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President's Message COL Eunice Patxot, USA (Ret)

Greetings to the Sun City Center Chapter family.

I am excited!! Our monthly meetings are getting better, more exciting, and with more attendees every month. Admiral Chambers gave us an insightful and entertaining presentation on the Evacuation of Saigon. Our 93-year-old Admiral is as feisty as ever.

Are you planning on attending the May meeting? It will be a joint MOAA/MOWW meeting. We are excited and honored to have Political Analyst and MOAA Honorary Member Dr. Susan MacManus as our guest speaker. Her analysis of the political landscape is always on point. You don't want to miss it.

Do you have questions related to military benefits? We have answers. Ms. Jeannie Stratis, our Surviving Spouse Liaison, has organized a Military Benefits Forum on Wed, April 26th, from 1-3 PM, at the Sun City Center Community Center. Come with your questions and concerns; leave with answers.

In cooperation with several other veteran and civilian organizations, the Memorial Day event will occur on Monday, May 29th, at 10AM at the Kings Point Veterans Center. Please refer to the information in the newsletter. Join family members as we celebrate the lives of veterans that have passed since last Memorial Day.

We will be updating our chapter directory. If your contact information has changed, email or text me the correct information.

I appreciate all the members that make our chapter a wonderful chapter. I appreciate the time, effort, and support of all the volunteers. As a result of your excellent work, our chapter has once again been awarded the five-star Marvin J. Harris Communications Award for both our newsletter and web page. Thank you for all you do.

I look forward to seeing you on Wed, May 3rd. Call someone, invite them, or bring them to the meeting. Till then, stay safe, be blessed, and *Never Stop Serving*.

May 2023 Program

Dr. Susan A. MacManus



Dr. Susan A. MacManus is a University of South Florida Distinguished University Professor Emerita (Department of Government and International Affairs, School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies). From 1998 to 2015, she was a

political analyst for WFLA News Channel 8 (Tampa's NBC affiliate). Since 2016, Dr. MacManus has been the political analyst for ABC Action News (Tampa's ABC affiliate). She is a featured columnist on say-fiereview.com, a widely read Florida-based political website, and has appeared on every major broadcast and cable television and radio network. Dr. MacManus is Florida's most-quoted political scientist. She is not affiliated with any political party.

Dr. MacManus has authored or co-authored numerous publications on Florida politics, including Florida's Minority Trailblazers: The Men and Women Who Changed the Face of Florida Government, Politics in Florida, Young v. Old: Generational Combat in the 21st Century?, and Targeting Senior Voters. She and her mother, Elizabeth, also authored two local Florida history books: Citrus, Sawmills, Critters & Crackers: Early Life in Lutz and Central Pasco County and Going, Going, Almost Gone: Lutz-Land O' Lakes Pioneers Share Their Precious Memories.

Dr. MacManus received her M.A. from the University of Michigan and Ph.D. from Florida State University.

She will give her presentation about local Florida politics on May 3rd, 2023.

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- CHAPTER MEMBERS:
 - --- 155 Chapter Members
 - --- 94 Regular LIFE members
 - --- 25 Regular ANNUAL members
 - --- 33 Regular BASIC members
 - --- 28 Surviving Spouses
 - --- 5 Honorary members
- ❖ WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:
 - . Dan Melton, Colonel, USMC (Ret) Sonny
 - Lisa Slayton, Surviving Spouse, Partner Glenn
- MEMBERS RECENTLY LOST
 - No losses during March



- ❖ The Chapter reimburses \$100 to members who upgrade To LIFE when LIFE certificate is presented to the treasurer.
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Reservations no later than 6 p.m. Sunday, 30 April 2023
Florida Room, Atrium Building

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Please give full names of members and guests, total number attending. Cost is \$19.00/person payable at the door (cash, check, or credit card). Social hour begins at 11:00 a.m. Business meeting at 11:15 followed by a speaker and lunch.

Remember, if you make a reservation and do not attend, you are expected to pay. Bring payment to next meeting or send check to:

Military Officers Association of America Post Office Box 5693 Sun City Center, FL 33571-5693

Buffet Luncheon Menu

Garden Salad Bar with Dressing Assortment, Rolls & Butter Entrees:

- Coconut Shrimp—Sweet Red Chili Sauce
- General Tso Chicken
- Chinese Pepper Steak

Fried Rice & Vegetable du Jour

Desserts: Chef's selected desserts

The Chaplain's Corner

Benny Blackshire



May is the time when my thoughts are toward Memorial Day, which falls on Monday, May 29 this year. MEMORIAL DAY is MOAA's annual community outreach event. The American

Legion does Veterans' Day, and MOWW does the Military Ball, but Memorial Day is MOAA's day to show what we contribute to the community.

