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APRIL 2025 PROGRAM - State Adversary Use of Emerging Technologies - COL Wesley Moy, Ph.D

Dr. Moy's presentation on emerging technologies and their use by state adversaries was based on a presentation he made in Washington, DC to an intelligence conference hosted by the National Intelligence University and was most informative and timely.

Concentrating on Russian and Chinese activity, his topic certainly was on target for what we are experiencing in our world today, enlightening us to situations and issues having personal, local, national and global consequences. His insights and experiences provided the luncheon audience with descriptive information on state adversary use of disinformation, Artificial Intelligence weaponization, and emerging threats that should be of concern to all of us – both personally and as a nation.

A MOAS member, Dr. Moy is a Lecturer at Johns Hopkins University's Advanced Academic Programs, teaching on the role of intelligence in protecting the homeland. We are indeed very fortunate to have officers such as Dr. Moy to share their experience and knowledge with our membership.



MAY 2025 PROGRAM - Scholarship Luncheon - Ryan Chase - Sarasota HS Principal

The May luncheon is our annual scholarship awards luncheon. We will be celebrating the outstanding young women and men from the Sarasota area high school system selected for a MOAS scholarship. Having demonstrated their academic, leadership, and community service excellence, they are truly deserving of this year's MOAS scholarships. Our luncheon speaker and scholarship presenter for this occasion is Sarasota High School principal Ryan Chase.

Ryan Chase is a dedicated public educator and has served as the Principal of Sarasota High School since September 2023. Previously, he was the principal of Brookside Middle School from 2020 to 2023 and an assistant principal from 2012 to 2020, supporting four schools across Sarasota and Manatee Counties.

Recognized for his leadership in education, Mr. Chase was honored as a "40 Gators Under 40" recipient by the University of Florida Alumni Association in 2021. In November 2024, he was named the 2025 Sarasota County Principal of the Year for his outstanding contributions to student success and school leadership.

A proud Florida Gator and first-generation college graduate, Mr. Chase earned his bachelor's degree in history and master's degree in social studies education from the University of Florida. Committed to giving back to his community, he has served on the Sarasota County Gator Club® Board of Directors since 2020. Under his leadership as President (2020–2024), the club achieved Most Improved Gator Club® (2021) and Most Outstanding Gator Club® (2022 & 2023) and he was named UF Alumni Association's National Leader of the Year in 2022.

Above all, Ryan takes the greatest pride in being a devoted father to his two children, Carter and Claire, who attend our local schools and bring joy to every aspect of his life.

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Military Officers Association of Sarasota (MOAS)

Mission Statement

MOAS, a non-profit 501c(19) organization, exists to improve the awareness, life style, and overall environment of its members; support and serve the citizens of the Sarasota area; influence the political process in matters pertaining to active duty, retired and former military personnel; and enhance the image of America's uniformed services in our local community.

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Awards Board Chair	Jonathan C. Gordon



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

David Downer

I'm writing this before the April luncheon, which I will not attend (1st VP Steve Carnes will be the MC for that), but I'm sure that our own Dr. Wesley Moy, Ph. D. & Colonel, U.S. Army, Retired, will present a fascinating program on emerging technologies and their use by our "state adversaries." It builds on a presentation he made to an intelligence conference in Washington this past March. I hope that you'll be there.

This is, of course, Passover week and Holy Week. There are many events to attend, and I trust that many of you will take advantage of them. This Friday (Good Friday), for example, Tim Tebow will be speaking at an event at Payne Park at 5:00 PM, sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Sarasota. There will also be 40,000 Easter Eggs for the youngsters to find. It should be interesting and fun for all.

As I've mentioned previously, we're still looking for another lunchtime venue that would be reasonably priced and convenient for our members. We were considering the Bird Key Yacht Club but learned that they are closing, planning to tear down the existing building and build a new one several feet higher. Moving back there might be possible, but that would be years out! I recently checked out the Carlisle Inn on Bahia Vista and it looks like it might work for us. If you have feelings about it as a place, or have ideas for another place, please let us know. Another possibility has been mentioned by one of our members (which I don't have in front of me right now). We'll continue to look, but both price and location are key factors to consider.

