

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT: COL CHARLES DALCOURT USA RET

GREETINGS!



Members of the MOAA Tampa Chapter and all that have decided to enjoy this missive, hello. We have already completed a quarter of the year and the next quarter looks very exciting. In it, we plan to launch several of the new programs discussed last month and along with the programs, bring on several new and returning volunteers.

As always, it is my pleasure and privilege to write you this month. I pray that all of you and your families are well. I ask that you stay positive, hopeful, and prudent as our Nation continues to navigate the COVID crisis. Notwithstanding the conditions and environment, you can be assured that MOAA will stay the course.

Thank You

Last month, we asked you to honor our sister Chapter's, The West Central

Area Chapter, request to support their 10 March luncheon via Zoom. You did! Thank you for taking your time to back them. Their luncheon was successful, and the guest speaker was great.

Thanks to all of our Operation Buddy Check callers for the second round of calls to our Chapter members. Our Board established this program to check-in, engage, and enjoy a few moments on the phone with members across the Chapter. Many have expressed their appreciation for the calls and our call team has also enjoyed several insightful, impactful, and informative conversations with colleagues across the MOAA Tampa team.

Also, thanks to those that have registered for the 2021 Florida Council of Chapters (FCOC) Convention from 14-16 May at The Westin, Sarasota, FL. Hosted by the Sarasota Chapter, this will be a great event. I look forward to seeing many of you there and having a strong number of Tampa Chapter members in the audience.

Finally, to all whom have stepped up and volunteered to serve our Chapter...to meet the needs we have, thank you! This is a volunteer organization that makes a difference. You enable our collective effort and are the source of power behind MOAA's voice. Although, there are a few critical positions in the Chapter

we still need to fill, we are very thankful to those that volunteer, and thanks in advance to those ready to step forward. Your continued service is appreciated.

New Endeavor

In 2020, we sought to establish a new committee focused on transitioning servicemembers and their spouses. We were delayed launching the program because we didn't have a leader. That has changed. As announced, Mr. Paul McAneny will lead the "Transitions Committee." We have worked diligently over the past two months to arrange an inaugural event. 20 May will be the first, day-long event our Chapter sponsors. We are excited for the opportunity to prove transitioning members a forum to learn and listen to discussion about topics not covered in other transition classes. Paul and his team have developed an exceptional line-up of topics and will deliver a first class seminar.

Member of the Month

Our Honored Member of the Month for April 2021 is Major John Massey (USAF Retired). John has been a stalwart servant in this Chapter since 1975 when the organization was The Retired Officers Association. John has served on myriad committees, (cont'd p. 2)

UPCOMING EVENTS

1 April
10:00 AM
Board of Directors Meeting

8 April
11:30 AM Chapter Luncheon Meeting & JROTC/ROTC Awards - Columbia Centennial Museum
[see page 6 for details](#)

15 April
MOAA Scholarship applications due.
[See pages 11-12](#)

14-16 May
Florida Council of Chapters (FCOC) Convention
Sarasota, FL
[see page 2 for details](#)

REMINDER:

PUBLICATION DEADLINE

FOR THE MAY ISSUE IS

20 APRIL 2021

NOTICE: if you have a change of address, please notify our membership team--Bill Schneider at 813 977-2572

LEGISLATIVE LOWDOWN

BY LTC REGINALD WILLIAMS, USA RET

For more information, visit MOAA National's Legislative Action Center



This article focuses on the health care for retirees, veterans, and dependents.

This is a priority effort for MOAA as we continue to prepare for the MOAA engagement on the Hill event. On April 6, 2021 there will be a MOAA Legislative Update webinar. The link to register is below. Let's get right to it!

Bipartisan Legislation Would Repeal TRICARE Select Enrollment Fee for Some Retirees

A bipartisan bill would provide a partial fix for the new TRICARE Select enrollment fee, which took effect Jan. 1

The TRICARE Select Restoration Act (S.625), introduced by Sens. Jon Tester (D-Mont.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), protects the military retiree health care benefit by eliminating the TRICARE Select enrollment fee for those who retired prior to 2018 and their dependents.

MOAA appreciates the efforts of both senators and supports this partial fix for the TRICARE Select enrollment fee. "MOAA fought the new TRICARE

Select enrollment fee years ago when it was proposed as part of military health system reform, because it fundamentally devalues the benefit and reduces health care protections for military retirees," said MOAA President and CEO Lt. Gen. Dana T. Atkins, USAF (Ret). "We appreciate Sen. Tester and Sen. Murkowski's efforts to eliminate the enrollment fee and reinstate full health care protections for those who retired before 2018. We thank Sen. Tester and Sen. Murkowski for taking this step to reverse the unacceptable move of cutting TRICARE benefits after servicemembers have fulfilled the obligations of a full career."

The new TRICARE Select enrollment fee was passed into law with the FY 2017 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) as part of a package of military health system (MHS) reforms. It went into effect Jan. 1, 2021, and has led to a significant number of retirees and their families being disenrolled from TRICARE coverage for failure to pay the fee. Disenrolled families have until the end of June to request reinstatement of

TRICARE coverage.

During the FY 2017 NDAA process, MOAA opposed the Select enrollment fee and successfully fought for current servicemembers and retirees to be grandfathered into lower fees -- \$150 individual/\$300 family for grandfathered retirees, instead of \$450 individual/\$900 family for retirees who enter service on or after Jan 1, 2018.

The S.625 bill language repeals the Select enrollment fee only for those who retired before 2018 - a partial fix. MOAA still advocates for a full fix repealing the fee for all Group A beneficiaries (whose sponsors entered service before 2018), but this partial fix has a lower cost associated with it and a high likelihood of passage. In a press release, the bill's sponsors explained the importance of this legislation.

"No military retiree should ever be at risk of losing their health care coverage (cont'd p. 2)

(President's Message from p. 1)

participated in several functions, and most recently coordinated access to MacDill AFB for all MOAA Tampa Chapter events. His leadership, passion to serve, and welcoming nature are all hallmarks that set John apart.

Please join us on 8 April at our monthly luncheon, in-person or virtually, and help us thank John for his outstanding contributions to our Chapter. Also, please be sure to read John's biographical information later in this newsletter.

(Legislative Lowdown from p. 1) -- especially during a global pandemic," said Tester. "Our bipartisan bill will ensure that retired veterans aren't burdened by costly enrollment fees that put themselves and their family's health care in jeopardy. This legislation is a critical step in supporting more folks during these tough times, and I'll keep fighting until every man and woman who has selflessly served our nation has access to affordable, high-quality care."

Murkowski said the fees came as a surprise to many of her constituents, and she was "glad to join Senator Tester in support of legislation to eliminate unnecessary annual enrollment fees for certain retired veterans and reduce those fees for individuals and families."

"COVID-19 has had significant impacts on America's veterans and their families," Murkowski added. "We must guarantee their hard-earned medical benefits are protected throughout this public health crisis, and beyond."

Please contact your senators and [ask them to cosponsor this important bill](#).

MOAA Joins Forces to Ensure Health Care for Children of Disabled Veterans

A year has passed, and the COVID-19 and economic crises continue to bring tremendous financial uncertainty to far too many Americans, including veterans, their families, caregivers, and surviving family members stricken by the fallout of the pandemic.

MOAA has again joined forces with 43 other military and veterans service organizations and stakeholders to help one small but deserving cohort during these difficult times. The goal: to secure health care for children whose veteran parents are disabled or who have died from a service-connected disability.

The group recently sent a letter of support for the CHAMPVA Children's Protection Act -- legislation once again introduced by Rep. Julia Brownley (D-Calif.) and Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio). Employer-sponsored health care plans have been required to cover adult beneficiaries' children up to age 26 with no separate premium since 2010, when the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) became law. A year later, Congress established the TRICARE Young Adult Program to provide health care coverage for adult children of currently serving and retired servicemembers for a monthly premium that covers all program costs.

Unfortunately, adult children of veterans were not offered a similar option through the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA), as intended by the ACA. Instead, these young adults remain stuck with outdated CHAMPVA regulations, which provide health care coverage up to the age of 18 (or age 23 for beneficiaries enrolled as full-time students). Coverage ends for these young adults once they marry or are no longer enrolled as a full-time student.

Closing Out:

In closing, I am very appreciative to all who have been working on the Chapter's bylaws, policies, structure, and the new committees we have created. These necessary and most times unacknowledged reviews ensure our compliance and set the foundation for the organization's efficient and effective operation.

"MOAA is extremely grateful for Rep. Brownley's and Sen. Brown's dedicated commitment on this issue by continuing to champion H.R. 1801 and S. 727, the CHAMPVA Children's Protection Act," said MOAA's President and CEO, Lt. Gen. Dana T. Atkins, USAF (Ret). "Our collective veteran and military community partners remain determined to do all we can to assure veteran parents are given the same opportunity to provide life-saving health care to their children. It is time to close this age parity gap and provide CHAMPVA-eligible young adult children health care coverage once and for all -- we cannot let this moment pass, we must seize the urgency of these unprecedented times to eliminate this unacceptable inequity."

It is important for our children to have hope for a brighter future, including the children of veterans who have spent much of their life in crisis -- caring for a disabled veteran parent or suffering with the loss of a parent who died of a service-connected condition.