It is one of the most significant events by the military organizations in Sun City Center. Even though MOAA has the lead on Memorial Day, all the veterans' service organizations participate in the ceremony. Planning for Memorial Day starts in January of each year and continues right up until the ceremony.

We develop a Memorial Day Preparation Checklist each year, so every detail is covered each month. The MOAA Board of Directors has always been an active part of preparing for Memorial Day. You can also be a part of the ceremony by volunteering to be an usher or volunteering to be a flag bearer.

All Veterans in the greater Sun City Center area who have died since the last Memorial Day Ceremony will be honored during the Living Flag Tribute and the Roll Call, the reading of names of the deceased veterans. As each name is read, a flag bearer stands in honor of the deceased Individual.

Look for the Memorial Day flyer in this newsletter for more information. Now, I leave you with this Memorial Day thought.

We remember the many brave men and women who have given their lives throughout the history of our country to protect us from danger and harm.

We remember all those who sustained an injury in mind and/or body in the course of their service. We salute all those who served in the military.

Memorial Day is a day of remembrance.

Dear God, please look with mercy on our brave and selfless brothers and sisters, who did not shirk from their task but gave themselves completely to the cause of defending and protecting us all. Bless all who have given their lives for the sake of liberty, and grant them eternal rest with You. Amen.



MOAA Florida Council of Chapters (FCoC) 46th Annual Convention, May 19th-21st At the Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center World Golf Village in St. Augustine, FL



Come join us at the gathering of Florida MOAA Members in Florida's Oldest City, St. Augustine, from Friday, May 19th through Sunday, May 21st. There are low hotel rates available for MOAA members before, during, and after the Convention. The Convention promises to be a fun and memorable event at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center at the World Golf Village, just off I-95 in St. Augustine. There is a Golf Tournament on Friday on one of the world-class courses and tours of the Old City. On Saturday there is a bourbon tasting event and a Military Ball! MOAA President and CEO, Lt. Gen. B.K. Kelly is the guest speaker. There will also be a memorial service for MOAA members in Florida that we lost in 2022, Surviving Spouse and Legislative Affairs updates by MOAA representatives. We are hearing there will be Pirates too with lots of other things to see and do!

Reservations are now open and can be made on the MOAA Florida Council website at www.MOAAFLorg/Convention.aspx?ConvYear=2023
Photo Courtesy of Ted Pappa

Like what you see in this newsletter? There's even more in the Florida Council of Chapter's newsletter at this link!

https://moaafl.org/communique.aspx

Did you know we have a Facebook Page? We do! It's a great place to see what's happening in our chapter, and it allows you to express your opinions on our activities and keep in touch with other members. If you have a Facebook account, click the logo/link to "like" and follow our page. If you don't yet have a Facebook Account, Facebook makes it easy to establish one.





Surviving Spouse Corner Jeannie Stratis

Have you ever had difficulty getting an answer from the VA regarding benefits? Here is your chance to get some information and answers. The Surviving Spouse Committee of MOAA Sun City, is hosting a forum for our military, veterans, family members and surviving spouses of all branches, grades and rank. As the flyer on the next page indicates, it will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, from 1-3pm, SCC Community Hall, 1910 South Pebble Beach Boulevard, Sun City Center. We will have representatives from the Veterans Health Administration, Veterans Benefits Administration, and subject matter experts from MacDill.

Registration is suggested for handout purposes. You Can email moaasccsurvi-vors@gmail.com or go to Eventbrite.com and search Military Benefits Forum for Military, Veterans & Surviving Spouses to register. Registration is also posted on the MOAA SCC FL42 Facebook page. You can submit general questions to the email address listed above before the event.

Please help promote this valuable forum to as many people as possible. We'd love to fill the room and assist as many people as possible!



Leave your checks at home!

You can now pay your member dues, lunches, name tags, and shirts with a credit card (there's a small convenience fee)

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His creative juices are flowing as he ponders the changes, updates, and additions to our web site

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See our website for everything you ever wanted to know about our chapter!

https://moaafl.org/chapters/SCCMOAA/





Military Benefits Forum for Military, Veterans & Surviving Spouses

Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 1-3pm SCC Community Hall 1910 South Pebble Beach Boulevard Sun City Center, FL

The MOAA Sun City Center Surviving Spouse Committee is sponsoring a forum for our *military veterans, family members, surviving spouses, and caregivers, of all branches, grades and rank*.

