

MOAA CFC Board Meeting Minutes
February 24th, 2025
A Zoom meeting facilitated by LTC Gillett

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by MAJ Holland at 10:11 AM. LCDR Love led us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

QUORUM: A quorum was present with MAJ Holland, COL Kin La Fate, Mrs. Fiebrandt, LTC Peters, LCDR Love, Mrs. Pat Green, CDR Fiebrandt, Lt. Col. Schroeder, LTC Dean Ptaszynski and Mike Gillett were in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Rather than having detailed review of the prior minutes, it was decided that minutes would be sent out for comment. Thus the minutes from the January 27, 2025, Board of Directors meeting were sent out yesterday. If anyone has any comments or corrections, please send them to the Secretary for posting. It was noted that Bob Letendre might be interested in assuming the Secretary position if and when he gets relieved from his duties from the RAD Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Please note we now have a new CFC mailing address which is more convenient for current Board members.

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Balances as of Sunday 23 Feb 2025:

Basic Chapter (501 c 19):

NAVY Federal CU:	\$ 3,447.52
Treasury Bills:	\$ 33,878.41 (\$34,300 at maturity; \$18K @ 1-4 weeks in \$2K and \$3K increments, ~4.3% interest, \$16.3K matures in April for scholarship, 4.5-5.2% interest)
Total	\$ 37,325.93 (of which \$17,172.93 is scholarship donations / scholarship "account")

Philanthropy Fund a.k.a Healing Through Expression (501 c 3):

NAVY Federal CU:	\$ 335.90 (\$1500 T-bill will be cashed-in on 25 Feb to refresh cash balance)
Treasury Bills:	\$ 5,980.14 (\$6000 at maturity, 1-4 weeks in \$1500 increments, ~4.3% interest)
Total	\$ 6,316.04

John noted that Joseph V. Hines had completed his audit of our finances and found them acceptable. The audit statement is available on the web site.

John Peters sent a check for \$250 in Beth Thomas's honor to First Presbyterian Church of Haines City. He also issued a check for \$250 to a non-profit National Association of Intercultural Family Mission (NAICFM).

COMMUNICATIONS: CDR Fiebrandt noted that the FCoC February Communique' newsletter is published on www.flmoaa.org. A full CFC Focus Newsletter is coming up and input is needed as soon as possible, but NLT March 1, 2025. The Harris Award applications were submitted for the Focus and the Chapter Website. Ken Dold was very helpful in updating the website to make the Facebook link more prominent and working correctly (this is a criteria for the Harris Award).

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Pat Green noted that she spoke at the recent LTC in Orlando and is scheduled to speak at the upcoming Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) in March. She also noted that she had heard that Honor Flights would be starting up soon from Sanford.

CHAPLAINS REPORT:

Chaplain Tom Love to update us on issues he may be seeing in the military community. John Thomas emailed he was very appreciative of our sympathy card, and it arrived on a particularly emotional day for him. Knowing it was signed by our members helped cheer him up. He said he would try to make our March luncheon.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS: Ron and Angela Navratil were very appreciative of our \$250 donation at January's luncheon to the National Association of Intercultural Family Mission (NAICFM). Ron gave a check for \$300 towards our scholarship fund. Pat Green and Lorraine will attend the Central Florida Korean Association (CFKA) 106th Commemoration of Korean Independence from Japan rule (1919). The event will be held at the University of Florida Extension/Education Center at 6021 S. Conway Rd., Orlando, 32812, at 3:00pm on Sunday March 2, 2025. Please come for some free entertainment and Korean food. Everyone is invited.

The FCoC Leadership Training Seminar LTS/Mini Convention was January 17/18/19 at the Rosen Center. I used the 501(c)19 card to purchase items for the Hospitality room. On Feb 17, 2025, I submitted a final bill of \$937.94 to FCoC for expenses incurred in support of the hospitality room. Both Randy will be reimbursed for expenses paid out of pocket (see breakout below).

