



OFFICERS CALL



Military Officers Association of America Saint Petersburg Area Chapter



A Huge Thank You to Our New SPA-MOAA Members!

—Christina Manley, CPT, USA (Ret)

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On behalf of the Military Officers Association of America – St. Petersburg Chapter (SPA-MOAA), I want to extend a **sincere and heartfelt THANK YOU** to all of our MOAA National members who responded to our invitation to join our amazing local chapter!

Your decision to become part of SPA-MOAA means so much to us. More importantly, your membership strengthens our ability to serve veterans, military families, future military leaders, and the communities we are privileged to support throughout our geographic region.

Your Membership Makes a Difference

Thanks to your response to our membership invitation, **SPA-MOAA has experienced an incredible 18% growth in membership!** This is a tremendous accomplishment for our chapter, and we are excited about what this growth means for our future.

Our chapter is much more than a monthly luncheon. Together, our members have opportunities to make a meaningful difference through programs and activities that support:

- **JROTC students and future military leaders** as they develop leadership skills and prepare for their futures.
- **Junior enlisted service members and their families** who are serving in our geographic area.
- **Homeless and at-risk veterans** who need assistance, encouragement, resources, and a helping hand.
- **Veterans receiving maternity care at the Bay Pines–Bill Young VA Medical Center**, where our support helps demonstrate that the military community continues to stand together.
- **Golf tournaments and fundraising activities** that allow us to support veterans and community programs.
- **Annual community and veteran events** that strengthen relationships between our military, veteran, and civilian communities.

These efforts are possible because of members like you who are willing to give their time, talents, experience, and support.

We Want to Get to Know You!

As Membership Chair, one of the things I am most excited about is getting to know our **new SPA-MOAA members personally**. Each of you brings a unique military background, professional experience, community connection, and perspective that can make our chapter even stronger.

Whether you are a longtime MOAA member, a recently retired officer, a currently serving member, or simply looking for meaningful ways to remain connected to the military community, **we welcome you!**

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President's Note



COL Tony Clark
President

I am honored to serve as President of the St. Petersburg Area Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America. I am grateful for CDR John Rummel's efforts in setting a strong course for chapter growth, legislative advocacy, and community engagement. With an outstanding leadership team, we will continue working on behalf of our Total Military Community.

We will resume our regular membership meetings in September at the Bayou Country Club in Seminole. Please see the Hospitality Committee note in this issue for RSVP information, meeting time, and menu details.

Jerry Shaffer, a decorated U.S. Marine and Co-Founder of the Red Star Foundation, will be our guest speaker at the September luncheon.

The Red Star Foundation is a nationwide organization that honors and supports the families and loved ones of service members, veterans, and first responders who have lost someone to suicide. The Foundation also works to prevent suicide through education, advocacy, community outreach, and partnerships that promote mental health awareness, early intervention, and access to support resources.

I hope you will take time to read the articles in this issue of Officers Call. This nationally recognized publication includes valuable information about the work of our Chapter, the Florida Council of Chapters, and MOAA National. After reading this edition, please share it with a colleague so they can learn more about the important work of the St. Petersburg Area Chapter.

Farewell to President John Rummel

Dear MOAA St Petersburg Area Chapter Member,

With a full heart and deep reflection, I have submitted my resignation as President of the MOAA St. Petersburg Area Chapter. This decision has not come easily, as the last four years have been among the most meaningful and memorable of my life. However, with my relocation to Rhode Island this month, it is important that I step aside so the Chapter can continue to thrive under leadership fully present here in St. Petersburg.

Serving alongside each of you has been a privilege I will always treasure. Together, we built more than programs and initiatives ... we built friendships, trust, and a shared sense of purpose. I will forever carry with me the laughter from our meetings, the camaraderie at our events, and the quiet moments when we rallied around a member or family in need.

I am profoundly proud of what our Chapter has accomplished. We strengthened support for Veterans and their families, expanded care and connection for our Surviving Spouses, and deepened partnerships with the many community organizations that share our mission. From championing local JROTC battalions to collaborating with fellow Veteran Support Organizations across St. Petersburg, we have built a legacy of service that will continue to grow. Our work has made a real and lasting impact ... one that reflects the heart, dedication, and integrity of this Executive Council.

I also want to express my sincere gratitude to the Executive Council for their phenomenal support and tireless work. Their sage advice, steady leadership, and selfless commitment have truly been the backbone of our success. I am deeply thankful for the way they supported me, and more importantly this Chapter, with such unwavering devotion.

