

MOAA Central Florida Chapter
ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes December 15, 2025

Call to Order. A quorum was present with MAJ Holland, COL Kin La Fate, LCDR Love, Mrs. Pat Green, CDR Fiebrandt, Lt. Col. Schroeder, LTC Dean Ptaszynski, CDR Ungerman and LTC Gillett in attendance. Meeting commenced at 0901.

Tom Love led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Randy is temporarily assisting in secretary duties and we are seeking a permanent replacement for him. Randy briefly highlighted the minutes of the October 15, 2025, Board of Directors meeting. If no comments are received by the end of the day, the minutes will be considered approved and uploaded to our website.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

ON behalf of LTC John Peters, MAJ Holland briefed the treasurers' report. LTC Peter's two financial reports as of Dec 11, 2025 were noted. We received on Dec 9, 2025, the expected \$2,500 from Winter Park American Legion Auxiliary (Neil Colbert) to support HWE. This is our second year receiving the grant from the American Legion Auxiliary. Ten + years ago, our CF Chapter donated (amount unknown) to MOAA National's Scholarship program. Each year we expect to see a letter from MOAA announcing who they gave scholarship money to. John received the attached letter from MOAA.

MOAA Board of Directors Team:

COMMUNICATION:

CDR Fiebrandt – The December 2025 FCoC Communique' newsletter was just published and everyone is encouraged to open and read it. It is also published at www.flmoaa.org. Our next full issue of our MOAA CFC Focus is due to Randy NLT January 3, 2026. John asked him to include a note about Dues being due.

There was a brief discussion about Life Memberships, to bring Mike Ungerman up to date. MAJ Holland commented on COL Steve Bond's comments about emails distributing the Communique, 4000 out, 900 returned, only 1000 opened up. There was note about the MOAA National sharing the membership lists. COL Bond will be sending out a blast inviting all folks to join us.

SURVIVING SPOUSE:

Pat Green noted that there was nothing local to report. The Virtual Chapter is now open to all spouses, not just surviving spouses, but they must be MOAA members. MOAA National has blessed the process even though it was noted that there is no membership option for spouses of members.

CHAPLAINS REPORT:

Chaplain Tom Love noted that we should remember this time of year to reach out to those who may be having a difficult time right now. Christmas time is a tough time for surviving spouses especially. Remember that there are lots of families that need to be remembered.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

We have our annual MOAA Florida Council of Chapters (FCoC) Leadership Training Seminar and Mini Convention at the Rosen Center January 29-31, 2026. As in past years, they ask FL MOAA chapters to help financially contribute to cover the cost of a meal, hospitality room, and help support a donation we make to the MOAA Foundation. Our chapter has received Foundation grant money in the past, and it's a way to help pay it forward. Last year we provided \$500, and we need to vote to once again donate for the event. Motion made by Dean, Al seconded, all in favor. Once again, our Chapter is running the Hospitality Room, and we need Volunteers! I saw hands up from Eugenia, Charles, Joanie and Bob Brogan at our luncheon. Anyone else please let me know.

Lorraine owes Dean Ptaszynski information about the quarterly Combined Professional Associations Group (CPAG) at Central Florida Tech Grove, Research Center near UCF. The CPAG Annual Defense Forum Breakfast is scheduled for Jan 16, 2026, but there are some questions whether it will happen. This would have the potential to help meet officers and entice them to join MOAA. We previously had Kin and I believe John Peters attend. Dean would be a good candidate to attend on our behalf but is unavailable that date. Kin is available.

Our next Chapter luncheon is January 13th, 2026. Any ideas for a guest speaker? CDR Ungerman made some suggestions about VA representatives.

There was some discussion about VA gaming programs to help National Guard members, et al, relax, destress and deal with PTSD issues. CDR Ungerman is involved in exactly this with the American Legion. Maybe we could consider this as part of our 501(c)3 programs.

Our Community Salutes is a MOAA endorsed (but not funded) organization that celebrates high school seniors who have signed an enlisted contract with a recruiter. I've been involved for last 3 years to help with logistics. The date is April 22nd, 2026, at 1600. Lorraine will be going next week to two high schools to scout out a location. We will have a MOAA table. Dean has a current list of HS contacts. Lorraine would like to have some JROTC support for the event.

