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Legislative Advocacy – Philanthropy & Community Service – Camaraderie

General Meeting – 9 June 2026

Call to order:

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

Happy Birthday – U.S. Army!

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."

Invocation

Jim Mackowski
CDR USN (Ret)

POW/MIA Moment of Silence

- 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.

Dinner

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Theresa Viets

Military Liaison
Jumbo Shrimp Baseball Club

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President's Report

- **Board Position Vacancy – Programs Chair**
  - **Schedules Guest Speakers**
  - **Schedules Officer Calls**
  - **Participates as a Chapter BoD Chairperson**

BEST and most FUN position on the Board of Directors

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Mission Area Update
- Advocacy -

- **Summer AiA - Mid August**
  - **Watch for Call-to Action-Emails**
  - **Take Action and Make Your Voice Heard!**

- **Chapter Membership LAC Sign Up: 75% (Phenomenal)**
  - **Florida average is 37%, Nassau County is #2 in the state**
  - **1/1/2025: Nassau County was at 37%, up 38 percentage points**
  - **Great Work…Keep it Up!**

(LOE #2 Participation)

LOE #1: Membership	LOE #2: Participation	LOE #3: Funding

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Mission Area Update

- Philanthropy & Community Service -

- **Donation Collections at Winn-Dixie Callahan – 23 May**
  - **Collected $1,019**
  - **Thanks to Andrea LaVecchia, Steve & Kathleen Erickson and Levi Mathis**
    (LOE #3 Fundraising, LOE #1 Membership, LOE #2 Participation)





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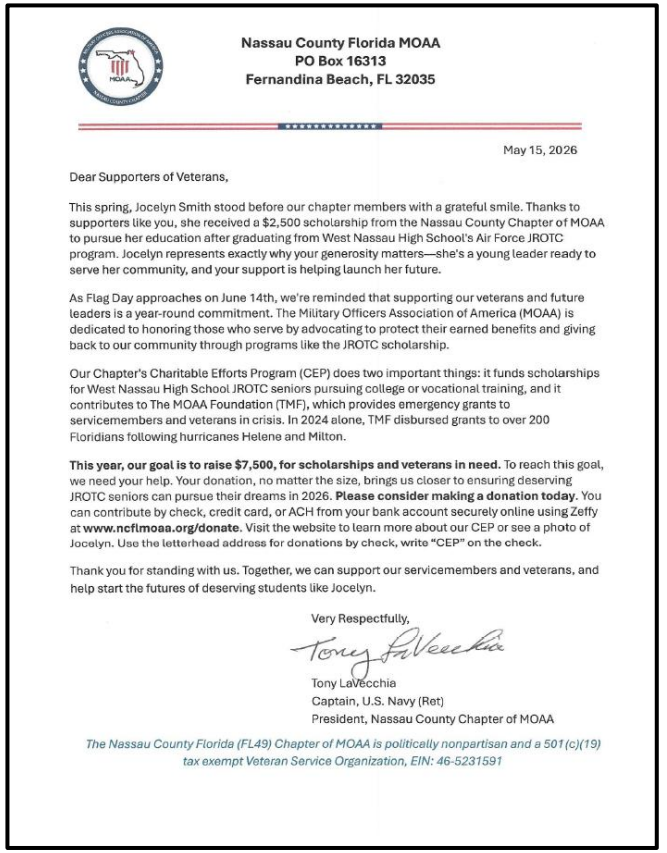
Mission Area Update

- Philanthropy & Community Service -

- **Email / Letter Donation Campaign**
- **Emails Sent 15 May and 5 June**
- **Low Participation / Few Donations**

(LOE #3 Fundraising, LOE #2 Participation)

Act Today – Send a Letter / Donate



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

May 15, 2026

Dear Supporters of Veterans,

This spring, Jocelyn Smith stood before our chapter members with a grateful smile. Thanks to supporters like you, she received a $2,500 scholarship from the Nassau County Chapter of MOAA to pursue her education after graduating from West Nassau High School's Air Force JROTC program. Jocelyn represents exactly why your generosity matters—she's a young leader ready to serve her community, and your support is helping launch her future.

As Flag Day approaches on June 14th, we're reminded that supporting our veterans and future leaders is a year-round commitment. The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is dedicated to honoring those who serve by advocating to protect their earned benefits and giving back to our community through programs like the JROTC scholarship.

Our Chapter's Charitable Efforts Program (CEP) does two important things: it funds scholarships for West Nassau High School JROTC seniors pursuing college or vocational training, and it contributes to The MOAA Foundation (TMF), which provides emergency grants to servicemembers and veterans in crisis. In 2024 alone, TMF disbursed grants to over 200 Floridians following hurricanes Helene and Milton.

This year, our goal is to raise $7,500, for scholarships and veterans in need. To reach this goal, we need your help. Your donation, no matter the size, brings us closer to ensuring deserving JROTC seniors can pursue their dreams in 2026. **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**. Visit the website to learn more about our CEP or see a photo of Jocelyn. Use the letterhead address for donations by check, write "CEP" on the check.

Thank you for standing with us. Together, we can support our servicemembers and veterans, and help start the futures of deserving students like Jocelyn.

Very Respectfully,

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

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Mission Area Update

- Camaraderie -

- **Officer Call – Brew Shed, Yulee – 25 Jun / 1730**
  - **Food Available for Purchase**
  - **Come on out and have some fun…remember to RSVP**

  (LOE #2 – Participation)



- **Remembrance Ceremony – 25 May**
  - **We honored Sam Lane and Charlie Finnigan**
  - **Thanks to all the came out and helped out**
  - **Special thanks to those that spoke**

  (LOE #2 – Participation)



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1st Vice President's Report

- **New Veterans area at the waterfront park to members. Community meeting was held Wednesday 3 June at the waterfront Pavilion**
  - **I will consolidate any feedback from members, please give me feedback for consideration by end of the week**

- **MOAA will host next year's Memorial Day event.**
  - **I have taken the lead and will start asking for help in the fall. I have already received a lot of feedback from this year's event. Hopeful next years event will be at a new Veterans Park**

1st Vice President's Report

- **Additional Events for consideration (these can be small groups, with little or no effort)**
  - **Golf outing**
  - **MOAA baseball event at the Jumbo Shrimp preferably on one of the games with free tickets for Vets. Aug 2 at 5:05 PM or Sept 9 at 7:05PM.**
  - **Any other suggestions**

Membership

Chapter Membership Update (as of 8 June 2026)

- **111 Total Members**
  - **102 Regular Members**
  - **3 Surviving Spouse Members**
  - **6 Auxiliary Members**
- **24 New members joined in 2026**

PLEASE BE A RECRUITER FOR OUR CHAPTER AND ASK ONE FRIEND, NEIGHBOR OR RELATIVE TO JOIN US.

Upcoming Events

25 Jun: Officer Call – Brew Shed (Mainland), 1730, Food Available for Purchase

8 Sep: Chapter Meeting – 1730, Guest Speaker, Col George Zamka, USMC (Ret), Astronaut

13 Oct: Chapter Meeting – 1130, Guest Speaker: Amanda and Will Stanger, Veterans Healthcare

Xx Oct: Officer Call – TBD (On Island), 1730

10 Nov: Chapter Meeting – 1130, Guest Speaker: TBD (+ Chapter Officer Elections)

11 Dec: Christmas Party – FBGC: 1730 Cocktails, 1830 Dinner

Q & A

Saved Rounds / Questions / Comments

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General Meeting – 12 May 2026

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

Adjourned

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