

July-September 2024 ISSUE

# THE BUGLER



The Newsletter of the MOAA Citrus County Chapter, Inc.



## President's Message

LTJG Jeffrey A. Krug, PhD, USN (FMR)

Dear Chapter Members, Families, and Supporters:

We were ready to welcome members back from the summer at our annual chapter picnic in September. Because many of our members and families were affected by Hurricane Helene, we canceled our picnic for this year. Thank you to Terri Harrison for planning and organizing this event.

On Thursday, October 24th, we will host a meet-and-greet with Congressman Bilirakis at 3PM at the VA Clinic in Lecanto. We will then celebrate the Massing of the Colors on October 27th at Seven Rivers Church in Lecanto at 3PM. Please join us for both events.

Our Veterans-in-the-Classroom program will run for two weeks from October 28th through November 8th. Many of our members, as well as other Veterans in Citrus County, will speak to K-12 students about their experiences in the military. Thank you all who support this program.

Our November 14th, we will hold our annual business meeting at American Legion Post 155 from 9-11AM. Our meeting will discuss the Florida Council of Chapters (FCoC) and MOAA National approval of our proposal to expand our chapter boundaries south to include Hernando County and north to include Levy, Dixie, and Alachua Counties.

This proposal is an exciting opportunity to serve eleven JROTC programs along the entire Florida Nature Coast in a new, five-county chapter area. We will present this proposal at our business meeting on November 14th. We will also consider a change in our business name (dba) to MOAA Florida Nature Coast (while maintaining our legal name of MOAA Citrus County Chapter). Please join us to discuss and vote on these exciting proposals.

Our annual Installation Dinner will be held on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at Citrus Hills Country Club. I hope to see many of you there.

**Jeff**

### IN THIS ISSUE

- Rep. Bilirakis Meeting
- Veterans Appreciation Week Events
- Election Information
- Chapter Business Meeting

### Chapter Information Links

[Website Home Page](#)

[Our Leadership](#)

[Our Events Calendar](#)

[Our Photo Albums](#)

[Why Join MOAA](#)

[MOAA Action Alerts](#)

[Contact Us](#)

**Newsletter Editorial Policy**  
National MOAA, the MOAA Florida Council of Chapters and the MOAA Citrus County Chapter, Inc. are independent, nonprofit and politically non-partisan organizations.  
**MOAA Citrus County Chapter, Inc PO Box 637  
Lecanto, FL 34460**



**COL MAX SCHULMAN  
USAF (RET)**

**CHAPTER  
VICE PRESIDENT**

**[Contact Us](#)**

**CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT**

Congressman Bilirakis' office just announced a new Citrus County Veterans Clinic to be built at 3949 West Gulf to Lake Highway in Lecanto, FL. The VA is expecting a two to 2 1/2-year construction timeframe. Services to be offered are: Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) Clinic; Audiology & Speech Pathology; Mental Health Services; Mammography; Multi-Specialty Clinic for Podiatry, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R); Prosthetics & Sensory Aids; Home Based Primary Care; Radiology Services; Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Services; Pharmacy; and Support Services.

**Max**



**LCDR GARY RUNYON  
USN (RET)**

**CHAPTER  
TREASURER**

**[Contact Us](#)**

**CHAPTER TREASURER REPORT**

**Quarterly Report Date: June 30, 2024**

General Expense Fund Balance:	\$ 11,162.17
Bud Wise JROTC Scholarship Fund Balance:	\$ 8,389.35
Petty Cash Fund: Balance	\$ 21.00

**GRAND TOTAL CHAPTER ASSETS \$19,572.52**

Quarterly treasurer reports are available online at: [Treasurer Reports](#).

You can donate online to the Bud Wise JROTC Scholarship Fund (BWSF) even if you owe no chapter dues. Click on the link in box to left and then choose the "Donate Only" tab. Or mail donation checks to our chapter mailing address at: MOAA Citrus County Inc, PO Box 637, Lecanto, FL 34460.

**Gary**

**DONATE WHEN YOU  
PAY ONLINE DUES**

**CHAPTER SECRETARY**



**MAJ RICH REDDY  
USA (FMR)**

**CHAPTER  
SECRETARY**

**[Contact Us](#)**

As our chapter advances into the 2020s, we need to maintain and grow our membership to continue serving the community. It is critical that you attend the business meeting on November 14, 2024, 9AM at American Legion Post 155. By then, there will be updates on various topics that require your understanding of the chapter board plans. By meeting in person, you will have the opportunity to help decide the chapter's future and ask questions that are relevant to this proposed plan. See you all there!

**Rich**



**MAJ BOB BUGNER  
ARNG (RET)  
LEGISLATIVE  
DIRECTOR**

**Contact Us**

**LEGISLATIVE LINKS:**

**MOAA TAKE ACTION  
CENTER**

**Not Getting Email Leg-  
islative Updates? Click  
On Link Below:**

**NATIONAL MOAA  
EMAIL PREFERENCE**

**PH: 1-800-234-6622**

**LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR**

**Election Season Is Here—What You Need To Know**

Early voting, mail-in ballots, voter registration. Does it all sound confusing? Learn what you need to do using the Citrus County Supervisor of Elections website before the Nov 5th election day:

**A. Am I registered???** Click the following link to see if you are registered or if your registration is current. This will also tell you if you have registered to vote by mail: **[Voter Lookup Form \(votecitrus.gov\)](http://votecitrus.gov)**.

**B. Not Registered To Vote???** Go to this link to register to vote:  
**[Register to Vote \(votecitrus.gov\)](http://votecitrus.gov)**.

