

MOAA Nassau County Chapter (FL49)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

FBGC 1130 on 03 March 2026

1. Meeting called to order at 1120.
2. Silent roll call by Secretary. The following board members were present:
  - i. Tony LaVecchia, President
  - ii. Jeff Carr, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
  - iii. Dwight Collins, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
  - iv. Bob Bell, Treasurer
  - v. Lou Tonti, Secretary
  - vi. Mike McClane, Director of Legislative Affairs
  - vii. Dave Kriete, Membership and Director of Database Management
  - viii. Mary Gustafson, Surviving Spouse Liaison
  - ix. Jim Jarvis, JROTC
  - x. Rich Sharp, Newsletter
3. Old Business
  - i. Scheduled speakers (Jeff Carr)
    1. 10 March – 1130 – Mayor Antun, Fernandina Beach
    2. 14 April – Rear Admiral Wirth cannot make it and will be replaced with Capt. Dull, Commanding Officer of Kings Bay
    3. 12May – Janet Adkins, Supervisor of Elections
  - ii. Vacate/Replacement Board Positions (Tony)
    1. There is still a need for a Web Master. Stephen Blozis has expressed an interest in accepting this position.
    2. Karen Prescott was asked about being the Program Coordinator but has not responded to our inquiries; therefore, the Board decided she was not interested.
  - iii. Recruitment of new members (Dave Kriete)
    1. Assembly of prospective officers mailing scheduled for Monday 16 March 6pm at Dave Kriete's. There was a discussion about preparations for the event.
  - iv. Officers' Call
    1. 28 April – First Love Brewing (on island) – chapter will fund the pizza; beverage at member's expense.
  - v. Charitable Efforts Program
    1. A motion was made and approved to survey the members about donations and the chapter's programs. Michael Anthony prepared a survey about donations, and this will be combined with other questions that the Membership Director (Dave Kriete) has proposed. (Dave Kriete/Michael Anthony)
  - vi. Chapter Award submissions
    1. Marvin Harris Communications Award - Announcement will be made in mid-April (Rich Sharp)

2. LOE 2025 Chapter Award – Announcement will be made in mid-April  
(Tony LaVecchia)
  3. LOE 2025 Award (Website)- Announcement will be made in mid-April  
(Tony LaVecchia)
  - vii. Funds were received for the 2026 MOAA Community Sponsorship Grant (\$300).
  - viii. Funds were received for the MOAA Insurance newsletter ad (\$100)
  - ix. The 2026 MOAA Foundation Community Outreach Grant for \$5000 for the same outreach program as 2025 (Kings Bay enlisted) has been submitted and awaiting a decision. (Tony LaVecchia)
4. New Business
- i. Treasurer Report
    1. Separate accounts for the Operating Funds and Charitable Efforts Program have been established.
    2. The Operating Funds are \$6,441.62.
    3. The Charitable Efforts Program funds are \$5048.
    4. Zeffy has been changed to accept Charitable Efforts Program funds.
    5. The Treasurer stated he will not be available for the 14 April luncheon. The Secretary has volunteered to collect for the luncheon.
  - ii. Update on membership (Dave Kriete)
    1. There are currently 106 members, with no new members, since the last board meeting.
    2. 19 members, who have not renewed their membership, will be dropped from our roster on 10 June 2026.
  - iii. Status of remaining speakers (Jeff Carr)
    1. There is still a need for speakers for May and June and next Fall. Board members suggested we ask George Zamka, a retired astronaut; Mike Ledovich, a reporter for the Fernandina Observer and former Mayor of Fernandina Beach; the Commander of the 125th Fighter Wing; U.S. Congressman Aaron Bean; and Florida State Senator Clay Yarborough. Previous suggestions were the Director of Council on Aging, and the Director of Submarine Museum in Kings Bay.
  - iv. Status of Officer's Call
    1. XX June – Date and location is still pending. It was suggested that the board try the Brew Shed in Yulee with the possibility that a food truck would be available.
  - v. Memorial Day Ceremony Preparations:
    1. The event will start at 0930 since the City Memorial Day Ceremony starts at 1100.
    2. Bricks for Sam Lane and Charlie Finnigan (Mary Gustafson)
    3. Bugler (Tony LaVecchia will contact Gene Kilcawley for name of previous bulger)
    4. Contact Family Members (Mary Gustafson)
    5. Awning (Mike Doran), Chairs (Rich Sharp), Water
5. Next BOD meeting is 07 April.
  6. Open discussion topics by board members

- i. The board decided to not automatically contribute to Toys for Tots Golf Tournament but make the decision annually.
  - ii. The President has the Big Check for awarding the JROTC scholarship to the West Nassau JROTC awardee. The JROTC cadet has not yet been identified. The amount this year will be \$2500. (Jim Jarvis)
  - iii. 13-16 April is the AIA campaign (call to action)
  - iv. Starting in mid-March, there will be weekly Call to Action emails sent IAW preps for AiA. (Mike McClane)
  - v. The President will not be at the April meeting, necessitating another board member to run the meeting.
  - vi. There was a discussion about MOAA's virtual leadership training section.
7. Meeting Adjourned at 1218.