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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—



On behalf of the Board and leaders of your WVMC, I want to personally welcome all of you back from your summer retreats—wherever that may have been—and bring you up-to-date on a few of the many exciting and wonderful events and activities your friends here at the chapter embarked from the end of May through August. But first, in the spirit of America turning 250 years old I trust that each and every one of you partook in the events, celebrations & opportunities to express your love and respect for our fabulous country in your own special way!

We should also be reminded of Raul's challenge to us—more so now than ever—to commit to memory those key words that open our U.S. Constitution: "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America." REMINDER: September is "Constitution" month and 17 September is "Constitution Day". Any and all public schools, colleges & universities receiving federal funds (aid) MUST "exclusively set-aside" the 17th for study of the Constitution and our founding documents.

In the spirit of America's 250th Anniversary the driving and central theme from Florida and National leadership seems equally aligned & appropriately patriotic by calling us to participate. Summer Advocacy-in-Action (AiA) continues through the end of August and Florida MOAA Members are Making Their Voices Heard. If you have not yet taken action, please do so NOW. I have asked our Legislative Officer (Mike Galaty) to provide the information and links to the three primary items that MOAA—and thereby you and I—has placed priority.

For those of you who were places other than Volusia County & Florida (or otherwise engaged) some of the activities your WVMC friends

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MOAA Take Action Center -

<https://moaa.quorum.us/>

Legislative -

MOAA has identified **three key priority issues** for the remainder of the **119th Congress**, which concludes on **January 3, 2027**. These priorities are summarized below.

Top MOAA Priorities for the 119th Congress (2026-2027)**1. Shutdown Fairness Act**

Core issue: Ensures servicemembers continue to receive pay during any federal government shutdown. **Key point:** Allows DoD and DHS to continue paying active duty, Guard, and Reserve personnel during funding lapses.

2. Improve & Enhance the Work Opportunity Tax Credit Act

Core issue: Modernizes the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) and adds military spouses as a qualifying group. **Key point:** Increases the employer tax credit for hiring unemployed veterans and expands eligibility to include military spouses.

3. GUARD VA Benefits Act

Core issue: Reinstates criminal penalties for unaccredited claims agents who charge illegal fees to veterans seeking VA disability benefits. **Key point:** Protects veterans from predatory "claim sharks" who exploit the disability claims process.

What You Can Do

Be an advocate. Help deliver MOAA's message to lawmakers. Sign up with MOAA's **Legislative Action Center** and contact your elected officials to express your support for these key issues.

LTC Michael Galaty Jr, USA, RET

Legislative

Remember dues are due starting this month.

Email address in our leadership column (to the left) have been removed. Bad players, over the past several years, have been falsely impersonating members requesting money for sudden problems. Addresses are still available in the Photo Directory.

The Chaplain's Corner -



The Value of Labor

The origin of Labor Day in the USA occurred over time. In the 1880's a number of labor unions began calling for statewide celebrations of parades and family picnic time to honor America's workers. Eventually most states had adopted the first Monday in September to do so. Congress finally passed legislation in June 1894 declaring that the first Monday of September be set aside for parades and speeches to honor laborers.

For too many people work seems a drudgery. It is something to be endured to pay the bills, but it can be difficult to see any value in the work itself. But, when one enjoys what they do, work brings fulfillment and a sense of purpose.

Human labor is good because it cooperates with God in creation. Our faith tells us that as we are made in the image and likeness of God who created all things. Therefore, we are creators. We know that human beings are always tinkering with something.

Most of us are impelled by our faith traditions to use our talents and skills to improve the lives of others. All work has that possibility. At our best, human labor provides homes and cars, roads and parks. We have hospitals and schools, stores and restaurants. But on top of that are the myriad of services that workers use their skills to make life easier, safer, or more fun.

Even though conflicts can occur between management and labor, many companies see their employees as partners in producing goods and services that benefit mankind. Management has a responsibility to provide a safe workplace, to pay just wages, and to treat employees with dignity and respect. For their part, laborers are to work diligently, be honest in their dealings with their employer, with customers, and with coworkers. These are principles that if practiced, make life so much better.

Every year surveys are published on which are the best companies to work for. In 2020 the best government agency was NASA. The best company to work for was Hilton.

