



US Army OCS Alumni Association
Space/Treasure Coast Chapter
Annual Report

2021-2022

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Chapter Commander



This constitutes the 2022 annual report for the Space/Treasure Coast Chapter of the USAOCSAA fiscal year, from 1 July 2021 through 20 June 2022. There is some unavoidable redundancy from our abbreviated 2021 Annual Report as, technically speaking, the Chapter did not exist during the 2020-2021 reporting period.

Meetings

Three General Meetings were held during the past fiscal year: 12 July 2021, 6 November 2021 and 12 February 2022. The next General Meeting was scheduled for 16 July 2022.

Meeting: 12 July 2021 (Hampton Inn), Melbourne, Florida.

This was our Founding Meeting, attended by nine members, with the tenth participating via phone.



Rob McCall was elected Chapter Commander, Donn Weaver Executive Officer, and Phil Kearns Special Projects Officer. We established Chapter goals, including the need to sustain present membership and recruit new members, with particular emphasis on the Florida Army National Guard, USAR, Desert Storm, Iraq and Afghanistan-era OCS graduates. We also set as a goal Chapter participation in community service initiatives to assist local veterans in need.

Meeting: 6 November 2021 (Brevard Veterans Memorial Center)(VMC) Merritt Island, Florida.

Nine members attended.

USAOCSAA Treasurer Rick Jung was guest speaker. Rick presented an update on OCSAA funding status, initiatives, and programs. He provided guidance on Chapter financial procedures. This aspect was critical as we were considering the possibility of an expanded meeting/mini-reunion in February 2022.



We provided updates on issues and programs developed since the Founders meeting. These included Phase I Action Plan, membership in VMC, STCC plaques, posters, handbills and rack cards, coordination with MOAA and Armor OCSAA, web site development and Phase II Sustainment Plan. Tentative plans were made to directly engage the Florida Army National Guard. Discussion also included the need to recruit Desert Storm, Iraq, Afghan and Reserve Component members. We welcomed four new members. Lunch was catered by Jersey Mike's.

Meeting: 12 February 2022 (Tuscany Grill) Viera, Florida.

Eight members attended, as did several spouses. The meeting featured an excellent guest speaker, an awards ceremony and a delicious lunch.



COL (Ret.) Steve Bond spoke on his experiences during Operation Just Cause - the 1989 invasion of Panama.



We were honored to present 1LT (Sep) 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.



Donn, who also is Chairman of the Brevard County Veterans Council, gave an excellent presentation on ways STCC might assist local Veterans in need. We planned a workshop for ca 15 March at the VMC to examine community support options.

Membership

We launched in July 2021 with 10 members. At the end of the fiscal year, we had 28 Chapter members, of whom 17 are active participants to some degree. We were pleased to recruit a Florida Army National Guard 2LT during the reporting period, a first step to adding new, younger generation blood to the Chapter. At present, STCC recruiting is via word of mouth, periodic ads in the VMC and MOAACC news letters, appearance at local veterans-related events and, frankly, sheer luck should someone stumble across the excellent STCC website (ocsalumnispacecoast.com). Unfortunately, there is no reference to STCC on the USAOCSAA website (ocsalumni.org), there is no link to our website, and USAOCSAA members who might be interested in joining a local chapter have no way of knowing we even exist. We are hopeful this situation will be corrected in the near future as we view our “invisibility” as lost opportunities to attract new members.

Events and Activities

The Chapter received Provisional Status 8 August 2021.

STCC manned a table at the Brevard VMC 9-11 Remembrance on 9 September 2021. STCC is considered a VMC tenant organization.



A holiday social was held 4 December 2021 at Rob McCall's house, attended by 17 members and spouses.



On 6 April 2022 we conducted a workshop at VMC to examine possible community service initiatives to assist local veterans in need and their families. Eight members attended.

Wreath presentation at the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall, Melbourne's Wickham Park, 3 May 2022.



STCC wreath for the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall.



We also shared the VMC booth at the Traveling Wall; five members volunteered to give STCC official presence throughout the week.



We laid a wreath at the VMC Memorial Day event on 30 May; the event was organized by XO Donn Weaver.



STCC wreath for Memorial Day.



During the Memorial Day event, Special Projects Officer Phil Kearns gave a moving tribute to 6-65 classmate and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, 2LT Bob Hibbs.



In addition to “showing the STCC flag” through participation in local Veterans events, we considered how to attract new members and sustain the Chapter. To that end, Special Projects Officer Phil Kearns undertook a series of studies. These included:

- Updated Goals and Objectives
- Starting a Chapter - A Primer
 - Steps to Form a New USAOCSAA Chapter
 - Phase I Action Plan
 - Phase II Sustainment Plan
- White paper “Life Cycle of an USAOCSAA Chapter” - a critical look at lessons learned in the first year of a Chapter’s existence. This has been suggested as a model for new Chapters.
- Courses of Action - options for moving STCC forward: pros and cons to stay the course, reduce expectations, dissolve or go “virtual.”
- Chapter Construct - considering an enhanced role for Chapters and what they need to be viable.

Upcoming Events:

- General Meeting, VMC, 16 July 2022
- Initial direct contact with Florida Army National Guard OCS class, Camp Blanding, FL, 27 August 2022
- Wreath placement, 9/11 Ceremony, VMC, 11 September 2022
- Business/Social meeting, local restaurant (TBD), 19 October 2022. Spouses are welcome.
- Wreath placement, Veteran’s Day, VMC, 11 November 2022
- Holiday social, Rob’s house, 3 December 2022
- STCC sponsorship of golf hole, MOAA Good Deeds Foundation Golf Tournament, Cocoa Beach, FL, 10 December 2022
- Wreath placement, Memorial Day, VMC, 29 May 2023

Future Known/Planned Funding

- Possibly a replacement for the STCC artificial memorial wreath, which spent a week exposed to the elements at the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall, plus additional exposure at various memorial events. Estimated cost to replace: \$125.00
 - Acrylic sheet for laser cutting/inscribing wreath. \$20.00
 - Printing costs for rack cards/brochures as handouts to FLARNG OCS candidates. \$30.00
 - Award plaque (TBD) for FLARNG OCS 2023 class. \$65.00

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