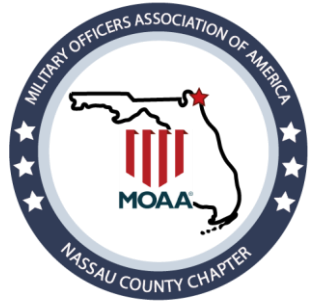


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# **General Meeting – 10 Jun 2025**



## **Call to order:**

- **New Members and Guests**  
**(New Members: Signup for the Legislative Action Center)**

**Happy Father's Day!**  
**Happy Birthday U.S. Army – 250<sup>th</sup>!**

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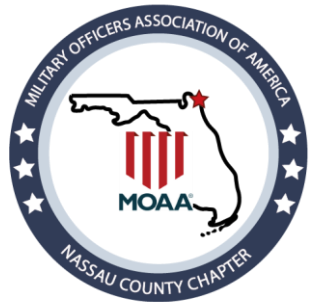
# **Pledge of Allegiance**



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**"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."**

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# Invocation



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**Jim Mackowski**  
**CDR USN (Ret)**

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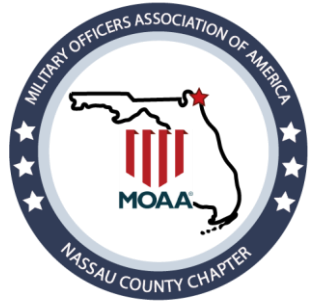
# POW/MIA Moment of Silence



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- The table is round – to show our everlasting concern.
  - The tablecloth is white, symbolizing the purity of their motives when answering the call to serve.
  - The single red rose reminds us of the lives of these Americans...and the loved ones and friends who keep the faith, awaiting answers.
  - The yellow ribbon symbolizes our continued uncertainty, hope for their return and determination to account for them.
  - A slice of lemon reminds us of their bitter fate, captured or missing in a foreign land.
  - A pinch of salt symbolizes the tears of our missing and their families.
  - The lighted candle reflects our hope for their return.
  - The glasses are inverted - to symbolize their inability to share a toast. The chair is empty – they are missing.

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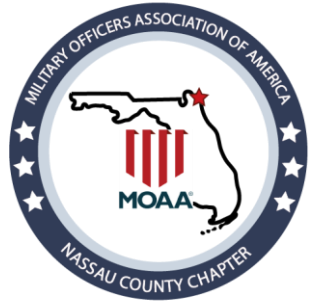


# Lunch

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# **Guest Speaker**

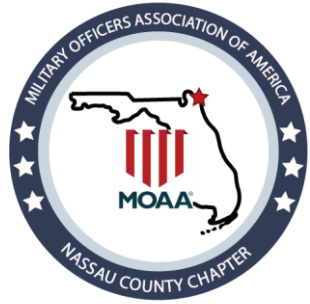
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## **Kevin Lilly, Nassau County Property Appraiser**

**Kevin Lilly began his career over 30 years ago when he joined the Florida Department of Revenue’s Property Tax Division. He started with the Nassau County Property Appraiser’s office in 2012 as Chief Deputy. During his tenure, he has earned the respect of the staff and his colleagues through professionalism, honesty, and transparency. As Chief Deputy, he worked closely with the Property Appraiser to strengthen the customer service experience, while providing an equitable tax roll in compliance with Department of Revenue standards.**

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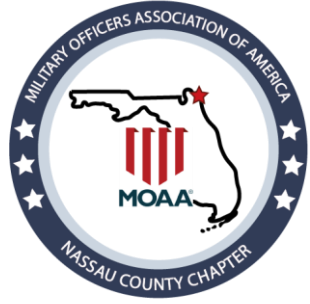
# President's Report

- **MOAA JROTC Scholarship Program in the News**
  - **June Edition of Yulee Neighbors**



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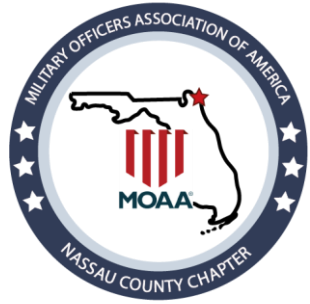
# President's Report