*LtCol Chris Hoffmann, USAF, RET
Chaplain*



Lunch prices have gone up by one dollar because the cost to us has gone up. Once again we have held the dues to the same cost as the last several years.



The next meeting, 2 SEP, will be held at the DeBary Country Club, 300 Plantation Club Drive, DeBary, FL 32713. The meal will be classic chicken marsala with wild mushroom sauce, vegetable, starch, rolls, tea and coffee. There will also be a dessert. The lunch cost is **\$25** per meal if paid by cash or check; \$26 if paid with a credit card. We ask that if paid with cash exact change helps. The guest speaker Paul Croce, PhD, Professor Emeritus of History from Stetson University. (His bio is on page 11).

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

Upcoming Meeting: 2 SEP 2026

Following Meeting: 7 OCT 2026

Upcoming Board Meeting: 9 SEP 2026

Meetings are held at the DeBary Country Club, 300 Plantation Club Drive, DeBary, FL 32713. Social hour starts at 1100 hrs., lunch served at 1145 followed by an interesting guest speaker, then a short business meeting.

Membership -

We have some potential members who are very close to joining and we hope to see them at our September 2 luncheon. Currently we have 57 members with a goal of 60 by end December 2026. We are doing great, keep up the good recruiting efforts!

As we resume our meetings in September it is time to address the payment of dues that we have been able to keep stable at \$35 per year. At the beginning of our summer break, I suggested that board members pre-pay their dues so that we had ample funds to carry us through the lean summer months before having to tap into our longer term investment accounts that bear interest. This effort was so successful that we offered the opportunity to our entire membership. As of this writing, 30 members (65%) have already paid their dues and thus, we remained in the black the entire summer!

Let's set a goal that 100% will pay your dues by end September either at our September 2 luncheon or by mailing your check made out to WVMC to:
Pete Durnell, 502 Nutmeg Circle, DeLand, FL 32724.

Do a friend a favor—If you know of someone eligible to be a Chapter Member, tell them about us, point them to our website [WVMOAA.org](https://www.moaa.org) and forward this newsletter. *The larger our numbers, the greater our impact!*

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.

Maj Curt Voelbel, USAF, RET
Membership

From the Chief of Staff -

Fifteen Members and spouses took a 7 day group cruise out of Port Canaveral and had a fabulous time, see some photos on page 6. Most nights we ate dinner together, took some tours together and got to know each other better. Three of the group even went zip-lining – even 36 year old Dottie Vance!!!

There is already talk about sailing again so if you are interested, let our chapter Travel Agent, Curt Voelbel know what you may be interested in. We do not have to limit it to the Caribbean as there are plenty of sailings or land tours in CONUS, Europe or Alaska.

Remember, the Chapter receives a booking kickback, similar to the incentive that MOAA National offers.

Shirley and Jack Burtnett are already scheduled for a 10 night sailing on Dec 12, 2027 so shout out if you want to join them. Curt and Aurora will be going on a Rhine River cruise followed by a Trains of Switzerland tour in May/Jun, 2027 so come onboard with us.

Maj Curt Voelbel, USAF, RET
Chief of Staff

Neighborhood Center creates Veteran Housing -

The Neighborhood Center in Deland sent this information: We are very excited about the Gary and Eunice Maris Veterans House (115 W Euclid Ave.). Once renovations are completed, the home will provide transitional housing for five Veterans who have experienced homelessness, giving them a stable place to live while they work toward permanent housing and greater stability. We are currently working through the final renovations and hope to open the home in mid to late September. As we get closer to opening, we will absolutely have needs for household items such as bedding, towels, kitchen supplies, and other items that will help us make the house feel like a home for the Veterans moving in. I would love to coordinate with your groups on those needs so we can make sure donations are directed toward the items we need most.

We would be happy to schedule a time for anyone interested to tour the property prior to opening and see the space firsthand, just let me know what your availability is and we can arrange that. We actually toured Barracks of Hope this morning and came away with some great ideas for how we can make the house feel welcoming and truly like home for the veterans who will be staying there.

The Neighborhood Center is looking for furniture to furnish this house. They need furniture for three bedrooms, a living room, and a small dining room. If you have something to donate contact Stephen at Stephen.Dalsemer@nhcwv.org.