Although I am stepping down, my admiration and support for this Chapter remain unwavering. Thank you for the friendships, the shared mission, and the countless moments that made these four years unforgettable.

Fair winds and following seas,
John

A Huge Thank You to Our New MOAA-SP Members! cont.

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Please join us at an upcoming luncheon, event, volunteer opportunity, or chapter activity. Bring your ideas, meet fellow members, and discover the many ways you can become involved.

Looking Toward Our Future

Our 18% membership growth is not simply a number—it represents **new friendships, new leadership opportunities, new ideas, and an even greater ability to serve.**

I am excited about what we can accomplish together as we continue building a strong and engaged MOAA-SP chapter. Most importantly, I hope our newest members will feel welcomed, valued, and connected from the very beginning.

Thank you for saying “YES” to SPA-MOAA!

We look forward to meeting you, learning more about you, sharing some great luncheons and events, and working alongside you as we continue our commitment to **Serving Those Who Serve—and Those Who Have Served.** With sincere appreciation,

Christina Manley

Membership Chair

MOAA – St. Petersburg Area Chapter (SPA-MOAA)

Welcome New Members

***Welcome aboard! On behalf of everyone at MOAA St. Petersburg, thank you for joining us!
We are excited to support your journey and see the unique impact you will bring to our community.***

BG Brett McMullim (USAF, Ret)

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CWO4 Steve Wise (USA, Ret)

Cindi Sutton (Surviving Spouse)

The Florida Council of Chapters

The MOAA Florida Council of Chapters (FCOC) is comprised of **36 Chapters with nearly 5,000 members and their families.** FCOC is one of MOAA's largest Councils. MOAA has a membership of over 350,000 members in all 50 States, with over 30,000 in Florida. The FCOC's primary communication vehicles are our bi-monthly publication, read the August edition of the FCOC newsletter here. [FCOC August Newsletter](#)



Save the Date!

October 16th at 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Lake Seminole Square in Seminole will host our St Petersburg Area chapter luncheon. Although this luncheon will be honoring our chapter Surviving Spouses, our speaker Jeannie Stratis will be addressing all members of our chapter. As the Surviving Spouse Liaison for Sun City Center since 2022 and the recipient of MOAAs 2024 Surviving Spouse Liaison Excellence Award, Jeannie brings valuable insight for both surviving spouses and all military members. Complimentary lunch will be served.

From the Desk of the Editor



Dave Warren
Editor OC

This issue of the OC features several chapter updates. We recently announced that Chapter President John Rummel has stepped down after relocating to Rhode Island for a new job opportunity. John will be greatly missed, and his contributions to the chapter were substantial. During his tenure, the chapter secured more than \$20,000 in MOAA grants and grew membership by over 18%.

Although we did not hold chapter luncheons in July or August, members gathered for monthly social calls—perhaps Officer's Calls—at Tom and Denise Pederson's home in July and at Bayboro Brewing Company in St. Petersburg in August.

We are also pleased to welcome the new members who joined our chapter this summer. On a somber note, we remember three-chapter members who recently passed away: CAPT Pete Gunderson (USNR, Ret), CWO4 Jim Patton (USCG, Ret), and in April 2024, COL John Marcy (USA, Ret).

Our September member luncheon will take place on September 18 at the Bayou Club, with Jerry Shaffer of the Red Star Foundation as our guest speaker.

This newsletter includes an invitation to the Raymond James Valor Golf Tournament. The Valor Foundation is a major chapter supporter whose contributions help make our JROTC equipment donations to local high schools possible. Finally, Membership Chair Tina Manley reports on our latest successful membership drive.

Chapter leadership looks forward to seeing you at our fall member welcome back luncheon on September 18th!

June luncheon photos



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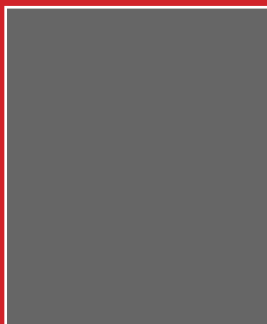
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Meal Selections for **September 18th** MOAA luncheon meeting at the Bayou Country Club: 11 AM Social; 11:30 Call to Order; 11:45 Meal served.

