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General Meeting – 13 Jan 2026



Call to order:

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

Navy 17 – Army 16

Happy Birthday Space Force – 20 Dec

Happy Birthday USPHS – 4 Jan

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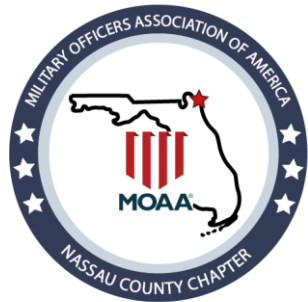


Pledge of Allegiance



"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



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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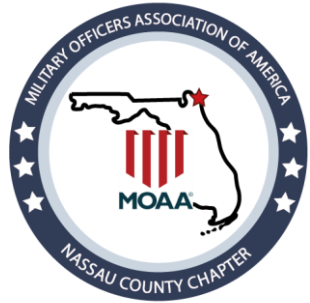
2025 Highlights



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- **2024 Level of Excellence Award – 5 Star Chapter (Awarded April 2025)**
 - **2024 Harris Communications Award – 5 Star Newsletter / 4 Star Website**
 - **Developed /Established - Chapter Operational Plan**
 - **Lines of Effort: Membership, Participation, and Fundraising**
 - **Established the Chapters' Charitable Efforts Program (CEP), supporting the:**
 - **JROTC Scholarship and The MOAA Foundation Crisis Relief Fund**
 - **Awarded first MOAA Foundation Community Outreach Grant - \$3,250**
 - **130 Commissary Gift Cards to Junior Enlisted Personnel/Families**

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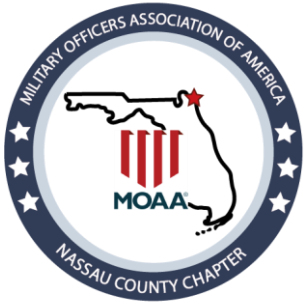
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2025 Highlights (continued)

- **Ended 2025 with 105 Chapter Members...Dave Kriete will provide details**
- **Established a Chapter Donation Program, received \$7,220 in donations**
- **Increased Legislative Action Center sign up percentage, near the highest in FLA**
- **Chapter visit by: Lt.Gen. Brian Kelly, USAF (Ret), hosted 5 chapters for the event**
- **Received IRS designation as a 501(c)19**
- **Chapter Members responded to numerous Calls to Action**
- **Chapter Leadership met with Members of Congress**
- **Held 9 x Chapter Meetings, 4 x Officer Calls, Christmas Party...9 x Newsletters**

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January Events



- 14 Jan: Chapter President Tony LaVecchia presents the Chapter Operational Plan
- 23 Jan: MOAA Nassau County Chapter in the Yulee News



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February Events



- 20 Feb: MOAA Nassau County Chapter Featured in the Bizz Around Town Section in the Callahan- Hilliard News
- 13 Feb: Officer Call at Gator's Dockside
- 11 Feb: Rocky McPherson speaking about indent theft



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March Events



- 8 Mar: Chapter President at THE PLAYERS military job fair
- 11 Mar: Author Ken Timmerman speaking about his experiences in the Middle East
- 11 Mar: IPP Mike Doran hanging first 5 Star LOE Streamer



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April Events



- 8 Apr: Sheriff Leeper is guest speaker, Rich Sharp attaching first Comms Award Streamer, and Harry Henning receiving a FCoC Award
- 19 Apr: Chapter members at Travelling Vietnam Memorial Wall
- 22 April: Officer Call at First Love Brewery



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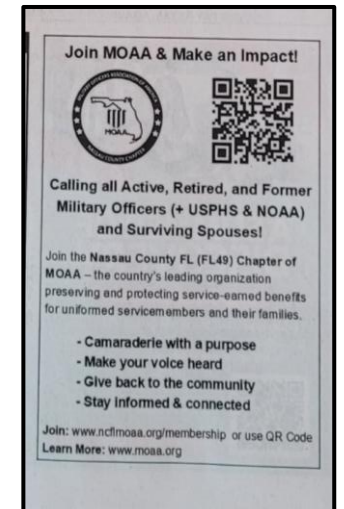


