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President’s Corner

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I hope you are all enjoying the warmth of spring. Your board has been busy representing the Chapter at local JROTC units, presenting the MOAA award to outstanding cadets at our area schools. Our next meeting is on Saturday, May 16, at Adam’s Rib at noon. See details in this newsletter. We have a special guest, Delegate Tony O’Donnell, who will speak to us about veterans’ issues and legislative initiatives surrounding them. Come on out and join us for the meeting. If you need a ride or assistance, call me at 443-975-9230.

Very respectfully,
 CDR Phil Campbell, USN.

Annual Chapter Dues

Our annual Membership Renewal Campaign is wrapping up. Thanks to those who have sent in your dues. I will make a second and final mailing this month to catch up with the stragglers. Dues are still only \$15 for Regular Members (active duty, retired and former officers) and \$5 for Auxiliary Members. We

don’t have a “Lifetime” membership program like national MOAA does, but if you would like to pay for a year or two in advance, that would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, contact Tony Blankenship at (410) 414-8211 or tonyblank@aol.com.

2015 SoMD MOAA Chapter Calendar

(Details subject to change)

- 16 May 1200- Chapter Mtg – Delegate Tony O’Donnell @ Adam’s Ribs *** See pg 3&4 ***
- 13 Jun 1730 - Chapter Mtg – Blue Crabs Baseball @ Stadium *** See page 4 ***
- 18 Jul 1200 – Board Mtg – Planning @ Maison des Fringers
- TBD Aug – Chapter Mtg – Program TBD @ TBD
- 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

Auxiliaries’ Corner: ‘TRICARE and Turning 65’

By Kathy Prout, chair, Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee

If you are about to turn 65, say goodbye to TRICARE and hello to TRICARE For Life (TFL) and Medicare. This transition does not happen automatically, so make sure you take the appropriate steps to ensure a smooth transition.

You will be required to sign up for Medicare Part B during the Social Security initial enrollment period, which is about three months before your 65th birthday. Make your appointment early! It can take a month or more to get an appointment. Start online at www.ssa.gov. Make sure to bring to the appointment your birth certificate, marriage license(s), divorce decree(s), Social Security card, Military ID, driver's license, and previous year's tax records. Medicare rates are based on your income, so rates vary. TFL covers all uniformed services retirees, survivors (including certain former spouses), and other service members who might be disabled and are Medicare eligible and enrolled in Medicare Part B. There are no fees with TFL as there are with TRICARE. Before you can begin using TFL, you must:

- enroll in Medicare Part B;
- have an accurate, up-to-date record in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS); and
- have a valid military ID.

Medicare becomes your primary insurance, and TFL becomes your secondary payer to Medicare for a Medicare-eligible condition. However, TFL covers some conditions that Medicare does not. In those cases, TFL will be the primary payer, and you will have a copayment. Otherwise, anything not covered is a personal expense. Be sure to ask whether a drug or test your doctor orders is covered by Medicare. If not, it could become an unexpected, expensive bill. If you are not in receipt of Social Security, Medicare will bill you quarterly. If you receive Social Security payments, Medicare Part B will be deducted from this compensation.

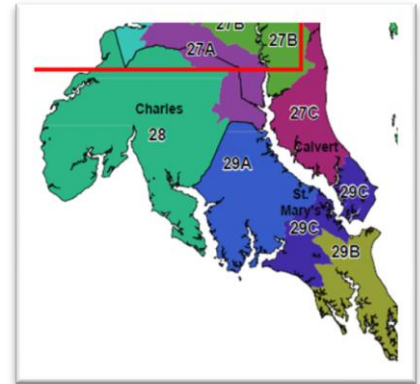
When a provider accepts Medicare Assignment, that provider agrees to accept the Medicare approved amount as payment in full for any claim filed. A Medicare-approved provider who does not accept Medicare Assignment must file a claim and cannot bill you for more than 115 percent of the Maximum Medicare Allowable Charge (MMAC). Medicare will reimburse 80 percent of the MMAC. TFL will pay the balance up to 115 percent of the MMAC.

Traveling overseas? There is no Medicare coverage overseas. The beneficiary pays out of pocket for medical expenses. TFL is available as TRICARE Standard overseas. There is a \$3,000 catastrophic cap a family per fiscal year. Travel insurance is recommended to cover these additional fees and cost shares. If you are a MOAA member and have provided MOAA with your birth date, a copy of the publication *Aging into Medicare and TRICARE for Life* will be sent to you on your 64th birthday. This publication explains everything. Please share your birth date with MOAA. This will give association representatives the ability to assist you with Medicare and other benefits. *Aging into Medicare and TRICARE for Life* is also available to Premium and Life members at www.moaa.org/publications.

May Chapter Meeting

Our Chapter Meeting will be held on Saturday, 16 May, at Adam's Ribs which is on Route 2 & 4 south of Prince Frederick. The restaurant is located at 2200 Solomons Island Road, Prince Frederick. From St. Mary's County, the restaurant is 15.5 miles from the Calvert end of the Solomons Bridge. The restaurant will be on the right. From the Route 231 intersection in Prince Frederick, the restaurant is 2.8 miles south on Route 2 & 4. The restaurant will be on the left. (We can provide a ride for anyone who needs one.) There will be a Social Hour starting at 1200 and we will eat around 1230. Lunch will be ordered off the menu and paid directly to the servers. Please make your reservations by Thursday, 14 May to: Phil Campbell at somdmooa@gmail.com or 443-975-9230, or Jack Fringer at jackfringer@comcast.net or (410) 326-0486.