While there is hope on the horizon thanks to the COVID-19 vaccine rollout and improving job market numbers, the pandemic already has hit children and young adults across our country especially hard. Many are graduating from high school and planning to attend college only to find they must put their education goals on hold because of health and economic uncertainties. Others are seeking employment in a very challenging job market, or experience job loss.

It is time to close the age parity gap for this vulnerable population of young adults and provide much-needed peace of mind to so many of our members and other veteran parents who have been seeking relief through this legislation for years. MOAA urges our members, veteran and military advocates, and those interested in the health and well-being of our veterans and their families, to lend their voice and engage with us to secure this important legislation.

Expanding CHAMPVA coverage has been a top priority for MOAA, The Military Coalition, and other veteran groups for much of the last decade. It is now time to finish the job and get the legislation signed into law, so these children can remain under the program until age 26 and get a meaningful assist on their path to a brighter future.

You can help MOAA's efforts by [sending a similar letter to your lawmakers](#) seeing their assistance.

COVID-19 Relief Bill Includes Long-Sought Change Helping Military-Connected Students

A MOAA-supported passage in the \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package will close a loophole in federal education regulations that had made military-connected students the target of predatory practices by bad actors in for-profit education.

The so-called "90-10 Rule" requires for-profit schools to secure at least 10% of their funding from non-federal sources. However, a loophole in the rule allows these schools to count DoD and VA education benefits, most

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your trust and support. We look forward to the future and remember to "Never Stop Serving."

All the best!
Charles
All the best,
Charles Dalcourt

notably GI Bill benefits, as non-federal income. This made student-veterans (and their benefits) tempting targets for schools focused on profits over a quality education.

MOAA and other advocacy groups have teamed with legislators to seek a fix, protecting student-veterans from falling victim to aggressive recruitment efforts followed by schools collapsing and benefits spent toward unfinished or less-than-useful degrees.

H.R. 1319, which passed the House on March 10 and was signed into law by President Joe Biden the next day, includes language that will remove this loophole, classifying DoD and VA benefits the same as other federal education assistance such as Pell Grants. MOAA joined more than 30 advocacy organizations in a letter to key lawmakers in both chambers seeking the change.

Closing the loophole "is even more imperative now as COVID has increased predatory colleges' targeting of military-connected students," the letter states. "Closing the loophole removes the recruiting target from the backs of military-connected students and protects taxpayer funds from propping up failing colleges."

The change would not apply to schools until "institutional fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2023," according to the legislation.

"MOAA is pleased to see a major step taken toward protecting student-veterans and their dependents from predatory institutions," said Cory Titus, MOAA's director of government relations for veteran benefits and Guard/Reserve affairs. "MOAA has long supported closing this loophole, and we look forward to working with VA and other institutions on its implementation."

Webinar: MOAA's Legislative Update - April 6, 2021, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EST

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Can't make the webinar? No problem. Register now and we'll send you a link to the recording.

What's happening with your military benefits on Capitol Hill? Join MOAA's financial and benefits professionals -- Lt. Col. Shane Ostrom, USAF (Ret), CFP®, and Capt. Paul Frost, USN (Ret), AFC® -- for a comprehensive review of recent legislation and MOAA's priorities for the upcoming National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Topics include:

- Where our federal dollars are spent
- Military experience of our legislators
- Recent legislative wins and losses
- MOAA's 2021-22 legislative priorities
- [SBP-DIC offset](#) elimination phase-in
- [MOAA's COLA Watch](#)

Thank you all and please remember to take action!
[MOAA Take Action Center](#)

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Florida Council of Chapters Convention 2021 Sarasota Westin Hotel May 14 to 16

Host Chapter - Military Officers Association of Sarasota, Inc.

The FCOC is happening this year! The room cost for the convention in Sarasota it is \$159 (includes valet parking). There's a \$30.00 registration fee and the meals are \$25.00 each. All the details can be found on the FCOC website, [moaafi.org](#).

THE TAMPA CHAPTER OF THE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (MOAA)



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April Luncheon Guest Speaker: Representative Andrew Learned, Florida House District 59



Rep. Learned has served as an officer in the US Navy for 11 years. He spent four years on active duty serving as a boarding officer leading teams at the peak of Somali piracy in 2011. Now, Rep. Learned is a reservist with Special Operations Command Central out of MacDill AFB here in Tampa. In 2016 he was activated to serve with the 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade coordinating operations against ISIS in Syria, Yemen, and throughout the Middle East.

Rep. Learned owns the GradePower Learning Center in Valrico where he and his team of teachers help kids catch up and get ahead in school. In that capacity, he has been to hundreds of local parent teacher conferences and has a heart for improving our kid's schools and fully funding public education so that every student gets the chance to reach their highest potential. He is a graduate of the University of Tampa with a double-major in economics and government and world affairs.

He attended on scholarship after receiving a great education at Alafia Elementary and Florida's public schools. Now, he is giving back to his community as a board member and volunteer of the year in 2019 at Camp Cristina Family YMCA and now the local Representative for his hometown in the Florida Legislature.

Rep. Learned told FVF that "I ran for office in-part because I took an oath to support and defend the Constitution abroad and here at home. As an officer it was always drilled into me to never walk by a problem without solving it; so simply, I saw problems and I ran to solve them."

He went on ... "Some of the best moments of the campaign will always be when my fellow teammates, sailors, and Marines who I served with overseas, many of whom are from the other side of the aisle, volunteered and supported my campaign. Veterans know when to put differences aside and get things done and I'm honored to have had their support."



Notes from the Editor: CAPT Sara Marks, NC, USN (Ret)



We continue to navigate living with and eliminating this pandemic. According to an article published on March 11th by in the U.S. News & World Report, "the CDC has announced that 10% of the total U.S. Population is fully vaccinated for COVID-19. With more than 29 million documented cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., more people

have now been fully vaccinated than have been reported infected with the virus." The good news is that more vaccinations are taking place. In the Medical Corner you'll see the article from the US News & World report and more updates are provided including information on vaccine appointments through Hillsborough County and the James A. Haley VA, and updates on clinical trials for children receiving COVID vaccines.

Last month Andrew Warren, State Attorney of Florida's 13th Judicial Court provided a great summary of our local judicial system and loves working with the Veteran's Treatment Court. We look forward to this month's speaker, Representative Andrew Learned. For those who missed his Zoom call in January know that he is interested in your questions and concerns. We look forward to seeing you at our luncheons at the Columbia Centennial Museum. You'll likely see Bob Sawallesh and me taking photos, so smile big and crinkle your eyes!

CORRECTION: March Newsletter - luncheon photos were incorrectly labeled March Luncheon Photos and should have been labeled February Luncheon Photos.

April is a month full of many events to include: Month of the Military Child, Army and Air Force Reserve birthdays, and Gold Star Spouses Day. Many religious holidays occur this month with Passover ending and Easter celebrated on April 4th, and Ramadan starting April 12th. Of course, be careful of what you believe on April Fool's Day! Check out a listing of other important dates listed in the newsletter.

Our Member of the Month, voted by the chapter's board of directors, recognizes "excellence of

service" of individuals in the MOAA Tampa chapter. Our April Member of the Month is Major John Massey, USAF (Ret), selected for his patriotism and outstanding service in support of the MOAA Tampa Chapter and past support on our Board of Directors for 16 years from 2003 to 2019. Read about his adventures and travels in the U.S. Air Force and the many things he's contributed since his retirement in capturing Air Force history. John, I hope I get to see as many wonderful places as you have in your career. You're a wonderful and gentle soul. I am so grateful to know you. We are also spotlighting Renee Brunelle, our liaison and contributor for the Surviving Spouse Corner and member of MOAA National's Surviving Spouse Advisory Board. We honor you on Gold Star Spouses Day, and I feel confident in saying that everyone in the chapter appreciates all that you do.

I want to thank Bob Sawallesh for continuing to share news articles and for taking photos at our monthly luncheons. Bob you have a great eye for taking beautiful photos! Chapter Members, this is your newsletter so please share your stories, including such topics as military history, individual biographies, the role of military spouses, special events of interest to members; any vignettes of military or veterans service, holiday, commemorative or celebratory themes, etc. It's important that you tell and share your story with us!

Continued prayers to go out to our first responders and medical personnel, and to everyone in our country and all over the world as we learn to defeat this terrible virus, and we will defeat this pandemic! Please continue to stay healthy and safe. - NEVER STOP SERVING!

Sara Marks, CAPT NC USN (Ret)

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Our luncheon meetings are held 1130 hours every second Thursday of each month at the Columbia Centennial Museum in Ybor City and available to attend via Zoom.

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UPDATE OPERATION HELPING HAND



LTC JIM GRIFFIN
Chairman, OPHH

“As long as we are needed, Operation Helping Hand will be there...”



Hosting a golf tournament can be a daunting task for any group. However, hosting a golf tournament under COVID RESTRAINTS, in a place that requires each golfer and volunteer to be seriously vetted just to be allowed to get on base requires some serious dedication from a great number of volunteers. This year's tournament had over 25 foursomes, 100+ fantastic folks who chose to spend an afternoon with us in order to raise funds very necessary for the vital support of the overall OPERATION HELPING HAND mission. To all the participants and volunteers we sincerely thank you for all that you have done!