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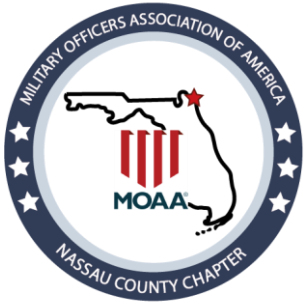
May Events



- 10 May: JROTC Awards Dinner
- 13 May: Pat Green, guest speaker
- 26 May: Memorial Ceremony for Bob Kiebler and Kate Waldrop
- May: First print advertisement in the Newsleader



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June Events



- 7 Jun: Held first Chapter Donation Drive, collected \$2,161
- 13 Jun: Kevin Lilly, Property Appraiser as guest speaker
- 23 Jun: Officer Call at the Bohemian Bull
- 26 Jun: Receive IRS status determination as a 501c(19)



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 Zeffly at www.ncfmoaa.org/donate. Go to the aforementioned web address to learn more about the Charitable Efforts Program, make an online 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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September Events



- **9 September, Chapter Visit by:
MOAA President / CEO Lt. Gen. Brian Kelly, USAF (Ret)**



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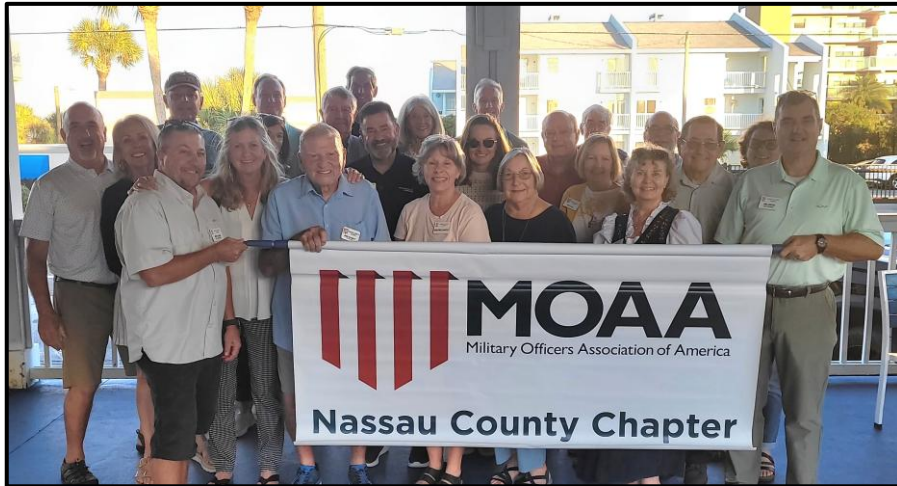


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October Events



- **Officer Call 21 October – The Surf**
- **14 Oct Speaker – Commissioner Hupp Huppmann**
- **NSB Kings Bay Commissary Gift Card Purchase**



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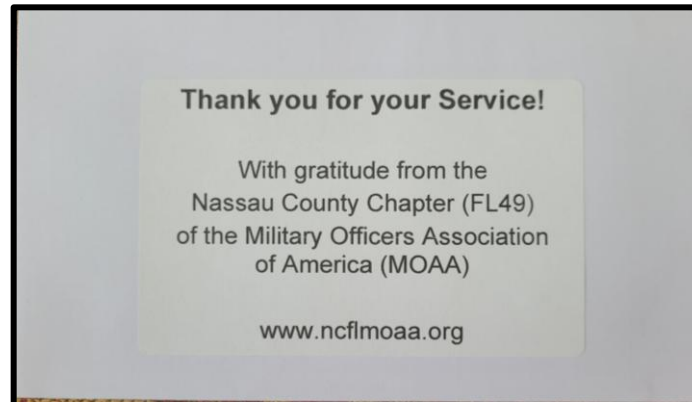


