



Fort George G. Meade Chapter

Officers Call



Jul/Aug 2016

**Five Star Chapter Award 2009, 2010,
2011, 2012, 2013 & 2014**



President's Message

In Memory Brigadier General M. Andrew Veronis, USAF-Retired



Andrew M Veronis PhD
Brig. Gen., USAF (Ret)
May 14, 1938 to May 30, 2016

Sunset and evening star
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;

For though from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.
Tennyson

Safe passage old friend. Check six!

The Chapter has made a donation to the MOAA Scholarship Fund in memory of General Veronis.

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Notable Quotes

“Accept the challenges so that you can feel the exhilaration of the victory.” General George Patton

“Oh what a tangled web we weave when we practice first to deceive!” Sir Walter Scott

“You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give.” Winston Churchill

“Faith is what gets you started. Hope is what keeps you going. Love is what brings you to the end.” Mother Angelica

USO BWI Magazine/Book Drive

2016 deliveries to the BWI USO include 395 magazines: 45 paperback books: snack food donations: \$169.87. Leave your donations with Eleanor Layman at the August 31st luncheon meeting and they will be delivered. Ensure you leave a business card or write your name/phone number so the USO can acknowledge all donations in kind to you by mail or e-mail. Special thanks to LTC Chuck Brown, USA-Retired for his generous donations.

Col Rice retires after more than 40 years of service

Congratulations to Col Bert L. Rice upon his retirement from the federal government and his lifetime of service to the United States Army. He retired this week and a luncheon was held in his honor on Tuesday June 1st at Club Meade. He and his wife Deanna will remain in the area. Never stop serving Sir.

MOWW Massing of the Colors

Despite the rain the post celebrated the 30th Annual Massing of the Colors at the post pavilion on Sunday May 22nd. The Ft Meade Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars (FGGM/MOWW) hosted the event and many thanks to the FGGM/MOWW companions for making this day a success. Thanks also to the the FGGM/MOAA members who volunteered to help. See you next year for the 31st Massing of the Colors.

Welcome

Please welcome LTC John Agnello, USA and his wife Stephanie who recently were reassigned to Maryland. They reside in Sykesville, Maryland.

Maryland Legislature adjourns

Once again the legislature goes home for another year with no action taken on SB 660 which was the 100% exemption on military retirement pay on April 11th. One success to report, HB 306/SB 245 passed which allows private employers in Maryland to offer a Veteran's preference when making hiring decisions without fear of law suits. The Military Retired Veterans Task Force and other veterans groups including MOAA and the Ft Meade Chapter will be back again next year in Annapolis to fight for the tax break on military retirement pay.

Kudos

Congratulations to Major Jim Shiffrin, USAF-Retired for his work as webmaster for the Maryland Council of Chapters of the Military Officers Association of America (MDCOC/MOAA). Jim has garnered the prestigious MOAA Col Marvin J. Harris Communications 4 Star Award for 2015 as a result of his work on the MDCOC web site. www.mdmoaa.org Of course we know Jim as the Immediate Past President of the Ft Meade Chapter and as an active member of the Board of Directors for the chapter. When not working on the web site Jim is busy as the uber volunteer for Operation Welcome Home, the USO at BWI and on Ft Meade, and as well as serving as a volunteer at the BWI information booth answering questions for travelers who traverse through the airport. Jim likes to joke that he enjoys working the booth because, “he likes to tell people where to go”. Don’t we all wish that? Well done Jim and continue to never stop serving! Thanks for all your hard work.



Job Fairs

TECHEXPO Top Secret Hiring Event: Security Clearance is REQUIRED, Wednesday, June 15
10 AM – 3 PM

BWI Marriott

1743 West Nursery Road

Linthicum Heights, MD 21090

Register: <https://www.techexpousa.com/shows/view/701>

A Corporate Gray / reStart Security-Cleared Military and Technical Hiring Event will be held from 11 am to 3 pm on Friday, June 24 at the BWI Westin Hotel, located at 1110 Old Elkrigde Landing Road, Linthicum Heights, Maryland. This job fair is exclusively for job seekers with a Department of Defense security clearance of Secret or higher. Meet face-to-face with Raytheon, Microsoft, Sabre Engineering, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, DCCA, ARTECH, Preferred Systems Solutions, and more. Keynote Speaker at 10 am. Networking Cocktail Reception at 4 pm. Business attire recommended. Bring many copies of your resume. To pre-register, visit: www.restartevents.com/restart-corporate-gray-june-24th.

The next Job Fair on Ft Meade is scheduled for September 14th. More to follow in next newsletter.

LZ Maryland

Saturday June 18
(10 am – 10 pm)
Sunday June 19
(10 am to 3 pm)

Maryland State
Fairgrounds –
Timonium, MD



LZ Maryland is a weekend event that honors Vietnam veterans as they gather together with family, friends, and a grateful public. This is the capstone event of the four-year project MPT Salutes Vietnam Veterans. Tickets are free for veterans, active duty military, gold star families and children 12 and under. All others are only \$5. Entry is good for the entire weekend!

Entertainment includes the Association on Saturday at 12:30, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame group the Lovin' Spoonful at 4:30pm, and The Motortown All Stars at 8pm. Sunday includes a 50th Anniversary Tribute to the 1966 Bob Hope USO Show at 11 am and the United States Air Force Band at 12:30pm. For more information, go to the Maryland Public TV web site at: www.mpt.org/lzmaryland or call for event information at 410-581-4262.

