

## The Volusia Officers Call

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#### **MOAA's Mission**

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is a nonprofit veterans' association dedicated to maintaining a strong national defense and ensuring our nation keeps its commitments to currently serving, retired, and former members of the uniformed services and their families and survivors. Membership is open to those who hold or have ever held a warrant or commission in any component of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, or NOAA and their surviving spouses.



## President's Perspective—

I would like to take a moment to encourage you to set aside time and reach out to other Chapter members, your family, and friends. Some of you knew one of our members, Capt Doug Speight. Ruthie, his spouse, contacted us and she shared that he had been admitted to the hospital here in DeLand after experiencing a

fall. I went to visit him. Doug was lucid and we chatted. He asked about the chapter, we laughed, and even listened to one of his favorite songs. Sadly, Doug passed away a few days later, February 12, 2024. R.I.P. Doug. You will be missed. We are not promised tomorrow so make the best of now!

After the next membership meeting in March we only have two left before we adjourn for the summer. Our next speaker is historian and journalist, Mr. Al Everson. I personally enjoy his articles in the Beacon and look forward to his presentation. We will wrap up April and May with a vote on a new slate of officers. However, between now and then we have lots to do because the 2024 Florida Council of Chapters (FCoC) Annual Convention kicks off 12-15 May. Maj Pete Durnell and the FCoC are putting together the final changes and will be ready to execute. The Convention Program, business, and chapter advertising are a focus so that we can get this to the printer by April 15th. Several of you have participated in the personal "Brick Ad" program. This year we are offering you an opportunity to recognize, honor, or commemorate a loved one, a friend, or organization with a special message in the Convention magazine. Please consider purchasing a "Brick Ad" or

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## **MOAA Take Action Center** -

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## Legislative -

Budget Delays Continue to Threaten Military Pay Benefits

The ongoing battle to pass a timely budget – one that would fund the all-volunteer force and provide the service-earned benefits championed by MOAA and fellow advocacy groups hits several milestones in March:

On March 1, the first of two continuing resolutions keeping the federal government open is set to expire. If Congress does not act before this date, funds for military construction projects and VA health care and benefit programs, along with many other federal programs, will dry up.

On March 8, the second such resolution hits its deadline. With no congressional action, funds would run out for the rest of the federal government, to include DoD.

On March 11, the White House plans to publish its FY 2025 budget request, doing so more than a month after the established filing deadline (a delay that has become more common in recent years).

So, in a span of 11 days, Congress will face another scramble to avoid a federal shutdown connected to a budget that should have been passed six months earlier, then move onto discussing next year's spending request from the administration ... which lawmakers should have received in early February.

MOAA members have sent more than 13,000 messages to their lawmakers about the current budget cycle alone, adding their voices to our advocates on Capitol Hill who are working to improve this dysfunctional process. MOAA has engaged with both legislators and administration officials on the need to move faster and meet critical deadlines. That

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## Last Meeting (7 FEB 2024) -

President MAJ Raul Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 1144 hours.

Attendance: 37

CH LTC Chris Hoffmann gave the invocation followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

MAJ Gonzalez welcomed our members and guests: Jeff Brower, Volusia County Chair, and son Beau Brower; New Members: Col Donald Anderson, MAJ David Stone, Maj Benjamin Diggs, Wendy Smith-wife of LtCol Don Smith

Lunch was served: Salmon, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, and Brownie with Ice Cream.

MAJ Gonzalez asked Maj Curt Voelbel that the 50/50 drawings be done at this time. Then the members' free lunch drawing.

MAJ Shirley Burtnett won the free lunch for the 6 MAR 2024 meeting/luncheon.

MAJ Gonzalez introduced: Jeff Brower, Volusia County Chair

The Volusia County Chair serves as the official and ceremonial representative of the government; presides as chair in the County Council meetings and has an equal vote on all questions coming before it; and executes ordinances, resolutions and other authorized documents of the government. Jeff Brower began a four-year term in January 2021.