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November Events



- **Donation Drive – Callahan Winn-Dixie, 1 Nov**
- **NSB Kings Bay Commissary Gift Cards**
- **Veterans Day Parade - 11 Nov**



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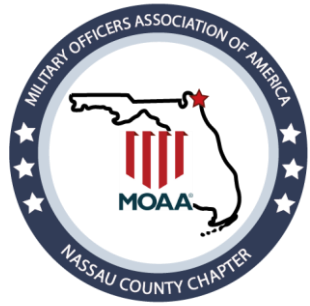
December Events



- **12 December – Chapter Christmas Party**

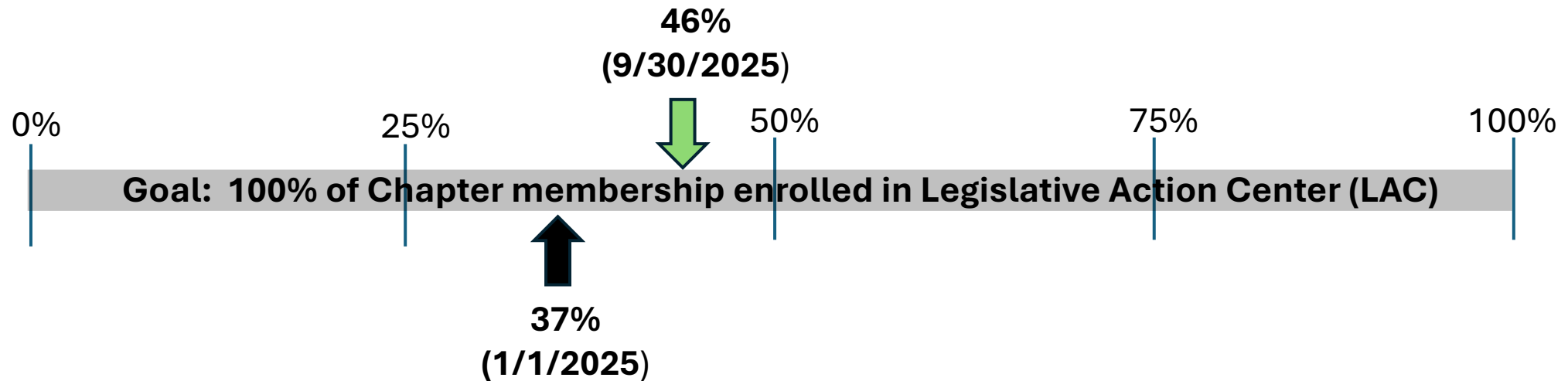


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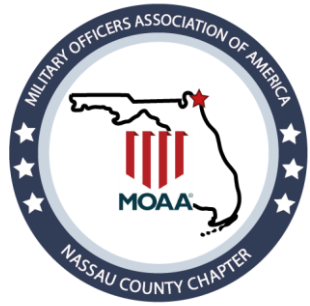


