



Chapter Chatter



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY CHAPTER

Military Officers Association of America

P.O Box 707

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March 2014

President's Corner

Only 16 days until spring. I can't wait for it to arrive and see winter recede in my rear view mirror. Too, too much snow and cold! However, this month newsletter is not about our winter weather but what we have planned for the next few months. Since we did not meet last month due to the snow and cold let us catch up to what is happening this month with our chapter. At this month's luncheon we will vote for and introduce our board for the 2014 and 2015. Our speaker this month will be Col (Ret) Frank François, III, USA, President, Retired Military Officers Association (RMOA) a business coalition composed of retired military officers (bio follows). I would like to thank Col Harvey Dickerson for arranging this opportunity to have Col Francois come speak to us. Since we had to postpone our February meeting LTC Hazel Robinson has rescheduled Mr. Dwight Ferguson speak to us on pre retirement and retirement financial issues at our May luncheon, hopefully we won't have weather issues to worry about in May. Also, please mark your calendar for our April meeting as Mr. J. Byron Morris will return to finish the presentation on the Tuskegee Airman that he started in October. Those of you who had the pleasure to hear Mr. Morris at the October meeting you will know what a special event this will be as we will hear the rest of the story of the Tuskegee Airman. Our last meeting for the Winter/Spring cycle will be on June 21.

As a reminder to everyone it is time to collect annual chapter dues for 2014. The cost is \$25.00 per member (retire/active duty/civilian) were due by 15 Dec 2013. If you have not yet paid for 2014 please do so at your earliest opportunity. You can send a check to Col Regner or you can use the new MOAA program to pay your dues. Just go the MOAA.org and type in chapter dues payment in the search block and you will be taken to a web page which will allow you to pay via credit card your chapter dues.

One last item of note for the March meeting -- I would like few minutes of our meeting time to offer our members a chance to reminisce and tell a story or two about Col Jerry Simmons who passed away in January. As you know Jerry was a long time member and I am sure that many of members had very positive and memorable interactions with Jerry that we would all love to hear. I had hoped to do this at our February luncheon but unfortunately we were not able to meet as planned. I don't want to turn this into a memoriam but more a remembrance of Jerry and his contributions to our chapter.

Thanks for your time and I look forward to seeing you at our next luncheon on Saturday, March 15.

Sincerely,
Reggie

CALENDAR OF EVENTS for 2014

March 2014

4 March - Board meeting at the Sealey Law Office, Upper Marlboro at 7:00 PM

15 March - Monthly luncheon and meeting at Mama Stella's, Clinton, MD at 11:30 AM

Guest Speaker – Col Frank Francois, III, USA (Ret), President, RMOA

April 2014

8 April - Board meeting at the Sealey Law Office, Upper Marlboro at 7:00 PM

19 April - Monthly luncheon and meeting at Mama Stella's, Clinton, MD at 11:30 AM

Guest Speaker – Mr. J. Byron Morris, Past President of the East Coast Chapter of the Tuskegee Airman

May 2014

6 May - Board meeting at the Sealey Law Office, Upper Marlboro at 7:00 PM

17 May – Armed Forces Day/Monthly luncheon and meeting at Mama Stella's, Clinton, MD at 11:30 AM

Guest Speaker – Mr. Dwight L Ferguson

26 May – Memorial Day

June 2014

3 June - Board meeting at the Sealey Law Office, Upper Marlboro at 7:00 PM

14 June – Flag Day

21 June - Monthly luncheon and meeting at Mama Stella's, Clinton, MD at 11:30 AM

July/August 2014

Summer recess no meetings scheduled

Bio on COL Frank Francois, III, USA (Ret)

President and CEO of Service Disabled Veteran Enterprises, Inc. (SDVE) and Affiliated Industries, Inc.,(AII) both African American owned and controlled executive management consulting firm and Consolidated Products, Inc., a product-oriented distribution, manufacturing, and construction consulting firm. Also, CEO of Potomac Marketing and Sales, Inc., a premier marketing and sales company.

For the past twenty (20) years he has served in senior executive military and civilian positions worldwide. Organized, programmed, and managed large logistic support activities, including base operations and maintenance support activities. During his military service he served as Commander and Chief Administrator of the U. S. Military Ocean Terminal in Bayonne, New Jersey, the largest military shipping, distribution, and transportation center in the world. He also served as the member at large and finance committee chairman on the Fairfax County School Board, which has over a billion dollar annual budget.

EDUCATION

- *Catholic University, Washington, DC, Post Graduate Studies, Behavior Science*
- *The George Washington University, Washington, DC, M. S., International Relations*
- *National Defense University (National War College) Fort McNair, Washington, DC, Graduate*
- *Department of Defense Computer Institute, Navy Yard, Washington, DC, Computer Science, Graduate*
- *The Judge Advocate General's School (US Army), Charlottesville, Virginia, Graduate*
- *The US Army Logistics Management Center, Fort Lee, Virginia, Graduate*
- *Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS, Graduate*
- *The Transportation Basis and Career Officer's Courses, Fort Eustis, Virginia, Graduate*
- *Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, B. S. Biology/Chemistry*



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PRINCE GEORGE'S CHAPTER MEETING RESERVATION FORM

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Luncheon meeting Date: 15 March 2014

11:30 AM

Member's Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

Number Attending _____

Cost: **\$25.00/person**

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Signature _____

You are invited to order off of the menu.
Please order prior to our sitting down.

Thank You for your consideration