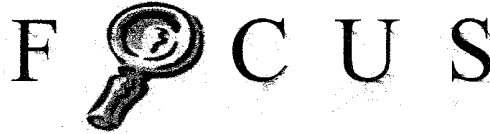


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### President's Message

Best wishes for a truly **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

We leave behind another holiday season – farewell to 2017. Our Central Florida Chapter of MOAA experienced many changes this past year. In my humble opinion, 2017 was a tumultuous time professionally, personally, and socially. The good times we experienced will become memories, tucked away in our consciousness, to be revisited later. The bad times are experiences from which we will learn and gain strength. So on to 2018.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR** to you and yours. Besides the parties with food, friends, and champagne – after we “party in” the New Year, what else are you planning to do? To achieve? I’m not asking about the typical resolutions, e.g., lose weight, quit smoking, drink less, work out more, work smarter not harder, etc., etc., etc. What’s your stretch goal? What is something new, interesting, and challenging in your life? Yes, I acknowledge that there will also come the trials and, as always, those trials may change how we pursue our goals. However, **PURSUIT** should be on your agenda. Pursue that stretch goal – learn that language,

take that trip, start that hobby, and finish that project. If you haven’t given it much thought, then may I ask and offer a suggestion? Please get involved with our chapter. Be a leader in our outreach programs to our community, our veterans, and our chapter. The Central Florida Chapter has set our stretch goals for 2018 and those goals require our members to actively participate. We have open positions for the Directors of Veterans Activities, Community Outreach, Fund Raising, and Membership.

MOAA, Central Florida Chapter needs **YOU** in 2018. Let’s build memories together. From my family to you and yours. **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

#### PS x 3

(1) Join us for our monthly luncheon at the Elks Lodge in Orlando on 20 January 2018.

(2) **PLEASE PAY** your annual dues – see the mailing instructions in this newsletter.

(3) Please consider donating funds to our JROTC Scholarship fund – mail your donation to the same address as your annual dues.

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#### Dates to Note:

January 4<sup>th</sup>, Birthday of the  
Commissioned Corps of the U.S.  
Public Health Service

Sat, Jan 13<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting

Sat, Jan 20<sup>th</sup>, MOAA Luncheon @1130

Sat, Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting

Sat, Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, MOAA Luncheon @1130

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Saturday, January 20th, 2018 MOAA Luncheon  
 11:30 Social - Lunch at 12:00

Location

Elks Lodge 1079  
 12 N. Primrose Dr.  
 Orlando, Florida

Menu: Pork Cutlet or Chicken Cordon Bleu

Salad with house dressing

Coffee, Tea and Water included

Surprise Desert

Price: \$20 (includes gratuity)

Reservations not later than noon on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>

Call or email Rick Jung @ 407-802-4035 or [rickjungsr@gmail.com](mailto:rickjungsr@gmail.com)

If you must cancel, please do so as early as possible. Regrettably, we must charge for "no-shows" for the cost of the meal.

MOAA BOARD MEETING  
 December 6, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: COL Jung called the meeting to order at 1002 hours. CW4 Sauer gave the invocation and COL Jung led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

QUORUM: Those present were: COL Jung, CW4 Sauer, CDR Fiebrandt, LTC Gillett, Mrs. Green, LtCol Hines, and COL Hakola. A quorum was in attendance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes from the November meeting read and approved. Incoming Mail consisted of an invitation to the Eagle Scout dinner and some dues paid.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The December financial report and the budget were approved. The newsletter expenses will be reduced soon as LT Cutler's company will assume some of the expenses. CW4 Sauer noted that the ROTC and scholarship costs are limited to \$10,500 this year.

PROGRAM: COL Jung will give a status of the Chapter report at the January luncheon.

OLD BUSINESS: The luncheon menu will be chicken and pork for December. Other menu options will be discussed with the caterer for future luncheons.

NEW BUSINESS: The deadline for the next edition of the FOCUS IS January 1, 2018. Each Board Member will be asked to submit an item for inclusion in the FOCUS. LTC Gillett has sent out letters to schools for participation in the cadet scholarship selection. COL Jung will review the medal program for costs.

### The Junior Reserve Officer Training Program (JROTC) Scholarship Program

Each year at its April luncheon, MOAA's Central Florida Chapter (CFC) awards up to ten \$1,000 competitive scholarships to outstanding graduating JROTC cadets at the 32 high schools in Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties with JROTC programs.

JROTC Senior Instructors are invited in a letter mailed to each JROTC detachment at the beginning of January to nominate two cadets to compete for the scholarships. Nominations are required to be submitted the first week in March.

