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**SOUTHERN MARYLAND**  
**NEWSLETTER**



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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Ladies and gentlemen,

The fall seems to be flying by...we're going to be in the middle of winter before you know it!

Your board participated in Halloween in the Garden at Annmarie Gardens on October 24. We gave out candy to thousands of kids and shared some information about the chapter to some parents. It was a great opportunity to share the mission of MOAA.



In November we have two events: the Leonardtown Veteran's Day Parade and the Chapter Holiday Celebration. The Parade will be on November 11 and the Celebration is on November 14. Details about the Celebration can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

I would like to ask you a serious question: What can I do to make you interested in being more active? We've held some unique meetings, we've started some opportunities for involvement in various efforts and it always seems to come back to the Board members doing most - if not all - of everything. The Chapter exists for YOU - not the Board. So please, share with me what I can do to make your Chapter more engaging for you. Call me at 443-975-9230 or email me at somdmoaa@gmail.com 'Til next time,

CDR Phil Campbell,USN

**NOVEMBER 11TH (Wikipedia)**

President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed Armistice Day on Nov 11, 1919.

"To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations."

The Congress made Armistice Day a legal holiday in 1938, and amended the law in 1954 to name it Veterans Day to honor all persons who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, not just those who served in WW I.

## **THE NEWSLETTER**

### **VETERAN-TO-VETERAN VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY**

One of our members has provided the following Veteran program announcement for consideration by chapter members. Please contact CDR Warren Prince directly if you have further questions.

Calvert Hospice is offering a training seminar for Veterans who are interested in being a Volunteer for Veterans in hospice care. Vet-to-Vet Hospice Volunteering is an essential part of the Veteran Administration and National Hospice & Palliative Care initiative to raise awareness and deliver the BEST possible care to our nation's Veterans and their families as they near the end of their lives.

#### **Why Veterans as Volunteers?**

- Volunteers are essential to the delivery of quality hospice care.
- Veterans are a part of a distinct culture with their own common language and experience.
- When Veterans interact, their common language and experience can form a strong relational bond.
- The camaraderie created between Veterans has proven to be supportive for all involved.

#### **What can Veteran Volunteers do for our Veterans on hospice?**

- Assist Veterans in reminiscing/telling life stories.
- Educate and assist patients in receiving Veteran benefits.
- Take part in pinning ceremonies or distribute certificates for Veterans Day and other recognition events.
- Assist in replacing lost medals
- Provide caregivers with a much needed break, playing cards or board games, watching a movie, letter writing, life review, performing light chores around the home.

The Vet-to-Vet Hospice Training is a 2 hour block of training, orientation and resourcing. Training facilitators include members of the Calvert Hospice Interdisciplinary Team and representation from the Maryland Veteran Administration Hospice program.

Thursday, November 12, 2014 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
 Burnett Calvert Hospice House  
 4559 Sixes Road  
 Prince Frederick MD 20678

Pre-registration required. Contact Amanda Peterson @ Calvert Hospice  
 email ([apeterson@calverthospice.org](mailto:apeterson@calverthospice.org)) or phone (410-535-0892)

\*Be prepared to verify military/Veteran status in order to be selected for this training.

\*\*To be assigned to a hospice patient who is a Veteran also requires having completed the core "Hospice Volunteer Orientation-Training" (i.e., 2 evening sessions and part of a Saturday). The next Volunteer orientation-training is TBD. If you have already completed the core Volunteer training, you will be eligible for assignment following successful completion of this Vet-to-Vet training. If you have not, you can still take the Vet-to-Vet training and then decide if you want to complete the additional training requirements.

## **HOLIDAY CELEBRATION**

You are cordially invited to the Chapter's Seventh Annual Holiday Celebration. The event will be held on Saturday afternoon, 14 November, at the Café des Artistes on the square in Leonardtown. There will be a social period (cash bar) beginning at 1300 with Dinner Call at 1330. The program calls for Presentation of the Colors, Parading of the Beef, Presentation of the Admiral O'Neill Officer of the Year Award and the toasting of our comrades, old and new. The menu is attached. This is an afternoon affair, but we still encourage all officers to wear Dinner Mess Dress uniforms (or equivalent). For those not wearing uniforms, appropriate formal attire is requested.

