

OCSAA STCC Commander's Update #2 (8/16/2021)

On 10 August, we received TUSAOCSAA approval to form a provisional chapter, so we now are official! Provisional status will remain for a minimum of one year, during which the Chapter Committee of the Association Board of Directors will monitor our progress. If, at the end of the provisional period, STCC has demonstrated its ability to function on its own, the Board of Directors will, upon recommendation of the Chapter Committee, grant us a permanent charter.

Donn, Phil and I had a planning session on 11 November:

- We have joined the Veteran's Memorial Center (VMC) on Merritt Island. Cost for STCC's lifetime membership was \$100, which I covered. This will give us access to VMC meeting rooms and events, and among other benefits, will allow us to have a table/official presence at VMC events such as open houses. We also can advertise in the VMC newsletter for added visibility.

- Upcoming VMC events include the 9/11 20th Anniversary Memorial Tribute and Veteran's Day open houses; we will have an official presence at both and all are urged to drop by if you have the time.

- We have developed an STCC "rack card" (two-sided brochure) for display and distribution at various events, including the VMC events mentioned above. We'll have 50 of these printed in time for the 9/11 memorial at VMC. A copy is attached.

- There are three National Guard companies in our AO - one each in Cocoa, Melbourne and Ft. Pierce. We've developed a National Guard-specific handbill, copies of which will be distributed to the NG units for display. Hopefully this will yield some Iraq/Afghan era recruits for STCC. Donn will visit the Cocoa NG company and Phil will visit the Melbourne NG company. We'll figure out how best to contact the Ft. Pierce NG company. A copy of the handbill is attached. We also have a "generic" (not NG-specific) handbill.

- Steve obtained the names of 45 National Guard recent OCS graduates and has sent out an email to them. We do not at this time know how many

of them reside within our AO, but we're hopeful this could lead to at least a few Iraq/Afghan era members for STCC.

— We plan to leverage MOACC to tap into their 1500-strong local membership. We surmise there are many OCS graduate members of MOACC and this could be a target rich environment for growing STCC.

— We've received positive responses from three Volusia County residents (welcome, Al Kisler, Steve Kenney and Bob Brewster) and are playing email tag with three or four others who have expressed an interest in joining STCC. We have a very realistic chance of doubling our membership from the initial 10 members by the 6 November meeting!

— Theme - we are trying to present STCC as a low-drag organization without endless committees or working groups, with members participating as they are able, and emphasis on camaraderie and public service. Some of us have other important commitments and/or health issues, and we want everyone to feel welcome without feeling compelled to participate beyond their comfort level.

Welcome comments and suggestions. Regards, Rob McCall, Temporary Commander, STCC