Government experience: Associate Supervisor for the Volusia Soil and Water Conservation District Community service: Board Member, Sons of the Beach; Father and business owner providing community service and volunteering as a family. Education: Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Science, University of Florida

Mr. Brower discussed some challenges the county is facing and focused his discussion on water issues. The title of the presentation "It is all our water" - "One Water". The Indian River Lagoon is called the "cradle of the ocean" and is a fish nurse-

ry for many species found off the FL coast. The Lagoon is now facing an ecological crisis. Fin fish are being wiped out and the offshore fishing industry is becoming wiped out.

Water pollution is a huge issue. There are more than 1,000 springs in Florida (FL) and no 2 are alike. The aquatic plants keep the waters clean but the aquatic plants are dying off from the pollution which causes the algae to take over. Nitrogen in the springs is toxic. Algae kills the fish. There is a salt water aquifer under the rivers and the sea level is rising which has a negative impact on the rivers. Solutions: 1. Change how we develop lands 2. Low impact development 3. Preserve wetlands

MAJ Gonzalez thanked Jeff Brower for speaking to the WVMC today and presented him with a FCoC coin.

MAJ Gonzalez asked if there were any corrections to the 6 December 2023 and 3 January 2024 Luncheon Meeting Minutes as posted in the VOC. Motion to approve both minutes as posted in the VOC was made by COL Jack Burtnett and seconded by Maj Pete Durnell. Motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1. MAJ Gonzalez stated that several of the WVMC Board members attended the FCoC Leadership Conference 25-28 JAN 2024 at the Rosen Centre Hotel, 9840 International Drive, Orlando. Our Chapter received the Level of Excellence Award for 2022. MAJ Gonzalez asked LTC Michael Magee to pin the emblem on our flag streamer.
- 2. MAJ Gonzalez stated our Chapter is hosting the FCoC Conference 12-15 May 2024 at the . Shores Resort and Spa 2637 S. Atlantic Ave, Daytona Beach, FL. We need volunteers to help with this event. The planning is done. CH LTC Chris Hoffmann will be conducting the memorial service for deceased members. Currently working on soliciting ads for the convention magazine. One way to support the conference is to submit a "Brick" in memory of a loved one. The cost is

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- \$15.00. Samples will be sent to the membership by the secretary. Registration is open on line at MOAAFL.org
- MAJ Gonzalez stated we applied for the MOAA Level of Excellence Award for 2023.
- 4. MAJ Gonzalez asked LtCol Davis to explain the edits for the Bylaws. LtCol Davis explained the one recommended edit to the previous years Bylaws and that the Board had approved the recommended change. The Bylaws with the recommended change was published in the December 2023 VOC for the membership to review. LtCol Davis asked for a motion to accept the recommended change to the Bylaws. A motion was made by COL Jack Burtnett and seconded by LTC Ernie Tauber that we accept the recommended Bylaw change. Motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. MAJ Gonzalez stated he is looking for Nominating Committee Chairman. Please see him if interested.
- 2. MAJ Gonzalez announced there will be no Spring Fling this year due to our chapter hosting the FCoC Conference.
- 3. MAJ Gonzalez stated he is working on developing a new website for our chapter.
- 4, MAJ Pam Ring stated the DeBary
  Hometown Heroes Banner Program Committee had their first meeting. At this meeting the members developed criteria for being considered: Veteran with a DD214 with an Honorable Discharge and either a current or former resident of DeBary. More information will be available at our next chapter meeting.

MAJ Gonzalez called for reports:

Secretary's Report: LtCol Twila Davis- the Level of Excellence Award for 2023 was submitted to MOAA. LtCol Davis thanked everyone who assisted in this effort.

Treasurer's Report: Maj Pete Durnell reported the checking and savings account balance account balance as of 31 JAN 2024 is \$ 5095.75 and \$2700.51 in savings. The total earmarked for the ROTC Scholarships is \$2756.00 and \$500.00 for VET Causes. Treasurers report is given for informational purpose and is subject to audit.

Directors and Committee Reports: LTC Laura Wickett -1<sup>st</sup> VP – nothing to report.

2nd VP- CAPT Bonner - nothing to report.

Maj Mick Cotten -Director- excused MAJ Gonzalez stated that Maj Cotten has moved to South Carolina.

Col Jim Winter - Director - nothing to report.