As previously mentioned also, we still need someone to fill the "Communications" position on the board! Let us know if you're interested in that or anything else. How about photography at the luncheons?

Please keep track of MOAA's Advocacy in Action items and support them. I trust that you received the April issue of the Military Officer magazine from MOAA National. The cover is clearly marked "MOAA's Advocacy Playbook." If you haven't already, please look it over and possibly write to our Congressional representatives about the key issues.

Remember that the Breeze always includes the sign-up information for the next luncheon (see page 11).

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SECRETARY'S CORNER

Peter Dering

Military Officers Association of Sarasota, Inc (MOAS) Sarasota Military Officers Foundation, Inc (SMOF)

The board meeting for the above organizations was held Monday April 7, 2025 at the Meadows Lifestyle and Wellness Facility 3350 Longmeadow. Issues of significance are addressed below. NOTE: The complete minutes and financial reports will be on the MOAS website www.sarasotamoaa.com following approval of the Board of Directors. The information below should be considered unofficial as the meeting minutes are not yet board approved.

CALL TO ORDER: President Dave Downer called the meeting to order at 1406 and began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Downer (Pres), Steve Carnes (1VP), Ron Wozniak (2VP), Peter Dering (Sec'y) Christa Friedlander (Treas), Bill Lawyer (Dir), Michael Lindquist (Dir), Len Friedlander (Dir) & Jon Gordon (IPP)

COMMITTEE CHAIRS & VISITORS PRESENT:Linda Wozniak and Peggy O'Connell

PRESIDENT'S ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

The next MOAS luncheon meeting will be on April 18, 2025. Steve Carnes, 1st V.P., will MC that meeting. I will be otherwise engaged (that's Good Friday).

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT: (Steve Carnes) Nothing to report.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT: (Ron Wozniak) Nothing to Report.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:(Jon Gordon) Nothing to Report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Peter Dering) The March 2025 BOD Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Christa Friedlander) The March 2025 Treasurer's Reports were approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGISLATIVE: (Mike Lindquist) Please refer to the Breeze for the full report.

BREEZE NEWSLETTER: (Len Friedlander) The April issue was published and emailed to 233 addressees. Twenty-nine (29) copies were printed and mailed to members.

MEMBERSHIP: (Len Friedlander) Current membership is 201. Working on updating the MOAA Committee Module. Using the latest MOAA Near Real Time listing to look for new members.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS: Vacant. No report.

SOCIAL MARKETING, COMMUNICATION AND WEBSITE: Vacant. No Report

LUNCHEON REPORT: (Peggy O'Connell):

- The April luncheon had 39 attendees.
- The May luncheon will be on Wednesday May 7th
- We request members contribute to pay for scholarship winners & their parents.

MEET & GREET: (Peggy O'Connell) The next Meet & Greet will be Wednesday, May 14th, at 5:30 p.m. at Grillsmith on Tamiami Trail.

PROGRAMS: (Ron Wozniak)

Future Programs

- 18 April- Dr. Wesley Moy, Ph.D., COL, USA (Ret). Emerging technologies and their use by state adversaries. (US CENTCOM could not provide a Current OPS, Speaker to volunteer).
- 7 May (Wednesday)- Scholarships, Mr. Ryan Chase, Principal Sarasota High School, Sarasota County Principal of the Year.
- 18 June (Wednesday) -Mr. Mike Modrick, ABC 7 Meteorologist & Host Discovering the Suncoast.
- 18 July- Mr. Thomas Sikes on the US Constitution.
- 15 August- Mrs. Heather Kasten, The Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce.
- 19 September- TBD Joint Florida MOAA? (Requested FBI on Active Shooter)
- 17 October- John Saputo, Col USMC and CEO & Owner Gold Coast Eagle Distributing.
- 21 November- Annual Meeting - speaker TBD
- 14 December- (Sunday) Winter Gala no program.