Representatives from several veteran organizations will provide information and answer questions.

Registration is suggested to ensure enough handouts.

This event is free.

For more information or to register, email moaasccsurvivors@gmail.com, register at the link below or scan QR code: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/611557554107



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Sun City Chapter Honorary Member Bill Hodges has an award winning podcast that has information that will interest you. To listen to this Veteran's Corner Radio podcast, click on the link below.

https://feeds.buzzsprout.com/952243.rss

Last Month's Program

SCC Chapter member RADM Larry Chambers enthralled members at our April meeting with his history lesson on the evacuation of Saigon.



Free Lifetime National Parks Passes Are Here for Veterans and Gold Star Families.



Military.com | By Amy Bushatz

All U.S. veterans and Gold Star family members can get a free lifetime entrance pass for federal parks and recreation sites nationwide starting Nov. 11, 2022.

The pass, an expansion on the annual free pass for currently serving troops and their families, grants free access to about 2,000 parks and lands managed by the National Park Service; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; U.S. Forest Service; Bureau of Land Management; Bureau of Reclamation; and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, according to an announcement on the park service website. It also gives discounted amenity fees in some locations.

While not every park or visitor area requires an entrance fee, many do. For example, Yosemite National Park in California charges a \$35 entrance fee per vehicle, while Craters of the Moon National Monument charges \$20. Other locations charge for entering museum or curation areas in the visitor center. For instance, the Begich, Boggs Visitor Center in the Chugach National Forest, Alaska, charges \$5 per adult to access a film and exhibits.

Those fees are waived for holders of the new lifetime pass, as well as those with the free active-duty America the Beautiful military pass or other passes sold or awarded by the agencies. The new pass covers the holder and any accompanying passengers in a private vehicle at sites that charge per car, or the pass owners and up to three adults age 16 and over at sites that charge per person.

The new lifetime pass program does not exclude veterans with so-called "bad paper" discharges. To get the pass, veterans must submit one of the following:

- •Unexpired Department of Defense Identification Card (DD Form 2, DD Form 2765, or Next Generation USID replacement)
- Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC)
- Veteran ID Card

Veteran designation on a state-issued U.S. driver's license or identification card

To receive a pass visit a National Parks or parks and land agency store or staffed fee kiosk, or order via the <u>U.S. Geological Survey store</u>. Passes ordered online carry a \$10 processing and shipping fee. Passes received in-person are free.

Gold Star family members can receive the pass by presenting a self-verification form certifying they are the next of kin to a military member killed during service overseas. The form includes a signature block and confirmation that the user is an "eligible next of kin (NOK) of a member of the United States Armed Forces who lost his or her life in qualifying situation."

No other identification or proof is required for Gold Star family members who want to get a lifetime pass.



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Legislative Liaison Corner May 2023 Update Joseph Muhlberger

Dear readers, thank you for your outpouring of condolences regarding the recent passing of my Mom that was highlighted in our April Update. On behalf of myself and my family, we are extremely grateful.

Today's information environment is faster than ever. Even the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) set up our newly established computer-based online Legislative Action Center at https://moaa.quorum.us/. By signing up with this system, you'll have faster access to our legislators. I tested this system recently, and it was quite successful. Here's an encouragement to sign up and participate.

If you would like me to write a letter to our legislators on your behalf or on a specific topic, please email me at Joseph.Muhlberger@gmail.com, and I'll get to it.

Recently funerals for veterans in Florida became an issue. Let's be best informed on our rights regarding funerals.

The Florida Department of Veterans Affairs (FDVA) has a wonderful website, https://floridavets.org/benefits-services/burial/,

where we can learn about our rights to funerals as veterans. What follows is taken from this site.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

provides honorably discharged veterans, spouses, and dependents with burial in a National Cemetery at no cost. Cremated remains are also accepted. Eligible spouses and dependents may be buried if they predecease the veteran. The VA does not make funeral arrangements. To make burial arrangements at any open VA national cemetery at the time of need, call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office toll-free at (800) 535-1117.

The VA also provides eligibility determinations for interment in a National Cemetery before the time of need. Upon request, individuals can learn if they are eligible for burial or memorialization in a VA national cemetery through the Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility Program. Florida has nine National Cemeteries (Barrancas National Cemetery in Pensacola, Bay Pines National Cemetery in St. Petersburg, Cape Canaveral National Cemetery in Mims, Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Jacksonville, Sarasota, South Florida National Cemetery in Lake Worth, St. Augustine and Tallahassee).