MAJ Shirley Burtnett -Director – announced this Saturday the DeLand Dog Parade is at 1100 hours.

LTC Laura Wickett- Scholarship Chair -stated she has not received any responses from the Scholarship applications and letters that were delivered to the 5 schools.

LTC Mike Galaty -Legislative Chair -encouraged all members to take action on the MOAA legislative platforms. He stated it is very easy and he included the QR Code in the VOC.

Maj Curt Voelbel - Chief of Staff and Membership Chair - reported we have 54 current members. Our goal is 60. Keep recruiting.

CW4 Thomas Jackson- Community Relations stated that Barracks of Hope provides transitional housing for veterans. We support this effort. They are always in need of cleaning supplies, twin sheets, laundry soap and personal toiletries. They currently are not accepting clothing but Heroes' Mile, 2775 Big John Dr, DeLand accepts clothing items. CW4 Jackson reminded the members the

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## Guest Speaker's Bio -

Born at an early age in Bristol, Virginia, I was the only child — one was enough — of parents who came of age during the Great Depression and took part in World War II.

My father was a career soldier, a veteran of World War II, the Korean War and the Cold War. He retired from the Army in 1965 with the rank of master sergeant and 22 1/2 years of active duty, mostly in recruiting. After retiring from the Army, he worked in life insurance.

My mother went to work during her high school years in Bristol, Tennessee, to supplement her family's income, which was small due to the death of her father, a World War I veteran, in an auto accident in 1932. She worked in a department store and as a telephone switchboard operator, before marrying my father at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, in August 1941. As a soldier in the Tennessee National Guard, my father's unit had been called up for active duty. My parents had known each other for years before they married.

After he was discharged in October 1941, my parents moved back to Tennessee, where my father worked as a truck driver. He hauled explosives for the burgeoning war effort, and he later worked in a plant making artillery shells. He was drafted anew in April 1943 and sent to California, where he again underwent basic training and extensive maneuvers in the desert. My mother, who had moved from Tennessee to be with him, became a staff car driver at the San Bernardino Army Air Base.

As the war progressed, my father was finally ordered to sail for Europe in early 1945. He arrived in France immediately after the Battle of the Bulge and was assigned to General George S. Patton's Third Army for the invasion of Germany. He was in a tank retriever company, whose men and heavy trucks picked up damaged or destroyed armor after battles. After the war, he became an Army recruiter in his hometown, Bristol. I did not appear until 1949. My father's recruiting career was interrupted in 1952, when he was sent to Korea. There he spent 18 months in charge of a truck company, which he said, hauled ammunition to the front and hauled the wounded back from the front.

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#### **New Members -**



Don Anderson is a retired USMC colonel who lives in DeLand.

Ben Diggs is a retired USAF major who lives in DeBary with his wife Carolyn.





Wendy Smith is the wife of WVMC member Don Smith; they live in Port Orange.

Dave Stone is a retired Army major who lives in DeLand.



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Suicide Prevention Hotline number is 988.

CH LtCol Chris Hoffmann- Chaplain-reminded the members it's a good idea to simplify life. The world can be complicated and this can be stressful. Everyone needs time to relax. Make your life happier by making it simpler.

LTC Michael Magee-Speaker Coordinator- announced he is working on a speaker for the April 2024 meeting from the FL Department of Transportation. He also advised us to all beware of fraudulent calls. He shared his own experience with a fraud call that sounded very real. Please be careful.

COL Jack Burtnett - Editor - nothing to report.

Ms. Lisa Hightower – Surviving Spouse Liaisonnothing to report .

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Executive Board Meeting will be held on 14 February 2024, 1000 hours at the DeBary Country Club. Members are welcome to attend.

Our next luncheon meeting will be 6 MAR 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 1345 hours.

LtCol Twila Davis, USAF, RET Secretary

### From the Chief of Staff -

As you are aware, we are hosting the Florida Council of Chapters meeting in Daytona Beach Shores, May 12-14, 2024. As such, we will need volunteers to help make this a memorable event that will recognize our chapter.

Because this is the first time we have hosted, and it is right in our backyard, we encourage you to attend. You can commute daily or make it a short vacation on the beach for anywhere from 1-5 nights of fun! See Curt Voelbel, Pete Durnell or Raul Gonzalez to volunteer or for more information about registering.