JROTC, MCJROTC: (Bill Lawyer) All schools except SMA have given me dates for their awards ceremonies. Art Hillman and I plan to attend most, if not all, of them. The continuation plaques have been taken to Sarasota Trophy for engraving.

YAHOO: (Ron & Linda Wozniak) For info on cancellations, venue, date & time changes, go to the MOAS website Calendar & Blogs at <https://www.sarasotamoaa.com/> or text Ron Wozniak: 941-779-5448 or e-mail: RonWozniak13@gmail.com or Linda at 941-779-5447 or NauticalEffect@msn.com.

Future Events/Outings — Details on YAHOO Page 8 -

- Saturday 26 April Annual Picnic, 1100 Phillippi Estate Park
- Saturday 3 May Big Cat Habitat, 1100
- Thursday 29 May Inshore Fishing on a Pontoon 0800
- Friday 30 May No Host Lido Key Beach Sunset 1830

SARASOTA MILITARY OFFICERS FOUNDATION, INC

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT: (Bill Lawyer):

- The deadline for submitting applications was extended 24 hours due to a computer glitch. The committee will meet on 16 April to discuss and finalize applications.
- The scholarship luncheon is on Wednesday 7 May and the guest speaker will be Ryan Chase, Principal at Sarasota High School.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Need someone to replace Craig Hullinger.
- Amendment to the MOAS Constitution and Bylaws to allow an Allied Officer Member to serve on the Board in selected capacities and, perhaps, after a certain term of membership in the organization.

NEW BUSINESS:

- MOAA Level of Excellence Award banners received.
- “Thank you” letters received from Dogs, Inc, Ringling College of Art & Design, SCF, USF, Big Brothers & Big Sisters and a student our scholarship helped, Mario Rivera..

The meeting adjourned at 1502.

NEXT MEETING: The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday May 5, 2025 1400 hours at the the Meadows Lifestyle and Wellness Facility, 3350 Longmeadow.

MONTH	BOARD	LUNCHEON
May	Monday 5	Wednesday 7 **
June	Monday 2	Wednesday 18 **
July	Monday 7	Friday 18

LUNCHEON PROGRAMS	
May	Scholarship Luncheon - Ryan Chase
June	Mike Modrick - Discovering the Suncoast
July	Thomas Sikes - The U.S. Constitution



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER Michael Lindquist

May: A Time for Inspiration

Exploring What Moves Us to Create, Change, and Grow

Inspiration is a powerful force—the spark that fuels creativity, encourages personal growth, and drives us to take meaningful action. But what truly inspires you?

As we move through life, it's easy to become absorbed in daily responsibilities—caring for family, meeting obligations, or simply managing the rhythms of routine. In the midst of it all, moments of inspiration can pass us by. When was the last time you paused to watch the sunrise? To listen to the birds in the early morning light? Or to sit quietly with your thoughts, letting your imagination wander toward new possibilities?

Inspiration can come from many places. Sometimes it's a person—a mentor, a friend, or even a stranger—who sees something in us that we don't yet see in ourselves. Other times, it's an experience that shifts our perspective and encourages us to take a new path.

Imagine a young boy, taken by his father to a remote countryside. With no city lights to interrupt the view, he sees the stars in all their glory—the Milky Way stretching across the sky. That moment might ignite a lifelong dream of becoming an astronaut. Or consider a young woman whose teacher once told her, "You could be President someday." That simple encouragement could plant the seed for a career in public service.

Many of us carry similar stories. Here are just a few things that continue to inspire me:

- **Helping Others:** There's something deeply rewarding about making a difference in someone's life. That sense of purpose inspires me to keep giving—because the more we give, the more we receive in return (Emmons & McCullough, 2003).
- **Overcoming Challenges:** Every time I face and conquer a challenge, I feel more confident. That resilience becomes a source of motivation to push even further and aim even higher.
- **Art and Creativity:** After seeing the surreal and thought-provoking works of Salvador Dalí, I felt compelled to become a docent at the Salvador Dalí Museum. His unique perspective opened my eyes to the boundless nature of creativity and the power of self-expression.

