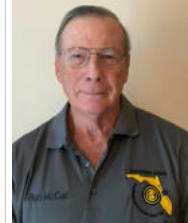




# The U.S. Army OCS Alumni Association Space/Treasure Coast Chapter NEWSLETTER February 2022



## Commander's Message



We held a successful, if sparsely attended, General Meeting on 12 February. The meeting, which was held at Viera's Tuscany Grille, included an entertaining guest speaker, an awards ceremony and a delicious lunch. Meeting minutes were an attachment to the last Commander's Update and are posted on the STCC website (see below).

### STCC Website

We are very pleased to have our website - [www.ocsalumnispacocoast.com](http://www.ocsalumnispacocoast.com) - up and running. We will be posting Commander's Updates, meeting minutes and other documents, as well as coverage of events in which we participate. I encourage you to take a look, and please let us know if there are additions or changes that should be made to keep the site relevant and up to date.

### Publicity

As part of our effort to attract new members, we placed this eye-catching ad in the Veterans Memorial Center (VMC) newsletter, *The Council Courier*, which has over 600 subscribers plus another 500 hits per month on the VMC website, and the Military Officer Association of America Cape Canaveral Chapter newsletter, *Intercom*, which reaches over 1400 members.



### ARMY OCS Graduate?

*The U.S. Army Officer's Candidate School Alumni Association has a newly formed chapter - the Space/Treasure Coast Chapter (STCC) - based in Melbourne.*

The Chapter's goals are to help preserve the OCS legacy of service and sacrifice, increase Army leadership's appreciation of the OCS program's crucial role in developing future leaders, assist local veterans in need and provide opportunities to enjoy the camaraderie and friendship of fellow OCS graduates.

STCC is open to all Army OCS graduates - Active, Reserve, National Guard. We hail from many walks of

life but share the common experience of OCS, no matter which OCS we attended. As of early February 2022, we have 21 members, four of whom are OCS Hall of Fame inductees. We especially welcome veterans of the Desert Storm, Iraq, and Afghanistan conflicts and the Global War on Terror.

We hold three general meetings per year, plus informal social gatherings. Our area of operation includes Volusia, Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie and Martin Counties. Interested or need more information? Please contact Rob McCall at (305) 923-9057 or Donn Weaver at (757) 871-6576.



## Community Service Initiatives

At the 12 February meeting, XO Donn Weaver, who also is Chairman of the Brevard County Veterans Council, outlined how STCC might assist local Veterans in need. This initiative fits well with our goal of community service in addition to providing a social platform. Donn outlined various ongoing, vetted programs which support local veterans and their families. These included National Veterans Homeless Support, Space Coast Honor Flight, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 123 via the VMC and the planned October 2022 Stand Down to Stand Up, also through VMC. Donn then outlined a new initiative - Veterans Emergency Relief Fund - to support vetted veterans and their families with the unexpected challenges that the Veterans Administration (VA) the above organizations, and other entities could not handle. Limited to \$100 per request, on a one-time basis, assistance includes food purchases for a family, paying for gasoline for visits to VA appointments, prescription medications, etc. Funding is provided by a VMC representative directly to the store, gas station, etc with the veteran, who agrees to reimburse when he or she is able. This effectively recycles assistance funds to help other veterans in need. A follow on workshop will be conducted at VMC in mid-March to develop an action plan. We are planning to form a small STCC working group to examine ways in which our Chapter can contribute modest support to the initiative. Looking for volunteers!

## New Members

Welcome to Logan Herd, Florida National Guard OCS 09/2020. Also welcome to Billy Frison and Don Clovis, brought to us courtesy of Dick Hanesworth. We now are 23-strong!

## Distinguished Member of the Regiment & Order of St. Maurice

At the 12 February meeting 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.



STCC Special Projects Office Phil Kearns reads citation for Dave Schollman's (OCS Class 6-65) award of Distinguished Member of the Regiment.



Rob presents DMOR certificate to Dave Schollman.



Rob pinning Order of St. Maurice on Dave Schollman.



Rob congratulating Dave Schollman on the award of the Order of St. Maurice.

COL (Ret.) Steve Bond was our guest speaker. Steve spoke on his experiences during Operation Just Cause - the 1989 invasion of Panama. It was a very informative account of a complex military operation that was largely overshadowed and forgotten when Desert Storm occurred relatively soon thereafter.



COL (Ret.) Steve Bond.



STCC Members Dave Kobey, Bill Crock and Dan McAteer

### STCC Shirts



Please let me know if you are interested in one. Price is \$17-\$30 with embroidery, depending on fabric. You can select your branch color. You will need to deal directly with the local shirt company - [customsignsandshirts.com](http://customsignsandshirts.com) - 3730 W. New Haven, Melbourne.

## **Next Meeting**

The next General Meeting will be 16 June at the Veterans Memorial Center, Merritt Island. 1100 hours. We will probably do Jersey Mike subs again for lunch. Appearance of a guest speaker will depend on attendance RSVPs. Please mark the date on your calendars - we need everyone's participation if we are to succeed as a Chapter

## **As Always ...**

If there is something we could do better, something we should be doing, or something we shouldn't, please speak up!