

MOAA CFC Board Meeting, April 23, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by MAJ Holland at 10:05 AM. LCDR Love led us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

QUARUM: A quorum was present. Attending members were: MAJ Holland, Mrs. Fiebrandt, LTC Peters, CDR Fiebrandt, Lt Col Schroeder, LTC Gillett, John Thomas, LCDR Love, Mrs. Green, COL Brogan, LTC Ptzszynski

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mrs. Fiebrandt presented the minutes from the March 26, 2024 Board Meeting. A correction should be made to the minutes changing the \$250.00 donation to \$150.00 for the Honor Flight program. The correction will be made. She is actively looking for a volunteer to take on this position.

TREASURER'S REPORT: LTC Peters was present and reported the monthly chapter income to be:

Current (24 Mar 2024) balances are:

501 c 19 Checking:	\$ 2,704.29
501 c 19 T-bills (Operating Fund):	\$ 19,917.93*....continuous \$5,000 rollover weekly (Thursdays)...\$20,000 face value
501 c 19 Cash:	\$ 200.00
501 c 19 Savings (Scholarship):	\$ 2,180.81
501 c 19 T-bills (Scholarship):	\$ 12,645.07...matures as \$5,000 on 17 Apr 2025; \$3,000 on 05 July 2024, rolling over every 13 weeks; \$5,00 on 01 Aug 2024, rolling over every 13 weeks;
501 c 19 Total:	\$ 37,448.10

(*purchase price)

No credit card balance, **\$3,000 in scholarship checks are outstanding (not cashed) but have been deleted from 501 c 19 Checking amount above...Franklin, Keekin, & Tran...CHASE shows checking balance as \$5,704.29 vs. \$2,704.29**

501 c 3 Checking:	\$ 2,495.20
501 c 3 Savings:	\$ 3,500.00
501 c 3 Total:	\$ 5,995.20

MAJ Holland has a debit card for the chapter and LTC Peters has a debit card for both the chapter and the philanthropy fund. It was suggested that MAJ Holland apply for a debit card for the philanthropy fund as she is the designated owner and that will remove the need to transfer the one debit card back and forth.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communication: CDR Fiebrandt Reported articles for the State Communique need to be submitted by the 3rd of May. He will include photos and bios of the cadets who received awards at the luncheon.

Surviving Spouse Liaison: Pat Green reported that she received a refund from TriCare for Life and she was only required to pay the catastrophic deductible. She has kept us informed on how Tricare has handled her these expenses from an injury while traveling aboard. Important for us all to be aware of such needs.

Pat was able to use the National Surviving Spouse members to “storm the hill” with letters calling for supportive legislation from our legislators. MOAA Website had the Legislative Advocacy Program up and running which helped this event.

Pat hosted a Round Up for the Surviving Spouses Virtual Chapter when she was unable to attend the National Convention.

Pat will be speaking at the upcoming MOAA State Convention and mentioned that the National Surviving Spouse Advisory Council has accepted three new board members. Board members are from FL, PA, MD, KS, WA, AR and NC are now represented. The National SS Virtual Chapter has 236 members. They host a book club that has 24 active members and many of the books have a military connection.

MAJ Holland shared due to the lack of interest, the Surviving Spouse Tea to be held at the State Convention has been canceled.

Chaplain’s Report: Chaplain Love requested he be notified of any members needing notes prayers or other spiritual support. He noted that on May 18th, Armed Forces Day, there will be an honor guard at the VFW hall in Oveido and Mission Barbecue is offering free food that day. On May 27th, The American Legion 243, will be hosting the FL Fallen Memorial at the Oveido Cemetery. It is a moving memorial ceremony with an honor guard, crosses for graves, etc. to honor our fallen heroes. It is a moving ceremony. Lorraine noted that on the 27th she would be participating with the Veteran Celebrations in downtown Orlando.

An inquiry was made about Jerry Price and if anyone knew anything new about his recovery. Lorraine has reached out and left voices messages, but no response. Members believe he is still in rehab as they have seen no activity in his home. He left a message with Pat Green but she has not been able to get in contact with him.

President’s Remarks: Lorraine thanked all involved with JROTC awards luncheon. She thanked Mike and Vicki Gillett for their lead with the awards luncheon along with John Thomas’ work with the JROTC medal program for local JROTC programs.

The families were delighted to have had their child selected to receive our award. We managed to get photos of all of the cadets and CDR Fiebrandt plans to use the photos with a small biography on each recipient for the next newsletter. Sadly we forgot to get pictures of the whole group as we have done in years past. All in all it was a wonderful luncheon enjoyed by all. LTC Dean Ptszynski has graciously agreed to chair the JROTC Awards Luncheon for next year.

John Thomas thanked COL Bob Brogan for stepping up to spear head the JROTC medal program we provide to area schools. Like Dean, he has new ideas to share. MAJ Holland reiterated the

connection between new leaders with new ideas and urged us to continue to invite people to step up and take a turn at serving on the board.

MAJ Holland and Lin Welch continue to attend the Lake Nona Art Classes that we support with refreshments. A new class, Women Veterans Art class begins on April 24th and welcome any of our members to join in the fun. They will meet at 1 PM at the Lake Nona VA Recreation Center and held in the Crescent Room 1st Floor by the cafeteria. Upcoming dates are: May 22nd, June 26th, and July 24th.

On May 13-15 Lorraine will be attending the State Convention and running the Hospitality Room. She will be purchasing the food and drinks. Our chapter's expenses will be reimbursed by the FCOC.

On April 22nd Lorraine, Lin Welch and Bob Brogan set up a chapter table to represent out MOAA Chapter at the Our Community Salutes (OCS) to recognize high school enlistees and their families from Central Florida. It was a great event but they did not recruit a single new member for our club.

