

The Calusa Communicator



**CCMOAA MONTHLY
BREAKFAST MEETING**
February 9, 2019 10 AM
Reservations required!
Contact Dixie Buick at
calusamoaa@yahoo.com or
945-5030 by February 6
Caloosa Club, Cape Royal Golf
Club
11460 Royal Tee Cir, Cape Coral
Cost \$12.00 – Exact Cash Please
Please Wear Your Nametags

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See you on **February 9th**. Don't forget to make your reservation on our website or e-mail John & Dixie Buick. **Tom Wagner**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE February 2019

As reported last month, Gary Nolan and I attended the FCOC Leadership Seminar in Orlando from January 11-13.

We shared details of the program and events at the January meeting. The focus and direction of MOAA national is on-target. The "Year in Review" gives you a solid perspective on the recent success and scope of the organization. This video will provide an excellent status report – [2018 Year In Review](#).

Plan to attend the February Breakfast Meeting as the featured speaker will be our new Police Chief Dave Newlan. This is your opportunity to meet him and ask questions about issues of importance to you.

Planning for our **2nd Annual Armed Forces Golf Tournament** on **Saturday February 23rd, 2019** is progressing well. We need volunteers to help with golfer registration and set up for the luncheon. Please contact Gary Nolan and ask how you can help. Once again, I urge you to ask for donations from restaurants and other small businesses you visit over the next month. Discount coupons, gift certificates are still needed and welcomed for the golf tournament. You can download the letter to sponsors as well as the sponsor letter and list of sponsorships we are seeking from our website or ask Gary and I, and we will e-mail them to you. Your support is appreciated. If you are not a golfer and cannot volunteer, join us for lunch! Just send Gary a message.

I encourage you to sign up for the Legislative Update from MOAA National. Just click this link [Legislative Affairs](#) and sign up. Most importantly, at times, you will receive a "Call for Action" which provides a link to send a message to our national elected officials about critical legislation affecting all who serve or have served.

As well, 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](#) and follow up with a personal phone call.

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 \$23.00 at the December meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Saturday, February 9

Saturday, March 9

Annual Armed Forces Golf Tournament

Saturday, February 23, 2019,

Cape Royal Golf Club



CCMOAA Meeting Minutes January 19, 2019

CCMOAA President Tom Wagner, called the meeting to order at 1007. He welcomed the 14 members in attendance and led them in the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. There were no first-time new members or guests present.

After break for breakfast, Pres. Wagner called the business meeting to order at 1030. The chapter did not invite a guest speaker for this breakfast.

President's Remarks:

- CCMOAA's website is up and running. To access it, enter your first initial and last name as your initial password.
- Golf tournament is set for 23 Feb 2019 at the Cape Royal golf club, tee off at 0800.
- At the FCOC Leadership Conference in Orlando, our Chapter was presented a 5-

Star medal for last year's submission covering 2017 activity.

Officer Reports:

- Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted for audit as published in last newsletter. Since that report, the bank has received \$2,000 from Fidelity Funds. Checks have been written to cover immediate expenses and one claimed scholarship.
- Secretary's minutes as published were unanimously approved without exception.

Committee Reports:

- Finance Committee Report was presented in verbal form: Total investments are \$28,967.14 after a \$2,000 transfer to CCMOAA's bank checking account. We have \$19,324.09 in the Scholarship Fund and \$9,643.05 in the Operations Fund. Of the total, only \$6,000 is currently invested in mutual funds since the Finance Committee elected to take a substantial cash position early in January following what we considered to be excessive market volatility.
- Ways and Means Committee Chair Gary Nolan reported details of the golf tournament and asked for members to volunteer to help, particularly with the sign in and collection of funds early on the morning of the event. 36 are signed up to play as of this date at \$75 per person. Members are encouraged to solicit contributions in the form of gift cards, donations of services, cash, or sponsorships from their favorite restaurants and vendors. A data sheet specifying the levels of donations and their benefits has been uploaded to CCMOAA's website. Additionally, USAA contributed \$300 to the event.
- Speakers Committee Chair Marilyn Stout announced that the Cape Coral Chief of Police Newlan will be our guest speaker at the February breakfast. Maximum attendance would be appreciated.
- No other committee reports were presented.