The cost of the Holiday Celebration is \$45 per person and reservations are required. Reservations with payment should be in the mail to arrive no later than Monday, 9 November to the chapter post office box. If you miss the mailing deadline however, please provide the POC your reservation details by phone or email NLT Monday 9 November and pay at the door.

If you need transportation to this event, please don't hesitate to let us know.

**Please notify Tony Blankenship (tonyblank@aol.com or (410)-414-8211) by Monday 9 November if you plan to attend along with your menu choice.**

## **GUEST OF HONOR: Captain Heidi Fleming - NAS Patuxent River Commanding Officer**

CAPT Fleming was raised in a military family, but remains a Mobile, Ala., native. She graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1989 [Ed. note – The best USNA class.], and is a 2009 graduate of National Defense University, Industrial College of the Armed Forces where she earned her Masters of Science in National Resource Strategy and graduated from the Senior Acquisition Course.

When she was designated as a Naval Flight Officer, she reported to the "Medriders" of Fleet Logistic Squadron (VR) 22 in Rota, Spain, flying KC-130s from 1991 to 1993. During this tour, the squadron supported Operations Desert Shield/Storm flying in the Middle East.

Her transition to the Maritime Patrol Community in 1995 led to two Patrol Squadron operational tours with Patrol Squadron (VP) 40 "Fighting Marlins" and Patrol Squadron (VP) 45 "Pelicans" for her junior officer and department head tours respectively, where she completed four operational deployments: Kadena/Misawa, Sigonella, Roosevelt Roads, El Salvador, and Keflavik.

From 2006 to 2008, CAPT Fleming served as Executive Officer and then Commanding Officer of Scientific Development Squadron (VXS) 1 at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md. During this tour, the "Warlocks" deployed worldwide to include Afghanistan supporting Operation Enduring Freedom, to Japan supporting 7th Fleet oceanographic research, Hawaii supporting Missile Defense Agency, and to numerous locations throughout the country supporting other government agencies.

Her shore assignments have included a staff assignment at the USNA as an Instructor and its Division I Women's Head Volleyball Coach, and Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing (CPRW) 11 where she worked as Current Operations Officer for the home cycle Patrol Squadrons. Her first Pentagon tour was an assignment to Navy's Congressional Appropriations Liaison Division. She oversaw the Congressional aspects for the Navy accounts in Operations and Maintenance, Manpower, Medical, and Navy Working Capital Funds. From 2009 to 2012, she served as Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, responsible for Department of Defense accounts for S&T, Research & Development, and all Weapons Systems Acquisitions directly supporting Congressional engagements for the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics) and Secretary of Defense.

CAPT Fleming reported as the Executive Officer of NAS Patuxent River, Md., on April 4, 2013, and assumed command of the naval air station on Sept. 18, 2014.

Her personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medals, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and various other campaign and unit awards

## THE HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

### APPETIZER

House Salad

### ENTRÉE

Choice of

Grilled Salmon - Served with rice pilaf, vegetables and beurre blanc

Chicken & Crab - Sautéed breast of chicken topped with crab imperial and provolone. Served with au gratin potato & vegetables

Prime Rib - Served with maple, chevre shiitake sauce, potato & vegetable

Eggplant Napoleon - Layers of sautéed eggplant, mozzarella & fresh tomatoes served over linguine with marinara sauce & parmesan

### DESSERT

Chef's Choice dessert of the day

Choice of Red (Cabernet) or White (Pinot Grigio) Wine

Ice Tea, Coffee or Soft drinks

\$45 per person (includes facility, entree, warm French rolls, dessert, all non-alcoholic beverages, applicable tax and gratuity)

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### RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for Saturday, 14 November 2015.

Member's rank/full name/service: \_\_\_\_\_

Entrée Selection: Salmon / Chicken & Crab / Prime Rib / Eggplant (Please circle one)

Guest's full name (if appropriate): \_\_\_\_\_

Entrée Selection: Salmon / Chicken & Crab / Prime Rib / Eggplant (Please circle one)

(Please list the rank, full name(s) and entrée selections of any other guests on a separate sheet.)

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ email address \_\_\_\_\_

The cost is \$45.00 per person. Please make checks payable, and mail to, Southern Maryland MOAA, P. O. Box 84, Patuxent River MD 20670. Reservations should arrive in the mail no later than Monday, 9 November. For late reservations, call (410)-414-8211 or email [tonyblank@aol.com](mailto:tonyblank@aol.com)