

MOAA Nassau County Chapter (FL49)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
FBGC 1130 on 01 September 2026

1. Meeting to order 1132.
2. Silent roll call by Secretary. The following board members were present:
 - i. Tony LaVecchia, President
 - ii. Jeff Carr, Vice President
 - iii. Bob Bell, Treasurer
 - iv. Lou Tonti, Secretary
 - v. Mike McClane, Director of Legislative Affairs
 - vi. Dave Kriete, Membership
 - vii. Jim Jarvis, JROTC
 - viii. Rich Sharp, Newsletter
 - ix. Mary Gustafson, Surviving Spouses
 - x. Steve Blozis, Web Master
 - xi. Katy Person, Prospective Treasurer
3. Old Business
 - i. Scheduled speakers (Jeff Carr)
 1. September Speaker – George Zamka, COL USMC (Ret.), USNA Class of 1984, former Space Shuttle Astronaut
 2. October: Amanda & Will Stanger – Veterans Healthcare
 3. November: Mike Doran on his past trip
 4. The decision to hold a social event on the King's Bay Base as a possible new member recruitment event was dropped from the agenda
 - ii. Vacate/Replacement Board Positions (Tony La Vecchia)
 1. Stephen Blozis assumed duties as Web Master.
 2. Barbara Kent has volunteered to become the Program Coordinator for a 1 year commitment.
 - iii. Officers' Call
 1. Jeff Carr will investigate having the October Officer Call (1730) at the American Legion Post on island
 2. The Down Under restaurant, off Island was proposed for the February event.
 3. The possibility of holding an Officer's Call aboard the USS Orleck was moved to the special events category instead of an officer's call event.
 - iv. Charitable Efforts (Michael Anthony)
 1. Lou Tonti discussed the documents (previously emailed to board members) relating to our effort to get qualified as an IRS 501(c)(3) charity. After several discussions on the documents, the board decided to take another look at the documents and provide Lou with their comments for further possible revisions.
 2. Charity Drive (Tony LaVecchia)
 - a. 10 October, 1000-1600
 - b. Winn Dixie, Yulee location
 - c. Tony LaVecchia will not be available for this charity drive and volunteers are needed to hold this event.
 3. An involvement at the Right Whale Festival in Fernandina Beach on November 7-8, 2026, was approved by the board, and the treasurer will provide the necessary funding to Michael Anthony to reserve a spot for our chapter.
 - v. Katy Person demonstrated the use of a credit card reader by receiving payments for our next meeting/dinner by a few board members. This credit card reading will be used in the future at our luncheon/dinners. (Katy Person)
 - vi. A "tip" sheet which explains our chapter's purpose and organization to inform prospective donors is already available online with MOAA National. Rich Sharp will coordinate with Steve Blozis to get a tip sheet on our website. (Rich Sharp)
 - vii. The membership feedback on veterans' area at Waterfront Park is completed and Jeff Carr will use this information for future veteran's memorial events. (Jeff Carr)

- viii. 2027 Memorial Day Event (Jeff Carr)
 - 1. Jeff Carr reminded the board that our chapter will be in charge of organizing and conducting the 2027 Memorial Day ceremony in Fernandina Beach.
- 4. New Business
 - i. Treasurer Report (Bob Bell)
 - 1. The balance at the end of August in our basic checking account is \$9082.16.
 - 2. The balance at the end of August in our charity checking account is \$6553.
 - ii. Membership (Dave Kriete)
 - 1. As of 01 September, the Chapter had a total of 117 members consisting of:
 - a. 108 regular members
 - b. 3 surviving spouse members
 - c. 6 auxiliary members
 - d. 0 honorary members
 - 2. 3 new members are in the process of being added to our chapter.
 - iii. Newsletter (Rich Sharp).
 - 1. Nothing to discuss about the newsletter.
 - iv. Call to Action (Mike McClane)
 - 1. Mike McClane discussed the issue of veteran's benefits and the need to keep Congress aware of any issues.
 - v. Nominating Committee (Lou Tonti)
 - 1. The board acted as the nominating committee and recommended 2 candidates and the current remaining board members (Jeff Carr, Dwight Collins and Lou Tonti) for the future election in November. The 2nd VP position still requires a candidate.
 - vi. Surviving Spouse
 - 1. Mary Gustafson was selected to be on the MOAA National board as the surviving spouse advisory committee member.
- 5. Next BOD meeting is Tuesday 06 October. The President and the Secretary will not be available for this meeting.
- 6. Meeting Adjourned at 1252.