Last year, 29 cadets from 19 high schools were nominated. Each nominee was invited to participate in an interview in full dress uniform before a selection board composed of four CFC members. Interviews were conducted two Saturday mornings in March. Competition was keen. Cadets were judged upon their wearing of the uniform, military bearing, demonstrated leadership and scholarship, on potential for future military service and on responses to the board's questions. From the cadets interviewed, the board selected 10 scholarship winners. The selected cadets, seven female and three male, attended eight different high schools.

Each cadet, two of the cadet's guests and his/her Senior Military Instructor are invited to the CFC April luncheon where each awardee will be given a plaque honoring his/her outstanding achievement and a check for \$1,000.

### The Junior Reserve Officer Training Program (JROTC) Leadership Award

The CFC also sponsors a leadership award for an outstanding cadet at each school as selected by the Senior Instructor. Traditionally this award is presented by a CFC member at the school's awards assembly. The winning cadet receives a medal and ribbon to wear on his/her uniform

as well as a certificate. No monetary award comes with the Leadership award.

CFC President COL Rick Jung, USA Ret., heads the JROTC Leadership Award program. Vice-President LTC Mike Gillett, USA Ret. oversees the JROTC Scholarship Program.

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### **Annual Dues are Due !**

Please send in your Chapter dues this month, if not a life member (your address label on this newsletter shows your dues expiration date). Dues are \$15 for regular, \$10 for auxiliary. Make checks payable to MOAA CFC and mail to PO Box 141025; Orlando, FL 32814-1025. A form is provided on the last page of the Focus. Dues are our primary form of funds for administrative costs, so please help us keep the Chapter running. Contact us for information on Life Membership.

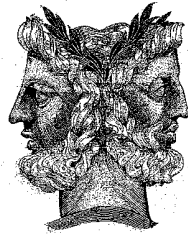
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### **USO @ Orlando International Airport (Correction)**

Did you know that military members, active and retired, and their spouses and dependents are welcome in the USO at the airport? While active duty members have priority at the USO, retirees are accepted as Space A and space is usually available. Come visit us in Terminal A, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, far west end; hours are 0600 – 2000. How do I know? I volunteer there once a week. Interested in volunteering? Contact me. Randy Fiebrandt ([rfiebs1953@gmail.com](mailto:rfiebs1953@gmail.com)) (Subsequent to last month's newsletter going to the printers, the Central Florida USO confirmed that they had to now follow the National USO policy of not accepting non-retired veterans into the USO.)

## Chaplain's Message

In 2016, I based these monthly messages on the meaning of the months of the year. For January, I noted that the month was named for the mythological Roman god, Janus, who had two conjoined heads, looking forward and backward as seen here.



A look forward and backward is quite appropriate for our MOAA Central Florida Chapter as we enter this New Year. Looking back, we experienced some difficult times in 2017, not the least of which was the grievous loss of Bob Lepage. Bob covered so many bases for the chapter that we were hard pressed to keep going after his rather sudden loss, which was exacerbated by Bill Gates being forced to resign as president due to health.

As we look forward, though, we have good reason to be encouraged. Randy Fiebrandt, in good Coast Guard fashion, has come to the rescue of the *Focus*, much to its improvement. Rick Jung has been doing a terrific job as president, and so has Mike Gillette as vice president. Others have stepped forward as well and are proving real assets to the chapter.

I'm reminded of Israel after Moses' death. He had led the nation for 40 years and led it forward through seemingly impossible circumstances, parting the Red Sea, drawing water from a rock, conquering enemies much stronger, and overcoming numerous other obstacles. One could visualize everything coming to a halt with his demise, but it never happened. God raised up Joshua, Caleb, and other leaders who stepped forward, and the nation moved right on to conquer the land that the Lord had provided for them.

That same God is still on the throne, and, while I'm not suggesting that any of us are Moses, Joshua, or Caleb, I see the chapter moving forward in spite of its losses. I pray

daily for the chapter, and I hope you will too, as we anticipate great things in 2018!

In His love,  
Chaplain Dick



## Treasurer's Notes

As a visitor from another chapter to a recent board meeting noted, financially our chapter is in good shape—in fact he was quite envious of us!

Over \$10,000—that's what can be said about our general fund, our ROTC/JROTC fund, and our strategic reserves. The general fund is just above \$10,000, the ROTC/JROTC enjoys \$10,560, and the strategic reserves are in excess of \$26,000.

The one area of concern is our community service fund, which presently has a deficit of almost \$1,100. If you should feel led to contribute to the community service fund to help get it back in the black that would certainly be most welcome.

But most of all, please be sure to pay your 2018 dues. Without them, our financial health would sink fast, for our expenses continue monthly, and we depend on those dues to meet them.

Dick Sauer  
Treasurer



## Chapter Survey:

Next month, we propose to seek your input on what you would like to see from your Chapter. For example, when is the best time to have Chapter meetings? What would you like to get out of Chapter meetings? Speaker topics of interest? What Chapter activities are most meaningful to you? Be thinking about it.