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Advocacy Goal - 2025

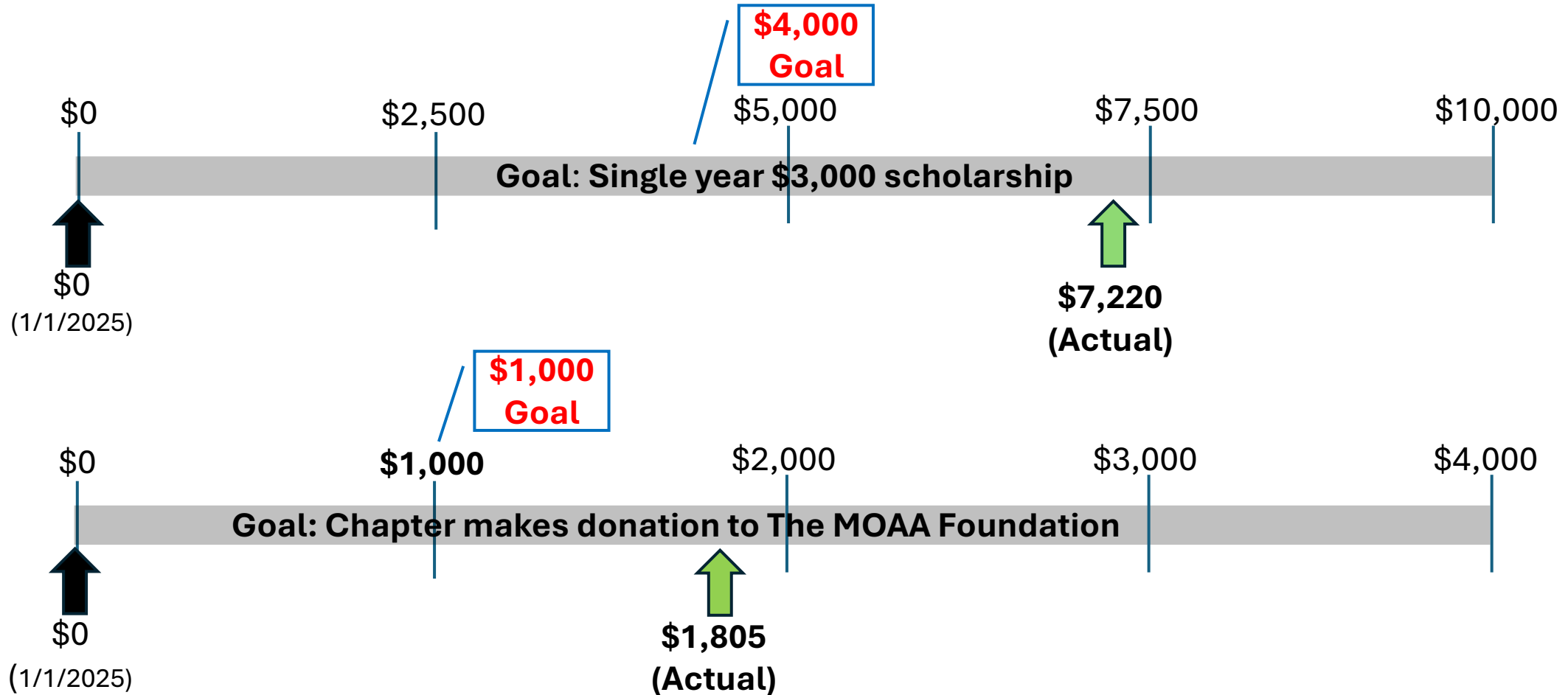


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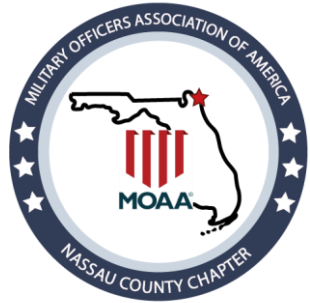


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Philanthropy & Community Service Goals - 2025



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2026 Focus



Continue to:

- **Grow Chapter Membership**
- **Increase Membership Participation**
- **Strong Fundraising**

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Chapter Plan



Lines of Effort

Mission Areas

Outcomes

LOE #1

Membership

Advocacy

- Legislative Action Center (LAC)

Philanthropy & Community Service

- JROTC Scholarship
- The MOAA Foundation (TMF)

Camaraderie

- Monthly Meetings
- Officer Call

More Members Enrolled In the LAC, More Members for Philanthropic Activities, Overall Greater Camaraderie

LOE #2

Participation

- Call to Action

- Memorial Day Services

- Memorial Day Services

Higher % in Calls to Action, More Members Donating to TMF, Greater Attendance at MOAA Events

