

— As the email I forwarded Saturday indicates, we have submitted to OCSAA our request to establish a provisional chapter. The request was endorsed by Sunshine State Chapter Commander Steve Epkins and we do not anticipate problems getting OCSAA approval in the near future. That will make us official!

— Logo: We have a final version of the Space/Treasure Coast Chapter (STCC) logo, approved by OCSAA. I thought this looked a little spiffier than simply copying Sunshine State's logo, while conforming to their overall design yet giving us some individuality. Once we're officially approved by OCSAA we can use this on business cards, social media, brochures/posters, etc:

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— Ongoing recruitment/ initiatives: A couple of thoughts - Phil (our Special Projects officer) is working on a Phase I action plan for recruiting and sustaining membership, One idea is to have each member try to bring a perspective new member/ guest to the 6 November meeting. Another potential gold mine is to tap into Army National Guard OCS graduates; we have enlisted the help of Sunshine State and OCSAA national resources to help with this. We have learned there are three NG companies in our AO - Melbourne, Cocoa and Ft. Pierce - and will be reaching out to them in the immediate future. We also will be looking into ways to identify and contact Iraq/ Afghan era vets who are OCS grads.

— Media: We have developed a recruitment handbill (att'd) for display at the Veteran's Memorial Center, NG units, VFW and American Legion posts and anywhere else that might be appropriate. In the works are a tri-fold brochure and poster to help attract attention to STCC. We also will work on creating a Facebook page for the chapter. Finally, I will print off a modest number of STCC business cards for each Founding Member; those will be distributed at the 6 November meeting.

— Goals and objectives: In development, to briefed at the November 6 meeting

— Guest Speakers: Everyone please keep an eye out for guest speakers for our meetings. There should be plenty of people out there with interesting stories. To get us started, I propose that Joel Mayne, an OCSAA STCC associate member and former TAC officer be our guest speaker for 6 November. Joel, sorry to spring this on you. I believe all of us are willing to risk the dreaded OCS PTSD syndrome to hear your side of the story.

— Community Service: Donn has suggested laying a wreath at Veterans' Day and providing assistance at Christmas to veterans in need. If anyone has ideas on how else we can support the community, please speak up.

In sum, we are gaining traction and making progress.

Hopefully we will be "official" in the very near future.

Appreciate everyone's continued interest and support .

Regards, Rob