A special thank you goes to ROBERT AHERN, TOURNAMENT

CHAIRMAN, WHO MAKES THIS HAPPEN; MELISSA MARISON, WEBSITE MANAGER, who managed all of the players signups and submission to the base for access; BILL SZYDLOWSKI, OP HH TREASURER, WHO PROVIDED THE PLATFORM FOR ALL GOLFERS TO SIGNUP ON LINE AND MANAGED ALL THE PAYMENTS.(ALSO PUT TOGETHER THE GOLFER BAGS).

A very special thank you to all the many companies and individuals that provided us with some spectacular raffle items.

Of course, none of this is possible without some fantastic sponsors: CERTIPATH, UNISEN, HANK'S, HOME INSTEAD, GREAT CLIPS, REEVES, AND PARADISE GOLF.

THANK YOU ALL!

The support that we received from DAVID STEWART and his tremendous crew at BAY PALMS GOLF COMPLEX at MACDILL was superb!

OPERATION HELPING HAND will need your continued support to allow us to continue our vital program of service to our wounded and injured and their families. This support can be through donations by checks or by using our website (OPERATIONHELPINGHANDTAMPA.COM)

STAY SAFE, HEALTHY AND RESILIENT! HAVE A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR!

OUR TREMENDOUS GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS MAKE ALL OF THIS POSSIBLE!

APRIL CHAPTER MEMBER SPOTLIGHT Renée Brunelle

Renée Brunelle is the Co-Founder of Pathfinders Downsizing Solutions. She guides clients in the navigation of smoothly moving from one residence to another by “rightsizing” their entire home. Her favorite question is... “if the big storm was coming what things would you have to take?”. It is a great way to begin the conversation of best choices for the next residence focused on what to take, what to sell and what to donate/trash. She recently discovered Spanish Galleon Silver Coins at an Estate Home that the adult child had no idea the parents had purchased decades ago.



Renée has over twenty years of experience in the Senior Living Industry as both a Marketing Director and Executive Director. Her background in working with thousands of seniors to decide on apartment choices, and then what household items to bring has been a great asset for Pathfinders clients. Through Pathfinders Downsizing Solutions clients, she has been able to provide ongoing stream of donations to Liberty Manor Veterans Home and other local underserved charities.

Renée has been an active part of the military community after marrying her late husband, Travis. The business is named after him since he was an Army Pathfinder plus Ranger and Green Beret. She was instrumental in starting the Yellow Ribbon Campaign at the Florida State Capital and local buildings. Since moving to Tampa over twelve years ago, she has supported USSOCOM, USCENTCOM, SOCCENT, both the 6th & 927th Wings.

Professional and Community Affiliations:

Surviving Spouse Advisory Council Member ~ MOAA
Surviving Spouse Liaison ~ Tampa Chapter MOAA
927th Reserve Wing ~ Board of Directors (Previously Honorary Commander)
South Tampa Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee member
GFWC Tampa Woman's Club member (Previously Tallahassee member)
MacDill Alliance founding member

Education:

Bachelor and Master Degrees in Health Science from Armstrong Atlantic University in Savannah, Georgia with a focus on senior health and wellness.

Army Reserve's Birthday April 23, 1908



On April 23, 1908, Congress created the Medial Reserve Corps, the official predecessor of the Army Reserve. Following World War I, under the National Defense Act of 1920, Congress reorganized the United States land forces by authorizing a Regular Army, a National Guard, and an Organized Reserve (Officer Reserve Corps and Enlisted Reserve Corps) of thirty-five divisions, which later became the Army Reserve. This provided a peacetime pool of trained Reserve officers and enlisted men for use in war.

When the United States entered World War II in December 1941, the number of Army Reserve officers on active duty rose from less than 3,000 to more than 57,000. This war signified the beginning of a new era in national security, and from that point the United States became the “world guardian” and “arsenal of democracy,” a new mission in

which the Army Reserve would play a major role. To assist in the cost of maintaining such a large military force, Congress relied heavily on establishing and sustaining a combat ready Army reserve to deploy with the Active Army worldwide if the need arose.

In 1948 Congress authorized retirement and drill pay for the first time after recognizing the importance of the Organized Reserve to American success during World War II. The Korean War saw more than 240,000 Army Reserve soldiers called to active duty. This large number reflected the need for an organized, trained personnel in a short period of time. While this conflict was still underway, Congress began making significant changes to the structure and role of the Army Reserve. Such changes transformed the Organized Reserve Corps into the United States Army Reserve, divided into a Ready Reserve, Standby Reserve and Retired Reserve.

Source: <https://americangimuseum.org>



APRIL LUNCHEON MEETING

EVENT: Chapter Monthly Luncheon Meeting

DATE: 08 April

TIME: 1130 hours

LOCATION: Columbia Centennial Museum 2029 E 7th Ave, Ybor City

RESERVATIONS: Call 813-676-4676 and follow prompts or reply to reminder email. Reservations must be made by NOON Friday, 2 April. Reservations are limited to 50.

CANCELLATIONS must be made by NOON Monday, 5 April by calling 813-676-4676.

REMEMBER a reservation made is a reservation paid.

COST: Event cost \$30 payable by check or with cash.

MASKS are required except when eating.

MENU: 1905 Salad; Cuban Bread; Paella de Pollo; Boliche; Plantanos; Black Beans; flan for dessert; coffee, iced tea.

PARKING: Across the street from the Columbia Restaurant; behind the Columbia Restaurant and behind the Centennial Museum

DRESS CODE: Business Casual (slacks/shirts with collars).

Luncheon reminders are sent via email. If you are not receiving the reminders, please call 813-948-7539 or send an email to

lutzgranny89@gmail.com to be added to the distribution list.

ZOOM LINK: For members who are not able to attend in person, the meeting will be on ZOOM: <https://triple-strand-global-solutions.zoom.us/j/5850402462> Meeting ID: 585 040 2462



BULLETIN BOARD

CARING FOR OUR "SHUT-IN" MEMBERS

Our Chapter wants to become aware of members who are hospitalized, homebound, in care facilities or just plain sick and has provided a way for you to inform us. Please contact CDR Geoff Harrington USNR Ret at (813) 926-7988 so that he may call or send cards to let them know they are missed.

Alternatively, you may send an e-mail to:

TampaMOAA.Secretary@gmail.com

CDR Geoff Harrington USNR, Ret, Sick Call Chairman

IMPORTANT DATES IN APRIL 2021

Month of the Military Child

1 April Fool's Day

2 April Good Friday

4 April Easter

5 April Gold Star Spouses Day

9 April National Former POW Recognition Day

12 April Ramadan begins

14 April Air Force Reserve Birthday

22 April Earth Day

23 April Army Reserve Birthday

30 April National Military Brats Day

NOTE:

Federal Tax Day 2021 for individuals has been automatically extended from 15 April to 17 May

COALITION CORNER

Submitted by: BGEN Henrik Larsen



The U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) Coalition at MacDill Air Force Base (AFB) in Tampa, Florida, is one of the largest military coalitions in U.S. history.

Following the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001, the coalition

began to form with a common purpose – to fight terrorism. "Beginning on Sept. 12, having worked our way to a plan, which we executed or started to execute on Oct. 7, by the time we reached the end of September, we had a coalition here in Tampa of senior national representatives of some 15 or so nations,"

said Army Gen. Tommy Franks, CENTCOM Commander in 2001.

Since those early days the number of Coalition nations has grown to its present number of 47 nations, who are represented at CENTCOM. Members have contributed to many named campaigns to include: Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIR), Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), Operation Resolute Support and Operation Inherent Resolve, to name a few.

The strength and importance of the CENTCOM Coalition has continued for more than a decade. Having coalition members in Tampa has proved invaluable and helped ensure focused coordination and synchronization.

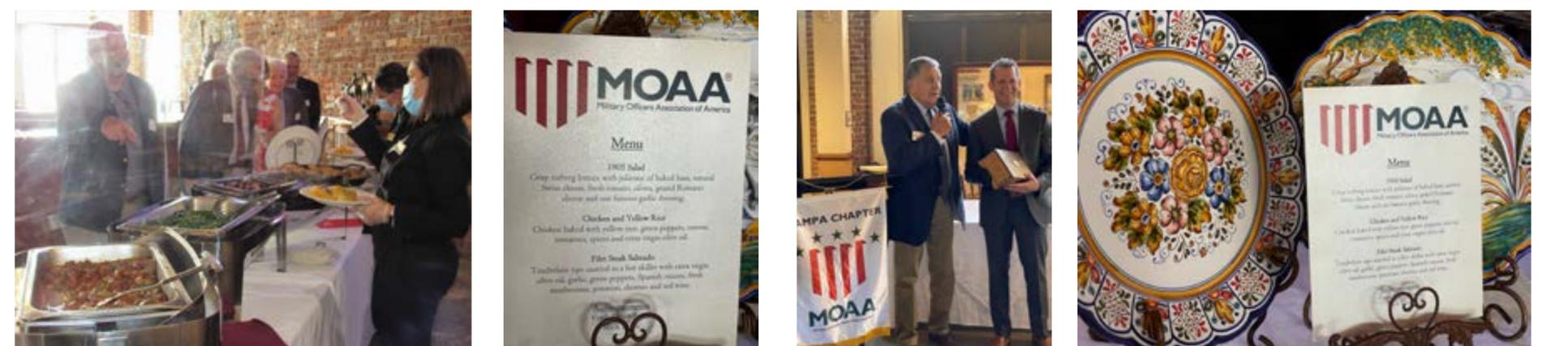
Coalition forces have made important contributions to fight terrorism across

the spectrum of operations. Particular contributions include, but are not limited to, providing vital intelligence, personnel, equipment and assets for use on the ground, air and sea. Coalition members also have provided liaison teams, participated in planning, provided bases and granted over-flight permissions – as well as sizable contributions of humanitarian assistance.

