Annual Business Meeting & Elections Headline the November Luncheon

The November Luncheon will feature the Annual Business Meeting and the election of the Chapter Leadership for 2018. Your Chapter Nominating Committee takes great pleasure in presenting a slate of Officers and Directors to lead our stellar 5-Star Cape Canaveral Chapter in 2018. These candidates will be offered to the General Membership for election during the Annual Business Meeting on Tuesday, November 21, 2017. Nominees are:

**President:**
COL Gary D. Eppler USAF (Ret)

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CWO3 Daniel L. Smith USA (Ret)

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MAJ Tim D. Pishdad USA (Ret)

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Jan Clark

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- **Immediate Past President – 2018**
  CPT R. Scott Robinson, USA (Fmr)

- **New - Term: 2018-2019**
  Ellie Joy
  CDR William Cox USNR (Ret)
  CWO4 Dan S. McIntyre USCGR

- **Previously Elected - Term: 2017-2018**
  RADM Wayne E. Justice, USCG (Ret)
  COL John C. Murphy USAR (Ret)
  LTC Harry “Skip” Taylor USA (Ret)

**Additional Information**
Chaplains for next year who were previously appointed by the Chapter President are:

- CH (LTC) Thomas R. Unrath, USAF (Ret)
- CH (CDR) Mark C. Moreno USNR
- CH (MAJ) William P. Adams USA (Ret)

The luncheon will be held Tuesday, 21 November at Colony Hall at IRCC. The cost is $16 per person for both the Regular lunch and the Light lunch – see details on page 16. Make your reservation now by using the form on back of the Intercom or by contacting Sheliah Fritz at 987-5511 or email at sfritzmluncheon@gmail.com. You can also make your reservation online at www.moaacc.org. For your convenience, you can pay at the door with cash, check or with credit card, but prior reservations are required!

MOAACC Christmas Party

**IRCC – Colony Hall • December 16**

**Social Hour: 5-6 PM**
**Dinner: 6PM • Dancing to Follow**

**Meal Choices:**
- Tenderloin of Beef with Béarnaise Sauce
- Duchess Potatoes and Asparagus
- or
- Chicken Piccata
- Rice and Asparagus

Both selections come with a Salad and Ice Cream with Crème d’Mint topping.

Price: $36 per person
Checks payable to MOAACC
Send reservations to Jody Jessen
900 Cormorant Ct, Viera FL 32955.
If needed, please include special seating requests.
Call Jody with questions: 321-636-5678.

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MOAACC Membership as of 18 October 2017 was 1427 of whom 345 are Life Members and 298 are Auxiliary Members.
November is the month in which we focus on our Chapter leadership, our Veterans, and our families. This got me to thinking about how thankful I am for everything that our leadership has done for our Chapter in the past and all that everyone does in our Chapter today. It is because of our members’ dedication and ardent support that we are repeatedly a MOAA “5-Star” chapter year after year.

However, as 2018 rolls around we still need to fill two leadership positions, Secretary and Treasurer. We also need a new Luncheon Coordinator. We are continuing to search for good people to fill these roles, but time is running out. We need everyone’s help.

Below, I have listed the qualities which we believe would make a candidate a good Secretary, Treasurer, or Luncheon Coordinator. I am asking everyone to contact us with members or potential new members who they think possess these characteristics.

**Secretary:** 
1. Organized; 
2. Methodical; 

**Treasurer:** 
1. Trustworthy; 
2. Eye for detail; 
3. Capable handling figures and cash; 
4. Good notetaking skills.

**Luncheon Coordinator:** 
1. Organized; 
2. Good planning skills; 
3. A people person.

Again, if anyone knows of another member or a potential new member with these skills, please contact us at admin@moaacc.org or bring them to a TMBC at 8:00am on any Thursday morning.

I hope to see many of you at the November 21, 2017 Business Meeting Luncheon, where we will elect our new slate of officers and board members. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

In November we also remember and celebrate veterans for their honorable service. Many of us will attend one or more of the Veterans Day weekend celebrations held locally. In particular, the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center will be hosting a Veterans Day program on November 11. The guest speaker will be MOAACC member COL Danny McKnight. For more information, please contact the Center at (321) 453-1776 or speak with Donn Weaver or Dean Schaaf at a TMBC.

