



Indian River Chapter MOAA

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The Buccaneer

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It is mid-July, and you should be pleased to know our chapter continues to excel. We have been busy! We were there for the Let's Talk Vero program that focused on veteran matters. We participated in the Riverside Theatre

Stars and Service. We carried the chapter banner in the Vero Beach 250 America's Birthday parade. And we dodged the heat and storm to showcase four patriots in the 4th of July Veterans Ceremony in Riverside Park.

All this is a small sampling of the sustained engagement with our county veteran groups and advocates. First, thank you. Second, share the news. Our membership can be as involved as willing and able. It is a worthy investment. And it is essential to preserving our veteran-centric local culture. We need your expertise as leaders who have the patriot DNA!

Tony Young



RECENT HAPPENINGS

USA 250 Celebration 4 July

The patriotism of our Vero Beach community was on full display from morning to night as we gathered to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday. The festivities began with a good old-fashioned parade.



The Veterans Ceremony at Riverside Park was a wonderful tribute to our nation's history and to all who have served. We learned about patriots Gen. Henry Knox, Abigail Adams, Gen. George Washington, and that wayward patriot, Gen. Benedict Arnold. Dolores Mark, Kim Morgan, and Patti Carter treated us to some inspiring songs, including the Armed Forces Medley. A proud representative of each branch waved its flag as its hymn was sung.



USAF: Jessica Carrillo, aka Abigail Adams



USCG: Corey Kerkela



USN: Dr. Michael Fortunato



USMC: Reverend Sylvester McIntosh



The SRHS Navy JROTC drill team performed an impressive demonstration.

Benedict Arnold tried to make the case that he was just misunderstood. (His alter ego, Terry Treat, a much more faithful officer, waved the flag of the U.S. Army as its hymn was sung.)





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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Let's remain committed to recruiting and retaining members. We have a great organization with dedicated chapter officers and board of directors. Remember: Everyone is a recruiter!

NEVER STOP SERVING!

Bob Albrecht

Help Us Grow

Do you know someone who is a retired or former military officer or widowed spouse of an officer but not a member of our Chapter or MOAA? If so, **ask him or her to join** and contact **Bob Albrecht** at **772-257-6678** or **919-616-3873**.

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HONORED IN JULY & AUGUST

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Sgt. Charles Madison **Blair**, USMC 7 July 1944, WWII

PVT Melvin **Dills**, USA: 13 July 1918, WWI

PFC George **Fray**, USA: 20 July 1950, Korea

PO3 Travis L. **Youngblood**, USN 21 July 2005, Iraq

ENS Barbour Graves **Wilhoit**, USN 24 July 1945, WWII

PVT Robert L.A. **Hurst**, USA 27 July 1942, WWII

SSgt David L. **Brooks**, USMC: 28 July 1968, Vietnam

PO1 Jonathan R. **Clement**, USN: 31 July 2018, Operation Enduring Freedom

Sgt. Wallace Franklin **Baker**, USMC 3 August 1955, Korea

GM3 Charles A. **Harlock**, USN 10 August 1943, WWII

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Surfman Leve Lavender **Law**, USCG 17 August 1918, WWI

CPT Albert O. **Helseth Jr.**, USA 19 August 1945, WWII

2LT Raymond F. **Knight**, USAF 24 August 1944, WWII

SSG Walter W. **Shipley Jr.**, USA 25 August 1966, Vietnam

SFC Charles F. **Smith**, USA 26 August 1968, Vietnam

PFC Magnus Carl **Nielsen**, USMC 31 August 1968, Vietnam

Schedule of Upcoming Events

LEGEND: Board Meetings, Member Luncheons, Chapter Events, Events of Interest
Historical Events

3 AUG: 1300 IRC MOAA BOD Meeting, United Way Bldg. 1st floor

6 AUG: American Security Council Foundation Movie Night; see flyer below

7 AUG: Purple Heart Day

10 AUG: U.S. Dept. of War Birthday

14 AUG: Navajo Code Talkers Day

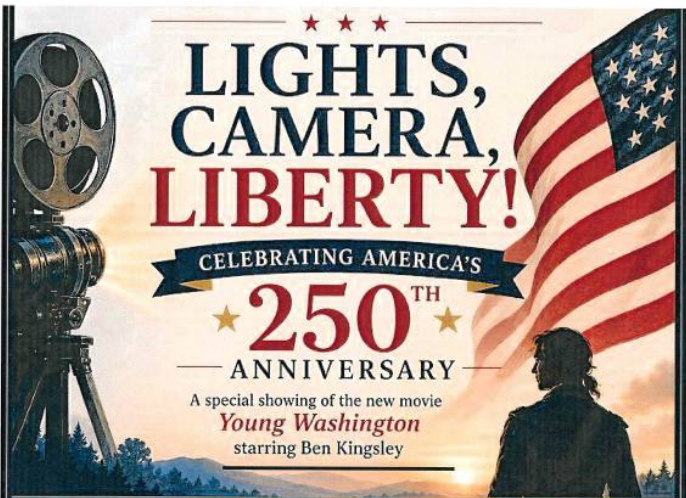
2 SEPT: 1330 Veterans Council IRC Town Hall, County Admin. Complex, Bldg. B

2 SEPT: V-J Day

11 SEPT: Patriot Day

18 SEPT: 1200 IRC MOAA Members Luncheon, VB Yacht Club

18 SEPT: POW/MIA Recognition Day



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If you are interested in becoming a member of our chapter, please join us at our monthly luncheon and general business meeting on the third Friday of every month. For more information contact our Membership Chair, Bob Albrecht (ralbrecht1702@comcast.net; 772-257-6678)