If you are willing to secure ads in the magazine for this event, it will help our chapter in a BIG way financially and potentially garner business for those who purchase an AD. Again, see Pete Durnell or Raul Gonzalez to sign up. You may also place a business card size ad in the magazine honoring a family member or a friend for only \$15 each.

Remember to stop by the table at our luncheon to purchase a bunch of potential winning 50-50 tickets @ 3 for a dollar. Somebody has to win!

Sample Tee shirts and hat with our local chapter logo will be on display for you to purchase or order. If you prefer, you can bring your own shirt and have our logo printed on it for a very reasonable price.

#### **Veterans Causes**

Barracks of Hope in Daytona provides transitional housing for up to 9 months to male and female veterans who have struggled with homelessness, addiction, and mental health. Single occupancy rooms are provided, along with mental health counseling, case management, and three meals per day. You can help by bringing to each luncheon a quart size Zip "Hygiene Bag" filled with Toothpaste, Brush, Shampoo, Soap, Deodorant, etc.

Additionally, we will collect unexpired Pantry items for The West Volusia Salvation Army and cash donations may be dropped in the buckets at the door for Veteran's Causes and JR ROTC Scholarships.

Maj Curt Voelbel, USAF, RET Chief of Staff

## The Chaplain's Corner -

Into every life there are wonderful and exciting things that happen. But equally true into most people's lives there are things that happen that are often unfair, occasionally cruel, and always demanding. Some of them we try to escape from. Other things like injustice we should change if we can. But often our problems will not yield to either of these solutions. The only healthy way then forward is to accept life as it really is and deal with it that way.

When a person is facing illness, dementia, or the effects of aging it can be frustrating and lonely. Letting go of things that we took for granted, like driving a car, cooking a meal, or taking a walk become difficult or impossible.

Family and care givers often wonder what they should say to the person facing these things. Sometimes the best thing is to simply listen. Real listening happens all too rarely. Often we are distracted by our own concerns, things on television, difficulties with a family member or co-worker or other things. when someone really listens to you, you realize what a special gift they are giving you. Often, because those closest to us are busy, people will seek the advice of clergy or a therapist. That is not a bad thing, but wouldn't it be better if you and I could be that person who really listens when someone needs that?

Is someone in your life hurting, grieving, angry, or lonely? Do not be anxious around them because you do not know what to say. Seldom is it important for you to say anything, nor could "the right words" fix their pain. No, most of the time all a hurting person wants is for someone to take the time to hear them, be with them, in silence or in conversation. Just listen. (Continued on page 11)

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pressure needs to continue because of what's at stake if these costly behaviors continue.

Lawmakers will look to hear from their constituents during this election cycle, and MOAA members should take that opportunity to insist on changes to this broken budget process. Send a message to your legislators today through MOAA's Legislative Action Center, and then spread the word (and the link) through your social media channels.

"This update was extracted from the MOAA website. For more detailed information regarding this Legislative topic go to the MOAA website: https://www.moaa.gov and search for News & Info"

Do Your Part – Take Action – Be an Advocate Ask your law makers to pass a Budget.

LTC Michael Galaty Jr, USA, RET Legislative



The next meeting, 6 MAR, will be held at the DeBary Country Club, 300 Plantation Club Drive, DeBary, FL 32713. The meal will be Chicken Francese with lemon cream

sauce served with the Chef's 2 sides. There will also be a dessert. The lunch cost is \$24 per meal. We ask that you either pay by check or with cash (exact change helps) at the door. This month our guest speaker will be Al Everson from our local newspaper, The West Volusia Beacon.

Please bring your unexpired pantry items for the Salvation Army and your donation of toiletries for Barracks of Hope.

Upcoming Meeting: 6 MAR 2024 Following Meeting: 3 APR 2024

Upcoming Board Meeting: 12 MAR 2024

Meetings are held at the DeBary Country Club, 300 Plantation Club Drive, DeBary, FL 32713. Social hour starts at 1100 hrs., lunch served at 1130 followed by an interesting guest speaker, then a short business meeting.