Finally, November is also a special time to join with family or friends and give thanks for the many ways each of us has been blessed throughout our lives. From all the officers and board members of the Cape Canaveral Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, we want to wish all our members, all those who have served or are still serving in the military, and our veterans, a very Happy Thanksgiving.

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**Legislative Affairs**

**By RADM Wayne Justice, USCG (Ret)**

Greetings engaged MOAACC members! Trust all weathered the hurricane. From MOAA National, it is CRUNCH time for key issues like pay raises, health care fees, and survivor benefits! The top leaders of the House and Senate Armed Services committees met to outline the beginnings of a conference committee to smooth out differences in their respective versions of the FY 2018 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The defense bill carries many of MOAA’s most pressing priorities every year, so this is likely the last chance to draw the line in the sand on these big issues until next year. MOAA remains steadfast in our positions on the following provisions:

**Pay Raise:** Support the House provision granting the 2.4 percent military pay increase. Military pay raises are appropriately tied to the civilian sector’s Employment Cost Index (ECI). Capping the military pay raise beneath ECI, even by one-third of a percent, results in significant financial losses to a servicemember over time and into retirement.

**Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH):** Oppose the Senate provision eliminating the with-dependant rate for dual-member couples with children. A Senate provision would eliminate the with-dependant housing allowance rate for military couples stationed together with children. This unfairly reduces earnings even as servicemembers continue to face the demands of repeated deployments and the recruiting environment worsens. BAH is part of the military compensation package, and eroding military compensation is the wrong move at the wrong time.

**TRICARE Fees:** Oppose the Senate provisions repealing the grandfathering clause for current beneficiaries and increasing pharmacy copayments. Congress made it clear military health care reform would be coming after revisions of the retirement system. The Senate’s latest proposals, however, go too far in raising fees without recognition of the impact on current beneficiaries. Last year, currently serving and retired beneficiaries were explicitly exempted from new fee structures with TRICARE. Now, Congress may repeal that grandfathering provision, resulting in steep fee increases for all without any commensurate increase in health care access or quality.

**Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA):** At a minimum, and absent full repeal of the SBP-DIC offset this year, SSIA should be extended 10 years, with incremental increases to the monthly amount to assist affected survivors. In 2007, Congress recognized the unfairness of the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) offset and authorized the Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA) as a vehicle to repeal the offset gradually. SSIA will expire in 2018 if nothing is done. The Senate has a proposal to address the issues, but MOAA has serious concerns: It extends the benefit at current levels, with increases indexed to COLA. This would remove any incentive for lawmakers to go back
Army Wives

The Army Wives and Friends will be meeting for lunch at The Tides, PAFB on Friday, 10 November 2017. Meet and greet at 1130 for lunch at 12 noon.
The program will be speaker Rob Graham, Care Patrol, with some valuable information on Senior Placement.
Menu is Thanksgiving Turkey and trimmings or Fruit Plate. Make your reservation with Nan Kinsella (242-1365) by Tuesday, 7 November. This is our first get together in a long time, so please come!

Ros Bates 773-4459

AF and Spouse Luncheon

Location: At Ease Club, IRCC
Saturday, November 18, 2017
Social: 11:30 Lunch: 12:00 Program: 12:45
Refer to IRCC Channel 732 for menu, program and host.
Please call Robbie at 255-6050 for reservation and menu selection.
Remember friends and guests are welcome!
Maj Andrea Eufrazio, USAFR
AF&SL Chairperson

Navy Wives

The October Navy Wives’ Club luncheon will be November 3, 2017 at Indian River Colony Club’s “At Ease Club”. PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE. Social hour starts at 11:30AM and lunch served at noon.
Our speaker will be Kathy Taromina, one of our members. Kathy is an inspirational speaker and her topic will be “Aging with Vinegar and Spice”.
The menu choices are Colony Club Wrap with fruit or Turkey Dinner. Dessert is Apple Streusel Ice Cream.
For information and reservations call Anne Bordy at 213-6012 or 652-9802 no later than noon, Tuesday October 31st.
Remember spouses and friends are always welcome.