The CENTCOM Coalition nations are working to promote peace and stability in CENTCOM's area of responsibility and beyond. Their contributions are an example of how the international community is working together to enhance capabilities, share information, and address destabilizing issues in the region.

Source: <https://www.centcom.mil>

March Luncheon Photos



CHAPTER MEMBER OF THE MONTH MAJOR JOHN MASSEY, USAF (RET)

I was born in Pensacola, Florida, 1932. Nine years later my destiny was determined. Every Sunday my family had dinner with my grandparents, and afterwards we would go to a movie. As we were leaving the theater, we noticed newsboys were selling special edition papers announcing the attack on Pearl Harbor (I still have the paper). When



I saw this, the first thing that came in my mind was that this would be a profound factor in my life. From then onward I became fascinated with everything associated with the war. In other words, I was hooked.

My military career started in 1953 when I entered the USAF Aviation Cadet program and entered navigator training. Upon graduation, I was assigned to an Air Rescue unit. After three years I decided

to leave the service, and it turned out to be my number one lifetime mistake. Fortunately, I was recalled and spent the remainder of my career in Military Air Transport (MATs), now the Air Mobility Command (AMC), that provided me with adventuresome worldwide travels, including a year in Vietnam. I returned from Da Nang and Tuy Hoa, Air Base, Vietnam and spent 5 months in Bangkok, Thailand before returning from my last overseas assignment.

Some of my many memories of my life in the Air Force included many flights from Charleston to Madrid, a wonderful week's tour in Tahiti training for recovery of the astronauts on NASA's Mercury mission, and a week in Khartoum, the capitol of Sudan. I also had the opportunity to visit the Pyramids of Giza, the Acropolis in Athens, the Taj Mahal in Agra, India, the reclining Buddha in Bangkok, Corcovado the location of the statue of Christ in Rio de Janeiro, the Eiffel Tower and many other magnificent structures throughout the world.

In 1975 when I retired, I joined The Retired Officers Association (TROA), subsequently MOAA. I was amazed at the information it provided and found information that would provide future action in my life. Most notably

I found out about a new organization named called The Ellington Navigator Observation Association (TENOA) that was founded by one graduating class at Ellington AFB, TX. This eventually grew to include all Ellington graduates. I joined in 1988 and am a lifetime member.

In 1995 TENOA expanded to include all Navigator schools, and I was assigned to contact graduates of the school operated by Pan Am at Coral Gables, FL. The first class was in 1940 and lasted until early 1944. It was disbanded because the only aircraft were early 1930's seaplanes. I was fortunate enough to find a list of all graduates and contact all but about 30 of the grads on the school's roster. Found many interesting people that include a state governor, a four-star, navigator of first Air Force One, several Doolittle Raiders and many other interesting people during those times.

TENOA had reunions every two years throughout the country, and until recently I was able to attend all of them. I was elected vice-president several times and presided as president on an interim basis. I am currently serving as Chaplain. I also did some research for the Air Force Museum in Dayton, OH as well as the Mighty 8th Museum in Savannah, GA, and Air University Press at Maxwell AFB, AL.

I was married to my loving wife Ann for over 47 years until 2015 when she entered God's Kingdom. We had four wonderful children, eight grand and two great grandchildren. Upon my retirement, we traveled the world and had numerous opportunities to visit many exotic places.

In conclusion, joining the Tampa Chapter of MOAA was one of the greatest decisions in my life. Camaraderie, professionalism respect and integrity were among attributes I missed more than I realized when I retired from active duty. I want to thank our chapter for these wonderful experiences I have had and still have thanks for our leadership.



How We Help and Why You Should Join!

The TAMPA CHAPTER-MOAA, one of the largest and recognized as one of the top chapters in the Nation, has a very basic and focused approach for all officers on Active duty, Reserve, National Guard, and retired officers-WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK!

Some of the local community outreach our Tampa MOAA chapter members are involved with include: Veterans Treatment Court, Operation Helping Hand, funding local MOAA Scholarships, Transition support from military life, coordinating with our MacDill AFB Coalition partners with chapter activities, our Chapter Buddy Check initiative, and supporting the local ROTC/JROTC.

NEVER STOP SERVING!

MOAA Tampa Chapter Join Form

Name _____

Rank _____ Service _____

Status _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone_(_____) _____ - _____ cell (_____) _____

Date of Birth Month _____ Day _____

Spouse _____

Emergency contact: Name _____

Phone _____

MOAA National Member Number _____

Tampa Chapter annual dues: \$25.00 (There is no dues requirement for active duty personnel or surviving spouse)

MOAA National annual dues: \$48.00. You can join National MOAA at their website: moaa.org

MOAA National Lifetime dues: Based on age.

Range: \$851-\$0

You can bring the completed form to any event or you can mail it with the \$25.00 check made out to:

“MOAA Tampa Chapter”, to:

Bill Schneider

15888 Sanctuary Dr.

Tampa, FL 33647

Surviving Spouse Corner How to Become an Effective Advocate

By: Dr. Vivianne Wersel, Submitted By Renee Brunelle

- It can be very frustrating to find yourself in a position when legislation needs to be changed, but you are unsure where to start. My nearly 16 years' experience in legislation as an advocate affords me the opportunity to share with you how you can become more involved in improving military survivor benefits. Many surviving spouses already are seasoned advocates, thanks to MOAA and other veterans service organizations. However, for those who are new to this frontier, the following guidance can help you learn to advocate and navigate the process with confidence. Find your passion. Choose an issue that directly affects you. This will have more of an impact when telling your story.
- Gather information. Find fact sheets from [MOAA's Surviving Spouses and Friends Facebook page](#), [MOAA.org](#), your local MOAA chapter (legislative committee), and the [Surviving Spouses Virtual Chapter](#). Construct a simple blog regarding how this issue impacts you as a military surviving spouse. Be yourself. It is important you feel comfortable discussing the



issue, even if you do not have all the details. Information can be sent later. Determine whether the issue is local, state, or federal. Some examples include:

- Federal: Improve VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, remarriage law
State: Professional licensure, property tax exemption, benefits of military surviving spouses
Local (City/County): Noise abatements, zoning ordinance
Establish a meeting. During COVID-19, meetings will be held via a virtual platform. There are some advantages, such as no parking issues or inclement weather restrictions. If you do not feel comfortable with a virtual meeting, call the elected official's office and asked for a phone conference appointment with the appropriate staffer or ask to leave a message on staffer's phone. Even though you did not virtually meet with the staffer or member, what is important is you raised awareness about your issue. Remember, the elected official and staffer — whether it is federal, state or local — work for you. You are their constituent.

A future webinar is being planned to provide specifics on Advocacy in Action, MOAA's signature spring advocacy event.

Source: <https://www.moaa.org>

How Trusts Avoid Probate

by John C. Murphy, COL, SF (Ret)

(Reprinted from the March 2021 Intercom Cape Canaveral MOAA Newsletter)

One way to avoid probate is creating a revocable living trust. Making a trust isn't all that complicated to accomplish. After creating a trust, you will know that your estate and your beneficiaries won't get bogged down in a court-supervised probate process after your death.

You'll also know that your personal affairs will remain just that—private. Your Last Will and Testament becomes a matter of public record when it's filed with the Probate Court.

Set-Up

A revocable trust is created by signing a trust agreement. The agreement involves three types of parties who are the settlor (trust maker or grantor), the trustee, and the beneficiary. As the names imply, the settlor is the individual who makes and funds the trust. The beneficiary is the person or persons who benefit from the trust. The trustee manages the trust and its property.

With a typical revocable trust, at least initially, the settlor, trustee, and beneficiary are all typically the same person.

Funding

After the trust agreement has been signed, the settlor will fund the trust, which involves transferring assets into trust ownership. The settlor would normally designate the trust as the beneficiary of his retirement accounts, life insurance, and annuities. Real estate is also commonly held in trust.

As a trustee, the settlor will then manage, invest and spend the trust's property for his benefit as beneficiary, and for the benefit of other beneficiaries of the trust, usually inheriting after the settlor's death.

Avoiding Probate

The settlor will not own property in their own name after the assets have been funded into the name of the trust. Technically, they will be owned by the trustee for the beneficiary's benefit—the settlor themselves or other beneficiaries. Because the settlor doesn't personally own this property, probate is not required to transfer ownership to other individuals when the settlor dies. The trust vehicle does not die with the settlor but lives on as a separate legal entity. At death the trust no longer uses the settlor's social security number but must obtain a tax identification number.

The successor trustee named in the trust agreement will have the legal authority to step into the settlor's shoes as trustee after the death of the settlor. The successor trustee will take control of bank accounts, investment accounts, and business interests. Also, they can collect life insurance proceeds, retirement accounts, and annuities, pay the settlor's final bills, debts and taxes, and distribute the balance of the trust funds to the other beneficiaries named in the trust agreement—all without probate.