The benefits available for veterans buried in a private cemetery may include a Government headstone, marker, medallion, burial flag, and a Presidential Memorial Certificate, at no cost to the family. Some veterans may also be eligible for Burial Allowances. No VA benefits are available to spouses and dependents buried in a private cemetery. The VA does not make funeral arrangements.

Call toll-free (800) 697-6947 or visit www.cem.va.gov for more information.

Peace Officers Memorial Day - May 15, 2023

Ferris Garrett

A Peace Officer is a public-sector employee whose duties primarily involve the enforcement of laws. They include police officers, sheriffs, agents of state and federal departments, and many more. Peace Officers Memorial Day falls on May 15 each year to pay tribute to the brave local, state, and federal peace officers who have died or been disabled in the line of duty. The day is marked with a memorial event in Washington D.C., a candlelight vigil, and speeches commemorating officers past and present. In October 1962, President Kennedy signed the Bill that designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day. The first celebration of this day was in May 1963. In 1994, President Clinton directs, through Public Law, that the United States flag be flown at half-staff on May 15th to honor the day. The nation's monument to law enforcement officers that have died in the line of duty is the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC., and was dedicated on October 15, 1991. The Memorial features two long curving bluegray marble walls. Carved on the walls are the names of 23,800 officers who died in the line of duty throughout U.S. history, dating back to the first known death in 1786. In 2022, there were 224 Peace Officer deaths.

Public peace officers began in the mid-1600s, first in Boston and then in New York and Philadelphia. They were predominantly volunteers who acted as night watchmen. Boston continued to lead the way in peace officer organization, with the first publicly funded, organized police force set up in 1838, which paid officers to keep the peace full-time. By the late 1880s, all major U.S. cities had police forces. Law enforcement heads were often chosen by the local political leader so, as a result, the enforcement could work in favor of the ruling political party. In response, President Hoover set up an investigation into the effectiveness of law enforcement nationwide in 1929. It called for peace officers to work in a professional and impartial way to enforce the law and was a turning point in the history of the officers who protect us today. It promoted the dedication and sacrifices that we now honor every year on May 15th. Some ways to celebrate the Day include:

- 1) If you have a U.S. flag at home, fly it at half-staff or half-height as a matter of respect.
- 2) Light your windowsill with candles (suggest electronic vs. burning candles) for officers injured or that lost their lives.
- 3) If feasible, replace the bulb in a front door outside light or a lamp post with a blue bulb.
- 4) Support peace officer charities, whether it is a donation of time, money, food, or clothing.
- 5) Thank peace officers for all they do to help keep your community safe.

International Firefighters' Day – May 4, 2023 Ferris Garrett

International Firefighters' Day (IFFD) is observed on May 4. It was instituted after a proposal was emailed out around the world on January 4, 1999, due to the deaths of five firefighters in tragic circumstances in a bushfire in Australia. The date of May 4 relates to Saint Florian, regarded in the Catholic Church as the patron saint of firefighters. The saint's day (as observed by the Catholic Church) of St. Florian is 4 May, hence IFFD is also observed on May 4. International Firefighters' Day is a time where



the world's community can recognize and honor the sacrifices that firefighters make to ensure that their communities and environment are as safe as possible. It is also a day in which current and past firefighters can be thanked for their contributions.

Often communities remember human sacrifice through observing a minute's silence. For International Firefighters' Day in 2002 the inaugural "Sound Off" was conducted to reflect on the commitment and sacrifices of firefighters' worldwide in a

truly poignant manner for emergency service workers. Due to the amazing support of the Sound Off in 2002, there is now an annual Sound Off on the first Sunday of every May. That is a special time to stop and reflect on the sacrifices made by fire-fighters. At noon local time on that first Sunday in May, fire sirens sound for 30 seconds followed by a minute's silence in memory of, and respect for, all firefighters who have been lost in the line of duty or passed on before us. This is known as the "Sound Off."

We can show our support and appreciation to the firefighters worldwide who continue to protect us so well throughout the year. By proudly wearing and displaying blue and red ribbons pinned together or by participating in a memorial or recognition event, we can show our gratitude to firefighters everywhere. The IFFD rib-



bons are linked to colors symbolic of the main elements firefighters work with – red for fire and blue for water. These colors are also internationally recognized as representing emergency service.



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