Proposed our next Board of Directors meeting on February 17th, 2026 at 10:00 am and agreed.

Directors and Committees:

Webmaster: Ken has been posting a lot of information onto our CFC and HTE website. Since the American Legion Auxiliary in Winter Park are requiring a flyer with their logo on it for the VA Lake Nona Art Contest on January 8, 2026, Ken is working his magic to produce a very basic flyer from the sample we sent him.

Kin LaFate: Mark your calendars! April 18, 2026, Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD). I will be requesting a table for our MOAA chapter and inviting a POC from the 5 other MOAA Chapters in East Central area to help get new members. Kin discussed movement on acquiring JROTC Scholarship grants money and upcoming grants for Healing Through Expression from Benevity Causes. Kin warned about a new license plate law that is out limiting plate frames that cover up the sticker and/or numbers. Beware!

Dean Ptaszynski: On Dec 11, 2025, Dean emailed the MOAA CFC "Cadet of the Year" Scholarship Cadet Nomination Forms to our JROTC Instructors. He attached a memo explaining this year's process and deadlines. Key dates are February 20 - nominations due to Dean and Mike. February 28 and March 14 are our Interviews at the DoubleTree UCF conference room. The Scholarship Awards Luncheon will be on Saturday April 11, 2026. Note: over the last years we have held our interviews in the conference room at the DoubleTree on two Saturdays, without a fee. I believe business is really picking up at the DoubleTree, as we worked back and forth to nail down the dates we did. We only have a short window of time to conduct two Saturday interviews, and one Saturday luncheon. Please keep in mind the following from Annette: "Because I comp the conference room for Lorraine, I can't reserve it less than 60 days out. If you wanted to reserve it earlier then I would have to charge you \$250 per day for the room."

Relook at JROTC supplies (to include Dark Blue Medal pouches). FCoC is once again spending \$3 per medal for all Florida MOAA Chapters. Discussed the need of volunteers to present upcoming 2026 MOAA medals to JROTC schools. Discussed the status of an updated JROTC/ROTC Instructor Roster.

Mike Ungerman: Welcome as one of our Directors and our CFC Resource Chair. Mike to share information on putting his huge Resource Book online. He discussed the "findhelp.org" program and wants to put his present Resource Book on there. Received a quote via the Seminole County Veterans Council and may have a benefactor to support the effort.

Healing Through Expression:

Due to limited time, discussions on HTE were deferred until the next meeting.

Adjourned at 0957.

Thursday, October 16, 2025



Central Florida Chapter
PO Box 141025
Orlando, Florida 32814

Dear Central Florida Chapter,

We are pleased to inform you that a student from the MOAA Education Assistance Program has been selected to receive **The Central Florida Chapter Designated Scholarship**. Your generous contributions have played an essential role in making our Designated Scholarships possible, and we are incredibly grateful for your continued support of The MOAA Scholarship Fund.

Thanks to donors like you, we awarded over \$16 million in scholarships and interest-free loans to more than 1,800 students this school year.

We would like to share a message on behalf of **Lily Maxcy**, who was matched to your scholarship.

Once again, thank you for your generous support and for making a lasting difference in the lives of our military families and their children.

Sincerely,

The MOAA Scholarship Fund
Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)
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Alexandria, VA 22314-2539
800.234.6622
Charities.moaa.org

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Dear Central Florida Chapter,

I would like to start this off by stating that I am so incredibly grateful for The Central Florida Chapter Designated Scholarship. I am a passionate student and I hope to advocate for the Florida environment and vital ecosystems here in my future. With your donation, I am able to further my academic career by engaging in my classes and student life with less financial burden on my back. I am also granted the opportunity to become a dedicated member of the University of Central Florida community!

I hope to join the Biology Beta Psi Omega Fraternity this semester in order to hone in on my major of Marine Biology, and I also engage in local music around my campus and area. I am so glad to have received this extremely generous donation and also to be able to utilize it in becoming a more active student and member of my Florida community. As a student hoping to pursue biology in my career and possibly to further conservation efforts in the state, I am so grateful to have the privilege of financial support along the way. Thank you so much, Central Florida Chapter!

Sincerely,
Lily Maxcy