When Probate May Be Required

Of course, if you form a revocable living trust but neglect to transfer any type of property into it—maybe something you purchased long after the trust was created and that you never got around to funding into the trust—this particular “forgotten” asset would require probate. At the same time you create and sign your trust, you should also sign a “pour-over” Last Will and Testament. A pour-over Will directs any assets you own in your own name, through probate, be transferred into your trust. After being transferred into the trust, those assets will then be administered under the terms of your trust agreement. Your best defense to probate is to create a trust, fund your trust and make it a point to transfer all newly acquired assets into your revocable living trust immediately.

Trusts are not the only way to avoid probate but are often a simple way to achieve your goal of maximizing assets to your beneficiaries with minimum delay. You should consult with an Estate Planning attorney about your options for avoiding probate.

MOAA Scholarship Application

To: MOAA Tampa Chapter members

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that the MOAA Tampa Chapter will award college scholarships of up to \$2,000.00 each to high school seniors who are planning to attend college during the academic year 2021-2022.

Applicants must be a dependent or grandchild of a MOAA Chapter member who has been in good standing for at least one year prior to the date of application.

The application form and further requirements can be found at the chapter website: www.moaatampa.org. Completed applications and documentation must be submitted by April 15, to:

Colonel (Ret) William A. Schneider
15888 Sanctuary Drive
Tampa, FL 33647

Scholarship winners will be announced on May 1.

If you have any questions, please contact Colonel Schneider at 813 977 2572 or via email at geowillyl@aol.com.

Sincerely,
MOAA Tampa Chapter Scholarship Committee.

Military Officers Association of America, Tampa Chapter

Eligibility Requirements

Required attachments

1. Be a dependent or grandchild of a MOAA Tampa Chapter member who has been in good standing for a minimum of one year prior to the date of application.
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
3. Complete the scholarship application.
4. Attend the May 13, 2021 luncheon and Awards Ceremony. Attendance is required by the recipient or immediate family member in order to receive the award.

Required attachments

1. Proof of the Military affiliation of the sponsor. (Military ID or DD form 214)
2. Transcript reflecting 3.0 or higher GPA.
3. Two Letters of Reference from persons other than relatives. (teachers, work supervisors, clergy, coaches, etc.)
4. An acceptance letter from an accredited college, community college or university with student ID number included.
5. A letter written by the student, in which he or she explains his or her goals and academic achievements, extra-curricular activities and community volunteer experiences.
6. A completed Scholarship Application Form.
7. A color photo head shot or student senior picture.

The selection committee reserves the right to limit scholarship awards to one per sponsor.

Submit application and attached documents not later than midnight April 15, 2021 to:

Colonel (Ret) William A. Schneider
15888 Sanctuary Drive
Tampa, FL 33647

MOAA Scholarship Application

Date of application _____

Sponsor name _____

Date sponsor joined chapter _____

Student name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Graduating school _____

College accepted _____

Academic awards _____

School Activities _____

Community Activities _____

Completed application and supporting documents must be submitted to the committee no later than April 15, 2021.

MEDICAL CORNER

James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital - Tampa, Florida

James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital staff ran through their first simulation today to prepare for expanded COVID-19 vaccination availability at the USF Yuengling Center.

The James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital & Clinics (Tampa VA) and the Florida Department of Health in Hillsborough County (DOH-Hillsborough) is expanding vaccination operations by moving the recently established drive-through vaccination clinic to a new, larger site, at the University of South Florida's (USF) Yuengling Center, formerly known as the Sun Dome beginning March 30.



The new site will include 24 vaccination stations in four temporary drive-through shelters, as well as drive up screening stations and waiting areas for after a person is vaccinated.

A formal FEMA Mission Assignment created the unique partnership between Tampa VA and DOH-Hillsborough enabling the Tampa VA to vaccinate non-VA patients using doses provided by DOH-Hillsborough at a drive-through clinic adjacent to the Tampa VA main hospital. The move to the USF's Yuengling Center reflects the university's long-standing commitment to community service and support of veterans in the Tampa Bay area.

"It makes sense for us to combine our resources and skill sets to vaccinate as many people as quickly as possible," said David VanMeter, interim director of James A. Haley

Veterans' Hospital & Clinics, of the collaboration.

"Since December 2020 we have vaccinated [tens of thousands of Veterans and employees](#). This new location will allow us to offer even more protection to their family members now, too, as well as Veterans not in our care."

Those eligible to receive a vaccination must meet [current Florida state eligibility requirements](#) and belong to one of the below categories:

- Veterans who are not enrolled in or eligible for VA health care (not VA patients)
 - Family members of Veterans currently receiving care at VA (VA patients)
 - Family members of Veterans not enrolled in or eligible for VA health care
 - Family members of VA staff
- Vaccinations are available by appointment only.

Those eligible to receive the vaccine can self-schedule an appointment at [Tampa VA's EventBrite page](#). Tampa VA offers vaccines to all its patients, regardless of age or medical condition. More information is available on its [website](#).

Source: <https://www.tampa.va.gov/>

DOD Identifies More Troops to Help Administer COVID-19 Vaccine

March 6, 2021 | BY C. Todd Lopez , DOD News

The Defense Department has identified additional personnel authorized to support the Federal Emergency Management Agency in administering COVID-19 vaccinations at community vaccination centers around the country."The secretary



authorized an additional 10 Type 2 teams for future FEMA support," said Pentagon Press Secretary John F. Kirby during a briefing yesterday.

FEMA has asked the Defense Department for as many as 50 Type 1 teams to support community vaccination centers, as well as 50 Type 2 teams. A Type 1 team is made up of 222 service members,

and can administer about 6,000 vaccinations a day, while a Type 2 team is made up of 139 service members and can administer about 3,000 vaccinations a day. The department is also staffing 25-person teams as well in some locations. Right now, about 6,235 active duty service members have been

identified by the Defense Department to support COVID-19 vaccination centers, though not all of those personnel have deployed yet as part of a team.

Just over 2,200 service members are deployed now in 17 teams to California, New Jersey, Texas, New York, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Pennsylvania, Florida, Illinois and North Carolina. Those teams are made up from service members from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps. In the coming weeks, Kirby said, additional teams — about 444 service members — will deploy to both Ohio and Georgia to support vaccination efforts in those states. Together, they will be able to provide around 12,000 vaccinations a day.

The first community vaccination center to be supported by U.S. military personnel opened in mid-February at California State University in Los Angeles. At that location, 222 soldiers provide vaccination support, and are able to offer 6,000 vaccinations a day.

Source: <https://www.defense.gov>

‘It feels pretty historic’ | Moderna starting vaccine clinical trial for kids

Submitted by: CAPT Sara Marks, NC, USN (Ret)

“This is a chance for us to actually participate in helping to end the pandemic.”

VIRGINIA, USA — After conducting COVID vaccine clinical trials with teenagers, Moderna is now opening up doses to children younger than 12 years old.

Earlier in the week, the company announced it would be enrolling approximately 6,750 pediatric participants in the U.S. and Canada ages 6 months to less than 12 years.

Richmond-based mom and history professor, Brooke Newman, immediately jumped at the opportunity to volunteer her 10-year-old daughter, Simone Smithers.



“This is a chance for us to actually participate in helping to end the pandemic,” Newman said. Smithers’s daughter said she hates needles but is eager to help.

“I feel like it’s really important,” Smithers’s daughter said. “Because if I do it, then it helps everybody in the world. And also because it also helps my safety.”

Newman said they researched the vaccine trial thoroughly and weighed the pros and cons.

“The vaccine has been highly effective, and it’s already lowering the rate of infection and transmission. And it’s also helping people have less severe reactions to COVID,” she said. “I think that the benefits of being involved in something like this, and helping to ensure that there is a safe vaccine for kids outweigh the risks at this point, particularly for her and her age group.”

Both she and Simone want to get back to school — as her 10-year-old describes having to stay at home all the time as “prison.”

Newman said they received a call from the Richmond site, saying they would send her family a form in the next couple of weeks with all the details and consent form they would need to sign. Then, they could schedule the first appointment. They are still waiting on official confirmation that Simone has been selected.

15-year-old twins Jake and Drew Wesson have been participating in Moderna’s clinical trial for teens in Minnesota for over a month. They just received their second dose on Wednesday.

“After my second shot, I think I got like the worst,” Jake said. “I was just feeling really achy and tired and had chills for like, a while ... So I just felt like, really like I was getting sick. And just couldn’t go to school or anything. I just like sat on the couch the entire day. But after Thursday, I was just feeling completely fine, just like went away completely.”

Both brothers suffered soreness at the injection site, too, after both shots. And, they also share a fear of needles.

It’s pretty historic like, I’m glad I’m a part of it,” Drew said. “I was kind of hesitant at first just because I have such a big fear of needles. And then when I kind of got it done, I just felt like I was helping a ton of people. So, I’m pretty sure the pros outweigh the cons.”

For their mom, Kristy, it was a no-brainer to let them participate.

“We’re so fortunate to have healthy children that are able to do this,” she said. “We all feel like it’s part of our duty as a community to step up and do something for the greater good.”

She said she conducted her own research on the vaccine and trial and spoke with her sons’ pediatricians before making the final decision, but all three said they would sign up again.

Now, Kristy is trying to get her 12-year-old into this next clinical trial phase.