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- **MOAA Vacations**
  - **Chapters receive 1% of booking fee**

**Remember to tell MOAA Vacations to give credit to our Chapter:  
“Nassau County Chapter FL49”**

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# President's Report

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- **New Membership Chair – Dave Kriete**
- **Calling All Volunteers, Vacant Chapter Positions:**
  - **Fundraising**
  - **Programs**
  - **Webmaster**

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# Mission Area Update

## - Advocacy -



- **Advocacy in Action (AiA): Summer Campaign**  
(LOE #2 Participation)

- **Keep an eye out for “Call to Action” emails**
- **Act, and make your voice heard**

**MOAA's 2025 Advocacy in Action (AiA) Campaign—Take Action!**

MOAA leaders from across the country are assembling in Washington DC next week to meet with members of Congress during MOAA's Advocacy in Action (AiA) push. The focus of the campaign is for MOAA representatives to visit our Legislators on Capitol Hill on April 9<sup>th</sup>, to gain support for MOAA's priority issues. This year's issues are (1) Improving Military Housing; (2) Ending the wait to file claims for veterans exposed to toxins; (3) Passing the Military Spouse Hiring Act; (4) Improving the Military Health System's access to care; and (5) Improving caregiver support for veterans.

Anyone can lend their support by **contacting their elected representatives!**

For more information on MOAA and our priorities, go to [moaa.org/ai](https://moaa.org/ai).

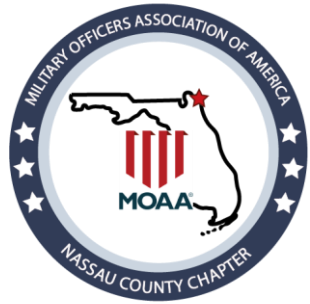
**MOAA's 2025 Advocacy Priorities**

- Military Spouse Hiring Act**  
Military spouses face a staggering 27% unemployment rate — five times the national average. It's time to approach this persistent unemployment issue by incentivizing businesses to hire military spouses by tapping into an existing tax credit program. **MOAA urges Congress to add military spouses as a target group under the Work Opportunity Tax Credit.**
- Unaccompanied Housing Improvements**  
Thousands of servicemembers live in substandard barracks plagued by mold, pests, sewage overflows, and broken utility systems. Create legislative action, a \$17 billion backlog in deferred maintenance leaves servicemembers facing unsafe conditions. **MOAA urges Congress to require DoD to provide transparency on barracks funding, and to empower lawmakers to identify and address these challenges in their districts and states.**
- Improve Military Health System Access to Care**  
Timely access to quality care has been a longstanding problem in the military health system (MHS). Servicemembers and TRICARE beneficiaries need a digital platform to report access to care issues and receive help navigating the MHS. Such a platform would also provide greater visibility and ensure fixable access challenges are addressed. **MOAA urges Congress to pass legislation establishing an MHS digital access assistance platform.**
- Ending the Wait Report Priorities**  
Veterans exposed to toxins during service face decades-long delays for acknowledgment and care. The current system leaves veterans and their families waiting far too long for the benefits and support they need and have earned. **MOAA urges Congress to enact legislation to bolster the legal framework for creating presumptive conditions.**
- Caregiver Support Improvements**  
Veteran caregivers provide essential care for aging and disabled veterans, often at the expense of their own financial security, mental health, and career aspirations. These caregivers deserve tangible resources to support their vital role within veterans' families and communities. **MOAA urges Congress to pass the Veteran Caregiver Reeducation, Reemployment, and Retirement Act.**
- MOAA: Never Stop Serving**  
MOAA is an association of officers and surviving spouses carrying out our role and responsibility to represent and support all ranks across all services at every stage of their careers. We are the leading voice on compensation and all benefit matters for all members of the uniformed services community.