May WVMC Meeting -



The new WVMC officers were installed at the May meeting. From the right, MAJ Lorraine Holland USA (Ret), FCoC Area VP performing the installation of officers, 2nd VP, LTC Laura Wickett, USA (Ret); 1st VP, MAJ Raul Gonzalez, FLANG (Ret); Pres. LTC Michael Magee, USA (Ret); Secretary LtCol Twila Davis, USAF (Ret); Treasurer Maj Pete Durnell, USAF (Ret); Director LTC Lee Hector, USA (Ret); Director Maj Curt Voelbel, USAF (Ret); and missing is Director MAJ Shirley Burtnett, USA (Ret).

WVMC Spring Picnic -



Our picnic called "Operation Camaraderie" was held on 25 April at the American Legion Post 6 in DeLand. About 20 to 25 people attended. The spread included chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers and sausages cooked on the grill and extras like broccoli salad, mac & cheese, corn soufflé, and desserts. A fun time was had by all.

A raffle drawing has held for gifts donated by WVMC members. The raffle raised \$75 for WVMC's coffers.



Pete Durnell hard at work grilling all kinds of meats for the party.

Habitat for Humanity Breakfast -



On Saturday 2 May, WVMC provided breakfast for workers helping construct the four houses for veterans on E. Watts Avenue in DeLand. Pictured from left to right are some of the volunteer workers, Laura Wickett, Karen Clay, Pam Ring, Jack Burtnett, Michael Magee, and Tom Jackson.

Habitat for Humanity MOAA Grant -

WVMC applied for and was awarded a grant for \$3000 from MOAA national headquarters to help in the construction of four houses for veterans in DeLand. The photo shows WVMC President Michael Magee presenting the \$3000 check to Habitat for Humanity on 22 May. Pictured are numerous workers and WVMC members.



In addition to the grant, WVMC again provided breakfast and put in man hours helping with the work. From left to right are Frances Gonzalez, Mike Galaty, Lucky Kowatch, Raul Gonzalez, Michel Magee, Shirley Burtnett, Lisa Hightower, Twila Davis, Pete Durnell, and Laura Wickett.



Raul Gonzalez explaining the role and significance of the poppy in Memorial Day remembrances.



DeLand Memorial Day Service -



WVMC set up a table and passed out copies of the U.S. Constitution and small pins for veterans. They sold seven military bracelets as well., The bracelets had numerous military decal/logos. Pictured behind the table are Raul Gonzalez, Shirley Burtnett and Pete Durnell.



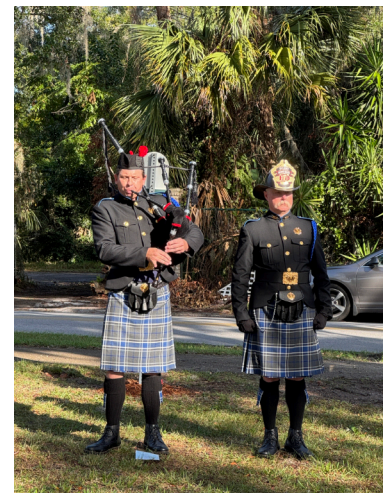
Laura Wickett passing out programs for the service.

The Deland Memorial Day ceremony was held on Monday, 25 May at Bill Dreggors Park. WVMC had numerous personnel present: MAJ Raul Gonzalez, FLANG (Ret); Fr. LtCol Chris Hoffmann, USAF (Ret); LTC Laura Wickett, USA (Ret); LTC Michael Magee, USA (Ret); Lisa Hightower, surviving spouse; Karen Clay, surviving spouse; CW4 Tom Jackson, USA (Ret); 1st Lt Dick Schuler, USAF (Former); LTC Mike Galaty, USA (Ret); MAJ Shirley Burtnett, USA (Ret); COL Jack Burtnett, USA (Ret). If I missed seeing anyone, I apologize.



Laura Wickett leading the Invocation for the service.

Members of the DeLand Fire Department Honor Guard.