Every two years MOAA National changes out a portion of the Board of Directors. MAJ Holland was nominated by the FCOC to serve on the Nominating Board. She will be reviewing 60 resumes on the 23 and 24th of May in Alexandria to help select the candidates who will appear in the magazine so you can vote for the next two year cycle of Board Members. MOAA National will pick up her travel bill.

Webmaster: Ken Dold was not in attendance as he has been dealing with health issues. Al Shroeder shared that Ken has not been able to make any progress in getting us an Instagram account to showcase the artists' work from our Healing through Expressions philanthropy program.

Grant Applications: Kin LaFate is traveling but did announce we did get approval a \$1,000 grant to go into the 501 c 3 account. In addition he reminded us that on the 18th of May we have two conflicting events. 1. Retiree Activity Day (RAD) out at the UCF Student Union Building (12715 Pegasus Drive, Orlando, FL 32618) where our Chapter, together with MOAA National will host a Chapter table and encouraged board members to attend. (Hosts: MAJ Holland and Pat Green) The 2024 FDVA Veterans Benefits guide is due to be published the first week of May. Lorraine is having three boxes shipped hoping they arrive in time for RAD. The Military History Museum announced that they would host an armed forces day event on the 18th of May and invited our artists to participate just as they had last month. Lt Col Schroeder, wife Ruth; and Lyn Welsh will attend this event. This is why we are getting another chapter table cloth. MAJ Holland will send the flyers for these events to Chaplain Love. Also, that evening at the History Museum there will be a Korean War Veterans Dinner. MAJ Holland forwarded that information on to our members with Korean connections.

UCF ROTC: Lorraine presented Cadet Alana Lucas, from the Army ROTC program, was awarded a \$500.00 scholarship and medal from our chapter. Bob Brogan attended the presentation and

met with the Cadre of the UCF Air Force ROTC program to discuss who their recipient is for this medal and scholarship. Date for the presentation ceremony has yet to be determined.

JROTC: We were delighted to have 30 of the 33 high schools asking for awards this year for their members. Bob Brogan has dived right into the program and this year marks our largest number of high schools that are receiving the MOAA medal. An area that deeply concerns us is the lack of other Veteran Service Organizations that send a representative to present their medal. I have raised this concern to my various veteran councils I sit on. We continue to ask our members to volunteer to present the MOAA medals to lighten the load on the few of us that do it. We need to relook at the certificates, the folders and the medals and pouches so that we can put in one big order through MOAA.org through their shop to save on shipping. We have enough for this year so we have some time. Dean, Bob, Lorraine and maybe Mike can have a quick zoom to talk about making sure we have supplies. We have helped out Vero Beach twice this year with certificates and medals twice as their president is dealing with the loss of his wife and they had not had any on hand to present.

Lorraine asked for a volunteer to attend the quarterly Combined Professional Associations Group (CPAG) at 8:00 AM on May 10th. The meeting is held at Central Florida Tech Grove, 12809 Science Drive, Orlando and is usually zoom or in person. This meeting marries up civilian industrial complex with the military industrial community. It's a sharing of events. (Lorraine can forward events for us.)

Our chapter will be participating at the "Our Community Salutes" to recognize high school enlistees and their families from Central Florida on May 22nd. We will have our MOAA table with veteran artists and limited artwork on display. The dinner will be between 6-8PM. More information will be forthcoming.

May 4th from 1PM -4PM the FVW Post 2093 (4444 Edgewater Drive, Orlando) will be hosting a Veterans & Family Benefits Fair. We have registered to showcase our veteran artists and their artwork.

Grant Applications:

RAD (Fort Stewart Retiree Appreciation Day May 18, 2024:

Our chapter has registered for two tables at the event to be held at the UCF Student Union Center, 12715 Pegasus Drive, Orlando, FL 32816. One table will be for MOAA CFC to showcase our Healing through Expressions project while recruiting new members. The second table is for MOAA FCOC where they will also be doing recruitment for active memberships.

ROTC Program: The UCF Army ROTC MOAA medal and \$500 scholarship award will be presented by MAJ Holland on the 18th of April at 2:00 pm to Cadet Alana Lucas. Ceremony will take place at the UCF Campus in Classroom Building 2, Room 106 located behind Garage F off of Gemini Blvd.

JROTC Program: Webmaster: Ken Dold reported that he has the Facebook page and the Instagram links up on both the Healing through Expression and Philanthropy Fund pages. If you click on the Instagram or the Philanthropy Fund it is the same Instagram page as the Healing

through Expression page. Facebook pages are slightly different. In regards to accessing a QR code he was unable to secure one. The cost to have a QR Code is \$60 to \$80 a year. Ken did not pursue it further until it was board approved. After discussion it was agreed further information was needed before we moved forward with a QR code and Al Schroeder would ask our artists how they acquired their QR codes and what their expenses are. Anybody can post on our Instagram account and Ken Dold approves submitted posts. The suggestion to have Eladio Chavez provide clearance for the artwork artist's submit to be posted on our website was not supported since he is not a member of our organization. Our Webmaster, Ken Dold, will approve the appropriateness of the artwork for the website.

Next Board Meeting: May 20th, 2024 at 10:00 AM

Meeting adjourned at: 11:21 AM

Respectfully submitted: Joan Fiebrandt

Healing Through Expressions:

There was a lengthy discussion on how the artists are wanting to start a veteran's community. Their goal is to grow their community with an Instagram account. We ultimately agreed we are unable to take on an Instagram account at this time and can revisit this discussion this at the next meeting.