Psychologists suggest that inspiration is not just a fleeting feeling—it can lead to increased well-being, purpose, and even physical health (Thrash & Elliot, 2003). It helps us feel more connected to others and more open to possibilities.

So, this May, let's take a moment to reflect:

What inspires you?

Is it a memory, a person, a piece of music, or the beauty of nature? Whatever it is, hold on to it. Let it move you.

Michael

TAPS

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the families and friends of William H. Behrenfeld, 1LT, USA Frederick M. Derr. CAPT. USNR (Ret)

PRESENTING MOAS AWARDS TO JROTC OUTSTANDING CADETS

Riverview High School

Booker High School





LEGISLATIVE UPDATE Michael Lindquist

The Latest From MOAA

MOAA's annual advocacy event will bring members from across the nation to Washington, D.C., each Spring to meet with lawmakers as part of our ongoing work to advance our legislative agenda.

"Advocacy isn't just a one-day event. It's a year-round effort, and every voice matters," said Maj. Gen. April Vogel, USAF (Ret), MOAA vice president of Government Relations. "Whether you're walking the halls of Congress, meeting with legislators in your district, or reaching out from home, your engagement shapes the policies that affect our community."

Legislators need to hear and understand why MOAA's priorities matter. With a new congressional session underway, many MOAA members might find themselves represented by new lawmakers — whether due to redistricting, retirements, or election results. This change presents a valuable opportunity to connect with your legislators and advocate for the uniformed services community.

"Lawmakers listen when their constituents speak up, and by using MOAA's Legislative Action Center, you can make sure they hear you loud and clear," Vogel said. "Every call, email, and conversation helps move the needle."

[JOIN THE FIGHT: [Visit MOAA's Legislative Action Center](#)]

What has changed for 2025?

Our Government Relations team has developed a few new strategies to help make our efforts even more effective:

Focusing on Five Priorities. Our team has outlined five key issues, not just for AiA but for the two years of the 119th Congress. In recent spring campaigns, MOAA selected two or three key issues from our legislative priorities. Five gives a more holistic picture.

These priorities — selected based on a variety of factors, including MOAA's mission to protect earned pay and benefits, areas of greatest impact, areas aligned with our expertise, and areas where conditions appear conducive to success — are:

- **Unaccompanied Housing Improvements:** MOAA seeks to improve funding and condition transparency by requiring an annual, publicly available report, which will highlight areas that need the most attention from DoD and Congress.
- **[Ending the Wait](#) Report:** MOAA will proactively partner with other veterans service organizations to advance legislation that will lessen the time that

veterans must wait before their toxic exposures are acknowledged by the VA.

- **Military Spouse Hiring Act:** Passage of this bill will allow businesses that hire military spouses to claim a tax credit, incentivizing them to hire more military spouses.
- **Military Health System Access to Care:** MOAA seeks legislation for a digital access assistance platform that would allow beneficiaries to report challenges accessing care.
- **Veterans Caregiving Support Improvements Legislation:** This bill includes enhancements to the VA Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers and expansion of home health and long-term care services.

As we move out on this strategy, know there are overarching issues so important to our members and our nation that should they be placed at risk, MOAA stands ready to use all available resources to:

- **PROTECT** the value of service-earned health benefits from new TRICARE fees, disproportionate TRICARE cost-share increases, or barriers to accessing care in the military health system or through the VA.
- **PRESERVE** the pay earned by those in uniform, to include scheduled pay increases, and established concurrent receipt provisions and eligibility.
- **PREVENT** burdensome delays in VA claims processing and/or reduction of earned VA benefits.
- **DEFEND** the veterans and military spouses who continue their service in the federal government — and other federal employees who serve veterans.

Like every year, we will be tracking what works and what doesn't during our AiA campaign, so we can make needed adjustments in 2026. Your feedback is always welcome. Thank you again to all our MOAA advocates.