ALSO, PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE CHANGES:
DECEMBER 8TH AND JANUARY 5TH.
Ellie Joy 757-0193

Oktoberfest Cancelled Due to Inclement Weather

Submitted by COL Jeff Rogers, USA (Ret)

The weather has been tough on MOAACC Members for the past couple of months! Sunday, October 1st was scheduled to be a day of festive fun at MOAACC’s annual Oktoberfest, but the weather was determined not to cooperate. The photo above shows the great crew that arrived early to attempt the setup prior to the weather shutting it down. (L-R: Frank Holder, Gail Holder, Ruth Oblack, Tony Korvas, Gus Gostel, Ernie Joy, Ellie Joy, Jeff Rogers, Carlie Rogers, Gary Eppler, & Joe Oblack).
Fortunately, in a real display of organization, the setup crew was successful in notifying almost all who planned to attend prior to their departure for the fest! It was an enjoyable time for all involved during the short time we were there and was followed by a gracious impromptu gathering for the “crew” at the Gostel home.
**Current Affairs Forum**

**November Current Affairs Program**
**From Underwater Frogmen to Today’s Elite Navy SEALS**

Our speaker is LCDR Amir Pishdad, Jr. US Navy SEAL (Ret).

LCDR Pishdad will discuss the inception of the Navy’s Famed Frogman program, and how SEAL training has developed over time. He’ll also touch on current roles of Navy SEALS. Amir’s story is unique and powerfully motivating.

Hailing from Richmond Virginia, on August 30, 1973, as a newly Enlisted Seaman Recruit, Amir was qualified and selected in Boot Camp San Diego to attend the Navy’s UDT/SEAL Training Program in Coronado California.

On January 25, 1975, Amir graduated, earning the coveted Navy SEAL Trident. After serving in Underwater Demolition Team (UDT-21) and SEAL Team Two, he left the Navy to attend and earn a BS in Business Admin & Management in just 2-1/2 short years. He was immediately recruited back into the Navy, attended OCS and reassigned to UDT-11 in Coronado. On May 1, 1983, he became a Plank Owner of SEAL Team Five. Amir subsequently served various Staff and Command positions in the Naval Special Warfare Community, retiring in December 1996.

Please join us at the MOAACC Current Affairs Forum November 16, 2017, 0830-0930, in the 19th Hole at IRCC.

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“How Many Doubles Do You Have?”
By CAPT Bob Houle, USCG, Retired

How many of us have played the game of doubles with our grandchildren with a question like “… would you rather have a hundred thousand dollars now or get a penny today and every day over a month double the amount from the previous day?” An almost universal response is I’ll take the money now. Just as predictable is their awe when you tell them how much that penny, doubled each day, grew to – over five million dollars! Okay, impressive but even a child knows money doesn’t double every day. But that was a start at having “the talk” with them and that’s good. It’s now time to make this math more realistic for your conversation with your adult grandchildren.

BetterInvesting®, our chapter’s partner in our financial literacy program, reports that a typical investment club’s investing goal is to double their portfolio’s value every five years, which is equivalent to a compound annual rate of return of about 15%. Their experience: out of every five stock holdings, three meet those expectations, one exceeds them and one disappoints but overall the portfolio’s goal is 15% so let’s use that as our benchmark. Remembering the Rule of 72 (72 / 15 ~ 5 years) let’s use 5 years as our reasonable doubling time frame expectation.

So, how many doubles do you have left? How about your grandchildren? We know how old we are, no one knows how old we’ll be when we die. Let’s be optimistic and say that’s 95. If you’re 85 now, you may have two doubles left. At 65 you may have 6 doubles ahead! But the focus for the 65 to 85-year-old cohort is not on growth but rather income to support their desired standard of living in retirement. That’s a different topic for a future article. So, let’s focus on your grandchildren.

In investing, starting earlier is better, much better. Let’s say 25 is a realistic start age (out of college, on first job, paying off school debts but has a 401k or TSP investment opportunity). A modest $83/month (that’s $1,000/year or about a double latte with bagel a week) should be doable if you’ve had “the talk” with them and they’re motivated to start and stick with their investment program. Let’s trace what happens to just that first year’s $1,000 investment by the time they retire (let’s say 65). How many doubles? Do the math, use your fingers … I’ll wait … ok, that’s 8 doubles. Remember the penny to millions game? That thousand dollars doubles 8 times. No, it’s not $8,000 . . . it’s $128,000! And that’s just that one year’s thousand-dollar investment!

