

# The Calusa Communicator



## **CCMOAA MONTHLY BREAKFAST MEETING**

***October 13, 2018, 10 AM***

***Reservations required!***

***Contact Dixie Buick at***

***[calusamoaa@yahoo.com](mailto:calusamoaa@yahoo.com) or***

***945-5030 by October 10***

***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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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE October 2018



Make your reservation and mark your calendar! As announced previously, through the efforts of Marilyn Stout and Gary & Carol Peppers, our annual **Veterans Ball** is set for Sunday, November 11, 2018 at the Kiwanis Hall in Cape Coral. You may contact Marilyn directly for a reservation or visit our new website and click on the calendar link for November 11<sup>th</sup>. You can make your reservation on-line and mail a check. It will be another wonderful evening of fine food and friends!

Clean your clubs and grab a sleeve of balls! Gary Nolan and I are pleased to announce our **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Armed Forces Golf Tournament** is set for **Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019** at the Cape Royal Golf Club. Mark your calendars and spread the news. Details and a flyer will be coming soon.

I urge each of you to visit the Legislative Action Center <http://takeaction.moaa.org/home?25> at least monthly or, better yet, sign up for the legislative updates from MOAA National on their website.

**Welcome to new and rejoining CALUSA Chapter members** Lt Col Donald "Mac" McEwen, USAF and CAPT Brian Grady, USN, former member of the Calusa Chapter. I look forward to seeing you both at our next breakfast meeting! Thank you for joining and re-joining our chapter and to "Never Stop Serving".

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 the following link: <http://www.moaa.org/WhyMOAA/> ("Why MOAA" video) and follow up with a personal phone call.

See you on **October 13<sup>th</sup>**! Don't forget to make your reservation with Dixie Buick!

**Tom Wagner**

### 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 \$25 at the May meeting.**

**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, October 13

Saturday, November 10

Saturday, December 8

Veterans' Ball –November 11, 6:30 PM, Kiwanis Club of Cape Coral

Annual Armed Forces Golf Tournament  
Saturday, February 23, 2019,  
Cape Royal Golf Club



### **Board Minutes, 6 Sep 2018**

- Southwest Florida Military Museum and Library Conference Room, 1030
- CCMOAA President Wagner, COL, USAR (Ret) was absent. Vice President Gary Nolan, Col, USAF (Ret) called the meeting to order at 1033.
- Additional Directors present:
  - Member at Large Jean Van House
  - Secretary Gary Peppers, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)
- Others present:
  - None
- Vice President's Remarks:
  - Vice President Nolan discussed the chapter's new website, its capabilities and use. He plans to provide a sheet of instructions to chapter members at the next general business meeting.
  - VP Nolan noted that there is a new club manager at the Cape Royal Golf Club, Sean Biggs, with whom he looks forward to working.

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- Committee Reports:
  - Veterans' Ball Committee Chairman Peppers reported on the planning progress.
    - Webster's has been selected as our gourmet caterer. They will provide plated dinners of a chicken entrée, salad, dessert, complimentary beer and wine, and passed hors d'oeuvres during the social hour for about \$31/dinner, including 22% service charge and gratuity. (This is about half the normal price Webster's charges.)
      - Robert Gonnelli's "A Moment in Time" will provide entertainment with dinner music from 1700 to 1900, except during the ceremony, and with live dance music from 1900 to 2100. His cost to us is \$300.
        - Including a \$50 clean-up charge, a ticket price of \$40 has been set. Tickets will be available to CCMOAA members at the next regular business meeting.
    - No other committee reports were presented.
- Unfinished Business:
  - None
- New Business:
  - The Board approved a reimbursement of \$159 for one night's hotel room plus as yet to be determined reasonable dinner reimbursement to President Wagner if he elects to attend the MOAA National conference in Phoenix the weekend of 1 Nov 2018.
- Seeing no other items of New Business to discuss, VP Nolan adjourned the meeting at 1128. **Gary Peppers**

