



Chapter Chatter



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY CHAPTER

Military Officers Association of America

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President's Corner

Happy belated Veterans Day to you and I hope you are doing well. I am sorry we did not get a newsletter out to you last month so this one will hopefully bring you all up to date on what is happening in our chapter.

As we may remember from our last newsletter we were getting ready to attend the annual State MOAA Congressional Luncheon. Yours truly, Col Steve Regner and Maj Ray Rowland attended the luncheon where we had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Steny Hoyer and Ms. Donna Edwards who represent Prince George's County. We had a good statewide turnout for the luncheon and got to hear from our representatives on their perspective of the upcoming elections and what they are working on to support active duty, retired, dependents and other military veterans. I have included a news release from MOAA on the meeting for your reading.

Last month we were pleased to have Mr. Byron Morris return to finish his presentation on the Tuskegee Airman. While we only had a small attendance Mr. Morris regaled us with his presentation. Mr. Morris has great personal history of Tuskegee airman and their beginnings back in World War II and his presentation built on his original presentation last year and elicited many questions and very collegial round table discussions. That brings you up to date on the past two months, now for the future. As you may remember from last year we will not have a meeting this month due to the Thanksgiving holiday and so our next luncheon will be our Holiday luncheon on 13 Dec. I am pleased to announce that at our luncheon we will have the Chesapeake Bronze Ensemble return to provide us with our entertainment. I know that all that have had the opportunity to hear this group in the past have enjoyed the program for those who have had the opportunity I highly recommend coming out to hear them and enjoy the fellowship of the holiday with your fellow chapter members. So mark your calendar for the 13 Dec at 1130 and join us at Mama Stella's for our Holiday program.

As we have started a new program year it is also time for to pay your chapter dues for 2015. If you were a member prior to 1 June of this year your dues for the upcoming year are \$25.00. New members who have joined us since June are exempt from dues until 2016. If you are unsure of your status you may contact Col Steve Regner at 301-877-0978 and he can clear it up for you. Your dues are important for our chapter as they help pay for our administrative costs as well as support our guest speaker and awards program. Please be considerate and pay your dues as soon as possible, but not later than 31 Jan 2015.

Well, that's all for this month. I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and for those traveling for the holiday I wish you safe travel and look forward to seeing you at Mama Stella's on 13 Dec for our Holiday program

Sincerely,
Reggie

News and Notes

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 2014

No Scheduled Meeting this month

4 November - Board meeting at the Sealey Law Office, Upper Marlboro at 7:00
11 November – Veterans Day
27 November - Thanksgiving

December 2014

2 December - Board meeting at the Sealey Law Office, Upper Marlboro at 7:00 PM
13 December - Holiday luncheon and meeting at Mama Stella's, Clinton, MD at 11:30 AM
25 December - Christmas

January 2015

1 January - New Years
6 January - Board meeting at the Sealey Law Office, Upper Marlboro at 7:00 PM
17 January - Monthly luncheon and meeting at Mama Stella's, Clinton, MD at 11:30 AM
19 January – Martin Luther King Holiday

PRINCE GEORGE'S CHAPTER MEETING

Next Scheduled Meeting is on 13 December 2014

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MOAA Maryland Council of Chapters hosts Congressional Luncheon on Capitol Hill

Alexandria, Va. (Sept. 11, 2014) — Vice Adm. Norb Ryan, USN (Ret), president of the Military Officers Association of America's (MOAA) <<http://www.moaa.org/>>, joined more than 70 attendees, including Sen. Benjamin Cardin and six other members of the Maryland congressional delegation at the annual Maryland Council of Chapters MOAA Congressional Luncheon, Thursday, Sept. 11, on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. to thank the members for their leadership and support of issues facing veterans, military retirees, and those currently serving and their families.

Leaders representing the 10 Maryland MOAA chapters discussed national legislative objectives with Maryland's congressional delegation at the lunch led by MOAA's Maryland Council of Chapters president Maj. John Whitman, USAF (Ret)., incoming council president, Col. Andrew Fallon, USA (Ret).

Cardin acknowledged the importance of remembering Sept. 11, 2001 — a day that changed America — calling the men and women in armed services who responded “true heroes and noting his first priority is “to make sure our military has the resources to carry out the mission.” Reps. John Sarbanes (District 3), Andy Harris (District 1), John Delaney (District 6), Steny Hoyer (District 5), Donna Edwards (District 4), and Chris Van Hollen (District 8) each addressed the group.

Ensuring service members have the resources they need to succeed in their missions was a theme among the speeches.

“If you shortchange the military,” Harris said, “you’re shortchanging the nation.”

Whitman thanked the Maryland congressional delegation for its support of the military community and Rep. C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger for sponsoring this year’s luncheon.

Speaking to the council and chapter leaders at the luncheon, Ryan said, “This meeting is a visible demonstration that our councils and chapters are the cornerstone of what MOAA does, and we are very grateful for your leadership and inspiring example. You are impactful as our leaders in the state and what you are doing is making a real difference.

“It is up to us to speak up when the military community is asked to make disproportional cuts — our fundamental argument that we have a war going on and need to take care of our most important weapon system — our men and women in uniform. They are the best we have to offer and have never let this nation down,” Ryan continued.