Investing industry records reflect that 45 is the average age most folks who do have an investment program (most don’t) start investing. That’s just 4 doubles until 65. That $1,000 only has time to grow to $16,000. Big impact ($16,000 instead of $128,000) due to that 20-year delay.

Over the last six issues of The Intercom we’ve focused our articles on providing you, the grandparent, with the tools you need to help you counsel your grandchildren. Your leadership responsibilities didn’t end when you left the military. Your duty now is to help them become aware of the time value of money and motivated by your example to start, now, on their journey to financial security and independence. You can review these article on our moaacc.org website by going to Activities/Investment Club and scroll to the bottom to “Click here to view the “MOAACC Financial Literacy Links of Interest”.

Starting in December we will start a new series of articles that will focus on investing training opportunities locally (Patrick Air Force Base) and online that you may want to pursue yourself or pass along to other members of your family and friends.
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28 September 2017

Myrtle L. (Jean) Coleman, CPT, USA Ret.  
28 September 2017

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to fix the financial penalty 65,000 survivors face. And the proposal is paid for by increasing pharmacy fees for everyone. MOAA has consistently said the offset must be completely eliminated by means other than increased fees for other benefits. Singling out beneficiaries instead of cutting costs within DoD or other programs is wrong. There are other ways to save money before turning to beneficiaries' wallets.

The messages you send your legislators make a difference in what will happen. Each time an office hears from you, the chance for a favorable outcome for servicemembers and their families’ increases. We need your help now! Make sure your voice is heard on these critical issues before final decisions are made. Send your legislators this MOAA-suggested message urging them to pass a bill commensurate with the service and sacrifice of those who serve. Please TAKE ACTION! Thank you.
Please note that MOAACC hoped for an appropriate venue to honor John and Clara Cleland and recognize their generous $10,000 MOAACC Scholarship Donation by presentation of the NAMED SCHOLARSHIP EAGLE TROPHY. The small group photo taken at the Cleland residence was the “IF NECESSARY” Plan B.

Plan A was to have John and Clara and their granddaughter, Amanda visit the Thursday Morning Breakfast Club, TMBC, for a brief Presentation Ceremony. John loved the TMBC and attended almost every Thursday for more than 30 years. When their visit had to be canceled, Gary Eppler, MOAACC First VP, and Gordon “Bat” Masterson saluted the Clelands in absentia before the TMBC attendees, and then selected a small group to present the trophy later at the Cleland residence.

The article at right summarizes the 5 Oct TMBC salute to the Clelands provided by Masterson and Joe Oblack from the chapter archives.

As someone at the TMBC observed, “If you were to Google LOVE and MARRIAGE, you would find a photo of John and Clara Cleland”.

The 5 October TMBC had still one more highlight. The MOAACC Scholarship Corporation was presented with the 24th NAMED DONOR check for $10,000 from Edward S. Breakell, MD, a longtime supporter of the MOAACC Scholarship Program. This will become known as the Edward S. Breakell, MD in Memory of Col. William B. Hawley USA.

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A Story of Service

John R. D. Cleland retired from the United States Army after a distinguished career of thirty-seven years. He entered the Army in 1944 as a private and, after serving in three wars, retired as a Major General in 1980. Among his many awards he received the Army Distinguished Service with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Combat Infantry Badge (WWII, Korea, Vietnam) and the Master Parachutist Badge.

Retirement from the Army did not stop John from continuing to serve his country and the State of Florida. John joined the chapter soon after he arrived in Brevard County in 1983 and was elected President the following year. His first action was to connect the small chapter with civilian and other military communities in Brevard; broadening the base to work on matters of mutual concern. This action more than doubled the membership and eventually MOAACC became the second largest and the most active chapter in the country; promoting two of MOAA’S main purposes: protecting the rights and interests of all members of the uniformed services, their families and survivors, and supporting their communities and the nation.

John remained active in the chapter and until recently chaired the Gold Bar Program and personally presented 2nd Lt Gold Bars to Army ROTC Graduates at Florida Institute of Technology twice a year.

In 2010 at a Past Presidents Dinner, the MOAACC Board presented John with a special two feet high gold colored “Trophy Cup” for his exemplary service to the chapter in the preceding 27 years.

