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Notes from President

With COVID-19 still on everyone's mind, the Board decided to postpone future events including the Military Ball in February. We are tentatively looking into March. We apologize; however, despite of our affection for this event we do not want to be responsible for any transmission. In addition, the JROTC has cancelled events as well.

At our monthly Board meetings, the Board discusses COVID-19 and when we might be able to again have events. If you have any suggestions/comments, let us know at info@moaswf.org. We appreciate your input!



Florida Registration deadlines: Online/Postmarked/In person:
October 5, 2020

Absentee Ballot deadlines: Received by October 24, 2020.
Return by mail/in person: November 3 by 7:00 p.m.

Early Voting: October 19—November 2nd, but dates and hours may vary depending on where you reside.

November Election is approaching quickly—November 3rd! For more information, if you are voting by mail, contact:

Collier County: <https://www.colliervotes.com/Vote-by-Mail/Vote-by-Mail-Ballot-Request-Form>

Lee County: <https://www.lee.vote/Vote-by-Mail/Vote-by-Mail-Information/Request-a-Vote-by-Mail-Ballot>

Meeting

November Annual Meeting—Thursday, November 12th— 1730 hours-via teleconference!

National MOAA Representative will be attending!

Annual Agenda/Nominees/Financial/Year in Review - coming soon via USPS!

Everyone will be sent a link to join the meeting.

When you join, ensure you are muted so there is no echo. If you wish to speak, please raise your hand.

Send a request to: info@moaswf.org with your name or contact Susan Farr, 239-246-6901.

Board of Director's Meeting

1st Thursday of every month

Time: 1730 hours, Teleconference

If you wish to attend, send your request to info@moaswf.org and a link will be sent to you.



Thank You for Volunteering!

Legislative Chair/Liaison: CDR Jeff Kuhnreich, e-mail: f14jeff@gmail.com

Personal Affairs Liaison: CPT Andrew Vallozzi, e-mail: vallozzi4@gmail.com

MOASWF is still in need of a Surviving Spouse Liaison. We also request volunteers for:

- ⇒ Community Engagement, e.g. local scholarship initiatives, support of JROTC/ROTC programs, Honor Flights, etc.
- ⇒ Recruiting and Retention

For more information, e-mail: info@moaswf.org or contact Susan Farr @ 239-246-6901. The Board needs YOUR assistance!

New Board Members:

- CDR Jeff Kuhnreich, USN/RET. Contact info: f14jeff@gmail.com
- COL Michael Pyburn, USAF/RET. Contact info: farmerb2kc135@gmail.com

Resignation:

COL Tony Peguese has resigned as a Board member as he will be moving out of state. We wish him and his wife the best as they move onto the next chapter in their lives! Tony, you will be missed!

2021 Board of Directors

We will be losing two of our Board Members—Estelle Rourke and Neil Frost. They will still be a part of the organization, but not as a Board members. Estelle was the Secretary; therefore, Volunteers are requested.

Do you wish to nominate either yourself or someone else to be on the Military Officers Association of Southwest Florida Chapter's Board of Directors?

If so, contact Susan Farr at info@moaswf.org or 239-246-6901.

Nominee's will be announced in October!

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Military Officers Association, Southwest Florida supports JROTC programs located in Collier and Lee Counties.

- Collier: (approx. 1,050 students): Palmetto Ridge, Barron Collier, Immokalee, Golden Gate, Lely, Naples, Gulf Coast.
- Lee: Estero & Bonita High School. Note: Lee County Schools have over 7,000 students in their JROTC programs.

Operating expenses for JROTC are estimated to be roughly \$10,000 or more per year depending upon the School district (not paid for by the school or Cadet Command). Monies donated assist the programs with awards, equipment, clothing, gas, trips, etc.

Send your tax deductible contribution to MOASWF, P.O. Box 1212, Naples, FL 34106-1213

Your donation is highly appreciated.

Motivate High School Students to
Become Better Citizens



SPONSORSHIP

As the JROTC Awards Dinner approaches FOR 2021, would YOU sponsor a dinner or two or a table (table of 8) OR donate?

