



OFFICER'S CALL

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

BROWARD COUNTY CHAPTER, INC.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to a New Year!!! Your officers and Board of Advisors are very excited about the upcoming year. Our Chapter is about to step out to becoming a larger and younger MOAA Chapter. We have spent a few years preparing for this, and now is the time. Those of you who attended the January luncheon and heard the 2015 business review are quite familiar with where we are in terms of our long-term work. 1) We have used electronic media to gain advantages for the Chapter. 2) We have increased our resources available. 3) We have established programs to prove our credibility in the community including a scholarship program for JROTC cadets and participation in several important community endeavors.



The best indicator of what we have done is the award of a Five-Star Chapter streamer by MOAA. These endeavors are aimed at creating infrastructure to support increased Chapter membership and Retention. This will be the first year we will be able to have the "Tool Kit" and resources in place to "Sell our product" (The Chapter). Therefore, the year 2016 will be the new, younger membership year. None of this can be done without the help of every single member. Each one of you should be conversant with our mission and how we accomplish it. How would you answer the question, "What do you do?" It must be attention grabbing and complete in two or three minutes.

All of this is exciting. However. For success, we cannot be a typical volunteer organization wherein 90% of the work is done by 10% of the members. One very important item: **Mark your calendar for April 17, 2016.** That is the planned award date for our first JROTC Scholarship. More to follow.

As for 2015, from your Officers and Board, Thank you for what you have accomplished.

Best,

Steve

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/13: Board Meeting - John Knox Village, 10-12am
- 2/14: Valentine's Day
- 2/21: Chapter Luncheon - LHPYRC, 12 Noon
- 3/12: 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 3rd 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:

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Happy New Year 2016

I do not know what the phrase “under sealed orders” suggests to you, but for the young Peter Marshall, former Chaplain of the U.S. Senate, it had a very significant meaning. To him it recalled memories of WWI when he used to watch the sleek new British destroyers glide out of their seaports.

These destroyers would always be mystery vessels. They were sailing under sealed orders. Not even their officers knew their destination or point of rendezvous.

We all start out life this way—going we know not where. Hopefully our destination will become clearer later, but meanwhile we must go out in faith—under sealed orders.

We are living in a hazardous epoch of history. It would be tragic indeed if the still, small voice of God's wisdom and direction is not heard at such a time as this. There are challenges to be met. We are leaving port under sealed orders in a troubled time as we approach this New Year. We cannot know whither we are going or what we may be called upon to do this year.

Why not, before the New Year begins, why not take a new pilot on aboard who knows the nature of our sealed orders and will shape our voyage accordingly. He knows the shoals and the sandbanks, the rocks and the reefs. He will steer us safely into that wonderful harbor where our anchor will be cast for eternity

Ronald W. Burgess
CH (LTC), USA (Ret)



CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

Broward County Chapter Kicks Off First Scholarship Program

Two weeks ago the Broward County Chapter “kicked off” its process for County high school JROTC students to win a chapter scholarship to college. This scholarship is the first to be awarded by the Chapter and will amount to a three-year scholarship for the student who wins. There will be a selection process to filter entries and select the most deserving young man or woman. The winner will be awarded the first installment of a \$4000 scholarship at our Luncheon on April 17. The Chapter has worked hard for three years to get the resources and the plan together to do this. There is a lot of excitement in the Chapter about this venture.



The Coral Springs High School JROTC Color Guard.

We intend this to be a long-term program and will continue to gather resources to support it. This becomes our flagship program in terms of what we do in the Broward County community. Many thanks to all who participated and helped in making this happen.

In order to sustain the resources for this program, it is our intention to develop a plan for donating funds and will include both members of

the Chapter and outside sources. We intend to have the plan completed within the next month so we can inform you of how you can do it and other items relative to it.

Chapter Concerns

- **Mrs. Mary Burgess** continues to recover from a broken arm.
- **Paul Zulkowski** continues to recover from a fall and surgery.
- **Leo Gray** continues to recover from surgery. He recently had a port inserted into his shoulder and has returned home. He is able to get “out and about” to some degree. Leo and Dianne remain in great spirits.
- **Dorothy Karr** has been in the care facility at her complex after a pacemaker implant. She hopes to return home soon depending on medical progress. She did not know of Mary Jo Rayburn’s passing. She is in great spirits and one of her best friends (Lindy) who lives in the complex keeps an eye on her.

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BAD NEWS – AND GOOD NEWS!

Ms. Gertie Graber, a long time Chapter member, has announced that getting to the meetings is difficult for her, and she just can't contribute the way she would like to do. She has expressed her satisfaction with her long relationship with the Chapter, but it's just time to move on. Ms. Graber has been a steadfast member, and, as pictured above, still visits schools to tell her story. The GOOD NEWS is Ms Graber has agreed to tell her story before she leaves the Chapter. For those who don't know, Ms. Graber is a survivor of the Holocaust. She will share her story at the **March 13 Chapter Luncheon**. This was a significant event in our country's history, and worth your time to hear.