1. Mediterranean Salmon Salad: Grilled salmon over spring mix with grape tomatoes, cucumbers, kalamata olives, pepperoncini, red onion, feta, avocado, and Greek dressing.
2. Philly Cheesesteak: classic Philly cheesesteak with grilled red pepper, grilled onions and provolone cheese served with fries.
3. Chicken Piccata: Sautéed chicken finished in a lemon butter sauce with capers served over angel hair pasta with Caesar Salad

All served with coffee, ice tea, rolls and dessert. Cost is \$30, Salmon Salad \$35

Make reservations/meal requests by Tuesday, Sept 15th evening to:

Email: mtgfoodstpete@gmail.com Text: 727-688-9908 (Tom Pederson)

Please NOTE: The October 16th luncheon will be held at Lake Seminole Square. Details will be announced later on the website, Facebook and via email.

MOAA Ladies Luncheons

Every other month, the MOAA ladies come together for good conversation and delicious food.

Our next luncheon will be held on **September 11** at 11:30 AM at Lana Thai & Sushi, 4871 Park St. N, St. Petersburg, FL. Please call or email RSVP to:

Fondly,
Denise Pederson
p3teach@gmail.com (727) 656-4139 Cell

The location for the **November 13** luncheon will be announced later. I will send an email reminder and the event will be posted to the Chapter website and Facebook page before the event.

I look forward to seeing you at our next gathering!



Thank You!

During July and August, we paused our usual third-Friday Bayou Club luncheons in favor of informal gatherings. Our first gathering, held Thursday, July 16, was a memorable social hosted by Denise and MAJ Tom Pederson, USAF Ret., at their beautiful Treasure Island home, fondly known as "Casa Pederson" by Tony Clark. The food Denise and Tom provided, along with the potluck dishes brought by guests, was delicious. Everyone had a wonderful time, and Denise's vanilla ice cream-topped baklava deserves special recognition.

Sadly, this was also the final official event for our chapter president, CDR John Rummel, USN Ret., as he prepares to move to Rhode Island for a new role with the Department of the Navy.

Thank you again, Denise and Tom, for hosting such a wonderful evening.



Surviving Spouse

Surviving Spouse, Caregivers, and MOAA Chapter Ladies and Friends



LTC Pauline Mallory,
(USA, Ret)

One of the many benefits of belonging to a local MOAA chapter is friendship and camaraderie. As a member of the St Petersburg Area Chapter of MOAA, I believe this is truly personified in so many ways and so many levels.

Over the years as a chapter member and officer, I became friends with many of the surviving spouses, wives and female officers of our chapter. Some of the more “age experienced” ladies reminisced about how things were done in the past. Often, the wives met separately while the men held their business meeting. The speakers weren’t always pertinent to the wives, so they met separately. There was also a local Military Wives Club. I was assured as an officer who was married, I was qualified to join. It was a lovely group of women who met monthly. During these lunches there were varieties of programs, which included tea parties and fashion shows

to help raise money for local philanthropic causes. Over time, as the members either moved away or passed on or no one wanted to take responsibility for programs, this group disbanded. After a year or so we missed getting together and decided we should meet monthly just for lunch with no need for a program. No one wanted to organize this, so I stepped into that role.

This has taken our chapter on an interesting journey since then. I eventually called the lunch group “MOAA Ladies and Friends”. Spouses, Surviving Spouses, female officers and friends were welcomed to attend the luncheons. We met about once a month at various restaurants and really enjoyed getting to know each other, sharing different food experiences and just the fun of being together. After a few years, I passed the baton on to another “Lady” in our chapter who shares the responsibility for chapter hospitality with her husband. The MOAA Ladies and Friends lunch group continues to meet every other month but not during the summer.

Over time a smaller group emerged from “MOAA Ladies and Friends”. There were several of us who were transitioning into the role of caregivers for our spouses and felt the need to meet monthly to support each other. To accommodate caregiver respite care time, we eventually agreed to meet at the same place and time throughout the summer. This smaller group not only included caregivers “sharing the journey” but also recent local chapter surviving spouses who needed the fellowship and support. They were valuable resources for all of us. Through texting and phone calls, we touch base regularly with each other; continuing to share, encourage, strengthen and support.

During the past year we have reconnected with several local chapter surviving spouses who for different reasons we had lost touch. Two of our ladies experienced the recent passing of their spouses. Several are full-time caregivers struggling with what that involves. All of us have reached out and supported each other continually. This is not a closed group; please reach out to me at pmallor50@gmail.com if you desire to join us.