Our guest speaker for the May meeting will be Delegate Tony O'Donnell, (MD-29C). His official CV from the MS Delegates' website is provided below.



Member of House of Delegates since January 11, 1995. Member, [Environment and Transportation Committee](#), 2015- (housing & real property subcommittee, 2015-; natural resources, agriculture & open space subcommittee, 2015-); [Rules and Executive Nominations Committee](#), 2007-. Member, Judiciary Committee, 1995-2004 (family & juvenile law subcommittee, 1995-2003; juvenile law subcommittee, 2003-04); Special Committee on Higher Education Affordability and Accessibility, 2003-04; Rules and Executive Nominations Committee, 2003-04. Minority Whip, 2003-06. Member, Appropriations Committee, 2004-06 (health & human resources subcommittee, 2005-06; oversight committee on pensions, 2005-06); Joint Committee on the Selection of the State Treasurer, 2007, 2011. Minority Leader, 2007-13. Member, Legislative Policy Committee, 2007-13 (management subcommittee, 2007-13); Environmental Matters Committee, 2007-15 (agriculture, agriculture preservation & open space subcommittee, 2007-08; environment subcommittee, 2007-10; natural resources subcommittee, 2007-15; local government & bi-county agencies subcommittee, 2008-09; land use & ethics subcommittee, 2011-15); Joint Legislative Work Group to Study State, County and Municipal Fiscal Relationships, 2009-10. House Chair, Calvert County Delegation, 2004-06; St. Mary's County Delegation, 2015-. Member, Maryland Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus, 2001-; Maryland Rural Caucus, 2002-; Taxpayers Protection Caucus, 2003-; Maryland Veterans Caucus, 2011-. Member, National Conference of State Legislatures (legislative effectiveness & state government committee, 2005-07; legislative effectiveness committee, 2007-).

Member, Election Redistricting Committee, Calvert County, 1992; Compensation Board, Calvert County, 1993. Member, [Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland](#), 1995-; Maryland Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy, 1999; [Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee](#) of Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, 1999-; Task Force to Study the Economic Development of the Maryland Seafood and Aquaculture Industries, 2002-04 (aquaculture industry work group); Task Force to Study Alternative Living Arrangements for Children in Out-of-Home Placement, 2003-04; Governor's Task Force on Medical Malpractice and Health Care Access, 2004; Task Force on Traffic Capacity Across the Chesapeake Bay, 2005-06; Commission to Study Southern Maryland Transportation Needs, 2006-08; [Aquaculture Coordinating Council](#), 2006-; [Oyster Advisory Commission](#), 2007-.

Resident of Lusby. Born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, March 7, 1961. Attended Middletown Area High School, Middletown, Pennsylvania. Served in U.S. Navy (E-6), 1979-87. Naval Nuclear Propulsion School, 1980; Regents College, State University of New York, B.S. (liberal studies), 1985. Former supervisor, Instrument Modifications Unit, Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company. Member, Republican Precinct Organization, Calvert County, 1990-94. Delegate, Republican Party National Convention, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012. Edward T. Hall Memorial Award for Outstanding Republican Man of the Year - Calvert County, Calvert County Republican Central Committee, 1993. Outstanding Employer Partner Award, Maryland Chamber of Commerce, 2005. Married; three children, two grandchildren.



13 JUNE 2015 CHAPTER MEETING – RSVP & PAYMENT BY 6 JUNE

Our June gathering will be held at Regency Furniture Stadium in Waldorf on Saturday, 13 June. The Southern Maryland Blue Crabs will be playing the York Revolution. Join us in the Picnic Pavilion for the ballgame and picnic. The picnic begins at 1730 and the game at 1805. The cost for military/dependents, seniors, and children (that should include all of us) is \$25.

PICNIC PAVILION MENU 2 Hour "All-You-Can-Eat" Buffet	
<p>Blue Crabs BBQ Ribs Memphis style ribs brushed with delicious barbeque sauce and grilled so they fall off the bone</p>	<p>Baked Herb Chicken Tender pieces of chicken infused with a blend of herbs, butter and lemon baked slowly to deliciousness</p>
<p>Grilled Hamburgers Ground beef grilled to perfection served right off the grill with all the trimmings</p>	<p>Hot Dogs A ballpark favorite, hot dogs are served grilled to order with all the fixings</p>
<p>Macaroni and Cheese This classic side dish is baked with a blend of cheeses with a crispy breadcrumb cheese topping</p>	<p>Potato Chips</p>
<p>Ice Cream Sandwich</p>	<p>Beverages Refresh your thirst with a variety of Pepsi products</p>

Please submit your reservations by 6 June 2015. Please submit payment with your reservation (\$25 per person except children 5 and under are free). Make checks payable and mail to SMD-MOAA, PO Box 84, Patuxent River, MD 20670. **In addition, please call or email one of the contacts if you are coming:** Jack Fringer at jackfringer@comcast.net or (410) 326-0486 or Tony Blankenship at tonyblank@aol.com or 410-414-8211.

Requester's Name			
# of Adult Tickets (\$25 / each)	# of Youth (6-12) / Senior Tickets (\$25 / each)	# of Child (0-5) Tickets (Admitted Free)	Total \$ submitted