

Commander's Update - 2/23/2022

Greetings everyone. A couple of things to bring you up to date on OCSAA Space/Treasure Coast Chapter recent developments:

We had a successful (if lightly attended) General Meeting on 12 February. Thanks to those members who did attend. The meeting, which was held at Viera's Tuscany Grille, included an excellent guest speaker, an awards ceremony and a delicious lunch. Meeting minutes are attached. COL (Ret.) Steve Bond spoke on his experiences during Operation Just Cause - the 1989 invasion of Panama. It was a very informative account of a complex military operation largely overshadowed and forgotten when Desert Storm occurred relatively soon thereafter. We were honored to present 1LT (Separated) Dave Schollman, OCS 6-65, a 50-plus year Lifetime Member of OCSAA, the Distinguished Member of the Regiment and Order of St Maurice for his outstanding contributions to OCSAA. Since COVID, delegation of awards normally presented at Ft Benning has been delegated to Chapter Commanders. Donn, who also is Chairman of the Brevard County Veterans Council, gave an excellent presentation on how STCC can assist local Veterans in need. We anticipate holding a planning workshop ca 15 March at the Veterans Memorial Center to examine community support options. If you are interested in participating, please let us know.

We have more than doubled our membership in our first eight months - we are now at 22 members! Please be on the alert for other Army OCS Grads you know or meet and ask them to consider joining us in preserving the OCS legacy on the Space and Treasure Coasts.

Our website - www.ocsalumnispacecoast.com - is now active and you're encouraged to take a look. If there is something we should add, or ideas to make it better, please speak up. As mentioned previously, the website is at no cost to us and is maintained by an IT professional on contract with OCSAA. We will strive to keep the site up to date.

Please note that in future STCC-related correspondence my email will be commander@ocsalumnispacecoast.com. Donn will use XO@ocsalumnispacecoast.com and Phil will be using

Special_Projects@ocsalumnispacecoast.com. Please make sure emails from those addresses don't end up in your Spam/Junk folders!

Our next General Meeting will be 16 June at the Veterans Memorial Center, Merritt Island, starting at 1100 hours. We will probably do Jersey Mike subs again for lunch. Appearance of a guest speaker will depend on attendance RSVPs. Spouses of course are invited. Please mark the date in your calendars!

Phil and I are headed to Ft. Benning for 04-05 March to attend the OCSAA Board of Director's Meeting, annual awards and Hall of Fame events. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 precautions the events are not open to general membership. This will be my first visit to Ft. Benning since August 1968 when I finished Basic Training. We will give you a full report when we return.

All for now. Regards,

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