Sponsorship provides dinners for the JROTC Cadet, their parents, guests, etc. Your name and/or business will be placed in the program, on the website, in the Newsletter, etc. Plus, your donation is tax-deductible! If so,

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone/e-mail: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Specific School (if applicable): _____

Mail in your donation along with this form to: MOASWF, PO Box 1212, Naples, FL 34106 or pay online at www.moaswf.org

JROTC & MOASWF Thanks YOU!

JROTC 2020

Due to COVID-19, MOASWF was not able to have their JROTC Awards Banquet in May. However, LTJG Neil Frost and LCDR Robert Perfetto obtained the MOAA Certificates of Achievements and provided them to each school for the recipients!

Congratulations!

Jamie Marquez-Torres, Barron Collier High School

Natalija Gant, Estero High School

Yaquelin Crescencio, Golden Gate High School

Julia Zuercher, Gulf Coast High School

Ysais Cervantes, Immokalee High School

Haidy Betancourt, Lely High School

Naples High School

Natalia Torres, Palmetto Ridge High School

JROTC Award Recipients

Julia Zuercher, Gulf Coast High School

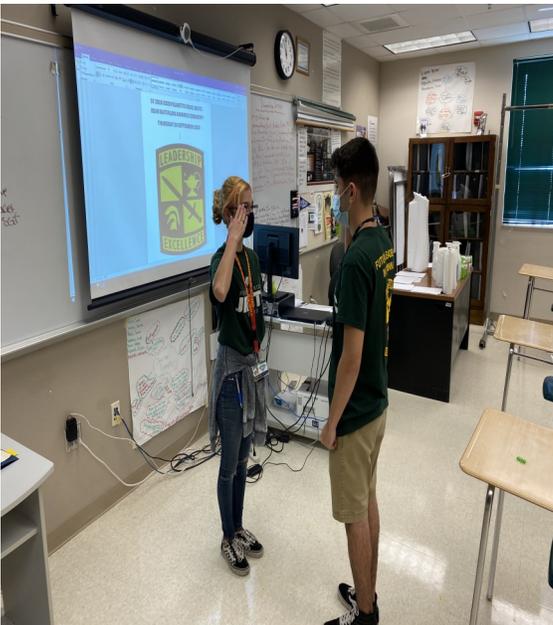


Julia is the Gulf Coast High School JROTC Battalion Commander for SY 20-21. She is applying for a National JROTC Scholarship with the desire to attend Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. Julia has a 4.8 GPA. CW3 Timothy Ford stated Julia's accomplishments represent the quality of young adults in our program.

Not only is Julia proficient in her academics, she also has these skills:

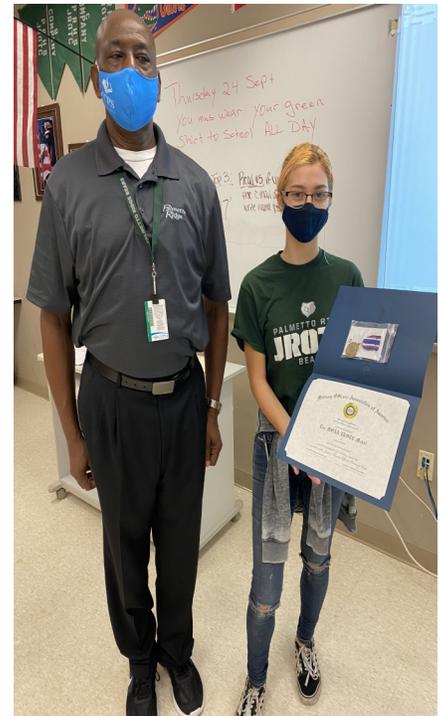
- Proficient in German, Swiss German, and Russian
- Junior Open Water Diver Certification (2015)
- Boaters License (2020)
- National Honors Society—Member (2019, 2020)
- AP Scholar with Excellence (2019)

Natalia Torres, Palmetto Ridge High School



← Cadet Natalia and
Cadet Roy Gonzalez,
Cadet First Sergeant of
Delta Company

SFC James Washington and Cadet
Natalia Torres



Congratulations

JROTC Assistance Requested!

Do YOU know of **Community Service**? One of the requirements for JROTC Cadets is to perform Community Service. With COVID-19, the students both are limited and searching; therefore, can you assist with suggestions or know of someone, a business, etc. they could assist during these difficult times? Community Service benefits the public or a non profit institution.

