



**Nassau County Florida Chapter**

**PO Box 16313 Fernandina Beach, Florida 32035**

**We Are a Non-Partisan Organization**

**3 September 2024**

**Meeting commenced at 1130**

**ATTENDEES:** Mike Doran, Bob Bell, Tracy Connors, Gene Kilcawley, Jeff Carr, Dave Kriete, Mike McClane, Mary Gustafson, Rich Sharp, Kate Waldrop

**ABSENTEES:** Tony LaVecchia, Lou Tonti, Harry Henning, Charlie Finnigan

**President Mike Doran:**

- Several of our BOD members have served 2 years or more in their respective positions. We are soliciting nominations for Secretary, Second Vice President, and Program Events.
- Elections will be held at the luncheon in November 2024.

**Vice President Tony LaVecchia: absent**

- Officer Call will be held in October on Amelia Island. Time and place will be announced at a later date.
- I will send out an updated Meeting and Social schedule once we identify the speakers for our 8 Oct evening meeting and the 12 November luncheon. Please provide me the speaker information.
- There will be an Officer Call in October that will be held on-island. Recommend holding the Officer Call on 16 or 30 Oct. I will work to identify a venue. Please email me directly if you have any suggestions or if you would like to assist in coordinating.
- The Christmas Party is scheduled for 13 December, 1730 cocktails and 1800 dinner. Recommend we start to solicit for volunteers to organize now and mention at the 10 Sep. Also include the request for volunteers in the newsletter and website.
- FYI - The 2025 Christmas Party date is reserved for Friday, 12 December.
- Mike McClane: Can you please provide an update on the purchase of liability insurance? At the May or Jun BoD meeting you said you would take lead on this action.

**1<sup>st</sup> VP: Jeff Carr:** Jeff will be at the MOAA convention in Washington DC in October. He will assume duties of Vice-President in January 2025

**Treasurers Report Bob Bell:** \$4,409.7 in the bank. Bob paid for the new name tags to be distributed with payment due from members at the luncheon meeting

**Secretary's Report Kate Waldrop:** Nominations will be solicited for elected positions. Florida Senator Clay Yarborough is confirmed for the September luncheon

**Membership Charlie Finnegan:** absent

**Data Processing: Dave Kriete:** Discussion of surviving spouse vs honorary members on the membership roster.

- We do not have honorary members, but six surviving spouses are listed.
- We will keep the status of surviving spouses on the roster and not identify "honorary members".
- There was discussion of "war veteran" vs "non war veteran" to be added to the membership list. This was tabled.
- We do not have tax exempt status.
- A current list of MOAA national members who are not local members needs to be obtained from National once MOAA has its computer updated. There is a strong possibility over 100 members could be matriculated to our chapter at their choosing.

**Web Site Development Tracy Connors:**

- The [West Nassau Historical Society](#) is hosting its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Hobo, Tractors and Heroes Festival and Veterans Appreciation Day on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Callahan Pavilion. A thirty-minute segment of the program is Veteran's Appreciation, during which attending Veterans will be recognized and presented with a commemorative medal. Tracy Connors, a WNHS Board Member, has been asked to MC that portion of the program. The event has potential as a new Member recruitment initiative.
- The MOAA web site recently added coverage of
  - VP Tony LaVecchia's interview on the tv program 5-Minute Salute;
  - Make a Difference reasons for MOAA membership,
  - links to the Florida Council of Chapters web page, and a
  - new web page "Here We Are," which highlighted recent travel to Normandy Beach by Kathleen and Dave Kriete.

## **Surviving Spouse Support Liaison Mary Gustafson**

- A virtual meeting was held over the summer.
- Travelers insurance was discussed at length regarding those individuals who are injured while travelling in or out of the US.
- MOAA has contracted with MASA for any member traveler needs.

**Programs/Events Harry Henning: (absent) Confirmed** State Senator Clay Yarborough will be the guest speaker at the Sep 10<sup>th</sup> membership meeting

**Legislative Affairs Michael McClane:** Mike will be out of the country from 10 Oct to 13 November

**ROTC Gene Kilcawley:** The school year has just started. Gene will meet with the West Nassau POC for ROTC students in the near future.

**Chaplain Lou Tonti: absent**

**Newsletter Rich Sharp:**

- Rich has kindly volunteered to fill in for Bob Bell at the September luncheon.  
**Thank you Rich!**
- The next newsletter will be published in October

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** none

**Next Membership Meeting 10 September 2024**

**Next BOD Meeting 1 October 2024**

**Concluded 1250hrs**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Kate Waldrop**