**C. When and where to do early voting???** Click on the following link to learn where early voting polls are located and the dates/times for early voting: **[2024 Early Voting Sites and Schedule \(votecitrus.gov\)](http://votecitrus.gov)**.

**D. How Do I Vote By Mail???** To register to vote by mail (always check your registration status first) you must complete a request form at the link: **[Click Here to Order Your Vote by Mail Ballot \(votecitrus.gov\)](http://votecitrus.gov)**.

**Act Now! Use the National MOAA Legislative Website**

For all legislative issues: **[MOAA | Legislative Action Center \(quorum.us\)](http://quorum.us)**

*Bob*



**CAPT TERRI  
HARRISON USN  
(RET)  
PERSONAL AFFAIRS  
& SURIVING SPOUSE  
DIRECTOR**

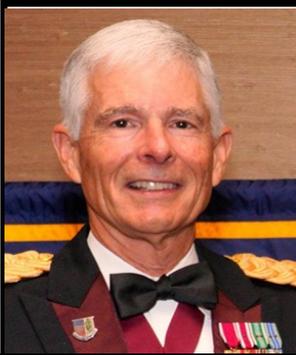
**Contact Us**

**PERSONNEL AFFAIRS & SURVIVING SPOUSE DIRECTOR**

**The Holiday Season Is Fast Approaching**

With the holiday season approaching, for most it is a time of joy and get-togethers with family and friends. It can also be the perfect storm of events and emotions. If you are suffering the loss of a spouse or loved one, or changing your lifestyle, it can be a hectic and exhausting time of the year. Fortunately, there are some coping skills that work. Find your comfort zone and focus on your health and happiness. Eventually, though, you must embrace change and accept the reality that the holidays will not be the same again. If you are truly alone, find your solace in helping others. Remember, good times will follow. In any event, have a safe and blessed holiday season.

*Terri*



## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

### Chapter New Website Launches

Our chapter's new website is now live at: [MOAA CCC Home Page](#) .

### Event Schedule For The Fall: Mark Your Calendars

Chapter events are listed on our chapter website calendar link:

[MOAA Citrus County Chapter, Inc - Upcoming-Events \(moaaccc.org\)](#)

#### **Oct 24: Meeting With House Representative Gus Bilirakis:**

More Information will be emailed to the membership by our chapter president on who is invited to attend this meeting.

#### **Veterans Appreciation Week Events Involving MOAA:**

**Oct 27:** 3PM Combined Massing of the Colors and Nature Coast Community Band Event at Seven Rivers Church-Honoring WWII Veterans.

**Oct 28-Nov 8: Veterans In The Classroom**– Registration is closed, assignments made, confirmation emails sent to teachers and Veterans.

**Nov 10: Military Ball, 4-8PM,** Central Ridge Community Center. Terri Harrison is the event POC. For tickets call 352-410-9215.

**Nov 11: Veterans Day Parade**– The Veterans Day parade staging and route will now change to within the City of Inverness. Parade marshals will not meet at the Hen House and we are still waiting for details on how marshals will be assigned and where do they go!

**Nov 11: Veterans Day Memorial Service 11AM Inverness Square**

**Nov 11: Veterans Appreciation Free Luncheon At Depot Following Memorial Service At Depot Pavilion**

**Nov 14: Chapter Annual Business Meeting 9AM-11AM, Location: American Legion Post 155, 6585 W Gulf To Lake Hwy, Crystal River, FL 34429.** Please attend this important business meeting to receive a briefing and provide input on our chapter's future goals and expansion plans as outlined in the president's section of this newsletter.

**Dec 5: Chapter Annual Installation Dinner-Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club**

*Mark*

**COL MARK  
BODENHEIM  
USA (RET)  
MEMBERSHIP  
DIRECTOR**

[Contact Us](#)

#### **Want to Join Our Chapter?**

Three step process:

**1. Current national MOAA membership is required. Not a MOAA member? Go to the link on our website to learn about MOAA and contact them about membership.**

[National MOAA Membership Link](#)

**2. Complete online chapter application.**

[Application Form Link](#)

**3. Pay local chapter dues online.**

[Pay Local Dues Link](#)

**Contact Information For National MOAA**

[Contact MOAA](#)

PH: 800-234-6622

PH: 703-549-2311

**For Chapter Membership Application or Questions:**

[Contact Us](#)

# 2024 National MOAA Service Announcements

SERVICEMEMBERS MAKE A  
LOT OF SACRIFICES. THEIR BENEFITS  
SHOULDN'T BE ONE OF THEM.



## MOAA ADVOCATES FOR ALL RANKS ACROSS ALL SERVICES.

The Military Officers Association of America is the nation's largest military service association. With more than 360,000 members, we're able to support and advocate for all ranks across the eight uniformed services.

On April 17, MOAA members from across the U.S. are visiting Capitol Hill to maintain the viability of the all-volunteer force – today and in the future. We'll ask lawmakers to ensure our nation keeps its promises to servicemembers and their families by supporting combat-injured veterans through the Major Richard Star Act, restoring the Basic Allowance for Housing to 100% of rental and utility costs, and protecting the TRICARE For Life health benefit.

Learn more about these issues and other ways MOAA supports those who serve and have served, along with their families and survivors, at [MOAA.org/AJA](https://MOAA.org/AJA).



**Standing with you  
at every stage.**

**1-800-247-2192**  
**[www.moaainsurance.com/plans](https://www.moaainsurance.com/plans)**

100392