**Business Meeting Minutes  
8 Sep 2018**

- CCMOAA Vice President Gary Nolan, Col, USAF (Ret) called the meeting to order at 1008 in the absence of President Tom Wagner, COL, USAF (Ret). He welcomed the 27 members present to the chapter's first regular business meeting following the summer hiatus. His wife Cynthia gave the Invocation, after which VP Nolan led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- VP Nolan then introduced new member Mac McEwen and our speaker for the day, member Bill Zacovic, LTC, USA (Ret).
- After a break for breakfast, LTC Zacovic spoke to the members about the current

state of JROTC in Lee County, its organization, mission, and future plans and presented a video of cadet team training and leadership events. Lee County has the largest JROTC enrollment of any school district in the United States with 15 school programs and 7,247 participants; Lehigh Senior High School, with over 1,200 cadets, is the country's largest JROTC program for any single school.

- Vice President's Remarks:
  - VP Nolan convened the business meeting at 1042.
  - CCMOAA's website is up and running. To access it, enter your first initial and last name as your initial password.
  - Our proposed golf tournament is planned for early next year, likely in late Feb or early March. Cape Royal's new golf club manager is Sean Biggs.
  - Next CCMOAA breakfast meeting will be 13 October.
- Committee Reports:
  - Treasurer's Report was accepted for audit as published without exception.
  - Finance Committee Report was presented in verbal form: Total investments are \$35,790.72 as of this date, including \$24,315.86 in the Scholarship Fund and \$11,474.86 in the Operations Fund.
  - The Veterans Ball Committee updated the members on the plan and status. See flyer for more details.
  - No other committee reports were presented.
- Unfinished Business:
  - None
- New Business:
  - VP Nolan announced that the chapter has won a 5-Star Excellence Award. President Wagner may travel to Phoenix for the MOAA National meeting the first weekend in Nov to receive the award. The Board has approved \$159 to cover the cost of one night's stay in the hotel, plus reasonable dinner expense, should he decide to make that trip.
  - Nominations Committee Chair James Arnold, CWO4, USMC (Ret) reported the slate of candidates for next year's

chapter offices will be unchanged from current officers.

- Vice President Nolan called for other new business. Upon seeing none, the meeting was adjourned at 1125. **Gary Peppers**



**LEGISLATIVE REPORT  
October 2018**

Lawmakers have halted funding to the Healthcare Reform Bill over a dispute on how to pay for VA healthcare. A House and Senate conference committee was set to meet on July 12, but the meeting was cancelled. The Appropriations Committee chair, Richard Shelby, told reporters “Do we break the caps or cut out Veteran Programs to fund this?” The dispute is mainly about paying the 1.6 billion dollar bridge funding to keep the Choice program operating. The Choice program gives Veterans the option of going outside the VA if the VA can’t see them within 30 days. So far, the Appropriations Committee is not set to meet on this issue.

Nine Senators voted against Robert Wilkie, a Lt Col in the Air Force Reserve, who is the new Secretary of Veterans Affairs. It is the first time since the VA Secretary’s position became a cabinet level position that Senators voted against the candidate.

Bank Opening Balance	\$630.75
No change	
Bank Closing Balance	\$630.75
Fidelity Funds	\$11,794.25
Total Operating Funds	\$12,425.00
<b>Scholarship Account</b>	
Scholarship Opening Balance	\$1,306.01
No change	
Scholarship Ending Balance	\$1,306.01
Fidelity Funds	\$24,442.81
Total Scholarship Fund	\$25,748.82
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$38,173.82</b>

**Finance Committee Report**



As of COB Thursday 27 Sep 2018, our invested funds are \$11,794.25 in CCMOAA's Operations Account and \$24,442.81 in our Scholarship Account. The total of \$36,237.06 is a \$446.24 increase from the total reported at the breakfast on 8 Sep of \$35,790.72. This is a 0.125% net increase in our combined holdings for that 20-day period, which reflects an annualized rate of return of 22.5%.

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

**Operating Funds**