Send your recommendations/suggestions to:

info@moaswf.org or call 239-246-6901. All information will be passed onto the JROTC Instructors and be kept confidential.

Making students better citizens

NATIONAL MOAA MEMBERSHIP

One of the criteria for Chapter Level of Excellence is the number of national MOAA members in the Chapter. It is recommended Chapter members join the National MOAA. There are three levels of membership in MOAA: Basic (free), Premium (dues are paid annually), Life membership (based on age). To join MOAA National membership, visit <http://www.moaa.org/>

NOTE: MOASWF is a separate entity; therefore, national MOAA membership does NOT confer Chapter membership. Each Chapter must pay dues to the national MOAA and the Florida Council of Chapters.

Benefits of Chapter Membership

Support our local JROTC schools.

Camaraderie

Meet new people and renew friendships

Reflects continued support of our Military!

MOASWF Committee Liaisons:

JROTC:

LCDR Robert Perfetto

E-mail: 7312013@gmail.com

Phone: 401-782-3918

Legislature:

CDR Jeff Kuhnreich

E-mail: f14jeff@gmail.com

Phone: 202-295-7953

Personal Affairs:

CPT Andrew Vallozzi

Email: vallozzi4@gmail.com

Phone: 325-939-4754

Public Relations:

CAPT Jack Fulmer

E-mail: jackhd90@hotmail.com

Phone: 239-596-6716

Members

Many of our members own their own businesses; therefore, would you be willing:

- **Place an ad in our newsletter for mailings/printing, etc.?**
- **Sponsoring a future event once we are able to meet; i.e., Evening Social, Military Ball, Luncheon?**

Your business would be placed in the newsletter, website, program, etc.

Send an e-mail to info@moaswf.org

Remember, it is a tax deduction!

HAVE YOU REPLIED?

Your Privacy Counts!



As everyone is concerned with Privacy issues, so is MOASWF. We currently have a Member Only Roster online. Therefore, I request your response. Either send me an e-mail at info@moaswf.org, call me at 239-246-6901, or drop me a note: MOASWF, P.O. Box 1212, Naples, FL 34106. I do not wish to put a member's name/spouse's name/address/e-mail/telephone number on any roster if that person has not approved their information. **

Do you wish to have your information posted on-line in a member's only access page?

Member's Name: YES or NO Spouse's name: YES OR NO

Southern Address: YES or NO

Phone: YES or NO

Spouse's phone: YES OR NO

e-mail: YES or no

Spouse's e-mail: Yes or No

Do you wish to have your information in a printed roster (member's only)?

Member's Name: YES or NO Spouse's name: YES OR NO

Address: YES or NO Southern Northern Both

Phone: YES or NO

Spouse's phone: YES OR NO

e-mail: YES or no

Spouse's e-mail: Yes or No

If you are a surviving spouse, contact me regarding your deceased spouse's name, rank, service as I will state this information in the printed roster only. (I have some, but not everyone's).

Your Name: _____

Date: _____

Once signed, this will remain in effect until YOU request any information to be taken off OR your membership expires.

****If I do not receive any information, I will assume it is okay to print this information.**



NEW MEMBERS

6/15/2020—9/20/2020

2020 RENEWALS

CDR Daniel Wilburn

David Elliott

2021 Renewals

LCDR Robert Perfetto

CDR Daniel Wilburn



Effective October 1, 2020, the Annual Dues will be \$50 per year instead of \$30 per year. The dues has not gone up for many years and the increase in dues will assist in:

- * The increase of administrative costs—web costs, printing costs, etc.
- * Donations to the JROTC.

Cost: \$50 (check/cash), \$52 (online)

Mail your check: MOASWF, PO Box 1212, Naples, FL 34106

YOU may pay for 2021 & 2022 dues!

Online: Visit www.moaswf.org/

54TH Military Ball—Planning

Chairperson & Committee Members Needed

If you are interested in planning the next Military Ball, let me know as new members are highly encouraged. Planning can be done via e-mail.