Here is a summary of John’s CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

- Board of Trustees, Cape Canaveral Hospital Foundation, 1984-88
- Advisor to Florida Institute of Technology (FIT) ROTC Panther Battalion, 1984 to present
- Support for Construction of a New Brevard County Detention Center, 1984-1985
- Prolific Speaker on National Defense, Leadership, War Experiences, Patriotism, American Values and Threats to America, 1983 to present
- Board of Directors of the Brevard Arts Council. (Now called Brevard Cultural Alliance), 1985-1990
- Commodore and Board of Governors, Eau Gallie Yacht Club, 1986-1991
- Committee to Preserve the Grand Canal, 1991-1992
- Board of Overseers, Florida Tech School of Business, 1992-2002

In 2013, in recognition of his service to his Country and to the State of Florida, John was the first Veteran installed in the new Florida Veterans Hall of Fame. His name appears in the Rotunda in Florida’s Capital as the first member to receive this award. If any of you are in the Tallahassee area, do stop in the capital building and view the impressive plaque.
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New VSO members were introduced:
  Acting Administrative Officer – Ashley Dyer
  DAV Service Officer – Anita Moore

Scanning Backlog Update:
  Viera Clinic currently has a vacant scanning position affected by the hiring freeze. The clinic is sending approximately 5 boxes of third party records over to Orlando per week in order to reduce the backlog.

Orlando VAMC, Lake Nona:
  Urgent Care is projected to change to an Emergency Room Department by May/June timeframe per the Chief of Staff, Dr. Zacher.
  (Editor’s Note: Per the Orlando VA website, The Orlando VAMC Emergency Department at Lake Nona is now open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week including holidays)
  Radiation Oncology is also open.
  Mental Health has increased patient beds from 5 to 10 and (as of meeting date) is currently full.
  Fisher House at Lake Nona is under construction and projected to be completed by January 2018.

Viera OP Clinic:
  Staffing Issues – Primary Care:
    There are currently 27 Primary Care Providers, two positions are open; selectees are being offered positions.
    ARNP hired as a GAP-Fill position; Primary Care is now full.
    Geriatric PACT team (65 and over) consisting of a physician/geriatrician, nurse, HAS, and Social Worker will be located in Primary Care.
  Staffing Issues – Specialty Care:
    Cardiologist has left; currently recruiting for a replacement. Urology consults are being sent to Lake Nona, but patients are still being seen in Viera; actively hiring for Urology. No pulmonologist now. Dr. Howard will be fee basis in fall.
  Projects:
    5000 sqft addition scheduled to be completed in December 2017; will house Mental Health services.
    Wi-Fi will soon be available throughout facility.
    Compensation & Pension is now located in Saturn Clinic.
    Viera Manor is now privately owned and renamed Sonata Senior Living.

Volunteer Support:
  Currently have 247 volunteers & 6 work-study students that have donated over 12,600 hours.
  Veteran Transportation Network has assisted more than 520 veterans with transportation needs to include transport to Viera and Orlando VAMC. VTN has saved over $11,400 with volunteers driving over 27,500 miles. More volunteer drivers are needed.

Palliative Care (younger than 65) with Dr. Stewart will begin in May/June timeframe – 1 day/month
  Battlefield Acupuncture - Currently 22-24 Primary Care physicians have been trained and have already scheduled appointments.

VSO Support will be assembling food basket for needy veterans for Thanksgiving—Volunteers Needed!
Points To Ponder
Submitted By CH (Lt Col) Norman Desrosiers, (USAF Ret)

Thanksgiving Day will be here before we know it. Our hurricane season is coming to an end. We have survived another wonderful summer in Florida and now look forward to celebrating the holidays with family and friends. Have you thought about the true meaning of being thankful? I think we tend to take these holidays for granted sometimes. Maybe we just get so caught up in the preparation that the days come and go before we know it. We just don't get a chance to celebrate with thankful hearts.

I think it is important that we remember the roots of our Thanksgiving celebration. In 1621 the Plymouth feast and thanksgiving was prompted by a good harvest. Several days of Thanksgiving were held in early New England history that have been identified as the “First Thanksgiving”. Whatever side of the debate you fall on, the important aspect of the holiday is that we pause to give thanks to God for the abundance that He provides for each of us.

