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General Meeting – 13 Oct 2026

Call to order:

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

Happy Birthday

- NOAA (3 Oct)
- U.S. Navy (Today)
- U.S. Marine Corps (10 Nov)

***** Visit the Nassau County Chapter Website *****

Schedule Updates - Pay Dues - Pay Meals - Make Donations

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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."

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.

Lunch

MOAA is a politically non-partisan organization

Will and Amanda Stanger

Will and Amanda Stanger – Will and Amanda are certified Florida insurance agents authorized to represent Veterans Healthcare and they reside in Pensacola. As an Affinity Partner with MOAA, Veterans Healthcare is dedicated to helping veterans and retirees protect their coverage and enhance their retirement benefits by understanding their full range of Medicare options. Veterans Health Care tailor insurance plans with U.S. Military veterans in mind to take advantage of Medicare and Tricare for Life benefits.

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President's Report

Elections to be held at the November Chapter Meeting
-- Terms Commence 1 Jan 2027 --

Position	Current	Candidate for Election
President	Tony LaVecchia	Jeff Carr
1st Vice President	Jeff Carr	Dwight Collins
2nd Vice President	Dwight Collins	????
Secretary	Lou Tonti	Lou Tonti
Treasurer	Bob Bell	Katy Person

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Mission Area Update

- Advocacy -

- **Monthly Call-to-Action Emails to Continue (10th of Every Month)**
  (LOE #2 Participation)

- **New Members – Please make certain you are signed up in the Legislative Action Center (LAC) at: https://moaa.quorum.us/**
  (LOE #2 Participation)

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

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Mission Area Update

- Philanthropy & Community Service -

- **Donation Drive – Yulee Winn-Dixie, 10 Oct**
  - **Thanks to Michael Anthony and Tom Meissgeier**

  (LOE #3 Fundraising, LOE #2 Participation, LOE #1 Membership)



- **NSB Kings Bay Commissary Gift Cards**
  - **Food assistance for junior enlisted personnel and families (USN/USMC/USCG)**
  - **140 - $25 commissary gift cards PURCHASED ($3,500)**
  - **Distribution scheduled for November, working with Senior NCO cadre**

  (LOE #2 Participation)

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Mission Area Update
- Philanthropy & Community Service -

- **Recruitment/Donation Drive – Right Whale Festival, 7 & 8 Nov (Volunteers Needed…email request later this month)**

  (LOE #3 Fundraising, LOE #2 Participation, LOE #1 Membership)

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Mission Area Update

- Camaraderie -

- **Officer Call – American Legion, Fernandina Beach**
  - **Wednesday, 28 Oct / 1730**

- **Christmas Party, 11 December…mark your calendars now!**

  (LOE #2 Participation)

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1st Vice President's Report

- Happy US Navy Birthday, from the Army

- October 28, 1730 – Officers Call at American Legion (626 S 3rd St, Fernandina Beach). An inside look at what's going on at the American Legion, Bob Davis, AL Commander will talk to us about what the American Legion is all about. At 1830 there is roadkill bingo, win real cuts of meat (not possum or raccoon). Enjoy Bingo or hang out with fellow MOAA and other Vets. Food is a potluck provided by the American Legion, they just ask for a small donation. No Membership required

- 10 Nov, 1130- General membership meeting, FBGC- Guest Speaker- Our very own Mike and Suzanne Doran and their Great Loop Boat adventure- A birds eye view of the great American waterways from the Helm

- 11 Nov- MOAA in the Veterans day parade, 1030 start, need to arrive around 1000 by the ball field parking lots behind Central Park, look for MOAA members

- 11 Dec ,1730, FBGC- Annual Christmas Party

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Other significant Veteran Events:

- October 16–18 – Blue Angels/Thunderbirds Airshow at NAS Jacksonville
- November 6 – Marine Corps Ball- Amelia River Golf Club, Tickets still available.
- November 8 – Vets, Pets & Music Fest (1:00–4:00 PM at Green Turtle, downtown). Auction, live music, food and drink and Pet Friendly. All money raised stays in Nassau County to help Veterans in need.
- November 10 – US Marine Corps Birthday
- November 11 – Veterans Day Parade (Fernandina Beach, organized by American Legion; POC: Pat Perkins)
- November 12 – West Nassau High School Veterans Appreciation Dinner (6:00 PM)
- December 5 – VFW Annual Golf Tournament- If interested in playing, let me know. I plan on getting a team together.
- Marine Corp does their annual Toys for Tots, they are looking for volunteers Nov 21, Dec 5, and Dec12.. If interested contact Scott Gedicks at 540-660-2837

Treasurer's Report

Bob Bell, CAPT USN (Ret)

- Tap To Pay Card Reader Now Available
- Accounts Reconciled With Bank
- 2027 Dues are Due NLT 31 Jan 2027
- Use Of CheddarUp Is Encourage...www.ncflmoaa.org

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Legislative Affairs

Mike McClane, CW4 USA (Ret)

Legislative Action Center (LAC):

1. Register/Sign Up
2. Respond to Calls to Action

https://moaa.quorum.us/home2/

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Membership

Chapter Membership Update

- **121 Total Members**
  - **112 Regular Members**
  - **3 Surviving Spouse Members**
  - **6 Auxiliary Members**
- **33 New members joined in 2026**

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

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Upcoming Events

28 Oct: Officer Call – American Legion Post 54, Fernandina Beach,1730

7/8 Nov: Recruitment/Donation Drive – Right Whale Festival

10 Nov: Chapter Meeting – 1130, Guest Speaker: Mike Doran, The Great Loop

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

The 2027 Meeting and Social Schedule is posted to the website: www.ncflmoaa.org

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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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