

The Calusa Communicator



CCMOAA MONTHLY BREAKFAST MEETING

December 8, 2018, 10 AM

Reservations required!

Contact Dixie Buick at

calusamoaa@yahoo.com or

945-5030 by December 5,

***Caloosa Club, Cape Royal Golf
Club***

11460 Royal Tee Cir, Cape Coral

Cost \$12.00 – Exact Cash Please

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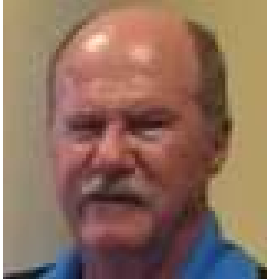
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HOMELESS VETERAN LAUNDRY PROGRAM

I want to remind everyone that we are passing a can for donations at every meeting. The proceeds go to Brenda Dalton, who provides laundry detergent and coins for the machines at the N. Ft. Myers Laundromat on Pondella. We collected \$26.00 at the November Meeting



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE November 2018

I am pleased to report that, through the efforts of Marilyn Stout and Gary Peppers, the Military Ball was thoroughly enjoyable and very successful. Without exception, we received very positive feedback from those in attendance. I encourage all of our members to make plans to attend next year.

Gary Nolan and I will attend the FCOC Leadership Seminar in Orlando from January 11-13. Unfortunately, the seminar is the same weekend as our breakfast meeting. As a result, **please note** that our **January Membership Meeting** will be on **Saturday the 19th** (not the 12th) at the usual time and place, 10 AM at Cape Royal Golf Club.

Planning for our **2nd Annual Armed Forces Golf Tournament** is well underway. It is set for **Saturday February 23rd, 2019** at the Cape Royal Golf Club. Mark your calendars and spread the news. Details and a flyer will be coming in December.

I urge everyone to continue to talk to friends and people you meet and "Engage – Educate – Encourage" them to join us! Give them one of our business cards and our flyer.

Ask to send them an email or a text message – include this link to the video "Why MOAA" <http://www.moaa.org/WhyMOAA/> and follow-up with a personal phone call.

On behalf of your board of officers, I wish all of you a blessed, wonderful, and healthy holiday season with friends and family.

See you on **December 8th!** Don't forget to make your reservation with Dixie Buick!

Tom Wagner

Remember that the new price for the breakfast is \$12/person. Please bring the exact amount and make Dixie Buick's life easier.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Membership Meetings - 10 AM at the Caloosa Club - Cape Royal:

Saturday, December 8

Saturday, January 19

Saturday, February 9

Annual Armed Forces Golf Tournament

Saturday, February 23, 2019,

Cape Royal Golf Club



CCMOAA Meeting Minutes 10 Nov 2018

CCMOAA President Tom Wagner, called the meeting to order at 1002. He welcomed the 22 members in attendance and led them in the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. There were no first-time new members or guests present.

After a break for breakfast, Pres Wagner called the business meeting to order at 1030. The chapter did not invite a guest speaker for this breakfast as the Veterans Ball was scheduled for the following day, Sunday 11 Nov.

President's Remarks:

- CCMOAA's website is up and running. To access it, enter your first initial and last name as your initial password. Some minor problems have been noted but most are now fixed.

- Golf tournament is now set for 23 Feb 2019 at the Cape Royal golf club, tee off at 0800.
- Next CCMOAA breakfast meeting will be 8 December.
- Our Veterans Ball and Dining Out is at Kiwanis Club Sunday 11 November. Marilyn Stout and Gary Peppers updated the members on its latest status: 53 signed up, including Cape Coral Mayor Joe Coviello, Lee County Property Appraiser Ken Wilkinson, MOAA FCOC President Len Friedlander, and several other local and county officials.

Committee Reports:

- Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted for audit as published. Treasurer Marilyn Stout reported that the only expenditure of the past month was \$250 the Board voted to send to Pride & Patriotism. Checks for Veterans Ball have been deposited and necessary payments made to Kiwanis and the caterer, with Len Friedlander's ball tickets refunded by Board's earlier decision.
- Secretary's minutes were unanimously approved as published without exception.
- Finance Committee Report was presented in verbal form: Total investments are \$33,012.57, down by \$2,778 from the \$35,790.72 reported as of the previous meeting. We currently have \$22,210.47 in the Scholarship Fund and \$10,802.10 in the Operations Fund.