WVMC August Cruise -

WVMC went on a 7 day cruise from 2 August thru 9 August and had a wonderful time. We had 15 participants: Curt & Aurora Voelbel, Lee Hector, Laura & Stan Wickett, Twila & Bert Davis, Karen Clay, Pam Ring, Dottie Vance & her daughter Madonna Patrick, Jim & Kathy Pugh, and Jack & Shirley Burtnett. The ship's itinerary went to San Juan, Puerto Rico; Amber Cove, Dominican Republic, and Grand Turk Island, Turks and Caicos.



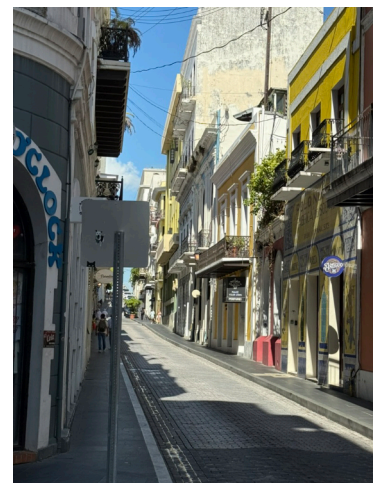
We had two tables for dinner in the Palm dining room. The food was excellent - especially because we did not have to cook or clean up. Lots of great camaraderie.



After dinner, some folks went to the show and some gathered in the Wheel House lounge to listen to music and chat.



Amber Cove was the second stop on our cruise. Dottie and Aurora.



Puerto Rico and San Juan was our first stop. Above is the old town.

WVMC August Cruise -



13 of the group explored the island of Grand Turk, our third stop, on a tram. Even with a few mechanical issues and a lot of burned engine oil, a great time was had by all.



On Grand Turk, Lee took some time to discuss politics with a local democrat.



The group poses for a picture.



Good Advice.

The menu.



Dottie gets a surprise birthday cheer.



Last Meeting (6 MAY 2026) -

President LTC Laura Wickett called the meeting to order at 1143 hours.

Attendance: 32

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

LTC Wickett welcomed our members and guests: MAJ Lorraine Holland, FCoC Area VP and installing officer for today. Ms. Pat Green, MOAA Surviving Spouse Liaison and Ms. Elizabeth Lee - friend of LTC Ernie Tauber. New member CPT Rudy Trembl.

Lunch was served: Vegetable Pasta Alfredo with Grilled Chicken with Bread Pudding for dessert.

LTC Wickett asked MAJ Raul Gonzalez that the 50/50 drawings be done at this time. Then the members' free lunch drawing.

Ms. Lisa Hightower won the free lunch for the 2 SEP 2026 meeting/luncheon.

LTC Wickett asked if there were any corrections to the 1 APR 2026 Luncheon Meeting Minutes as posted in the VOC. Motion to approve the minutes as posted in the VOC was made by LTC Ernie Tauber and seconded by Maj Curt Voelbel. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. LTC Wickett announced we were awarded a \$3000.00 grant from MOAA National to support our efforts to assist the West Volusia Habitat for Humanity Homes for Veterans. LTC Wickett stated she will get a list of items the Veterans will need for their new homes and we will look at more donations.

2. LTC Wickett announced the spring picnic "Operation Camaraderie" was held on 25 APR 2026 and everyone had a great time. We did a silent auction and took in \$75.00.

3. LTC Wickett announced there will be a Memorial Day Service held on Monday 25 May 2026 at 0900 hours at Veterans Plaza and Gardens at Bill Dreggors Park. Everyone is invited to attend.

4. LTC Wickett announced Emory Bennett VA Nursing Home will have a Memorial Day celebration on May 30. They are collecting sweatshirts and sweatpants for the residents.

NEW BUSINESS:

LTC Wickett asked MAJ Lorraine Holland to install the new Officers for 2026-2027. MAJ Holland installed all the officers except for MAJ Shirley Burtnett -who will be installed at a later date. MAJ Holland stated the new FCoC Area VP will be CDR Ken Lowe.

LTC Wickett called for reports:

Secretary's Report: LtCol Twila Davis- nothing to report

Treasurer's Report: Maj Pete Durnell - reported the checking account balance as of 1 May 2026 is \$ 725.99 and \$1257.90 in savings. There are three 12/month CDs #1 \$6,304.15, CD #2 \$ 4122.84, CD#3 \$5000.00. Total assets of \$ 17,410.88 Note: \$3000.00 is earmarked for a JROTC Scholarship, \$250 for Vietnam Memorial, \$335.00 for Memorial Day Ad, Flags Sets for Habitat Vet Homes \$150.00 and Flag Pole and Stand for Salvation Army \$150.00. Treasurers report is given for informational purpose and is subject to audit.

