

Bradenton Chapter Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)
Board Meeting Minutes April 1st, 2026.

Location: Manatee Community Foundation (MCF) Board Room
2820 Manatee Avenue W, Bradenton, FL 34205

Attendees: Rick Buchanan, Jerry Neff, Dick Pack, Donna Fournier, Gill Ruderman, Sandy Haas-Martens, Kevin Wright and Bel Wilson. Also attending: Mac Schmitz, MCF Director of Philanthropy and Jacob Kinsel, MCF Director of Finance & Operations.

Rick called the meeting to order at 1:00PM.

Rick gave Bel the medals and certificates for the scholarships and went over the list of who would handle the presentations at each school. Rick would like some photos taken for the Website.

Rick then introduced Mac and Jacob who provided a briefing on the background of the Bradenton Chapter Endowment Trust and how it was brought into the Manatee Community Foundation as an Agency Endowed Fund. This arrangement allows the principal of the Trust to be invested by the MCF Finance Committee and Northern Trust, the MCF Trust Company. We are charged 0.5% of the principal annually for this service. The question of how much money MCF considers appropriate for distribution and how the Chapter Endowment Trust is structured regarding taking money from Principal was reviewed. Two potential courses of action were considered and will be explored.

1. Rick will meet with Mike Hamrick, the Attorney who drafted the Endowment Trust to review options for simplifying the administrative requirements that exist in the Endowment Trust language.
2. A commitment was made that when the BMO Certificate of Deposit matures (February 2027) the proceeds will be deposited in the Endowment Trust Account.

Rick went over the process of amending the Trustees on the Endowment Trust. Attorney Hamrick provided guidance specifying that 75% of the membership attending two (2) luncheons four weeks apart must vote to approve this amendment. Sandy will send out a copy of the attorney's letter and the amendment to the membership before the April general meeting for members to review in preparation for the vote. A second vote will be conducted at the May general meeting in conjunction with that luncheon.

Minutes: Dick Pack moved to approve the minutes from the March 4th meeting. Seconded by Gill Ruderman. Motion passed. Jerry Neff moved to approve the minutes from the March 18th luncheon. Seconded by Dick Pack. Motion passed. Sandy will email the minutes to the membership. Gill brought up that we actually paid the Webmaster \$350.00 not the \$300.00 that was originally approved. Gill moved to approve the adjustment. Seconded by Jerry Neff. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Dick reported balances of:

Operations	\$5,841.13
Charitable Account	\$4,617.73
Certificate of Deposit	\$10,000.00

Gill Ruderman made a motion for the Treasurer to take corrective action with the IRS to change the name of our organization from "THE RETIRED OFFICERS CLUB OF BRADENTON" to "MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA- BRADENTON CHAPTER, INCORPORATED to be in line with the changes that were made in 2003 with the State of Florida, corporation document number N00000005635. Second by Sandy Haas-Martens. Motion passed.

Dues: We still have a few who have not renewed. Sandy and Dick will contact them.

Membership: Rick and Kevin are working with MOAA National to obtain the contact information for those MOAA National members who live in our Zip Code catchment area so they can be contacted for possible chapter membership.

The next Board Meeting will be May 6th, 2026, at the Palmetto Library Conference Room.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15PM.

Minutes submitted by:


Sandra K. Haas-Martens, Secretary

Minutes approved date:

MAY 6, 2026

Minutes signed:


Richard Buchanan, Chapter President