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# The SOUTHERN MARYLAND NEWSLETTER



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## President's Corner

Ladies and gentlemen,

In June, the Chapter had its annual Southern Maryland Blue Crabs event, orchestrated by the always capable LTC Jack Fringer. This year we attended an evening game with a spectacular display of fireworks. It was a good time, and I encourage you to consider attending next year.



-SoMD MOAA Members Enjoy Blue Crabs Baseball-

The Board will meet in July to discuss the rest of the year's schedule. The August meeting is still a bit up in the air - we had thought the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum construction would be complete and might offer a venue, but it appears that isn't going to be the case. We'll get an early August newsletter out with details.

I would like to make a personal appeal to you. Since you are reading this, you are interested in our chapter and what it does. But if you have not attended a chapter meeting this

year, why not? What can I do to motivate you to come to at least one meeting this year? I'm working with MOAA national on ideas to make our chapter more engaging, but would really like to hear from you. Please write at [somdmooa@gmail.com](mailto:somdmooa@gmail.com), or call me at 443-975-9230. I want to hear from you, our chapter members. For my part, I just recently turned over as President of the Rotary Club of Prince Frederick, so I have more time to commit to MOAA plus some lessons learned from leading that group.

Finally, it is my sad duty to report the passing of a stalwart Southern Maryland MOAA chapter member, Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Bush. CWO5 Bush was a man among men, with a heart of gold. He drove several hours from his home in Virginia many times over the last three years to join us for meetings, and was always ready to volunteer. My seven year old daughter was especially fond of him. We will all miss his wit, charm and support.

Very respectfully,  
CDR Phil Campbell, USN.

## Legislative Affairs

The bill increasing the income tax exemption for military retired pay from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for retirees age 65 and older became law on 1 July 2015 and will be effective for the 2015 tax year.

### **2015 SoMD MOAA Chapter Calendar**

(Details subject to change)

18 Jul 1200 – Board Mtg – Planning @ Maison des Fringers

TBD Aug – Chapter Mtg – Program TBD @ TBD - Details to be announced early August.

19 Sep TBD – Chapter Mtg - Benefits Info Program @ Pax Naval Test Museum

17 Oct TBD – Board Mtg – Holiday Planning @ Pax Naval Test Museum

14 Nov 1300 – Chapter Mtg – Holiday Celebration @ Café Des Artistes, Leonardtown

08 Dec TBD – Board Mtg – 2016 Planning Session @ location TBD

### **Coming Soon – Member Spotlight**

This new feature of your newsletter will give members a chance to tell us about their service to our country. Participation is completely voluntary. The spotlight will be a short military biography (250-500 words). What I need is your input/biography/C.V./brag sheet with optional pictures (one or two at most). I will edit as needed to meet newsletter requirements publishing one a month. Send your submissions via email (preferred-any format) at [tonyblank@aol.com](mailto:tonyblank@aol.com) or via mail to SMD-MOAA, PO Box 84, Patuxent River, MD 20670. I will get hardcopy originals back to you.

### **Member Obituary**

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Joseph Benjamin Bush, USMC (RET) was born on July 7, 1938 in St. Mary's County, Maryland to Annie L. Bush-Barnes and James W. Young. On May 28, 2015, Joseph departed from this life to his eternal home to be with the Lord.

Joseph's career path marked a life of service to his country and community. He served 28 years in the Department of Defense as a Program Analyst rising to the position of Government Service grade 12 (GS-12). His successful service as Government Service (GS) person was mirrored by his 35 years of faithful and honorable service in the U.S. Marine Corps during which time he rose through the ranks from E1 to E9 prior to being commissioned as a

Chief Warrant Officer in July of 1971. Joseph retired at the rank of CWO5.

Joseph is predeceased by his parents Annie L. Bush-Barnes and James W. Young, and his brother Thomas Bush. Joseph leaves to cherish his memories a sister, Agnes Briscoe of Charles County, Maryland and other family members, friends, and associates.

CWO5 Bush was buried with full military honors at the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk, VA. - See more at:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/pilotonline/obituary.aspx?n=joseph-b-bush&pid=174987973#sthash.gN4SFbOw.dpuf>



CWO5 Bush and Emmy Brown at 2013 SoMD MOAA Board of Directors Installment Ceremony