This has been such a wonderful journey – difficult at times when one of our members passes or is struggling with major caregiver decisions – but I am so grateful to be part of a chapter that is so caring and works together with such dedication and support as we share in this journey together.

August Social at Bayboro



Members and spouses from the St. Petersburg Area Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America gathered at Bayboro Brewery - a Veteran owned and operated brewery — in downtown St. Petersburg, FL for the second of two Summer Socials for good food, good drinks, and good conversation.

Chaplain's Message



I change my mobile phone's ringtone throughout the year based on upcoming events. April, for example, is "Augusta" (the Masters theme song; the tournament is always played on the second weekend in April), June is the "Army Song" (June 14th is the Army's Birthday), and September is Earth, Wind & Fire's "September" (upbeat tune with the opening line: "Do you remember, the 21st night of September?")



COL Tony Clark
Chaplain

With that opening line in mind, think of September as a month to remember. On Labor Day, for instance, we remember the value of hard work and those who work on our behalf: convenience store clerks, bankers, construction crews, medical staff, and the list goes on. On Labor Day, take a moment and reflect on all the people who made your morning coffee or tea possible: growers, harvesters, truckers, packers, grocers, or servers.

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. (from The Book of Common Prayer 1979)

September 11th is a solemn time to remember and honor all who died in New York City, Shanksville, PA, and Arlington, VA on 9/11/2001. As we observe the 25 year anniversary of that tragic day, the VA and most VFW and American Legion posts will offer ceremonies and observances to mark the day.

We remember, God of history and remembrance, we remember. We remember when the towers fell and the lives were lost; we remember the dust and the smoke, the despair, and the grief. We remember that sense of vulnerability and shock. We remember the numbness that overwhelmed us as we watched our screens for hours and hours, waiting for an explanation and understanding that never came. We remember.

We remember, God of hope and presence, we remember. We remember the heroes, those who rushed to help, who guided the wounded down innumerable flights of stairs, who rose to overwhelm those who held death in their hands. We remember the hours and the days of binding wounds and healing hurts, giving comfort, drying tears. We remember words of support and compassion from nations far and wide. We remember.

On this day of solemn remembrance:

May we honor the lives that were lost in this tragic act.

May we give thanks for those who served and saved, rendered aid and assistance.

May we give comfort to those who live with loss.

May we seek justice and peace where it is within our ability, and rely on you when the ability escapes us.

On this day of solemn remembrance:

May we build what has been torn down.

May we mend what has been broken.

May live your love when hate seems to reign.

May we bear witness to the cause of peace. Amen. (from the Xavier University website)



Chaplain's Message cont.

September 15th marks National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Established in 1979, the National POW/MIA Recognition Day – and the various ceremonies around the country - share the common purpose of honoring those who were held captive and returned, as well as those who remain missing.

Almighty God, the author of peace, whose boundless love reaches beyond out limited vision, and who holds all thy children in tender compassion and concern, we pray for those men and women listed as "Missing in Action". Give especially to their families and loved ones the assurance that none are ever missing in thy sight, but held forever in the safety of thy love.

So we would pray that the day will come when peace will always prevail so that no more loved ones need ever again be listed as MISSING IN ACTION.

By the love that undergirds our lives, and by thy grace that gives us courage and strength we raise this prayer. Amen. (from Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 333 website)

September: a month to pause, reflect, and remember.

Legislative Update

Legislative Advocacy

After their summer recesses, the U.S. House of Representatives will reconvene in late August, followed by the U.S. Senate in mid-September.

Before they return to Washington, D.C., we can contact our Representative—likely Congresswoman Luna or Castor—and our Senators, Ashley Moody and Rick Scott, through MOAA National's Legislative Advocacy Center to support MOAA National's top three legislative priorities:

[Expanding the Work Opportunity Tax Credit \(WOTC\) to military spouses.](#) - [Take Action](#)

[Restoring GLP-1 coverage for TRICARE For Life \(TFL\) beneficiaries.](#) - [Take Action](#)

[Supporting combat-injured veterans with the Major Richard Star Act.](#) - [Take Action](#)

In addition, we can attempt to schedule a sit-down meeting, usually with a staff member, in Tampa or St. Petersburg to discuss MOAA National's legislative priorities:

<https://www.rickscott.senate.gov/contact/scheduling-requests>

<https://www.moody.senate.gov/scheduling-request/>

<https://castor.house.gov/contact/>

<https://luna.house.gov/meeting-request>

And remember, our advocacy work on behalf of the Total Military Community never takes a recess!