“It wasn’t something we took lightly,” she said. “But at the same time, we were very excited to have the opportunity and just think that it’s you know, it’s such a gift and a privilege that we were able to have this opportunity.”

The University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore is currently signing up children to participate in their pediatric clinical trial.

Source: <https://www.wtsp.com>

CDC: 10% of Total U.S. Population Fully Vaccinated for COVID-19

Submitted by: CAPT Sara Marks, NC, USN (Ret)

With more than 29 million documented cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., more people have now been fully vaccinated than have

been reportedly infected with the virus.

Over 10% of the entire U.S. population has been fully vaccinated for the coronavirus, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



More than 33 million people have received either both doses of the Pfizer and BioNTech or Moderna vaccines or a single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Roughly 64 million people have received at least one dose of a vaccine. With more than 29 million documented cases of the coronavirus in the U.S., more people have now been fully vaccinated than have been reportedly infected with the virus.

The U.S. is averaging over 2 million shots per day. Last week, the country crossed the threshold of having 10% of the adult population fully vaccinated. The CDC this week recognized the growing number of vaccinated people by issuing new guidance on activities they can resume.

“With more and more people getting vaccinated each day, we are starting to turn a corner,” CDC Director Rochelle Walensky said at a Monday press briefing. “And as more Americans are vaccinated, a growing body of evidence now tells us that there are some activities that fully vaccinated people can resume at low risk to themselves.”

“Fully vaccinated individuals who have waited two weeks after their last dose can gather indoors with other fully vaccinated people without masks or physical distancing, according to the guidance. They can also gather without masks indoors with unvaccinated individuals from a single household who are not at high risk for severe COVID-19.”

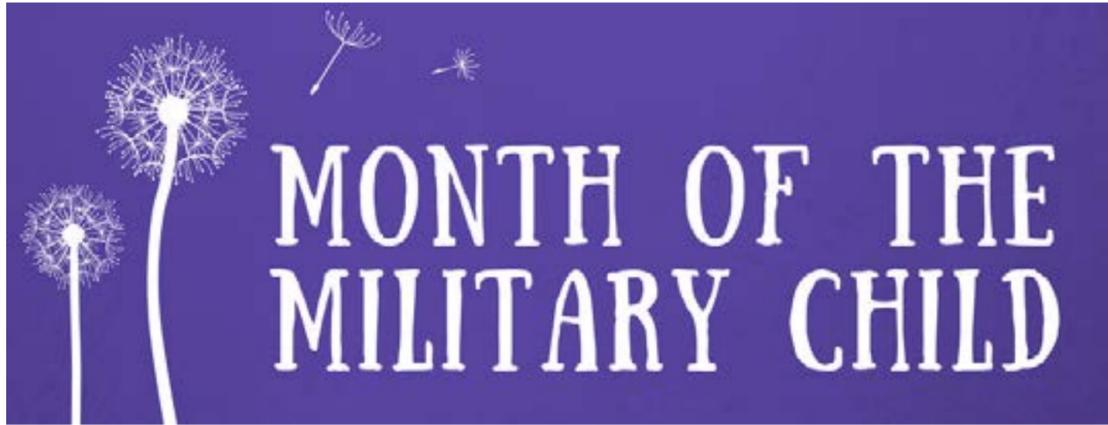
However, they should continue wearing masks in public, Walensky said, because it is not yet known whether they can be mildly or asymptotically infected and spread the virus.

Source: <https://www.usnews.com>

Month of the Military Child

All April, est. 1986

Submitted by: CAPT Sara Marks, NC, USN (Ret)



April is Month of the Military Child. This month, take some time to support and recognize the sacrifices made by military children all across the globe. April is Month of the Military Child, a time to honor the sacrifices made by military families worldwide, with the emphasis on the experiences of the dependent children of military members serving both at home and overseas.

Like many similar military recognition efforts, the Month of the Military Child is often celebrated internally with military communities and military associations planning parades, contests, seminars, fairs, and special events centered around the message of this month. It is also celebrated externally by many communities, schools, and organizations.

The Month of the Military Child is an important time for children with one or both parents serving in uniform. Since 1986 there have been an increasing number of campaigns aimed at recognizing the needs of military children in all areas from educating military dependents at on-base schools around the globe to helping these children cope with the deployment of their parents to war zones.

Source: <https://americangimuseum.org/month-of-the-military-child/>

Air Force Reserve Birthday

April 14, 1948

Submitted by: CAPT Sara Marks, NC, USN (Ret)



Today is the Air Force Reserve birthday. Here's to many more years of being ready to fly, fight, and win!

Since President Harry Truman called for the formation of the Air Force Reserve in 1948, it has served as a critical part of the United States' defense. Operating in various locations across the world, the Air Force Reserve has evolved from a standby force for emergencies to a Major Command of the active duty Air Force. The reserve currently performs about 20 percent of the work of the Air Force, including traditional flying missions and other more specialized missions, such as Weather Reconnaissance (Hurricane Hunters), Modular Aerial Fire Fighting, and Personnel Recovery (pararescue).

The Air Force Reserve is comprised of the 4th, 10th, and 22nd Air Force. Under those numbered Air Forces there are 35 wings, 10 independent groups and various mission support units. The most recent estimate had total membership at 69,200. On any given day, 99 percent of the Air Force Reserves' aircraft are mission-ready and able

to deploy within 72 hours if need be. In addition to flying units, the Reserves also includes numerous ground organizations including medical units, civil engineers, intelligence and space operations, security forces, and more.

The Air Force Reserve also contains other specialized capabilities not included in regular active duty Air Force units. Along with its Air National Guard and regular Air Force partners, the Air Force Reserve also participates in national and international humanitarian assistance and disaster relief missions as directed by higher authority. The Reserves also supports counter-narcotics operations by performing detection and interdiction efforts outside the United States with the U.S. Coast Guard and other agencies.

Source: <https://www.afrc.af.mil/About-Us/History/>

Gold Star Spouses Day

Submitted by: CAPT Sara Marks, NC, USN (Ret)

April 5, est. 2012

April 5 is Gold Star Spouses Day. Thank you to all Gold Star Spouses and the loved ones lost or injured during service to our country. April 5 is recognized as Gold Star Spouses Day, a day dedicated to those whose spouses sacrificed their lives while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States or as a result of service-related disabilities after returning home. This day serves as recognition of the sacrifice made by military spouses, a memorial for the fallen, a remembrance day for their survivors, and an appreciation day for those who are sometimes overlooked for their support and service to their country. We salute all Gold Star Spouses and the loved ones they lost for their service to our country.

Source: <https://americangimuseum.org/gold-star-spouses-day/>

Soldier who stood firm against Viet Cong captors inspired fellow POWs, earned Medal of Honor

Submitted by: CAPT Sara Marks, NC, USN (Ret)

"VIET VICTORY NEAR," blared a headline across the top of Stars and Stripes' front page.

Farther down the page, a smaller article titled "3 Aides Seized in Vietnam Battle" told a far less celebratory tale. Three soldiers serving as advisers to Vietnamese government troops south of Saigon were feared to have been captured a few days earlier by the Viet Cong during a failed raid.

The date of the edition was Nov. 1, 1963. For the men taken captive, years of torment lay ahead. At



home, the nation would descend into increasing turmoil as U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War deepened. Two of the soldiers snatched would return to the United States, but the body of the third, Capt. Humbert "Rocky" Versace, still lies in an unmarked grave somewhere in the Mekong River

Delta. Versace's heroic and ultimately fatal resistance to his Communist captors resulted in the posthumous awarding of the Medal of Honor to him in 2002. It wasn't the first Medal of Honor awarded to a Vietnam veteran; that honor went to Army Special Forces Capt. Roger Donlon, who in 1964 ignored serious wounds while leading the defense of a Special Forces camp from an enemy attack and rescuing several fellow soldiers.

But Versace's medal covers the earliest time period of any Medal of Honor awarded for service in Vietnam, having been awarded for cumulative acts that began in late 1963 and continued until his death at age 28 on Sept 26, 1965. As a fellow prisoner of war, Army Special Forces officer James "Nick" Rowe later explained to one of Rocky Versace's younger brothers, "When you're awarded the Medal of Honor, it's for a moment of your life that may be over in a second, but it's so outstanding and beyond that call of duty that it's never forgotten," said Stephen Versace. "What Nick Rowe said is that Rocky had those split-second moments of decision for two years, and he met every one of them."

Capture

The fact that Versace had just six weeks left in his second tour in Vietnam as an Army intelligence adviser didn't stop him from volunteering to accompany a dangerous mission on Oct. 29, 1963, aimed at destroying a Viet Cong command post deep in enemy-controlled territory. According to Rowe, who later chronicled the mission and ensuing years of captivity in a book, "Five Years to Freedom," intelligence advisers like Versace weren't allowed to accompany such missions. But Versace, who friends and relatives say could not be dissuaded once he made up his mind, insisted on going.