1st VP - LTC Michael Magee - nothing to report

2nd VP- MAJ Raul Gonzalez- reported the flag was presented to the Salvation Army and that the new eagle was put on our flagpole.

Directors and Staff Reports:

COL Jack Burtnett - Director - nothing to report

Maj Curt Voelbel - Director - announced Dottie Vance brought special pillowcases for veterans please take some on your way out.

MAJ Shirley Burtnett - Director- excused

MAJ Pam Ring - Scholarship Chair - stated we had four applications for the scholarship award. A committee reviewed the applications and recommended to the Board that we award 3 \$1000.00 scholarships this year. The Board approved.

LTC Mike Galaty - Legislative Chair - excused LTC Wickett encouraged members to go into the MOAA website and to take Action on the legislative items.

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Maj Curt Voelbel – Chief of Staff and Membership Chair - we currently have 56 members. The goal is 60.

CW4 Thomas Jackson - Community Relations – stated there was a good showing at the breakfast for Habitat for Humanity homes volunteers; we will be providing 4 flag sets for the new homes. CW4 Jackson stated he visited the Barracks of Hope facility to deliver clothing, and he was told they are planning to add 20 more rooms for homeless Veterans.

CH LtCol Chris Hoffmann – Chaplain - stated tomorrow is the 75th Annual National Day of Prayer when Americans gather to pray for our nation. Our elected officials owe a lot to God during the good times and the difficult times. It is always worthwhile to honor God.

COL Jack Burtnett – Editor – nothing to report

Ms. Lisa Hightower – Surviving Spouse Liaison – nothing to report but welcomed back Bob Connelly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LTC Wickett presented Lyn with a challenge coin upon her retirement from the Country Club.

LTC Magee announced we will have a table set up at the Deland Car show on 16 May 2026 from 1300 – 1700 hours. Everyone is invited to join us.

LTC Magee mentioned Facebook is facing lawsuits about things that are inappropriate for children and wanted the members to be aware.

LTC Magee announced September is Constitution month and 17 SEP is Constitution Day.

Ms. Lisa Hightower thanked LTC Wickett for her service to our Chapter.

MAJ Gonzalez stated Ms. Karen Wiltuck donated a Chinese sniper rifle used during Vietnam to the Deltona Veterans Museum in memory of her husband Col Bob Wiltuck.

LTC Wickett announced:

Executive Board Meeting will be held on 13 May 2026, 1000 hours at the American Legion Post 6. Members are welcome to attend.

Our next luncheon meeting will be 2 SEP 2026 1100 hours at the DeBary Country Club.

Meeting adjourned at 1313 hours.

LtCol Twila Davis, USAF, RET
Secretary

Speaker's Bio -

Paul Croce is professor of History and American Studies Emeritus at Stetson University. After three decades teaching in the academic classroom and writing scholarship, he is bringing those tasks together now for The Public Classroom, and can be followed on his Facebook Podcast, <https://publicclassroom.substack.com/about>. This project is dedicated to presenting stories from history and insights from learning to encourage more people to listen across our many differences.

In the July 30-August 5, 2026 edition of the West Volusia Beacon Dr, Croce wrote an opinion piece on The American Flag as a shared National symbol and explored its historical evolution, the freedoms protected under the Constitution and the role of civic participation in American Democracy. This is part of his ongoing public history work and coincides with the nation's 250th anniversary commemoration.

Hard Hat & High Heels Annual Gala -

Habitat for Humanity is having their annual gala to honor their Veterans Build with an evening of fine dining, entertainment and cocktails. The formal event fund raiser is on September 26 from 6-10 PM at the DeLand Armory at 401 S. Alabama Ave in DeLand. Tickets are \$125 each and are available at <https://givebutter.com/c/hard-hats-high-heels-gala-2026>. by calling 386 734-7268 or by scanning the QR code.