Dates to Remember

AUGUST

4 Coast Guard Birthday

7 Purple Heart Day

29 Marine Forces Reserve Birthday

SEPTEMBER

11 Patriot Day

18 Air Force Birthday

18 POW/MIA Recognition Day

27 Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day



Legislative Action Center Card



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STEP 2

From the top menu, click Advocacy

STEP 3

Select Legislative Action Center from the dropdown

STEP 4

Browse the list and choose a campaign you support ***IF responding to a "Take Action" Alert, the campaign will appear on screen.**

STEP 5

Review the pre-written message and personalize if desired

STEP 6

Click Send to submit your message to Congress

STEP 7

Look for the confirmation screen – your action is complete

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Dates from the Past

The 250th Birthday Celebration of the USA August 1776

In August 1776, the American Revolutionary War centered on the critical New York Campaign, highlighted by the massive British invasion and the pivotal Battle of Long Island.

Major Events

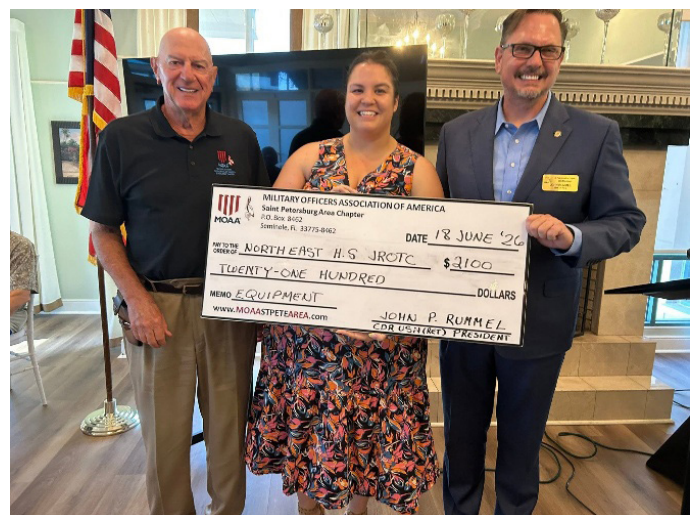
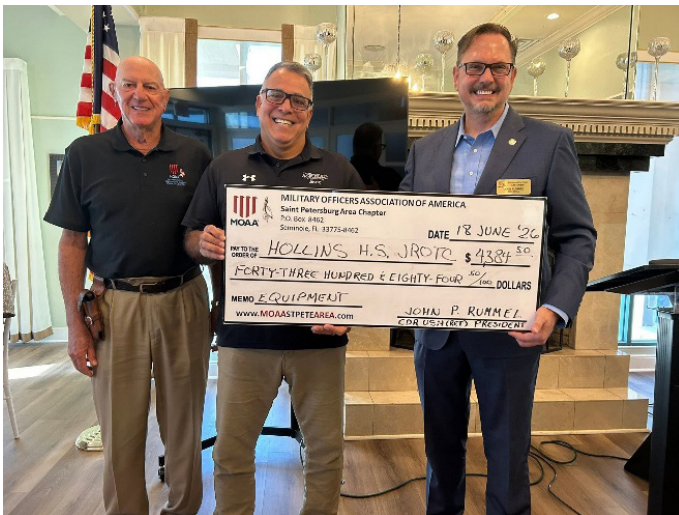
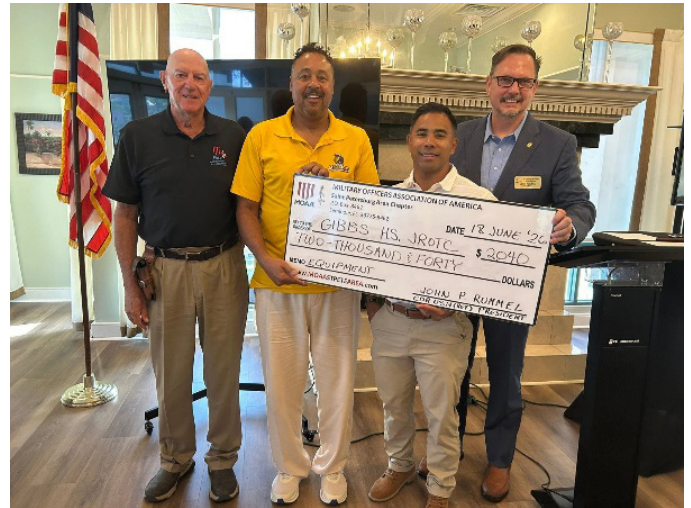
- ☐ **August 22:** Around 15,000 British and Hessian troops landed unopposed at Gravesend Bay in Brooklyn. [1]
- ☐ **August 27:** General William Howe's forces outflanked George Washington's army at the [Battle of Long Island](#) (also called the Battle of Brooklyn). [1, 2, 3]
- ☐ **The Maryland Defense:** About 400 soldiers from the First Maryland Regiment launched a desperate rear-guard charge at the [Old Stone House](#), allowing the main American force to escape destruction.
- ☐ **August 29–30:** Shielded by darkness and dense fog, Washington evacuated about 9,000 Continental troops across the East River to Manhattan.

