



Florida Commodores Association FOUNDATION

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President's Message

Looking back over 2017, let me share with you how proud I am of the work of the FCAF. As we move forward into 2018, the master plan continues, to put the Foundation on a firm financial footing of \$20,000 prior to funding aid requests.

At this time, we missed that \$20,000 goal. However, I am confident in 2018 ... *with your help* ... this will happen!

In 2017, two new, on-going FCAF programs were introduced: **Matching Gifts** and the **Smile.Amazon**. These programs can benefit FCAF in both big and small ways.

Corporations' **Matching Gift** programs are such an easy way to double your contribution. Taking the time to apply for these brings an added bonus to your personal gift.

The **Smile.Amazon** program, while initially smaller, can grow into a constant stream of funding, simply by signing up and choosing this option whenever you make a purchase on Amazon. Mark **Smile.Amazon** as a favorite on your computer and it's always there ready for you to click on!

In 2018, the goal necessitates FCA moving out of it's fledgling stage into a strong and viable organization. To do this, your constant support is needed. FCAF is the charitable arm of FCA and cannot operate without the support of it's members. *Remember, every dollar donated is tax deductible.*

During this holiday giving season, remember someone very special to you by donating a gift to FCAF in their name.

Thank you!

Happy Holidays and best for the New Year!



**Past Commodore
Larry Kimmerling
President**

Board of Directors Change

At the summer meeting, regrets were received from **P/C Phil Bouckaert**, that he was stepping down as Director and Secretary. A member of the Palm Beach Commodores in Palm Beach and one of the FCAF's founding fathers, P/C Bouckaert's presence and contributions will be missed. He is sincerely thanked for his time and service.

Stepping in to fill the void will be **P/C Peter Tyson** from Pelican Yacht Club in Ft. Pierce. P/C Tyson served on the Executive Committee of FCA and is a Past Commodore of Pelican Yacht Club. He is welcomed to the Board.

With these changes, it was decided that now is the right time to actively seek members to fill two open seats on the Foundation Board.

FCAF needs applicants with diverse backgrounds that might include, but not limited to, the areas of: communications, technology, sales/marketing, business, finance, legal, non-profit fundraising and other fields which would bring fresh ideas and talent to the Foundation.

One need not be a Past Commodore to serve, which opens this opportunity up to other well-qualified individuals.

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Board Changes from page 1:

This would include other yacht club members interested in the Foundation. Non-member candidates may also serve on the FCAF Board.

The Board meets quarterly, in conjunction with the FCA meeting schedules same weekend, same place. Meetings are usually held on the Friday before, starting at 10 a.m. This means, if the FCA meeting is not held at a yacht club near you, it is likely it would require coming in the night before.

In addition, there are telephone conferences which are, of course, done from one's home phone or by cell if traveling.

For more information on the Foundation and the duties and participation requirements, please contact: P/C Larry Kimmerling, FCAF President at: towers12a@aol.com

Mission Statement Revised

As the FCAF endeavors to seek support from outside organizations, it became clear that the Mission Statement needed revision. After consideration and review, the BOD approved a new statement. It is as follows:

To enhance recreational and competitive sailing, power boating and cruising in the finest traditions of yachting through education, charitable and financial opportunities.

Special Holiday Gift Idea

Make the holiday season more special. Thank a wounded American veteran by donating to FCAF's *WAVE* program. Your gift will help support a *WAVE* celebration honoring our wounded veterans, and their families, with a day on the water. Bring lots of cheer to a well-deserved veteran! *Happy holidays to all!*

Your tax deductible donation supports:

- Youth sailing
- **WAVE: Wounded American Veterans Events**
 - Amateur competitive sailors and teams
 - Olympic sailors and Paralympic sailors

Cut Along Line

The Florida Commodores Association Foundation

YES! I want to support the many projects of the FCAF at the following level:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25-\$99 Sustaining Member | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100-\$249 Captain |
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