**What you to do: TAKE ACTION today and let our legislators know you support these measures! Go to the MOAA Legislative Action Page at <https://moaa.quorum.us/>, sign up if you have not done so already, and send the prepared emails to our legislators. There is even an instructional video on the page (see the upper right corner of the webpage), or if you prefer, there are instructions on how to call your elected representatives.**

**Be an Advocate!**

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# Mission Area Update

## - Philanthropy & Community Service -



- **Email / Letter Donation Requests – May / June**  
(LOE #3 Fundraising, LOE #2 Participation)
- **Public Donation Collections at Publix – 7 June**  
(LOE #3 Fundraising, LOE #1 Membership, LOE #2 Participation)



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Nassau County Florida MOAA  
PO Box 16313  
Fernandina Beach, FL 32035

May 10, 2025

Dear Supporters of Veterans,

As Flag Day approaches on June 14th, we at the Nassau County Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) are reminded of the sacrifices made by our veterans to uphold the values our flag represents. MOAA is dedicated to honoring and supporting the brave men and women who have served our country by advocating to protect the benefits they earned. In addition to advocacy, our mission also includes philanthropy and giving back to our community.

The Chapters' Charitable Efforts Program includes a scholarship to a West Nassau County High School graduating senior that is a member of the school's Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program. The scholarship provides the recipient with funding for college or vocational training. The Charitable Efforts Program also contributes to The MOAA Foundation (TMF) by offering grants to the nation's uniformed servicemembers and veterans of all ranks and their families in times of crisis.

To continue this vital work, we rely on the generosity of supporters like you. Your donation, no matter the size, can make a profound difference in the lives of servicemembers, veterans, and our future warriors. For example, in 2024, TMF disbursed grants to over 200 Floridians (active duty/veterans) following hardships caused by hurricanes Helene and Milton.

Please consider making a donation today. You can contribute by check, credit card, or ACH from your bank account securely online using Zeffy at [www.ncflmoaa.org/donate](http://www.ncflmoaa.org/donate). Go to the aforementioned web address to learn more about the Charitable Efforts Program, make an on line donation, or if donating by check the address where it is to be sent.

Thank you for standing with us in supporting our Charitable Efforts Program. Together, we can make an impact on the lives of servicemembers and veterans locally and across the nation and also help start the future of a deserving West Nassau County High School senior.

Very Respectfully,

*Tony LaVecchia*

Tony LaVecchia  
Captain, U.S. Navy (Ret)  
President, Nassau County Chapter of MOAA

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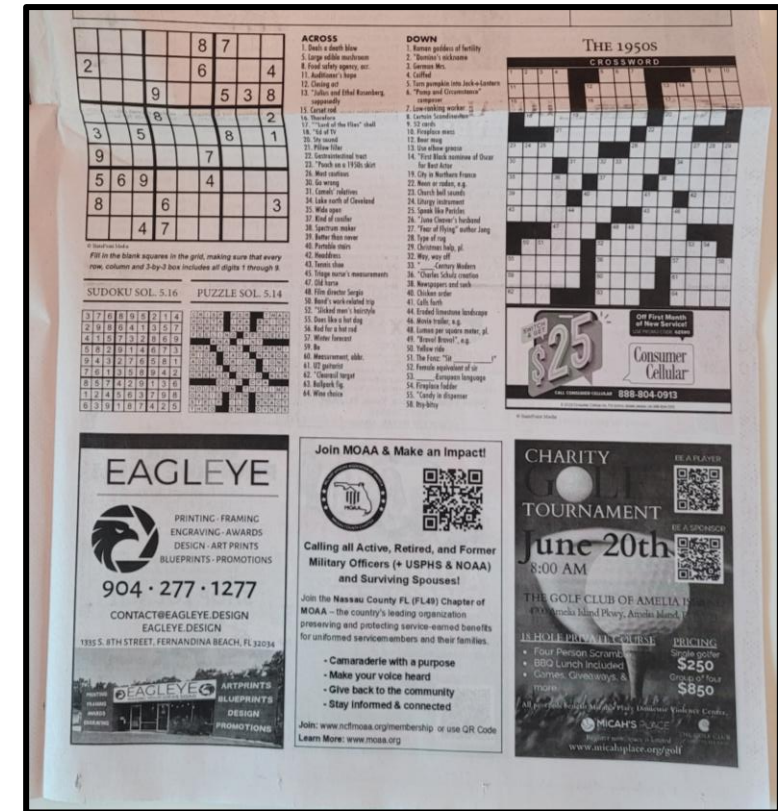
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# Mission Area Update