JROTC - Awards and Scholarships

JROTC Equipment Grants

At our June 2026 member luncheon, the Chapter awarded equipment grants to several high school JROTC programs.

Northeast, Gibbs, Boca Ciega, and Hollins High Schools received grants from our Chapter through the generosity of the Raymond James Valor Foundation.



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In Memoriam



Colonel John Marcy, USA (Ret.)

Longtime chapter member Colonel John Marcy, USA (Ret.), passed away in April 2024 and is survived by his wife, Paula. After entering the Army in 1964, he served two tours in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot and received the Bronze Star, the Air Medal with Valor, and the Purple Heart. Colonel Marcy's assignments spanned infantry, aviation, and procurement.

CWO4 Jim Patton (USCG, Ret)

Longtime MOAA St. Petersburg Chapter member and former OC editor.

Jim enlisted in the Coast Guard immediately after high school and attended boot camp in Cape May, New Jersey. He served multiple Search and Rescue tours in the Third Coast Guard District, working in the engineering department. After advancing to Chief, he was assigned to Seattle, Washington, to oversee construction of three 82-foot vessels and sail them to the East Coast. Around that time, he decided to take the Warrant Officer exam, which required a stop in Miami so he could sit for the test.

After passing the exam, Jim became a CWO2 and was transferred to Governors Island. Over the next several years, he served aboard multiple cutters in various roles throughout the Atlantic.

He later joined Coast Guard Headquarters as part of the Engineering Department's detailing unit, traveling throughout the United States. His final assignment brought him to Tampa, where he served as a Marine Inspector for the Port of Tampa until his retirement in 1979.



CAPT Pete Gunderson (USNR, Ret)

His dedication to service extended far beyond his career. Pete proudly served two years on active duty in the United States Navy before continuing his military service as a Navy Reservist for 24 years, retiring with the rank of Captain. He was committed to serving others throughout his life, volunteering with Pinellas County Parks as a camp host, serving as Board Chair of the Dayton, Ohio Foodbank, giving back as a member of Rotary International in support of local literacy initiatives, **and leading as President of the St Petersburg Area Chapter of MOAA.**

Do Not Stand At My Grave And Weep

—Poem by Mary Elizabeth Frye

Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there. I did not die.



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For general and Legislation Action Information.

Note: MOAA is an independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organization!

State

<https://flmoaa.org/>

For Florida specific information about Florida Council of Chapters

Surviving Spouse Advisory Council

Surviving Spouse Virtual chapter: mssvc02@gmail.com

SSAC Chair and Board Member: virginiagailjoyce@gmail.com

Local

<https://www.moaa.stpetearea.com/>

For membership eligibility and membership application as well as other chapter related information.

Instagram:

https://www.instagram.com/moaa_st_pete_area/

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/925278824641972>



Visit your Chapter's Web page and social media accounts (Facebook and Instagram) on a regular basis.
Don't forget the Florida Council and National sites. chapter web and social media accounts!

MOAA 2026 Calendar

2026 Meetings and Luncheons

	Executive Committee Mtg*	Membership Luncheon**	Ladies Luncheon***
September	2	18	N/A
October	7	16	9
November	4	20	N/A
December	2	11	13

*EC meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Bayou Club, Private Dining Room, 1800 hrs.

<https://www.bayouclubgolf.com/>

**Monthly Luncheons are held on the 3rd Friday each month at the Bayou Club, Banquet Room, 1100 hrs. social, 1130 lunch.

***Ladies Luncheons are held the 2nd Thursday every other month. Place/Time TBA

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