Costco.	\$653.90	Publix.	\$ 88.61	Walgreens	\$ 19.96	Ice	\$ 21.70
Beer	\$ 37.22	Tipping	\$ 50.00	Parking	\$ 66.55		
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Total owed	\$937.94						

Randy Fiebrandt is owed \$58.92 Ice \$ 21.70 + Beer \$ 37.22

Lorraine is owed \$50.00 for tipping

MOAA Central Florida Chapter is owed \$829.02

The Annual Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) is March 22nd at UCF and is open to all military, retirees, veterans and their families. Our Chapter will have a MOAA table. Pat Green will be a speaker on Surviving Spouses. MOAA National will also have a speaker. At the moment over 1500 persons have registered. I plan to arrive at 7:30am as the attendees will start at 8am. Pre-registering helps speed up the process upon entering the event at 12175 Pegasus Dr, Orlando UCF Student Union. If you want to attend the event, we are being asked to register at <https://2025retireeappreciationday.eventbrite.com/>

Our Community Salutes (OCS) April 16th is at Edgewater High School at 7pm to honor Central Florida high school students who have just enlisted in the military. OCS celebrates our Central Florida (and surrounding areas) High School Seniors who have contracted and taken an oath with their local Recruiter to enlist. I will be emailing Bob Brogan with details and a flyer and ask that he invite our JROTC cadre to support the event. Our Chapter will have a MOAA table. We expect between 500-700 attendees.

The 2025 FDVA Florida Veterans Benefits Guide are now in hard copy. I'm just about out of the 15 cases of 300 guides and ordered another 10 cases.

Time to think about new Board of Director members! We have 2 Board Directors, a Secretary and several other positions open (President comes to mind!).

Our luncheon speaker for March 11th Coalition Director for Concerned Veterans for America (CVA) about legislation in support of our military, veterans and families. I've also invited FCoC Legislative Affairs Chairman Pierre Louis. Please let me know suggestions for JROTC luncheon speaker for Saturday April 12th.

COMMITTEES:

Kin LaFate: Kin discussed the pending application for a \$2500 grant from the American Legion; it must be linked to a VA event, thus referencing the VA Art Show. Kin attended the annual Combined Professional Associations Group (CPAG) Breakfast on February 13th at Central Florida Tech Grove. He noted there was some discussion/concern on pending 30% cuts in DoD civilian workforce, particularly those newer employees. He is also working with Benevity Causes for JROTC and ROTC scholarship grants.

Bob Brogan and Dean Ptaszynski: Dean noted that we have 18 JROTC cadet nominations and will double check to make sure none are missed. The JROTC interviews are scheduled on March 1 and 15 at the DoubleTree starting at 0830 each day. Lorraine, Dean and Kin are on the review committed with Mike Gillett the welcoming committee outside. The JROTC awards luncheon is on April 12. We have about \$9,000 (8 JROTC and 2 ROTC) available for scholarships this year.

March 24, 2025, at 10:00 for the next BOD meeting. I want to thank Mike Gillett for being so accommodating and willing to host this month's Zoom!

Healing Through Expression:

The Orlando Mayors Veterans Council is sponsoring a veteran art display in the county courthouse rotunda in coordination with some matinee shows at Dr. Phillips. We are looking at spring or early summer, based on Mayor Dyer's schedule. Let Al know if you are interested in helping.

The Military History Museum is having a veteran weekend event on March 1st and March 2nd. We will only be supporting the event on March 1st. Al and Ruth Schroeder is trying to find willing artists to exhibit. Please consider coming out on March 1st to help and meet our artists!

The next free VA Open Studio Art Clinic is March 10th at 9:30am on the 4th floor Conference Room 10 at Lake Nona. Marybeth Verbinski is the VA Recreational Therapist POC for veterans. Text or call MaryBeth at 407-403-4718 (cell) or email Mary.Verbinski@va.gov and let her know you would like to attend.

Adjourned at 1139.

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