## - Camaraderie -

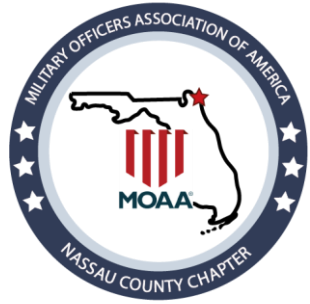


- **Memorial Day, Memorial Ceremony – 26 May**  
(LOE #2 Participation)
- **Advertising – May/June**  
(LOE #1 Membership)
- **Officer Call 23 June – Bohemian Bull**  
(LOE #2 – Participation)



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# 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report

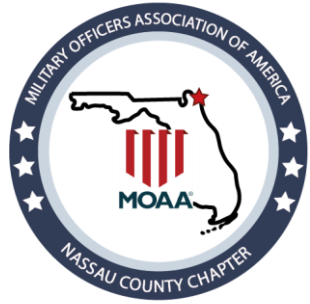
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## Jeff Carr, COL USA (Ret)

- Rocky McPherson was elected Chairman of the Nassau County Veterans Council
- Upcoming Events: Vets for Vets, Brick Laying, Veteran Treatment Corp (assist vets in legal troubles), Health Summit (Nov 15, details to follow), Rolling 4 Heros, and The Marine Corp League is sponsoring a golf outing in Oct raising money for toys for tots.
- **Memorial Day Parade – Potential MOAA Sponsorship**

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# Treasurer's Report

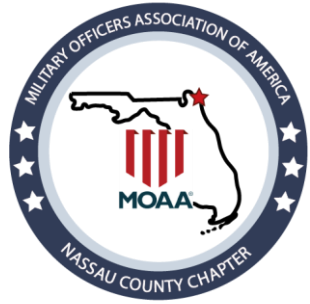
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## Bob Bell, CAPT USN (Ret)

- **Account Reconciled with First Federal Bank on June 1 - No outstanding debts**
- **Donations continue to increase - \$2,994 year to date**
- **Donation Drive at Publix June 7 - \$471 in Cash + \$190 via Zeffy**
- **\$1,000 Scholarship awarded this period**
- **Cheddar Up and Zeffy online payments are working well**

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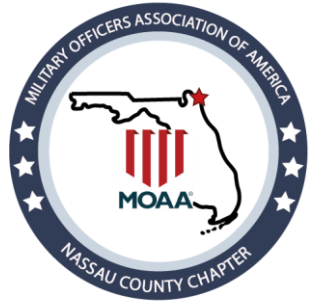
# Upcoming Events

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- 23 Jun:** Officer Call – Yulee/Wildlight, Bohemian Bull, 1730
- 9 Sep:** Chapter Meeting – 1130, Guest Speaker – Brian Kelly, President/CEO of MOAA
- 14 Oct: Chapter Meeting – 1730, Guest Speaker TBD
- Xx Oct: Officer Call – 1730, On-Island, Location TBD
- 8 Nov:** Food Distribution, Submarine Base Kings Bay, 1000-1200
- 11 Nov:** Veterans Day Parade
- 18 Nov:** Chapter Meeting – 1130, Guest Speaker: RADM (Sel) Bob Wirth, COMSUBGRU 10
- 12 Dec:** Christmas Party - 1730 cocktails, 1830 dinner

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# Q & A

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## Saved Rounds / Questions / Comments

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- **Be a Recruiter** – Get one person to join our Chapter
  - **Participate** – Call to Action / Donate / Attend MOAA Events

## Adjourned

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