How You Can Help

MOAA works tirelessly to advocate for our military community, but we need your help. By reaching out to your representatives, you can make a real impact on legislation that affects retirees and their families.

Current Legislative Initiatives Needing Support:

TOP PRIORITY: Honor Veteran Caregivers - Pass the Reeducation, Reemployment, and Retirement Act

The caregivers who provide daily care and support to aging and disabled veterans often sacrifice their own careers, financial stability, and personal well-being to fulfill their vital role. Many veteran caregivers rely on stipends classified as "unearned income," meaning they lose opportunities to save for retirement or contribute to Social Security. Caregivers also face major hurdles reentering the workforce after years of full-time caregiving, further jeopardizing their financial futures.

The Veteran Caregiver Reeducation, Reemployment, and Retirement Act would help close these gaps by providing professional development,

employment assistance, and retirement planning specifically tailored for veteran caregivers. This legislation is critical to ensuring caregivers receive the recognition, support, and financial security they have earned through their service to veterans.

Stand with Our Wounded Warriors: Advocate for the Major Richard Star Act

Contact your legislators and urge them to support the Major Richard Star Act, which would authorize combat-injured veterans to receive their earned DoD retirement pay for years of service and their VA disability compensation for lifelong injury.

Currently, these combat-injured (and often seriously disabled) veterans are subject to a cost-

saving offset where their retirement pay is reduced for every dollar of VA disability received. To reduce earned retirement pay because of a combat disability is an injustice; the compensation for these injured veterans is not the place to achieve savings.

You can easily contact your congressional representatives through the [MOAA Legislative Action Center](#).

Thank you for your continued support in advocating for our Military Family.

Michael



Sarasota Military Officers Foundation (SMOF)

Bill Lawyer

The Scholarship Committee (Jim Ainslie, Len Friedlander, Mary Gordon, Bill Lawyer, and Linda Wozniak) has worked diligently to evaluate the scholarship applications received by the committee.

From that group of applications, we selected the following twelve (12) Merit Scholarship recipients. Each student will receive a \$3,000 scholarship.

Sadly, there were no applications for the JROTC Leadership category.

Sarasota High School

Nicholas Barresi
Madelyn Bland
Sadie Dilweg
Ella Moulton
Massimo Parkin
Charlotte Taylor

Venice High School

Michael Krigsman
Anabel Tocco
Trent Wesner
Pine View School
Benjamin Buurma
Claire Steiner

Booker High School

Marisa Von Bender

Congratulations to these outstanding young men and women!

Please sign up to attend the High School scholarship luncheon on **Wednesday May 7th** and help us honor these exceptional students. We had to move the original date because of graduations occurring on the 3rd Friday of the month.

As usual, we invite our scholarship recipients with two members of their family to the luncheon. If you would like to sponsor one or more of the students or families, simply add luncheon reservations for the number of scholarship guests you wish to support and send it to Peggy O'Connell (see Page 11).

Again, a big thank you for making all this possible.

Bill Lawyer

MOAA: Key to Efficiency Efforts Is Not Breaking Faith with Troops, Veterans

MOAA outlined several key areas of concern “to our members and our nation” amid ongoing government efficiency work, pledging to use “all available resources” to ensure promises made to those who serve and have served, as well as their families and survivors, are kept.

- PROTECT the value of service-earned health benefits from new TRICARE fees, disproportionate TRICARE cost-share increases, or barriers to accessing care in the Military Health System or through the VA
- PRESERVE the pay earned by those in uniform, including scheduled pay increases and established concurrent receipt provisions and eligibility.
- PREVENT burdensome delays in VA claims processing and/or reduction of earned VA benefits.
- DEFEND the veterans and military spouses who continue their service in the federal government — and other federal employees who serve veterans.

MOAA called the work to find efficiencies in government “not only appropriate, but necessary” given mounting debt and other fiscal challenges.

However, “without thorough review and implementation, our nation risks breaking promise and faith with the wider military and veteran community — a risk that weakens our national defense for generations,” the release states.