Unfinished Business:

- No items to discuss

New Business:

- President Wagner called for any new business for the good of the order. Seeing none, he adjourned the meeting at 1057.

Gary Peppers



**LEGISLATIVE REPORT
January 2019**

Due to the holidays and government shutdown, there is nothing new to report on the legislative

front.

Bob Van House

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

| Operating Funds | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Bank Opening Balance | \$436.75 |
| Expenses | |
| Cape Royal Golf Club | \$250.00 |
| Bank Charge | \$5.00 |
| Bank Closing Balance | \$181.75 |
| Fidelity Funds | \$10,186.81 |
| Total Operating Funds | \$10,368.56 |
| Scholarship Account | |
| Scholarship Opening Balance | \$1,306.01 |
| Bank Charge | \$5.00 |
| Scholarship Ending Balance | \$1,301.01 |
| Fidelity Funds | \$18,838.41 |
| Total Scholarship Fund | \$20,139.42 |
| Grand Total | \$30,507.98 |

February Financial Report

At the end of the year, CCMOAA's invested balance is \$30,387.47, about \$2,000 less than our balance on 1 November, close to a 7% loss. We haven't changed the investment strategy given to us by the members in 2014, and we trust the markets will rebound shortly. By the way, had we been allowed an Aggressive Growth investment strategy as I had argued for in the first place, our original investment would now have been worth \$35,000, based on the performance of my other funds. Anyone want to talk about this at the next meeting?

Gary Peppers



January 10, 2019

To: Florida Council of Chapters MOAA Members and Guests

Subject: **HELPING HANDS HELPING HEROES** – 2019 FCOC Convention – June 20-23, 2019

WELCOME to members and guests from chapters across the state and beyond. The Tampa Chapter invites you to join us for the 2019 FCOC convention, held June 20-23 at the 5 Star Safety Harbor Resort and Spa, located in beautiful Safety Harbor a treasure gem nestled on the sparkling shores of Tampa Bay. Our theme is ***Helping Hands Helping Heroes***.

Our theme emphasizes the focus of our chapter on the Operation Helping Hand program which provides financial and emotional support to wounded military being treated and recovering at the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital. On Thursday evening, the first 50 attendees that sign up will be transported to the VA hospital and get the privilege of attending the monthly OPHH dinner where they can meet the military members and their families. The dinners are sponsored by local businesses. Those attending will be treated to a tour of the virtual reality room opened in May 2018. Friday's main convention event will be the President's Welcome reception. After that attendees can enjoy the local area by literally just walking outside the Resort's doors for a special treat. Main Street is closed for the 3rd Friday Music Series featuring shopping, dining and entertainment for locals and visitors alike to relax and enjoy themselves. Saturday will start with a plated breakfast and a guest speaker followed by a memorial service for friends we lost the past year. Convention activities, to include the business meeting and informative presentations, will occur during the day with the Military Ball topping off what will be a great experience in Safety Harbor.

The Resort is conveniently located near downtown Safety Harbor. In addition to the stunning views of Tampa Bay, there are a number of other things to do in the immediate vicinity of the Resort. Just a few suggestions include: Ruth Eckerd Hall for concerts or shows, golf at one of several local courses, or take a stroll on the historic city walk. If you want to just stay in and relax, the Resort is offering special pricing for the award winning SPA facilities and salon. If you would like to extend your stay, the special pricing for the convention can be extended three days before and/or three days after the convention.

We are excited to have you join us for our annual convention and want you to have a memorable experience during your stay. Make your plans now to take advantage of all this beautiful resort and surrounding area have to offer.

Lewis L. VanDyke
COL USA (Ret)
Convention Chairman

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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 \$ _____

God Bless America!

Four Star Excellence Award Recipient 2005-07 - 2013 to 2017
Five Star Excellence Award Recipient 2006 - 2008 to 2012



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