From the President:

Wow! What an eventful month we've had for our chapter!

On 25-26 January, the Florida Council of Chapters held their annual Leadership Training Seminar in Orlando at the Rosen Center. Tony, Mary and I represented our chapter and had a very productive time exchanging ideas and best practices with leaders from other chapters as well as leadership from National MOAA. Our chapter received four leadership awards, one of which was for Mary - it was nice for her to be able to receive the award in person at the formal dinner. Tony and I were able to spend some time discussing our chapter's accomplishments with the national President and CEO, LtGen Brian "BK" Kelly, and the national Director for Councils and Chapters, CAPT Frank "The Tank" Michael.

On 3 February, Tony and Charlie manned a MOAA table at the 3rd annual Vets For Vets event at West Nassau HS. It was a well attended event again this year and we recruited a few more potential members for our chapter.

On 13 February, we had an outstanding guest speaker at our monthly meeting - CAPT Ed Turner, USN(Ret) is the Executive Director of the National POW/MIA Memorial and Museum at Cecil Field and he gave a fantastic presentation explaining the future plans for that very important and long overdue memorial for honoring our POWs and the over 80,000 service members still missing in action. During the chapter business portion of the meeting, we formally adopted the revised chapter by-laws which will be signed and posted on the website very soon.

On 15 February, we had our largest and most successful evening social so far! We had over 60 attendees join us at Disco Witch Brewing where we enjoyed an open bar and feasted on pizza from Black Cat Pizzeria, all paid for by the chapter. Thank you to all who came out - I believe everyone had a fantastic time!

Our next meeting is on 12 March and our guest speaker is going to be Melissa Yuchasz, the Executive Director and Military Outreach Co-Leader for the Wildlight YMCA. I look forward to seeing everyone there!