MOAA outlined other avenues for “responsible defense budget reform” in a [previous statement](#), including greater efficiency in program management and acquisition, along with an overall budget strategy designed to limit “hasty cuts” in favor of long-term stability.

April 2025 LUNCHEON



Barbara Hamilton



Bill Lawyer (I), Blanche & Joe Barresi



Mary Gordon & Steve Carnes



Sara Little (I)
& Christa Friedlander



Barbara Shaver (I) & Sylvia Barber



Wes & Brenda Moy



Dennis Ciborowski (I) & Bob Travers



Blanche Barresi (I) & Lorraine Wakeman



Bill Lawyer & Bobbie Hamilton



Linda Wozniak (l) & Francine King



Steve Mulligan



Ed Hamilton (l) & Joe Cyr



Steve Carnes (l) & Wes Moy



Debra Sandberg (l) & Barbara Hamilton



Paul & Ilene O'Connell



APRIL BIRTHDAYS
(l-r) Sara Little, Sylvia Barber & Francine King



(l-r) Wes Moy, Len Friedlander & Brenda Moy

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



MOAS ANNUAL PICNIC
SATURDAY APRIL 26
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
PHILLIPPI ESTATE PARK



CONTACT LINDA WOZNIAK
941-779-5447
NAUTICALEFFECT@MSN.COM
TO RSVP & COORDINATE DISH



MOAS MEET & GREET

Wednesday May 14th

5:30pm to 7:30p

Grillsmith

6240 S. Tamiami Trail

Sarasota, FL 34231

<https://www.grillsmith.com/>

Please let Peggy O'Connell know by Monday
 May 12th if you will be attending.

pegoconnell12@gmail.com

or (312) 982-1374

10th Annual Memorial Day Flag Placement

Sarasota National Cemetery

Saturday, May 24, 2025 - 0800

Go to the second entrance for parking

What to Bring: water/beverages, a 12" Ruler or 12" paint stick, a 5 or 6" Screwdriver and a Rubber Mallet to assist with driving the screwdriver into the ground.

Questions? Contact Bill Lawyer 941-228-1943 or
wflawyer@yahoo.com

Flag Retirement Saturday May 31, 2025

Meshia Richardson, Event Director
 941-448-6299

[medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov)

Now's the time to create your secure, online Medicare account! It's a convenient way to access your personal Medicare information anytime.

It takes just a few minutes to create your account at [medicare.gov/account](https://www.medicare.gov/account). Make sure to have your Medicare card handy.

Create Your Account

In your account, you'll be able to:

- View a list of upcoming preventive services you'll be eligible for soon.
- Check your Original Medicare claims as soon as they're processed — no need to wait every 4 months for claims statements to arrive in the mail.
- Add your prescriptions and pharmacies to better compare drug plans during enrollment periods.
- Choose to get your yearly "Medicare & You" handbook electronically instead of by mail.

Manage your Medicare information online — create your account today!

MOAA Awards

MOAA recently announced the 2024 Levels of Excellence (LOE) and Harris Communications Awards recipients.

Our Military Officers Association of Sarasota (MOAS) chapter was again recognized with the highest 5-Star Ratings for Chapter Performance, this Newsletter, and our Website!





YAHOO
Young At Heart Organization
Linda & Ron Wozniak

**Looking for Your Ideas & Volunteers to Organize
 Future YAHOO Events**

We have other YAHOO Events/Outings in mind and would like to see other MOAS Members and/or spouses come up with suggestions and hopefully volunteer to assist and/or organize an event/outing. Linda and Woz will assist you along the way. It is fun and you will be glad you were able to make MOAS an even better organization.

PAST EVENTS & OUTINGS

Wednesday 2 April Pop Stroke Putt Golf

195 University Town Center Dr Sarasota, FL 34243

Players: Ron & Linda Wozniak & Cider, Len & Christa Friedlander, and Jon & Mary Gordon.