### Guest Speaker's Bio - continued from page 5

After he came home in 1953, he resumed recruiting duty. In 1954, he was assigned to Durham, North Carolina, and the following year he moved to Greensboro.

In early 1958, his recruiting was interrupted again when he was assigned as the first sergeant of an engineering company at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Both the Greensboro and the Fort Belvoir assignments were good times for a kid.

My father still yearned to return to recruiting, and in his hometown. He got his wish in late summer 1959, and we moved back to the home turf of my parents.

I spent most of my school years In Bristol. For the most part, I hated school. My favorite subjects in high school were Latin, American history and American government. My career goal at that time was to become a medical doctor. My parents wanted me to go to college, and my first two years were at King College in Bristol. I transferred to Stetson University in 1969, and I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 1971.

Though trained as a teacher, I went to work in radio, later working in the news department of a large AM/FM station in Bristol, Virginia. I loved radio. I worked at the now-defunct WXVQ from 1987 to 1999. When the station was sold, the new owners did not want me, so I went to work for THE BEACON, where I have worked since January 2000.

I have also worked as a freelance writer. I have done extensive research into the prisoner-of-war/missing-in-action issue. I have written several articles on the subject, and I hope to complete a definitive book on the subject. At age 74, I still don't know what I want to be when I grow up.

## Passing of two members -

We regret to inform you that two of our members have passed away. Joseph Maybury was a member of our chapter since 2009; his brother Bob is still a member of WVMC. Doug Speight was a member since 2012 and is survived by his wife Ruthie who will be a "Surviving Spouse" member of our chapter.

## Membership -

As mentioned at our Feb luncheon, we currently have 54 members. We lost a few to nonpayment of dues but we gained 4 new members at that luncheon. Let's welcome Col Don Anderson, LTC Barry Haupt, Maj Ben Diggs, MAJ Dave stone, and Wendy Smith, spouse of Don Smith. These numbers represent very impressive recruiting efforts thanks to all those who look at recruiting as not only important to our Chapter's health but who are also very intentional and successful in asking potential eligible members to join us. Our CY 2024 goal is 60. Be sure to share the Trifold brochure that was placed at each seat at the last luncheon that tells who we are, what we do and the benefits of membership. Simply share why you are a member and why they should be as well!

If you are not a current dues-paying member of MOAA National, we encourage you to join by going to the MOAA Website - https://www.moaa.org/content/join-moaa/why-join-moaa/ Information on Premium and Life membership is described. When on the website, scroll down to join. Remember: our membership participation at the National level affects our scoring for MOAA awards, including cash awards.

Maj Curt Voelbel, USAF, RET Membership

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## THE WEST VOLUSIA MOAA CHAPTER (FL30)







FOR THE 2024 FCOC 47TH ANNUAL CONVENTION



May 12-15, 2024 at The Shores Resort & Spa Daytona Beach, Florida

"CAMARADERIE WITH A PURPOSE"



## FCoC Conference Update -

The holidays are now behind us, and we look forward to the new year with anticipation. We all hope that 2024 will be a "good" year both for us individually and for the country. 2024, as you will not have failed to notice, is an election year so it will be time for all of us to do our civic duty and vote.

2024, as again you will not have failed to note, is time for us once again to gather together, celebrate our accomplishments, outline our goals, and generally enjoy each other's company. As a reminder, it will be May 12 through May 15, 2024, at The Shores Resort and Spa in Daytona Beach. I invite you to take a moment to watch a short video produced by the host chapter, the West Volusia MOAA Chapter, which welcomes you to the convention and gives a quick overview of our convention hotel and opportunities available in the Daytona Beach area. Please click on this link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vp-sqWR30o8

When you read this the FCoC web site will be up and running with the Convention Registration information and form there. Please register as soon as you can as the window for registration only runs through mid-April. The hotel will take back unregistered rooms that have been set aside for our use if they have not been filled by this date and, importantly, people who register after this date will likely have to pay the hotel's full room rate.