Maryland Congressional Luncheon scheduled 14 September

Save the date. Wednesday September 14th, 2016 is the date for the 6th Annual Maryland MOAA Congressional Luncheon on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. Cost will be \$39 per person although we anticipate a partial discount pending the Fort Meade Chapter Board of Directors approval to help defer the cost. Details will follow in separate e-mails and flyers about carpooling or other transportation arrangements as the event gets closer. You can bet that nearly all Representatives and Senators will be present for this event since it is an election year. As Maryland Council President Col Andy Fallon is fond of saying, "Politics is a contact sport. Make contact."



Colonel Harvey Kaplan, USA-Retired and his wife Naomi Kaplan (on the left) greet United States Maryland Senator, the Honorable Ben Cardin (on the right) at the Maryland Congressional Luncheon September 17, 2015. Senator Cardin will become the senior Maryland Senator in January 2017 upon the retirement of Senator Barbara Mikulski at the conclusion of the 2016 Congress.

Thank you from Operation Welcome Home of Maryland (OWH)

Please take the time to read the following letter from OWH of Maryland so you see how important this chapter is in the community. The web site for Operation Welcome Home is: www.owhmd.org and the hotline is 410-630-1555. Come on out to BWI Marshall Airport and give our heroes and heroines the welcome home they deserve.



www.owhmd.org
Hot-Line 410-630-1555

April 19, 2016

Mr. Jim Shiffrin
Military Officers Association of America
Ft. George Meade Chapter
PO Box 743
Fort Meade, MD 20755-0743

Dear Jim,

Thank you very much for the \$300 Military Officers Association of America donated to Operation Welcome Home Maryland on April 2, 2016. Monetary donations are used to purchase water and snacks for the "goodie bags" the troops receive when they arrive at BWI Marshall Airport.

Generous and caring people like you and MOAA enable OWHMD to continue its mission of greeting our returning military heroes. We truly appreciate your support of our troops.

Many thanks for your kind donation. May God bless you!

Sincerely,

Lisa Funk
Team Leader/Secretary
Operation Welcome Home Maryland
8606 Wintergreen Court #407
Odenton, MD 21113

Antietam Staff Ride: September 17, 2016

The Baltimore-Star Spangled Banner MOAA Chapter has invited all MOAA Chapter members to a Staff Ride to the historical battlefield at Antietam. The tour will be narrated and the cost is \$40 per person. You may board the tour bus at one of two locations:

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| 1) Towson Methodist Church
501 Hampton Lane
Towson, MD 21286
Bus departs this location at 9:00 AM | or | 2) Interstate 70 Park and Ride
70 Security Blvd.
Bus departs this location at 09:15 AM |
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Mail check with the name(s) of the attendees to:
Col (Ret) William "Randy" Everett
1205 Hidden Stream Court
Abindon, MD 21009

Please make check out to: Star Spangled Banner Chapter
Reservations deadline: August 1, 2016.
Further information or questions: e-mail: everettbn@gmail.com cell: 443-910-0593
or Glen Williams e-mail: gfwilliams607@verizon.net home: 410-747-9009



Guard Unit of the Year Award

The Maryland Council of Chapters of Military Officers Association of America (MDCOC) presented the Guard Unit of the Year Award to the 175th Logistics Flight at Baltimore Martin ANG Base in Middle River, MD on Sunday April 3rd. The Maryland Adjutant General selects from the top unit each year and advises the MDCOC of the winning unit. MDCOC Past President John Whitman, pinch-hitting for current President Col Andrew Fallon (who was out of county) commented, "the 175th Wing has a solid track record of excellence and the 175th Logistics Flight solidifies that reputation. Nothing moves without the loggies." Retired Brigadier General Guy Walsh, ANG and

former 175th Wing Commander presented the traveling trophy and the plaque to to the Logistics Flight Commander Major Michael McCarty. General Walsh encouraged 175th Officers to sign up for MOAA and make their voices heard in Congress. General Walsh is member of both the Ft Meade and Susquehanna MOAA chapters in Maryland.



BG Guy Walsh, ANG-Ret and former 175th Wing Commander (left) presents the 2015 MD MOAA Guard Unit of the Year Award to Major Michael McCarty, the 175th LG Flight Operations Officer on Sunday April 3rd, 2016 at Martin ANG Base in Middle River,



BG Walsh-ANG Retired (center), presents the MD MOAA Guard Unit of the Year trophy to members of the 175th Logistics Flight and 175th Wing.

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www.mdmoaa.org
MOAA Luncheon Meeting

Wednesday August 31st, 2016 at Club Meade 11:30 AM, lunch at noon. Featured speaker is Mr. George W. Owings, III Maryland Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Bring a friend or prospective member to the meeting!

Cost: \$16 per person.

Join us at the Club Meade at 6600 Mapes Ave on Ft Meade. Menu: Choice of roast chicken or baked fish, glazed carrots, mashed potatoes with gravy, peach cobbler or lemon meringue pie.

Name(s) _____

Total Reservations _____ Check enclosed for total amount _____

Menu choice: _____ Phone number: _____

e-mail: _____

Please mail reservations and checks payable to FGGM/MOAA to:

LTC T. Wayne Hobbs, USA-Retired twaynehobbs1@verizon.net

7305 Brookview Rd, Unit 302

Elkridge, MD 21075-6080

(410)-799-8331

Reservations required by Thursday Aug 25, 2016. If you make reservations but are a no-show, will still be required to the chapter.