Even though a brief shower hit us around the 10th Hole it was a nice night. One of the score cards got soaked so not all scores were recorded. Len probably won and graciously bought drinks at the 19th Hole.



UPCOMING EVENTS/OUTINGS

Saturday 26 April 1100-1500

MOAS 4th Annual Picnic

Phillippi Estate Park Pavilion

5500 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34231

We would hope this event will make you feel not only glad you belong to MOAS but that you like it so much you bring a prospective Member or 2 or 3 with you.

Where is everyone? This is one of the best outings to really get a chance to socialize with your MOAS friends. We usually have a good crowd of around 38 Folks.

MOAS is providing rental cost of the pavilion, Publix fried chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers & buns. **Asking all attending to coordinate a dish to pass with Linda Wozniak ASAP** (NauticalEffect@msn.com or 941-779-5447) We are already past the deadline. A list of who is attending is on the MOAS online Calendar.

Saturday 3 May Tour starts at 1100

Show Time NLT 1045

BIG CAT HABITAT

7101 Palmer Blvd., Sarasota 34240

They open to the public @1200 so we will have the place to ourselves during the tour & you can stay till they close at 1600. [Welcome to Big Cat Habitat](#)

We are picking a Saturday to attract MOAS members who work during the week and/or have children and grandchildren they would like to bring.

Cost: Veterans \$5; Adults \$30; Children 3-12 \$15. Need a minimum of 20 folks for a Group.

Contact Woz NLT Thursday 17 April for reservations. Send your check made out to: Ron Wozniak & mail to him at: 207 68th Street NW, Bradenton, FL 35209-2227

Big Cat Habitat Conservation and Education Center is a diverse zoological park. Sitting on 20+ acres they welcome over 50k guests to visit, encounter, experience, and fall in love with over 350 animals spanning more than 60 different species.

Thursday 29 May 0800

Inshore Fishing on a Pontoon

Freedom Boat Club Dock

12300 Manatee Ave W., Bradenton

4 boat spaces available.

Contact Woz at 941-779-5448 or e-mail: RonWozniak13@gmail.com NLT Tuesday 27 May to reserve your spot. Start & quit times are flexible. Cost: fuel & tip for dockhand. Bring your own food & drink, sunscreen & a cap, Woz will provide tackle if you do not have any. FL Saltwater fishing license required unless a FL Resident 65 or older. Rubber soled shoes are required aboard all boats.

Friday 30 May 1830 (Sunset 2000)

No Host Lido Key Beach Sunset Gathering
400 Benjamin Franklin Drive, Sarasota 34236.

There are restrooms. BYO beach chairs, food & drinks. Look for the US, USMC, & POW/MIA Flags near the beachhead. **Please let us know if you are coming NLT Wednesday 28 May.**

For information on cancellations, changes in venue, dates & times, go to the MOAS website Calendar & Blogs at <https://www.sarasotamoaa.com/> or text Ron Wozniak: 941-779-5448 or e-mail: RonWozniak13@gmail.com or Linda at 941-779-5447 or NauticalEffect@msn.com.

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SARASOTA CHAPTER

Wednesday May 7, 2025

@ 11:30am

Michael's On East

1212 S East Ave Sarasota, FL 34239

Dress Code – Coat - Tie Optional

MENU

SERVED LUNCHEON

Specialty Bread Basket

ENTREE

Buttermilk Battered Crispy Fried Chicken Breast

Dusted with Seven Spices served with Mashed Sweet Potatoes with Brown Sugar & Crushed Pecans, Steamed Broccoli and carrots

VEGETARIAN

Portobello Wellington

Portobello Caps Stuffed with Mushroom, Spinach, Toasted Pine Nuts & Gruyere Baked in a Golden Brown Puff Pastry

DESSERT

Apple Pie

Tart in a Lightly-Spiced Filling Backed with a Flaky Double Crust

Served Coffee, Decaf & Tea

*Pre-set Iced Water
Served Iced Tea w/Lemon upon request*

Please make your luncheon reservation by mail.

