

Military Officers Association of America Awards Local Cadets



(Left to Right) CDR John W. Reed USCG – Deputy Commander Coast Guard Sector Key West, Cadet Dakotah MacDonald - KWHS, Sr. Chief Michelle Morgante USN (Ret.) - Naval Science Instructor KWHS, Cadet Kirk Goggans - KWHS, LCDR James T Marcotte USCG (Ret.) 1st VP MOAA FL Keys Chapter Cadet Gerrald Burgess - KWHS.

Recently the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) conferred a medal and certificates to three Key West High school NJROTC cadets. The Keys chapter of MOAA includes all of the Keys. It is an organization of present and past military officers who have a strong presence in community and on Capitol Hill, who work to preserve the rights of all military (officers and enlisted). The Association held an awards



ceremony in Key West at the High School. These awards recognized exceptional leadership and academic achievement. The recipients were: Cadet Kirk Goggans - MOAA Medal; Cadet Terrald Burgess - Certificate of Merit; Cadet Dakotah MacDonald - Certificate of Merit.

Best Wishes to **Nikki DUNN CULLEN** for a speedy recovery following her boating accident.

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When did Colbert The Band form?
May 2009.....we had a few different members at the beginning, but we have been solid for over 3 years now.

Who are the band members and what instruments do they play?
Drew Johnston plays rhythm guitar & sings vocals, "BJ" plays lead guitar, Justin Truscello plays bass, Billy Jenkins plays the drums, and Devon Spaulding sings lead vocals.

Who are some of your musical influences?
Collectively, we have many influences, from many genres, and the list is long. Some mainstream artists we like are: Led Zeppelin, The Beatles, Nine Inch Nails, Billy Idol, Bon Jovi, Green Day, Kid Rock, Pearl Jam, Tom Petty, Weezer, Foo Fighters, Nickelback, and Lenny Kravitz.

Where do you play most often?
Locally we play at The Big Chill, Postcard Inn Tiki Bar, Hog Heaven, Gilbert's Resort, Bayside Grill, and Sharkey's.

Caribbean Club which featured some well-known country song writers and performers.

What was your most embarrassing moment while performing?
Well, Drew fell off a bar one night, and almost broke his back.....he recovered as gracefully as he could, and kept playing!

We also had a technical problem at the St Patricks Day Block Party at the Brickell Irish Pub. The sound guy had



Colbert the Band rockin' the crowd at Gilbert's on Sunday June 7th, 2015.

10 Questions with Colbert the Band

by Rob LeBrun

What has been your most satisfying moment performing so far?

Recently we opened for Zep Belly (A Led Zeppelin themed blues band) at the Florida Rockstars Concert in Homestead, and we played at the Country Rock festival at the

Devon's vocals on a delay, and the rest of us were on time. For 2,000 people, it sounded like Devon was singing a few seconds too late, but it was really the sound guys fault. Thanks dude.

Who are some of your favorite local bands to watch when you are not playing?

There are many we like, and it would be unfair to pick just two or three. Recently, we have gone to watch Baga Tricks, The Dropouts, Mr Nice Guy, and Uncle Rico.

If you could change one thing about the local music scene, what would it be?

We wish that the Keys would promote more local festivals that feature national bands, with local bands opening for them. The exposure would be great for us local bands, and playing with some national acts would be great.

Have you written any original music?

Yes we have, but we have not recorded any yet. We have a few originals that we would love to record someday.

What are your future goals for Colbert?



We would like two things: To play in bigger music festivals, touring nationally. And to keep rockin' the local scene as we have been for years now. We

love playing for our fans here in the Keys.

Visit the guys on their facebook page, or at ColbertTheBand.com for more information.

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