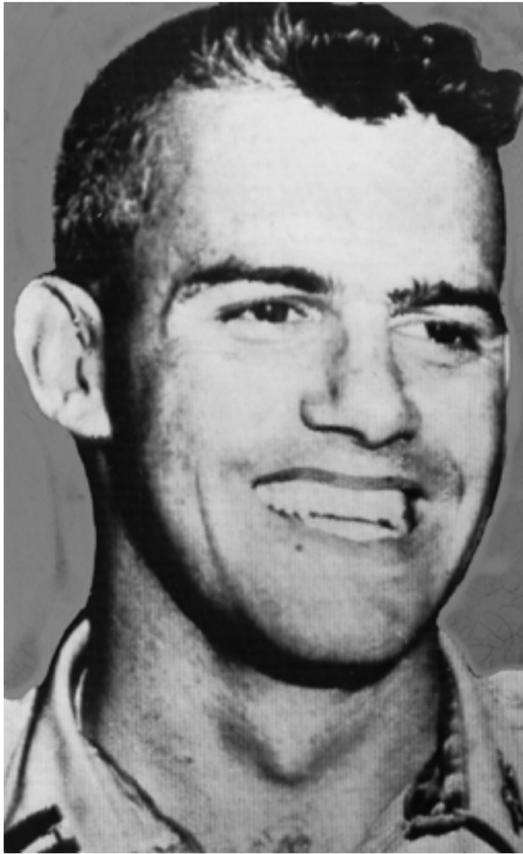
"The probability of making contact with Charlie and provoking action, coupled with the chance of picking up good intelligence in the previously untouched village, were enough reason for Rocky," wrote Rowe, who in 1963 was a Special Forces first lieutenant advising South Vietnamese troops. It was the early years of the Vietnam War, before a vast influx of troops and weaponry that would eventually give the U.S. military the ability to project force around the country. For this mission, the three soldiers — Versace, Rowe and Special Forces medic Sgt. Daniel Pitzer — along with a company of South Vietnamese troops, would be going against the enemy without the promise of air cover, and with spotty artillery support.

The assault went badly, and within hours a Viet Cong battalion moved in. After a fierce defensive battle, Viet Cong troops captured Versace, who had been seriously wounded by several gunshots in his legs and back, along with Rowe and Pitzer. Although the treatment they received was at first

relatively mild, according to Rowe, it took only days for Viet Cong officials, determined to re-educate the men, to realize that Versace was a particularly hard case. He had immediately begun disputing their political claims. Soon, he was being held separately from the two Green Berets, Rowe wrote. "It was becoming clear that the separation was not based on his wound or the "hospitalization" he had never received. Rocky had assailed the revolutionary movement from his first encounter ... and had been marked as a definite reactionary."

Resistance

Soon after the capture, Versace made his first escape attempt, breaking out of the hut in the U Minh Forest, a Viet Cong stronghold, in hopes of swimming through canals to freedom. Severely disabled by his leg wound, Versace didn't make it far.



Humbert "Rocky" Versace

The shackles, physical punishment and isolation that resulted from the attempt, as well as other acts of rebellion, didn't stop Versace from trying three times more to escape.

Versace was a man of unbending Catholic faith, and he had accepted the tenets of the Army with nearly as much ferocity, said his brother. One of those was the Code of the U.S. Fighting Force, which famously instructs captured troops to attempt escape and give nothing but "name, rank, service number and date of birth." Other than giving constant argument as well, Versace followed the code to a T.

"If Rocky thought he was right, he was very difficult to deal with," Stephen Versace said. "If he knew he was right, he was impossible to deal with. There was nothing you could do."

Versace spoke French and Vietnamese, and the fact that, as Pitzer later stated, he told them they could "go to hell in three languages" caused his communist guards to lose face. It also angered superiors who wanted to indoctrinate the soldiers and use them as propaganda tools against U.S. involvement in Vietnam.

During a visit of high-ranking communist cadres, Rowe wrote that he heard Versace shouting, "I'm an officer in the United States Army. You can force me to come here, you can make me sit and listen, but I don't believe a damn word of what you say!" As he longed for freedom, Rowe wrote that his own determination to resist had been wavering, Versace's "hard core" attitude gave him new strength. The last time his fellow prisoners heard from him, in early April 1964, he was loudly singing "God Bless America" to his stymied captors. The following day, Rowe was shown a pile of bloody clothing and a ravaged cell. He assumed Versace was dead.

Torment and death

The Viet Cong had other ideas for Versace. Perhaps to limit what they saw as his bad influence on other prisoners, he was moved to a succession of camps. The following year, Rowe was overjoyed to spot him from a distance, but was shocked at his appearance. Though he was still in his 20s, Versace's hair had turned entirely white, and he was gaunt and jaundiced.

This was the Versace that Army Capt. Jack Nicholson, also an adviser to South Vietnamese troops, kept hearing about as he combed the Mekong Delta for signs of him.

He'd first encountered him at West Point, when Nicholson was a senior in charge of disciplining Versace, a freshman who'd sneaked out after hours. "He didn't make any excuses or try to explain; [he] just said, 'Yes, I did it, I went out, I got caught, and that's it,'" said Nicholson, who retired from the Army as a brigadier general. "I kind of admired that attitude of not whining about anything."

Nicholson led willing units of South Vietnamese troops on four missions to rescue the captives in 1963 and 1964. The groups took heavy casualties and seemed to come close several times. "We'd find warm food, cooking fires, but no Rocky," he said. Nicholson also spoke to peasants and villagers, some of whom told him of witnessing Viet Cong troops taking a foreigner — starved and sickly but unbowed — from village to village.

"He was paraded around by torchlight, and their intent was to show these people the 'aggressor,'" Nicholson said. "He would openly defy them in Vietnamese and French, and they would hit him in the face with rifle butts."

In one village, an old woman told Nicholson that after one such assault, a bleeding Rocky Versace looked up to heaven with a smile, and echoing Jesus' words in the Gospels, asked God to forgive his captors.

As he was dragged around the Delta, Versace was becoming a martyr in the literal, spiritual sense, Nicholson said. The intention to humiliate and degrade the American was backfiring as the Vietnamese who witnessed the spectacle began to respect the unbowed captive with an unshakable religious faith.

"I heard from the people I spoke to that he was converting his captors," Nicholson said. "I think that's why they decided they had to kill him."

On Sept. 26, North Vietnamese radio announced Versace had been executed, a payment of "blood debts to the Vietnamese people."

Downgraded

In a famous escape, Rowe clubbed his guard and slipped away from the Viet Cong on Dec. 31, 1968. (Pitzer had been released the previous year.) Soon after his return to the United States, he found himself in a meeting at the White House with President Richard Nixon.

His account of captivity deeply moved Nixon, and Rowe focused on Versace's fearless conduct. It was his example that gave other prisoners strength, Rowe said, while Versace's incorrigibility effectively took pressure off the others.

Nixon reportedly agreed with the contention that Versace deserved the Medal of Honor, and Rowe quickly wrote a nomination. The process soon became mired in bureaucracy — and, many believe, bias in the Army. Versace instead was awarded the Silver Star.

"I just don't believe the Army at that time was willing to give the Medal of Honor to someone who was a prisoner of war," Stephen Versace said.

Rowe left the Army in 1974, but returned to active duty several years later and was killed by a communist assassin in the Philippines in April 1989. (Cont'd p. 17)

(cont'd from p.16) The end of his storied career seemed to close the book on his dream of a posthumous Medal of Honor for Rocky Versace.

Award

The effect of Rowe's 1971 book lived on, however. In 1997, an Ohio postal worker and Army veteran, Duane Frederic, read "Five Years to Freedom," which spurred him to begin a research project on POWs held in secret jungle camps.

"I reviewed a lot of the jungle POW records on microfilm from the Library of Congress, and I went through reels and reels and reels," Frederic said. "I had a feeling for the level of heroism many of these men exhibited, but were never recognized for."

He also developed the conviction that Rocky Versace's actions throughout his captivity were as fearless and self-sacrificing as those of any Medal of Honor recipient. Using Rowe's book as well as his other research, Frederic began putting together a more systematic nomination for the award.

Soon after that, Frederic met an informal group in Washington calling itself the "Friends of Rocky Versace." The members had known him during school, served with him in the Army or developed an admiration for him after his death. Now the group was attempting to get a new school in Alexandria, Va., where Rocky Versace lived while attending high school, named for their hero.

Using their Washington connections, the Friends of Rocky Versace — including some high-ranking military officers — advocated for the nomination with Congress and the Pentagon. Members of Versace's class of 1959 at West Point joined the effort, and the new nomination picked up steam.

The school-naming effort failed, but Alexandria instead approved a memorial plaza for Versace at a local recreation center. The plaza was dedicated on July 7, 2002, and the following day, Rocky Versace was awarded the Medal of Honor by President George Bush in a White House ceremony.

"In his too short life, he traveled to a distant land to bring the hope of freedom to the people he never met," Bush told the assembled crowd. "In his defiance and later his death, he set an example of extraordinary dedication that changed the lives of his fellow soldiers who saw it firsthand. His story echoes across the years, reminding us of liberty's high price, and of the noble passion that caused one good man to pay that price in full."

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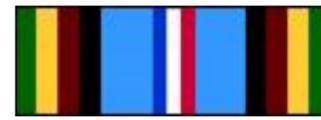
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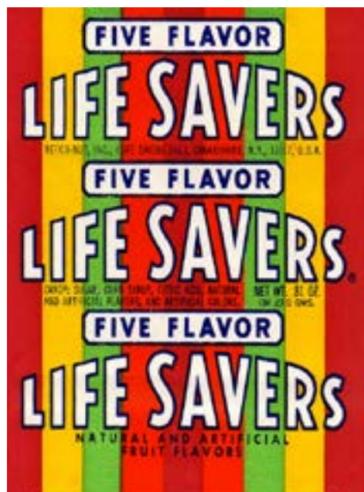
USS San Marcos – LSD 25



by Robert F. Sawallesh, LTC, USA, Retired,
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In 1958 I was a US



Marine in the 2nd Platoon, Charlie Company, 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Battalion Reinforced Sixth Marines. We deployed to Lebanon during the Lebanon Crisis of 1958. Upon departure from Lebanon, we continued our routine cruise in the Mediterranean Sea Basin.