Speaking of the full rate, our contract with the hotel allows us to offer two extra nights at the hotel at the same rate as you'd pay during the convention nights. You can extend your stay one night (Wednesday night) or two nights (Wednesday and Thursday nights). This is well worth doing as there is so much you can do in Daytona Beach. Or you can do nothing and just sit on the hotel's terrace, by the pool, lounge on the beach, or hang at the tiki bar. There is also the hotel's Spa. Please consider staying the extra day or two and pamper yourself.

So, what can you do if you extend your stay at the Shores after the convention? Here's a quick list of things to do:

Tour Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (Wednesday at 10 AM)

Daytona International Speedway

Motorsport Hall of Fame

Jackie Robinson Stadium (Games on Tuesdays Thru Sundays)

Ponce Inlets Lighthouse and Museum.

The Marine Science Center collocated with the Lighthouse.

Golf at the LPGA Golf Courses.

Hankster's Hot Rods Classic Car Showroom.

Angell & Phelps Chocolate Factory

Luau Fire and Hula Dinner Show

Lady Dolphin of Daytona Dinner and River Cruise

The Cici & Hyatt Brown Art Museum (all Florida art)

The Museum of Arts & Sciences (MOAS)
Tanger Outlets

Top of Daytona Restaurant (next to the hotel) Drive over to ORLANDO where there might be a thing or two to do.

Fine, but what of the convention itself? The agenda is available on the FCoC web site so you can see it when you register. Some highlights: Sunday night there will be a Welcome dinner – space is limited. Monday's highlight will be the President's Reception to be held on the hotel's Ocean Terrace followed by a special Magic & Comedy Show presented by Todd Bogue, Florida Magician of the Year.

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Tuesday is a full day of activities but keep an eye out for the Brunch which will start at 10 AM. We will have two speakers who you will be very pleased to hear; Volusia Sheriff Mike Chitwood who will talk about policing and interactions with veterans, and Brigadier General Richard Coffey, Commander of the Florida Air National Guard, who will talk about Florida's National Guard.

Following Brunch, the FCoC will present several sessions that will update members on MOAA and legislative matters. During this time starting at 1 PM spouses and others so interested can go to Lillian Place Heritage Center and the Hotchkiss House to view the collection and, importantly, have afternoon tea hosted by the WVMC and FCoC. Starting at about 3 PM we are pleased to have the Copper Bottom Craft Distillery offer some of their special rums for tasting in the Hospitality Suite (this is a free event, but registration is needed so we can track participation – a donation is politely requested).

The big event of Tuesday will be, of course, the Military Ball. It will start with a pre-dinner reception at the top of the hotel overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Then back down on the ground level and in the main ballrooms for dinner, a keynote speech, presentations, and so forth. We will wind down the main part of the convention at the conclusion and wish everyone safe travels – except for those staying for the final board meeting or those who have extended their stay.

Please, at your earliest opportunity go to the FCoC web site and begin the registration process.....and many thanks for doing so.

Pete Durnell, Major, USAF (Ret) 2024 Convention Planner

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two. A copy of the order form is included in this edition of the newsletter. Also consider attending the Convention which takes place at The Shores Resort & Spa Hotel in Daytona Beach. Registering is easy! Just go online to the FCoC's website, www.flmoaa.org. I look forward to seeing you at our next membership luncheon and at the Convention as well!

MAJ Raul Gonzalez, FLARNG, RET

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## Chaplain's Corner - continued from page 8

There is no greater gift you can give in the face of suffering. Listening is better than flowers, better than a casserole, better than good advice. It is the gift every one of us could give, if we would only tone down the other distractions filling our own heads. Let's make it our aim this year to give enough silence and peace to those in need and really listen to the words of another human heart.

LtCol Chris Hoffmann, USAF, RET Chaplain



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#### Items to Note -

#### Free Meals

Those attendees who win a free lunch from the "ticket drawing" will only be able to claim their free lunch at the NEXT meeting.

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It has a lot of information and links to useful information for all vets. <a href="mailto:The website gives guidance about how prospective members">The website gives guidance about how prospective members</a> can join MOAA and WVMC.

National MOAA and the West Volusia MOAA Chapter are nonpartisan organizations.

New name tags reflecting the name change for our organization are available from LTC Laura Wickett at the monthly meetings or by contacting her at: lrwickett52@gmail.com. *The cost is* \$15.



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