Unfinished Businesses:

- Pres Wagner reported that the Board had approved expenditure up to \$2,000 for JROTC trophies at the drill competition. Drill meet is on 23 Feb 2019, the same day as our golf tournament fund-raiser. Pres Wagner has asked for a JROTC honor guard to open the tournament
- As reported last month, all currently serving CCMOAA officers have agreed to continue in their capacities for another year. There were no nominations from the floor. By unanimous voice vote, all Board members were elected to another term.

New Business:

- Col. Bill Deile, reported that the Legislature has replaced the My Choice program with a new VA program for veterans' care. This is separate from the Tri-Care change that, beginning in January 2019, will provide optional dental and vision care. To sign up

for one of the ten plans offered, retirees must log on to the Tri-Care website at www.TRDP.org between 12 Nov and 10 Dec 2018.

- Pres Wagner reported that the Board had approved expenses up to the Chapter Bylaws limit for Pres and VP to attend the FCOC Leadership Conference at the Rosen Center in Orlando the second weekend in January. Pursuant to that, the regular January business meeting of CCMOAA has been delayed one week to 19 Jan 2019 and appropriate coordination with Cape Royal Gold Club has been accomplished.
- President Wagner then called for any other new business for the good of the order. Seeing none, he adjourned the meeting at 1114.

Gary Peppers



LEGISLATIVE REPORT December 2018

In late September, the House voted to adopt HR 6157. During the same time frame, an \$855.1 billion spending package was approved by the Senate. These House and Senate bills fund the Departments of Defense, Labor, Education, and Health and Human Services. It is the first time in over a decade that the DoD will have funding at the beginning of the fiscal year. Defense appropriations usually fund certain priorities. However, final legislation did not address expansion of Concurrent Receipt nor eliminate the dollar for dollar deduction of DoD's Survival Benefit Plan from the VA's Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, better known as the Widow's Tax.

The VA spending bill is the largest in history. It includes more than \$197 billion for health and benefits programs. The VA Mission Act includes expanding mental health services, directing more resources to rural care, funding to increase medical care for women veterans, prevention programs to target opioid abuse, expanding long-term care programs, modernization of the VA's electronic healthcare records, and funding to increase staffing for reduction of wait times.

Bob Van House

Most existing TRICARE Prime and Select fees will not go up. In addition, TRICARE for Life is not affected. The current fee structure will remain in place. TRICARE Group A retirees will continue to pay \$41 for specialty appointments and \$29 for Primary Care appointments. **Bob Van House**

2018 Veterans Ball Photos

CCMOAA Financial Report: **31-Oct-18**

Operating Funds	
Bank Opening Balance	\$596.75
Deposit - Military Ball	\$1,525.00
Bank Closing Balance	\$2,121.75
Fidelity Funds	\$10,839.90
Total Operating Funds	\$12,961.65
Scholarship Account	
Scholarship Opening Balance	\$1,306.01
No change	
Scholarship Ending Balance	\$1,306.01
Fidelity Funds	\$22,101.74
Total Scholarship Fund	\$23,407.75
Grand Total	\$36,369.40



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/DIRECTORY UPDATE**

New Chapter Annual Renewal Membership Change of Address

Name _____

Spouse's Name _____

Please Print

(Spouses, Widows, Widowers, are welcomed as chapter members.)

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Rank _____ Service _____ Member DOB _____

Check appropriate boxes: Retired Active Duty Widow(er) *Associate

*Associate members have the same privileges as other members except that they are ineligible to vote.

Regular Reserve National Guard Former Officer Senior NCO

MOAA National Membership No. _____ MOAA Life Member? _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Dues Amount \$ _____ Scholarship Program \$ _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please include a check for \$30.00 (New member's 1st year dues are free.) The check should be made payable to CCMOAA and mailed to: CCMOAA, P.O. Box 100508, Cape Coral, FL 33910-0508 Attn: Treasurer

Special Notes: Dues are late after March 31st. Please pay your dues early!
A lifetime MOAA membership does not mean your chapter membership is lifetime.

-----*To Be Completed By Treasurer*-----

Date Received ___/___/___ By Mail In Person

Check # _____ Amount \$ _____ Cash Amount \$ _____

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