One day while standing in the chow line, on the USS San Marcos, LSD 25, either a Marine or a Sailor, I think a Sailor, said he had a picture of the ribbon we would receive for the Lebanon Operation. He then showed us a neatly folded portion of a LIFE SAVERS wrapper. We were awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. Lebanon was the first Operation for this Medal.



Army Pilots to Learn Bold New Tactics to Fly Future Helicopters

Submitted by: CAPT Sara Marks, NC, USN (Ret)

As the Army moves to field futuristic helicopters in the next decade, aviation officials are not waiting to train pilots in aggressive new tactics for the future battlefield. The Army's Future Vertical Lift, or FVL, effort is testing prototypes for the Future Attack Reconnaissance Aircraft, or FARA, and the Future Long Range Assault Aircraft, or FLRAA. The new generation of helicopters is being designed to fly faster and farther than any aircraft in the service's current fleet to penetrate deep into the radar and anti-aircraft defense networks of adversaries such as Russia and China. Maj. Gen. David Francis, commander of the Army's Aviation Center of Excellence at Fort Rucker, Alabama, said Wednesday that the service's aviators must start preparing now for these new advancements in performance.

"It's imperative that we make some fundamental changes in addition to the material piece," Francis told an audience at the Association of the United States Army's Global Force Next symposium. "Because of the transformational capability that Future Vertical Lift will bring to our aviation forces, it's going to change the way we fight." The aviation center has launched an effort to train pilots to fly in large-scale combat operations, a shift from the type of flying aviators have been doing for the

past two decades of counterinsurgency operations in the Middle East, Francis said. "We are training our [aviators] to fly low. ... This is not new to Army aviation, but, quite frankly, it's relatively new to this generation of Army aviation," he said. "So, we are very deliberately training the force through training support packages to fly at terrain flight altitudes against radar threats that will enable us to survive, fight and win in future battlefields." Once a unit is fielded with new FVL aircraft, it will have to be trained to employ the helicopters effectively as a unit before it can be released back to the Army, Francis said. New leaders coming into the service will have to be trained differently to fight in future conflicts, he added. "We are going to be operating in dispersed environments. We have to train and sustain and conduct operations from a distributed kind of position to be able to converge effects at the time and place our choosing ... and then be able to redispense those forces and sustain them over time," Francis said. The Army will also have to look at whether new military occupational specialties need to be created to support FVL, Francis said. "Or are we going to condense some of those to be a little more efficient to where we can cross-train our maintainers and our operators to operate across multiple airframes and systems as required?" Source: <https://www.military.com/>

For a Florida veteran whose dying wish went viral, a birthday party

Submitted by: CAPT Sara Marks, NC, USN (Ret)

Joseph Hall's crew mates have all passed away. So has his wife of 67 years. He told the *Tampa Bay Times* last month that his March 8 birthday would be celebrated alone.

Some readers refused to let that happen. On Friday, Mission United, a United Way Suncoast leadership society that works to support the military and veteran community, hosted an outdoor birthday gathering for Hall.



United States Navy veteran Joseph Hall dabs away a tear moments after receiving a Navy anthology from George Howell, with Mission United, at left, moments after Hall arrived at the Mediterranean Manor community park for his 97th birthday party on Friday, March 12, 2021, in Dunedin. Hall recently commissioned a local seamstress to recreate his WWII uniform as his future burial outfit. [DOUGLAS R. CLIFFORD | Times]

97-year-old World War II veteran put on the uniform that went viral and ambled down the grass to the waterfront park within Mediterranean Manors in Dunedin, where he lives. Over 60 people were waiting for him, wearing masks and sitting in beach chairs. Some came from his church. Others were neighbors who had lived alongside him for decades. All he had wanted was one final way to honor his late crew mates. He'd hired a seamstress in Dunedin named Susan Williams to recreate his old Navy uniform as his burial outfit. But after a February story on the project in the *Times* was syndicated by the Associated Press, readers around the country reached out. Several have offered to pay for his uniform. Over 100 people have sent cards and letters. He saved each piece of mail in a scrapbook. And once a week, he and the seamstress meet for breakfast.

"He has been so very happy with people contacting him," Williams wrote in an email. "Two weeks ago he looked up at the sky and said, 'Thank you Lord. I was so lonely.'" Last weekend, someone brought a cooler filled with water bottles. Another brought individually wrapped cupcakes with red icing. Many stopped

Hall to take photos together.

"He really doesn't like the attention on himself," said Laura Griffin, his neighbor of nearly four decades.

Retired nurse Merria Agnew came after reading the article. She had worked with Hall and his late wife for over 30 years. "You look wonderful," she told him as they reunited.

"She took care of me," he explained, nodding to Agnew. "That's why I'm here today."

The

Mission United advisory council member Mike Bedke wanted to organize a gathering for Hall after sharing his story with his children. "These are heroes," said Bedke, whose brother and dad served. "They should be honored because they did all the right things." Five men from the United States Marine Forces Central Command headquartered at MacDill Air Force Base came to wish Hall a happy birthday. On behalf of the general, they presented him with a Command Coin in recognition of his service in WWII. Hall



United States Navy veteran Joseph Hall displays a Command Coin given to him by the United States Marine Forces Central Command in recognition of his service in WWII. The coin was given to Hall moments after he arrived at the Mediterranean Manor community park for his 97th birthday party on Friday, March 12, 2021, in Dunedin. [DOUGLAS R. CLIFFORD]

plans to wear it on his uniform as part of his final resting outfit.

The men clustered together, listening to Hall explain the details on his uniform and speak quietly about his memories of serving with the Navy. "For us, it's a great opportunity to talk with and learn from someone from the greatest generation," said Col. Devin Young. "When we talk to someone like that it gives us perspective."

George Howell, a Tampa attorney on the advisory council of Mission United, gathered everyone together to present Hall with a gift. First, Hall shared some memories with the crowd of his days in the Navy working alongside the Marines.



United States Navy veteran Joseph Hall, center, shares war stories with (from left) United States Marine Col Devin Young, United States Navy Capt. Gerald Delk, United States Marines SSgt Keoni Freeman and United States Marines MSgt Jonathan Plassman moments after Hall arrived at the Mediterranean Manor community park for his 97th birthday party on Friday, March 12, 2021, in Dunedin. [DOUGLAS R. CLIFFORD]

"When we got to shore, I don't know how they got the liquor," Hall recalled. "But...I didn't want to go back to the ship."

"We were really buddies. We worked together and it was great. I love them. Thank you." Howell presented Hall with a colorful gift bag. "If you already have this, don't tell me, OK?" Howell said. Hall was silent as he pulled out a thick white book from the bag — an anthology of the Navy published by the Naval Historical Foundation. "Oh, oh, oh," Hall said. "It's beautiful." He dabbed his eyes with a tissue.

"All I wish is that my crew was here." "They're here," someone called from the crowd. "They're here," said another. Then, the crowd started clapping. "Thank you for your service," Howell said. The party resumed. Folks continued passing out cupcakes.

Neighbors lined up for their turn to take photos with Hall. "I didn't know there were so many wonderful people in the world," he said.

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Challenged by an article I read recently I googled to find the medical report on the medical treatments received by King Charles II of England before his death. He was one of the most popular and beloved kings and served as King of England, Scotland, and Ireland from 1660 until his death in 1685. When his ascension to be King restored the monarchy after Cromwell's dictatorship and distrust of the Church of England, Charles II re-established the position of the Church of England as the official religious body.

One morning, as Charles II was shaving, he suffered a series of seizures and over the next six days, his six royal physicians, administered, due to the unintentional medical ignorance of the day, treatments that led to his excruciating end. They bled him of 30+ ounces of his blood; they applied heated cup to his skin to cause blisters; they induced vomiting and used an enema and drugs to clean out his intestines; put an irritant powder up his nostrils; and ended up administering extracts from all the herbs and animals found on the palace grounds mixed with ammonia and poured down his throat.

Thank God, we have come a long way since the days of Charles II. We now have well-educated doctors who look at more than just our physical health. We have miracle drugs and laser surgery. I celebrate the 2+ years of new knees that allow me to do the things I most enjoy – golfing, gardening, bike riding and physical exercise. We are all getting our COVID-19 vaccinations which hopefully, and prayerfully, will lead to a reduction of the Corona illness.

While Charles' illness was physical, wellness and health include our emotional and mental well-being. Our spiritual well-being is also an important element of our health, especially for people of faith. We all have to do our best in these difficult days to live out God's good gift of health so that we might live life to its fullest. Health has often been defined as the absence of disease or infirmity. The World Health Organization took a more wholistic view when it defined health "as a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being." Of course, people of faith add spiritual well-being.

So, in the living out of your life these days, what are you doing to promote your spiritual, emotional, mental, and physical well-being? No one can do it for us! It is up to each of us!

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