The place will be the same: Vanderbilt Country Club

Date: TBA

Upcoming Dinner Socials will begin once more following state permission. We are extremely hopeful MOASWF can host the 2021 JROTC Awards Dinner in May.

Department of VA News Releases

Check these out!

<https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/>



Visit MOASWF's Facebook, for events not only in Collier and Lee County, but other events in the surrounding areas.



TAPS

None

Internet Links & Phone Numbers

DEERS: <https://tricare.mil/deers> (800) 538-9552
Department of Veterans Affairs: www.va.gov (800) 827-1000
DOD Benefits (Survivor Benefit Plan): <https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/provide/sbp.html> 800-321-1080
Express Scripts Mail Order Pharmacy: <https://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE/index.shtml> (877) 363-1303
Social Security: <https://www.ssa.gov/> (800) 772-1213
Medicare: www.medicare.gov (800) 633-4227
milConnect: <https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/> (800) 538-9552
TRICARE: <https://www.humanamilitary.com/> (East Region) (800) 444-5445
TRICARE for Life: www.tricare4u.com (866) 773-0404

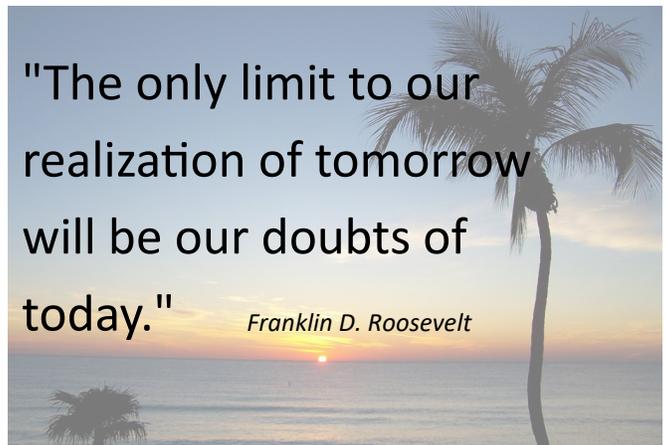
Florida Department of Veteran Affairs
www.floridavets.org/ (727) 518-3202:
Collier County Veterans Council: <https://www.collier-county-veterans-council.org/>
Collier County Veterans Services: <https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/your-government/divisions-s-z/veteran-services> (239) 252 8387
Lee County Veterans Services: <http://www.leegov.com/dhs/veterans> (239) 533-2111
Disabled American Veterans: <https://www.dav.org/>

Cape Coral VA Outpatient Clinic: <https://www.baypines.va.gov/locations/lee-county-va-healthcare-center-cape-coral-fl.asp>
 239-652-1800
Naples VA Outpatient Clinic: <https://www.baypines.va.gov/locations/Naples-Florida.asp>
 239-659-9188
MacDill AFB: <https://www.macdill.af.mil/> (813) 828-1110

MOAA Blogs at <http://www1.moaa.org/blogs/>
MOAA Florida Council of Chapters Newsletter: www.moaafl.org/Communique/Default.aspx
Collier-Lee Honor Flight: <https://www.collierhonorflight.org/>
Marine Corps League of Naples: <http://www.marinecorpsleaguena.com/>
Naples Military Museum: <https://naplesmuseummilitaryhistory.org/>
Southwest Florida Museum: <http://swflmm.org/>
SWFL Veterans Alliance: <http://swflveteransalliance.org/>
Gulf Coast Veterans & Friends: <https://gulfcoastvf.org/>
VFW (Naples): <https://www.vfwpost7721.org>
VFW (Bonita Springs): <https://www.facebook.com/BonitaVFW/>
American Legion (Naples): <http://www.post135fl.org/>
American Legion (Bonita Springs): <https://legionpost303.org>
The Mesothelioma Center (David Sides, Public Outreach Coordinator): dsides@asbestos.com
 *<https://www.mattressclarity.com/blog/what-veterans-should-know-about-sleep/>

Resources . . .