Fund Raising Committee -

The FundRaising Committee met on July 14th. Our mission is to develop the means to raise funds to meet our Chapter vision of supporting veteran needs in the community. We identified the following:

1. Monthly raffle and 50/50
2. Continuing to sell the chapter shirts, bracelets and caps.
3. Promote the Chapter at the monthly car show downtown the third Saturday of the month.
4. Sponsor a military ball for Deland veterans. on May 15th, Armed Forces Day. Donations to go to Habitat for Humanity.
5. Write a letter to the Chapter members soliciting funds to assist the veterans in the community.
At the Board meeting, it was also asked if a grant could be written for the Neighborhood Center and their efforts to support homeless veterans.
6. It was also discussed selling advertising space in our newsletter to veteran owned businesses.

We will continue to have the donation buckets at the monthly meetings. All members are encouraged to offer fundraising ideas at any time.

LTC Laura Wickett, USA, RET
2nd Vice President

President's Perspective - continued from page 1

engaged were: West Volusia Habitat for Humanity and over 100 well-wishers were on hand for a dedication ceremony when four local veterans opened the doors to a new chapter on July 15 as they received the keys to newly completed homes on East Walts Avenue in DeLand; Raul Gonzalez (MAJ, USA, RET) in Revolutionary-period Dress at Daytona Beach July 4 Parade & Observation; on the 3rd Saturdays' in MAY-JUN-JUL & AUG members set-up our WVMC canopy and proudly shared the MOAA story and conducted fund-raising activities during the Downtown DeLand "Cruise In" Car Show (this is an on-going activity that we invite you out to assist and participate).

There will be a "SURPRISE" Car Show event this fall when we pair with another local VSO. Stay tuned for details!

Curt Voelbel's "WVMC Caribbean Cruise" saw 15 of our members enjoying themselves famously out-to-sea...in the Caribbean! And, as always, CW4 Thomas "Tom" Jackson's support and assistance with Barracks of Hope and Emory L. Bennett VA Home; local High Schools JROTC scholarship awardee presentations were gracefully and professionally executed by MAJ Pam Ring and a few others she charmed into assisting. Again, making WVMC presence known locally.

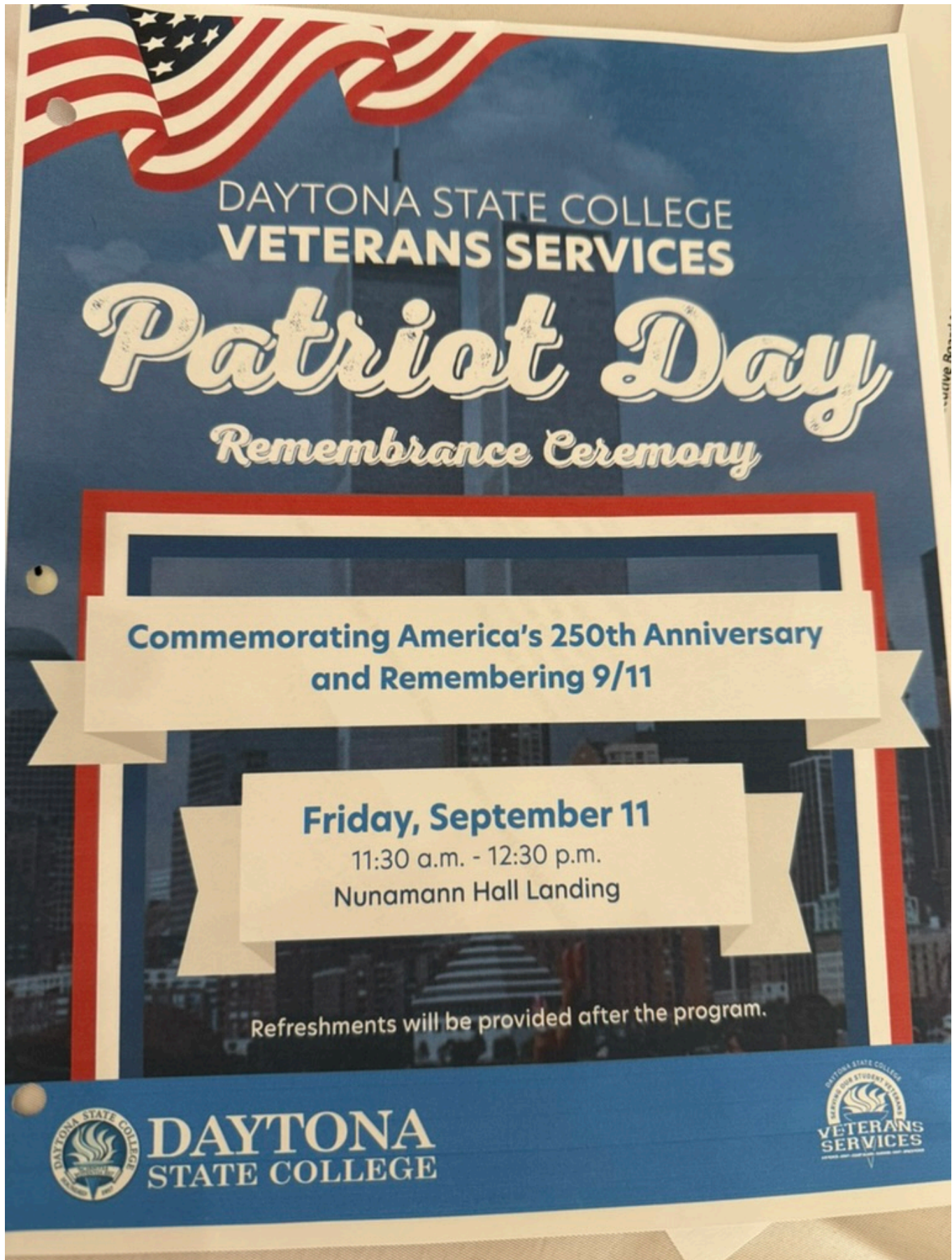
On Saturday 22 AUG many of us gathered at Perkins Restaurant (DeLand) and were privileged to have "Quilts of Honor" & LtCol (USAF, RET) Twila Davis present a beautifully hand-crafted quilt to Richard "Dick" Schuler. Oh! Lest I forget—shame on me—many of us [~21] met for a social gathering at Outriggers in New Smyrna Beach for a mid-day lunch and social mixer.