- Congressional Representative Visits

- Veterans Day Parade

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- Food Assistance Distribution

LOE #3

Fundraising

- AiA Participation

- Holiday Party

- FCoC Convention

Larger and Multi Year Scholarship Distributions, Less Expensive or Free Chapter Events

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Leadership Team (2026)

- **President** – Tony LaVecchia
- **1st Vice President** – Jeff Carr
- **2nd Vice President** – Dwight Collins
- **Immediate Past President** – Mike Doran
- **Treasurer** – Bob Bell
- **Secretary** – Lou Tonti
- **Legislative Affairs** – Mike McClane
- **Surviving Spouse Liaison** – Mary Gustafson
- **Membership** – Dave Kriete **
- **Programs** - Vacant
- **JROTC** – Jim Jarvis **
- **Website/PAO** – Vacant
- **Newsletter** – Rich Sharp
- **Chaplain** – Jim Mackowski
- **Fundraising** – Michael Anthony **

**** Indicates New Volunteer Leader**

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Mission Area Update

- Advocacy -



- **CALL TO ACTION**

- **Major Richard Star Act**

- (LOE #2 Participation)

- **Legislative Action Center Chapter signed up : 46% (as of 30 Sep)**

- **Sign Up at: <https://moaa.quorum.us/home2/>**

- (LOE #2 Participation)

LOE #1: Membership	LOE #2: Participation	LOE #3: Funding
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Mission Area Update

- Philanthropy & Community Service -



- **The MOAA Foundation – Crisis Relief Fund**
 - Chapter will make a donation at the LTS/C in January - \$1,805
- **The MOAA Foundation Community Outreach Grant**
 - 2026 request submitted for \$5,000
 - Commissary Gift Cards for Junior Enlisted at NSB Kings Bay (LOE #2 Participation)

LOE #1: Membership

LOE #2: Participation

LOE #3: Funding

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Mission Area Update

- Camaraderie -



- **Christmas Party – 12 December**
- **Officer Call – Disco Witch in Yulee, 24 Feb**
(LOE #2 – Participation)



MOAA Nassau County Chapter Christmas Party - 2025



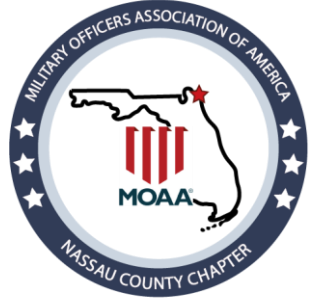
LOE #1: Membership

LOE #2: Participation

LOE #3: Funding

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Treasurer's Report

Bob Bell, CAPT USN (Ret)

- **Account reconciled with First Federal Bank as of Dec 31**
- **2026 Dues from 25 Members still Outstanding**
- **\$325 in Donations Received in 2026**
- **FCoC Annual Dues and PO Box fee paid**

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Membership



Dave Kriete VADM, USN (Ret)

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
• Chapter Membership (31 Dec):	105	92
Reg:	94	80
SSM:	4	8
Aux:	7	4
• Recruitment:	25	12

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Upcoming Events



- 29/31 Jan: FCoC Leadership Training Seminar & Convention (LTS/C) – Orlando, FL**
- 10 Feb: Chapter Meeting – 1130, Guest Speaker: Gary Powers, Cold War Lecture**
- 24 Feb: Officer Call – Disco Witch (Yulee), 1730**
- 10 Mar: Chapter Meeting – 1130, Guest Speaker: TBD**
- 14 Apr: Chapter Meeting – 1130, Guest Speaker: TBD**
- 28 Apr: Officer Call – First Love Brewery and Pizza, 1730**
- 12 May: Chapter Meeting – 1130, Guest Speaker: TBD**
- 9 Jun: Chapter Meeting – 1730, Guest Speaker: TBD**
- Xx Jun: Officer Call – Mainland, Location TBD, 1730**

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Q & A



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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