When I take a look at the lives of those of us who meet on Thursday morning or gather at a MOAACC luncheon, I am reminded that we are not going without. We are not suffering, but truly do live in a land of the free and a home of the brave. We have become a blessed society where we can drive cars wherever we need, go to supermarkets and get more food than we will eat, spend time at theatres and other social events that give us a chance to relax and enjoy. We have houses that are comfortable and filled with items that give us joy and pleasure. We sometimes fill our garages with “stuff” that we may never get to, but have a hard time parting with. We are blessed people in so many ways. I once spoke with a friend who was off to get a storage unit. When I asked him why, he told me he had run out of room in the garage and needed more space to store things. God has been truly good to us.

Even the annual meal that we share on Thanksgiving Day usually comes with more food than we should eat. We leave the table having consumed too much and spend the rest of the day uncomfortable because we are too full.

I would hope that as we come to this season we think about all of this and pause to truly come before our Creator with thankful hearts. God loved us that much that he blessed us with a harvest of abundance in family, friends, money, food and luxuries. Can we not take time to remember that we are nothing without Him? I pray that you will enjoy your Thanksgiving season. Be safe, be well but stop and be thankful. Remember it is with thankful hearts that we share and live with one another. God bless you all.

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As you read in the October Intercom, your Good Deeds Foundation (GDF) of MOAACC is in the midst of our annual fundraising efforts. For a second month your Intercom mailing includes an “offering” envelope to mail in your check to help our efforts to support a wide range of veteran related causes in Brevard County. Since our October update, many positives are in the works:

- The 28 October Golf Tournament, our primary annual event to help the GDF support likely was a great success with over 20 MOAACC members on the Committee led by Steve Turner, and with a growing turnout and prize list as of this writing. Thanks to all who helped and attended this great event. We will update you in the December Intercom about the details, but all signs point to perhaps achieving our best Golf Tournament net proceeds in the eight years this program has been ongoing.
- For the first time, the GDF began the 2017-18 School Year by providing direct funding support to all 17 JROTC programs and 2 Sea Cadet Units in Brevard County. Many costs of the programs are not covered by the military services or school system, so our help enhances these active programs where future members of the military and many other professions are preparing.
- In the past month, GDF was able to support the Civil Air Patrol of Titusville with meeting facility upgrades; enhance the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery support program through additional umbrellas; help launch the new Veterans Cemetery 501 (c)(3) committee working to upgrade and maintain the first Veterans Cemetery in Brevard County in Titusville; and set the stage for a strong finish of helping many others by years end.

- For many years even before the GDF was established, MOAACC provided a grant to the PAFB Top Sergeants Council to support junior enlisted personnel from all services assigned to Patrick AFB who needed funds for everything from emergency holiday travel to toys and turkeys for the holiday trimmings of a large family of an enlisted airman or other service member. This year the GDF will present a check for $5000 at PAFB in early December for that purpose.

So, by supporting the Golf Tournament and/or by including a check for envelope stuffing this second and final month of our Intercom Fund Raising Program, you make so much possible. Your generosity toward the Scholarship Program as well as GDF has been remarkable and likely matched by very few, if any, other MOAA Chapter in the country. MOAACC thanks you for that very much, but the real thanks come from those we support.

All indications are that your support in 2017 will not only have helped more than a dozen good programs this year, but also set the financial stage to start 2018 with perhaps the highest amount of funds ever to start the new year.

If you have any questions or suggestions to other causes GDF might support, contact any GDF Board Member. Again, Thank you!
Luncheon Reservation Form (At Colony Hall, IRCC) (11:30 AM)
Reservations must be made by completing this form and mailing it to: MOAACC Attn: Sheliah Fritz, P.O. Box 254186, Patrick AFB, FL 32925-4186 or by calling Sheliah Fritz at 987-5511 or emailing to (sfritzmluncheon@gmail.com).

How many? □ Check Enclosed $ □ Pay at the door
□ Regular Lunch □ Light Lunch □ Singles Table
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LUNCHEON - November 21, 2017
Indian River Colony Club is located at 1936 Freedom Drive, Viera (Melbourne), FL 32940
Colony Hall, IRCC (11:30 AM)
Program: Business Meeting
Menu: Hot Meal: Turkey & Dressing w/Potatoes, & Mashed Butternut Squash
Salad Meal: Par 3 Salad
All: Pumpkin Pie w/Whipped Cream
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