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September Chapter Meeting

Our Chapter Meeting occurred on base at the NAS Patuxent River Base Library parking lot on Friday, September 26. Thanks to those of you who came out to the Benefits Outreach Event at NAS Patuxent River. It was a great day for it, and the crew was treated to several flybys of F/A-18s and F-35s. We had quite a few leftover hot dogs, sodas and chips, but none of it was wasted because we donated the remainder to Charlotte Hall Veterans' Home.



Southern MD MOAA gets the word out at NAS Patuxent River

Legislative Luncheon Report

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 \(MOAA\)](#), 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

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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 servicemembers 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 Ruppertsberger 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

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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.

The Maryland Council of Chapters is an affiliate of MOAA and the members of the council are active in advocating for the present and past members of the uniformed services. They frequently appear before the state legislative bodies to support legislation affecting Marylanders who have served or who are currently serving in uniform.

Electronic Presence

Find the latest Southern Maryland Chapter news on our new Facebook page. Take a look at the latest info at <https://www.facebook.com/SoMdMOAA> or search Facebook for MOAA - Southern Maryland Chapter. ‘Friend’ us to get the latest updates when they are posted.

October Meeting

For the month of October, there will be no chapter meeting for the general membership. The board members will meet at the Ruddy Duck in Solomons on Saturday 18 October at 1200. Please notify Warren Prince (wncprince@comcast.net) or Mr. Greg Dalke (dalke@olg.com) if you plan to attend.

November Chapter Meeting – Our Annual Holiday Celebration

Our Annual Holiday Celebration Event will occur at Café des Artistes in Leonardtown on Saturday 15 November. Details to follow in the November newsletter.