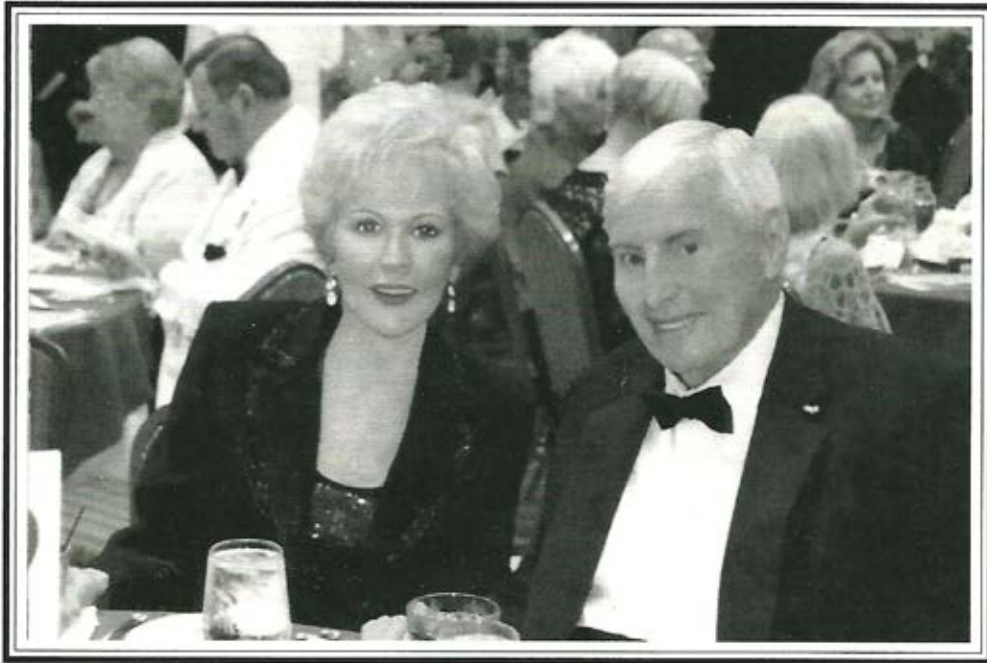
### CHAPTER BOOSTER CLUB

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.



COL. John A. Smiley, USA (Ret.)

John A. Smiley Jr. was born in Fort Lauderdale on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 1932. He served his country in the uniform of both the United States Air Force and Army for total of 39 years, 2 months, and 5 days of total enlisted and commissioned service. He enlisted in the US Army in September 1953 and served in Korea. Later he received his commission as a Second Lieutenant US Air Force from ROTC upon graduation from the University of Miami in September 1960. He was later commissioned in the United States Army Reserve (1964) as a First Lieutenant and rose to the rank of Colonel (1982). Colonel Smiley has served an officer with various Army and Air Force Units and received the Commendation Medal from both Services. Among his many decorations are the Distinguished Flying Cross (Valor), Bronze Star Medal (Three Oak Leaf Clusters), 17 Air Medals (one with Valor), and the Legion of Merit upon his retirement in 1992.

In civilian life, John Smiley is an Architectural Consultant, Past Vice President of several corporations with duties to design, present to government bodies for approval and to supervise construction of buildings ranging from fast food restaurants to banks and condominium buildings. Among his many accomplishments is an appointment as Assistant Professor of Engineering Drawing Department at Miami Dade Junior College.

Colonel Smiley earned a Masters Degree from Barry College, a Bachelor of Education from University of Miami, an Associates of Arts from Orlando Junior College and 12 credit hours in an Advanced Graduate Study in Psychology from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia.

## 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 they appreciate your concern and best wishes.

All 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.

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## 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 in correctly. These things are cranky if you don't get it exactly right. Provide your comments to me.

Best, Steve

## 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:

April 19, 2013

for the May 2013 Issue

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## CHAPTER ANNUAL DUES

The annual Chapter dues are \$30.00 for Regular members and \$15.00 for Auxiliary members. 2013 Chapter dues were due in January. Please remember that MOAA National dues are separate from Chapter dues. Whether you are Life Member or an Annual Member of MOAA, your Chapter dues are due each year. A Roster of the membership will be included in the May issue of *Officer's Call*.

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## CONDOLENCE

It is with deep regret that we inform the membership that our friend and colleague, COL John Smiley, USA(Ret.) passed away Sunday night, 24 March.

Please keep his Fiancée, Jan, and John's Nephew, CJ, in your thoughts and prayers.

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Happy Easter  
March 31, 2013