Financial Resources and Discounts for Military Families: <https://couponfollow.com/research/discounts-for-military-families>



"The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today."
Franklin D. Roosevelt

If you wish for another organization to be added or errors need to be corrected: e-mail: info@moaswf.org

Elected Representatives

U.S. Senators:

- **Senator Marco Rubio**, <https://www.rubio.senate.gov/public/>, (866) 630-7106 (Ft. Myers office)
- **Senator Rick Scott**, <https://www.senate.gov/senators/116thCongress/ScottRick.htm>, (202) 224-5274

U.S. Representative Francis Rooney, 19th District, <https://francisrooney.house.gov/>, Collier (239)252-6225, Lee (239-599-6033

Florida State Senator Kathleen Passidomo, District 28, (239)417-6205

Florida State Senator Lizbeth Benacquisto, District 27, (239) 338-2570 <http://www.flsenate.gov/Senators/>

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, <https://www.flgov.com/> (850) 717-9337

Collier County of Commissioners, <https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/your-government/divisions-a-e/board-of-county-commissioners>

Lee County of Commissioners, <http://www.leegov.com/bocc>



Do you have a Facebook page? If so, search for the "Military Officers Association, Southwest Florida" and "like" your page! Ask your friends as well.

All the upcoming events are listed for MOASWF and other associated military/veteran events in the Southwest Florida area and other surrounding areas!

If you have an event you wish to share regarding military/veterans, feel free to do so!

This is your page as well!

Military ID Card Information-MacDill AFB (Site ID 101435), (813) 828-6673; **Coast Guard Sector, St. Petersburg** (Site ID 174794), (727) 828-7560. Use the RAPIDS Site Locator <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/appj/site> or <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/> (Use Site IDs for online scheduling, address, & directions or call). **APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED.**

Collier County Veteran's Council

Interested parties may partake in local Veteran news at their monthly meeting.

Location: Naples City Council Chambers
735 8th Street South, Naples, FL 34102

When: 3rd Thursday of the month

Time: 7 p.m.

All Veterans are invited!

The Military Officers Association of Southwest Florida (MOASWF) along with the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is an independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organization.

**Now and Always
We'll be There.**



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VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

November 11th

NEVER STOP SERVING

501(c)3 Status Update

The Board has officially filed an IRS application for a 501(c)3. The new name will be “Military Officers Association of Southwest Florida Foundation” and the present 501(c)19 will no longer exist.

There were quite a few reasons; some of which were:

- Clear tax deductibility for Donations
- Ability to apply for grants
- Able to be recognized by the Collier County Foundation
- Wide variety of people may become members
- Other opportunities for raising funds; i.e., possible scholarship program.

It's #GIVINGTUESDAY™

What will you give?



Tuesday, December 1, 2020

We Make A Living by What We Get.

We Make A Life By What We Give.

- Winston Churchill

Since MOASWF will be a 501(c)3 very soon,

- Did you know that your gift could be eligible for a 100% tax deduction?
- Individuals and joint filers who itemize their deductions might be able to deduct 100%.

To donate to the JROTC, visit www.moaswf.org or send a check to MOASWF, P.O. Box 1212, Naples, FL 34106. We hope to have the JROTC Awards Dinner in May!

Every little bit helps a JROTC student!

Name Tag—Order Form—PRINT ONLY

Name: (Printed on Name Tag) _____

Rank: _____ Branch of Service: _____

Additional Name Tags:

Name _____

Additional Prefix/Rank: _____ Branch of Service (if applicable): _____

If clarification is required: Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

The cost of **EACH** name tag is \$11.00 + \$4.50 for shipping. Pay Online or make your check out for \$15.50, payable to: MOASWF—Name Tags

If mailing, send form and check to: MOASWF—Name Tags, P.O. Box 1212, Naples, FL 34106

Your tags will be ordered when payment and information has been received.

Mailing address: _____

Thank you for your service!

Spouses Corner

I was informed that some members of the Spouses Luncheon section of MOASWF wish to continue as a separate organization voicing concerns over membership dues. Others wish to remain as dues paying members of MOASWF. I would welcome input from any of the group of spouses. Please call: 239-246-6901. Susan Farr, President

NOTE: Under the 501(c)3 guidelines, spouses will be eligible to join MOASWF as a Civic Member.

MOAA News.....