Fill out the form below and mail us your check.

1. Provide first & last names, rank and service of attendees. Use back of form, if needed. Please note in comments if it is your birthday month, you're a new member, a surviving spouse, or if this is your, or your guests, first time attending.
2. Special diet and vegetarian meal requests **MUST** be submitted together with the initial luncheon reservation. Michaels on East will no longer honor last minute requests at the luncheons.
3. **Your reservation and payment should be received no later than 3 days before the luncheon date.** For late registrations, you must EMAIL or Call our Luncheon Coordinator (Peggy O'Connell). Do **not** contact Michaels on East. We will try to accommodate late registrations, but *no guarantees*. We must inform Michaels on East at least 48 hours in advance. *No refunds will be possible after that date.*
4. If you make your reservation with the intent to pay at the door, we must hold you to that promise, as Michaels on East will charge us for your guaranteed meal, if you attend or not.

MEMBER INFORMATION

Name, Rank Service _____

Phone # _____ email: _____

Please reserve ___ seats for the luncheon

Cost \$39.00/person (Tax & Gratuity incl.)

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____

Name	Meal (E / V)	Comment

COMMENT CODES: SS-Surviving Spouse; BD-Birthday; NM-New Member

Please mail reservation form and check payable to **MOAS**

to:

PEGGY O'CONNELL

1100 Imperial Drive #303, Sarasota, FL 34236-2465

Questions? (312) 982-1374 or email: pegoconnell12@gmail.com

WANTED!!!!!!

Member donations to support lunches for student Honorees and their parents at the May 7th

Scholarship Award Luncheon.

Simply add **STUDENT** reservations for the number of scholarship guests you wish to support.

THANK YOU!!!!!!



APRIL - MAY - JUNE 2025



DATE	EVENT	TIME
Saturday, April 26	YAHOO: MOAS Annual Picnic - Details on Page 10	11:00 a.m.
Saturday, May 3	YAHOO: BIG CAT HABITAT TOUR & VISIT - Details on Page 10	10:45 a.m.
Monday, May 5	MOAS/SMOF Board Meeting - Meadows Wellness Center	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 7	MOAS Luncheon - Michaels on East - Scholarship Luncheon	11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 14	Meet & Greet - Grillsmith (Tamiami Trail) - Details on Page 9	5:30 p.m.
Saturday May 24	Memorial Day Flag Placement @ National Cemetery - Details on Page 9	8:00 a.m.
Friday, May 29	YAHOO: Inshore Fishing on Pontoon Boat - Details on Page 10	8:00 a.m.
Friday, May 30	YAHOO: Lido Key Beach Sunset Gathering - Details on Page 10	6:30 p.m.
Monday, June 2	MOAS/SMOF Board Meeting - Meadows Wellness Center	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 18	MOAS Luncheon - Michaels on East - Mike Modrick	11:30 a.m.

NAME TAGS

Fill out the form and provide a check for \$16.50 payable to **MOAS** & we will hand deliver a name tag to you at the next luncheon. Please allow 2 weeks for fabrication.

Give to Len Friedlander at a luncheon or mail to 8221 Deerbrook Circle, Sarasota, FL 34238.

First Name _____ Last name _____
 Rank (Abbreviated) _____ Service _____ Status _____

Example

First Name Henry Last name O'Connell
 Rank (Abbreviated) LCDR Service USNR Status Ret

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Annual Membership Dues: Regular Surviving Spouse Allied Associate

Mail application with your check for \$35, made payable to MOAS. Postal Newsletter add \$24

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____ Rank _____ Spouse Name _____

Street Address (Include Apt#) _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____ Birthday mm/dd/yyyy _____

Status: Active Retired Former Officer Regular Reserve Surviving Spouse Foreign _____ Country _____

Service Component: Army Navy Air Force Marine Corps Coast Guard NOAA USPHS National Guard Space Force

Please do not publish my personal information in the Directory Who told you about the Association? _____

Signature _____ Date _____ National MOAA Member Number _____

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