



# OFFICER'S CALL

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

BROWARD COUNTY CHAPTER, INC.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

October  
**2016**

What a busy time! Normally, this time of year is relatively quiet, but 2016 has been a year to remember.

- We had our first scholarship award, something which has given us credibility in terms of being a contributing member of the community. Our ceremony was attended by over 80 people.
- We won our third consecutive National Award. We have started the planning process for our fund-raising effort, a necessity to sustain our scholarship program.
- We had a close call with a devastating hurricane, something we South Floridians expect, but dread.
- Sadly, we lost the one person everyone in the Chapter looked up to, LTC Leo Gray, USAF, Ret. Leo was, without a doubt, the unelected "Chairman of the Board." As a Tuskegee Airman, he was a member of a group of men who led the way toward integrating our Armed Forces in the 20th Century. And, as a person, Leo was a compassionate leader and friend to all. Final Interment arrangements will be at Arlington National Cemetery. (Date TBD)



So, as a Chapter, we are on the threshold of becoming something very special in Broward County. We must continue in memory of Leo Gray. Now is the time, however, when the real work begins. We must have more members involved in the committees and leadership. You'll hear more at the October Luncheon on Saturday, 22 October. As usual, we had to change the venue for October, and several factors led us to change the day to a Saturday, mostly affordability.

Best,  
Steve

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**10/22: Chapter Luncheon – 12pm – 3pm Galuppi's**

-1103 N Federal Hwy, Pompano Beach

**11/12: Board Meeting - John Knox Village, 10-12am**





## CHAPTER CONCERNS AND INFORMATION

Please provide illness or other caring information regarding our members to our **Chaplain/Personal Affairs Chairman or 3<sup>rd</sup> VP (Personal Affairs, Awards.)**

This recurring column will provide Chapter members with the opportunity to share joys and information with each other and strengthen the bond we have as brother and sister officers and families of our nation's military veterans.

### **Chapter elected officers include:**

*President:* LTC Steven Bettner | USA  
954.942.3651

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:* LtCol David Harper | USAF  
954.249.8868; *Programs, JROTC, Funding*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:* 1LT Michael Hunt | USA  
954.439.8925, *Membership*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President:* Vacant

*Personal Affairs & Awards Treasurer:*  
1LT Darryl Hinkle | USA 954.942.5593

*Secretary* Jean Bettner 954-942-3651

*Chaplain:* LTC Ronald Burgess | USA (Ret)  
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## Shadows

In this season of Autumn I would have us think for a moment about shadows. The day grows increasingly beautiful as it approaches its end. Life becomes increasingly rich as it draws to its close, and it is largely because the shadows are lengthening. As night comes on, the shadows become rich and more purple, and something passes into our souls which the night cannot give. It is in the evening hours, before night comes, that the shadows become more mellow and tender and the angels of our better nature come out and sing.

There are shadows that add to the beauty of the world. There are shadows that refresh. And there are shadows that oppress.

There is a shadow which all of us are in love with, and that is the shadow cast by the earth. Night is but a shadow, and at the end of every day we creep round and throw ourselves down in the shadow and go to sleep. God takes the shadow of the night—and what is the blanket of the night but a shadow—and this our Heavenly Father spreads out over us and tucks it carefully in round us, and says to us “Now you may go to sleep.” God giveth his beloved sleep, but we could not sleep so well were it not that he covers us with a shadow.

And if the shadow of night is our friend, we have a right to believe that the shadow of the death is our friend. When the Hebrew poet thought of death, it did not frighten him. He knew it was a shadow and a shadow with refreshment in it. “Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.”

Simon Peter cast a shadow with healing in it. That is a wonderfully interesting incident recorded in the book of Acts where we are told that people having invalids in their homes brought them out on beds and couches along the streets which Peter was to pass, hoping that just his shadow might overshadow them.

Simon Peter stood in the shadow of his Lord. His shadow had healing in it. And the man or woman who stands with the light of God on him or her will cast a shadow that has healing in it.

LT. Col. Leo Gray, USAF cast such a shadow. And because his shadow had faith, healing and love in it, he will be greatly missed by all of us.

**Ronald W. Burgess**

Chaplain (LTC) USA (Ret)



# MEMBER CORNER



## ***Dottie Karr and Jean Bettner—Aug 2016***

We visited Dottie in her “special suite” in Boca Raton. She was bright, cheery and lovely as usual--so much so that I coaxed her into a couple of pictures. Many of you might not know that at one point in her life she was a model and it’s still obvious when you meet her.



## ***Dick and Marian Gould with the Bettners—Aug 2016 Aston Gardens Ct***

We visited Dick and Marian and enjoyed lunch at their residence—in the Executive Dining Room, no less. As usual, Marian flashed her beautiful smile, lighting up the room. Dick does not drive but will try to join us for luncheons when possible. They send their regards to all.



## **Good News!!!**

A new Junior Member arrived at 12:28 am. 8/24/2016. Louise Donna Sorenson and Mother Anna are doing well. Dad is, well, nervous.

***Lousie Donna Sorenson***

## **Sad News.**

I was contacted by Natalye Brown who informed me that **Eugene Lyon** passed away last year. She was his companion for many years. His children apparently wrote a eulogy, which we’ll research. Natalye will try to join us at a future luncheon.

**Whereabouts unknown:** There are several long-time members we haven’t heard from or aren’t sure about their status. Please let us if you have any information regarding them:

- John Hoefling
- Vera Ross

Notify: Chaplain Ron Burgess (954) 460-8832, or Jean Bettner (954)-942-3651

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