As we look forward into our 2026-27 calendar year, we will find ourselves even more engaged and involved in the local communities with outreach from Raul Gonzalez serving as Guest Speaker at Daytona State College Veterans Services Patriot Day Ceremony on Friday 11 September at 11:00 a.m. Your own WVMC will come out in force for the downtown DeLand Veteran's Day Parade Saturday November 14, 2026, and we will take the lead on the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Veterans Park and Gardens of Bill Dreggors Park, 230 N. Stone St, Deland on November 11, 2026 at 0900 hours. Volunteers are needed and much appreciated.

The 2026-27 calendar luncheons will include some very interesting and entertaining Guests; while your WVMC Book Club (which meets in the bar or patio area of the DCC) will dive into a vigorous & challenging exploration of the U.S. Constitution by authors like Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, John Jay, Thomas Paine, Michael Austin, R.B Bernstein, Glenn Beck & Bevin Alexander. Then in October we will take on Wendy Smith's recommendation "A Bridge Too Far" by Cornelius Ryan.



LTC Michael Magee, USA, RET
President WVMC



The poster features a blue background with a city skyline and a large American flag in the top left corner. The text is arranged in a hierarchical manner, with the event title in large, stylized letters. Two white banners with red borders provide specific details about the event. The bottom of the poster includes logos for Daytona State College and its Veterans Services department.

DAYTONA STATE COLLEGE
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Patriot Day
Remembrance Ceremony

**Commemorating America's 250th Anniversary
and Remembering 9/11**

Friday, September 11
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Nunamann Hall Landing

Refreshments will be provided after the program.

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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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New name tags are available from MAJ Raul Gonzalez at the monthly meetings or by contacting him at: majgonz@earthlink.net. The cost is \$15.

Check out **OUR** website at www.wvmoaa.org It has a lot of information and links to useful information for all vets. The website gives guidance about how prospective members can join MOAA and WVMC.

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

FIRST Dues Notice - -

Members are reminded that dues are now due for the year 2026-27. The dues are **\$35**. Please get a check or MO to Treasurer Pete Durnell as soon as practicable. Pete's address is Peter Durnell, 502 Nutmeg Circle, DeLand, FL 32724.

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