- ⇒ [What You Should Know About a New \\$300 Charitable Tax Deduction](#) This change for non-itemizers will be part of your 2020 IRS filing. Use it to your advantage.
- ⇒ [Senators Push to Extend Care to 34,000 More Veterans for Agent Orange Diseases](#) MOAA and The Military Coalition continue their support of this bipartisan effort. Ask your lawmakers to join the fight today.
- ⇒ [How to Shop for a FEDVIP Dental and Vision Insurance Program](#) Open season is fast approaching. Are you happy with your current plan?

Visit www.moaa.org for more information.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (Initial/Renewal)

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Regular Member or Auxiliary Member (circle) Status (circle): Active/Retired/Former/Spouse
Rank: _____ Service: _____ If Auxiliary, state name/rank/service of Spouse:

Date of Birth: _____ (mm/dd/yy) Spouses' Name: _____

Southern Address: _____

Northern Address: _____

Reside in Florida: _____ months per year

Telephone #: _____ Cell #: _____ Alternate: _____

E-mail address: _____ MOAA Member # (if applicable): _____

Do you wish to have your information posted on-line in a member's only access page?

NAME: YES or NO ADDRESS: YES or NO PHONE: YES or NO e-mail: YES or NO

SPOUSE'S NAME: YES or NO PHONE: YES or NO e-mail: YES or NO

Do you wish to have your information in a printer roster (member's only)?

NAME: YES or NO ADDRESS: YES or NO PHONE: YES or NO e-mail: YES or NO

Chapter Participation Interest (circle): Annual Military Ball JROTC Fundraising Judicial/Legal matters

Presenters/Speakers Public Relations Personal Affairs Other: _____

Officers 90 years of age and older do not pay annual dues. Attach a copy of proof of warrant or commissioned service (DD Form 214 or equivalent with SSN blackened out—if available).

Your Annual Dues may be paid by check (\$50.00) or online (\$52.00) per year. (Pay now for 2021 & 2022 Dues)

New Members: Submit your application and verification to info@moaswf.org; pay online or mail to: MOASWF Membership, P.O. Box 1212, Naples, FL 34106

Renewals: Annual Dues is due by January 1st of each year. Pay online or by mail. Mail to: MOASWF Membership, P.O. Box 1212, Naples, FL 34106

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Dues: _____

JROTC Fund: _____

Total Enclosed: _____

NEVER STOP SERVING

SUPPORT JROTC!

Southwest Florida Chapter, Military Officers Association, supports the JROTC programs in the local high schools, eight in Collier County and two in Lee County. Also, in May of each year, MOASWF hosts a dinner for the top JROTC Cadets and their parents.

MOASWFL can only achieve our goals with the help of generous donations from supporters and community members. Therefore, we are asking for your help so that we can continue in assisting our JROTC community and future JROTC programs.

Would you donate to help us reach our goals?

If you wish to contribute, fill out the form below. Every donation makes a difference and takes us one step closer to building a better community!

Thank you in advance for your support!

Sincerely,

Susan Farr, President
Military Officers Association, Southwest Florida Chapter

For more information, contact:
info@moaswf.org
Website
www.moaswf.org

Charitable Donation

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Enclosed is my tax deductible gift of: \$ _____

Mail your donation to: MOASWF, P.O. Box 1212, Naples, FL 34106.

Contributions are tax-deductible.

Military Officers Association, Southwest Florida Chapter is a 501c19 Veterans Organization.
EIN: 23-7250555

Legislative

Concurrent Receipt

Are you receiving Concurrent Receipt? Check out the latest from MOAA:

[MOAA Answers Your Questions About Concurrent Receipt](#)

Personal Affairs

[Surviving Spouse Corner: Planning for the Future](#)

[MOAA's Surviving Spouse Page](#)

VA Breach

[September 14, 2020 - VA Announced a Data Breach](#)

Watch Your Credit Card Statement

Watch your Credit Card Statements! Recently I had a small charge on my credit card which I did not recognize. The amount was only \$6.75; however, when I contacted my credit card company, they stated there has been a rise in someone placing small amounts on a credit card in the hopes you did not notice or would question it. The credit card company stated to me when this occurs, a few months later, larger amounts appear. So be careful! Susan Farr



Military Officers Association of Southwest Florida, Inc.

P.O. Box 1212

Naples, FL 34106

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA CHAPTER

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