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**President's Corner:** WELCOME to Summer!

At our last luncheon we voted unanimously for an updated set of By-Laws -- the ole By-Laws had not been updated since their origin in 1972. The main impact of these new By-Laws is the composition of the Board of Directors. It reads "The Board of Directors shall be composed of the elected Officers (President, First Vice President, Second Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer), the Auxiliary Representative, five elected Directors (representing the 5 counties of the Upper Eastern Shore), and the Chairmen of the standing committees" [Legislative Affairs, Membership, and Personal Affairs]. BOD members may fill multiple billets. As I have mentioned in prior newsletters we still have vacancies on the BOD and are looking a few good men and women.

The Senate Armed Services Committee approved its version of the FY2012 Defense Authorization Bill. Some key provisions are: statutory limitation that the percentage increase in TRICARE Prime fees for FY2013 and future system will not exceed the percentage increase in military retired pay; no change in brand-name medications via mail-order; permission for modest increases in some TRICARE fees for FY2012 TRICARE Prime enrollment fee would rise from \$230/\$460 per year (single/family) to \$260/\$520; retail pharmacy copays would rise \$2 or \$3, depending on the medication; copays would be eliminated for generic drugs purchased via the TRICARE mail-order. A major provisions deals with USFHP and its specifically "requires USFHP enrollees who turn 65 in FY2012 and future years to transition to Medicare and TRICARE For Life, but encourages DoD and USFHP to develop options for TFL-eligibles to continue in USFHP. Note: this provision only applies to new enrollees in FY2012 and future; all current enrollees (of any age) are grandfathered." So you might want to exam your options.

On a sad note, a long time member of our chapter has gone on to serve in the ultimate chapter. CAPT Douglas G. Phillips, USN Ret. 04/09/1917 – 06/17/2011 – we will miss him.

Hope to to see you at the next luncheon, Jim Shellem

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**SPEAKER: Senator E.J. Pipkin, 36th District, Maryland Senate**

We are very fortunate that Senator Pipkin will be guest speaker at our August 18th luncheon at Prospect Bay Country Club. Senator Pipkin is a life-long resident of Maryland and has served as senator to the Eastern Shore's 36th District since 2003. He holds the important position of Senate Minority Whip. Senator Pipkin serves on more than a dozen committees that span a vary of diverse, important matters including finance, health care, environmental, welfare reform, information technology and bio-technology. Senator Pipkin's address will be of interest to all Upper Eastern Shore Chapter members and guests as he speaks to the local issue impacting our lives.

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**Vet Sail Event, June 23, 2011**

At 12:30 PM on Thursday, one of the largest buses known to man pulled up at the front door of the Miles River Yacht Club in St. Michaels, MD. The bus was loaded with 26 wounded warriors and family members from Walter Reed Army Medical Center. This group was, by far, the largest number to attend a Vet Sail event in the past five years. After scrambling to find five additional life jackets for the children in the party, we passed out the lunches and assigned everyone to one of the five sail boats that had signed up for the day. The wind was great and the rain held off for the entire afternoon as the visitors enjoyed the fresh air while cruising on the Miles River with a side trip into St. Michaels harbor. Families in the group hailed from Tampa, FL; Sacramento, CA; Puerto Rico; St. Louis, MO; Trenton, NJ; Long Island, NY and Boston, MA – a cross-section of America indeed.

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**Cell Phones for Soldiers Update**

The Upper Eastern Shore Chapter of MOAA has sent thirteen more cell phones to Cell Phones for Soldiers bringing our total of phones sent to 346.

Reported by George Evans.

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**"Storming the Hill" Report**

This is where Maryland stood in the ranking of our 50 states on some categories of information that might be of interest to our members:

Total military retirees	end of FY10	(52,019)	11th
Military retirees 65+	end of FY10	(18,204)	15th
Total active duty	as of 2/11	(15,921)	25th
MOAA Members	as of 3/11	(12,674)	7th
SBP annuitants	end of FY09	(6,200)	13th
SBP annuitants with offsets	end of FY09	(1,346)	13th
Disabled retirees with offsets	end of FY09	(13,097)	13th
Tricare eligibles	as of 2/11	(23,5003)	10th

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**NEXT MEETING:**

DATE: 18 AUGUST 2011 (THUR)

TIME: 11:30 CASH BAR  
12:15 LUNCH

**MENU CHOICE OF:**

- CAESAR SALAD TOPPED WITH GRILLED CHICKEN AND A CUP OF CREAM OF CRAB SOUP
- MARINATED FLANK STEAK WITH HERB ROASTED POTATOES & VEGETABLE AND GARDEN SALAD WITH HOUSE DRESSING
- BAKED FILET OF SALMON WITH LEMON CREAM SAUCE AND HERB ROASTED POTATOES & VEGETABLE GARDEN SALAD WITH HOUSE DRESSING ROLLS & BUTTER

-DESSERT IS KEY LIME PIE

COFFEE ON REQUEST OR ICED TEA

COST: \$25.00 PER PERSON

HOST: LCDR WILLIAM S. ROMANO, USN  
(410) 827-7816

**DIRECTIONS:**

PROSPECT BAY COUNTRY CLUB  
311 PROSPECT BAY DRIVE WEST  
GRASONVILLE, MARYLAND 21638  
410-827-6950

**\*\*\*WEST FROM EASTON:**

FROM US RTE 50 TURN LEFT ONTO MD-18/MAIN STREET (JUST BEYOND THE OUTLET MALL) DRIVE APPROX. 1 MILE. LEFT ONTO BENNETT POINT ROAD APPROX. 2 MILES. RIGHT ON PERRY'S CORNER APPROX. 1 MILE. LEFT ONTO PROSPECT BAY ROAD APPROX. 1 MILE TO PBCC HOUSE ON THE RIGHT BEHIND THE LIGHTHOUSE.

**\*\*\* EAST FROM BAY BRIDGE:**

EXIT US RTE 50 AT EXIT 43B(CHESTER BEACH ROAD). RIGHT AT RAMP STOP SIGN AND LEFT AT THE NEXT STOP SIGN (MAIN ST/MD RTE 18)TURN RIGHT PAST THE FIREHOUSE ONTO PERRY'S CORNER ROAD. DRIVE APPROX. 2.4 MILES. TURN RIGHT ONTO PROSPECT BAY ROAD APPROX. 1 MILE TO PBCC CLUB HOUSE ON RIGHT BEHIND THE LIGHTHOUSE.

MAKE RESERVATIONS AND MENU CHOICE BY 12 AUGUST 2011 ON  
TEAR SHEET BELOW

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**RESERVATION:**

FOR THURSDAY, 18 AUGUST 2011, LUNCHEON AT THE PROSPECT BAY COUNTRY CLUB. MAKE CHECK (\$25.00 PER PERSON) PAYABLE TO UESC/MOAA AND SEND TO:

LCDR WILLIAM S. ROMANO, USN  
8 GREENWOOD SHOALS  
GRASONVILLE, MD 21638

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YOUR NAME

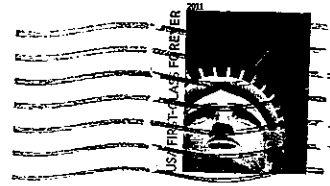
MENU CHOICE

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GUEST'S NAME

MENU CHOICE

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MENU: SELECT FROM CAESAR SALAD, STEAK OR SALMON

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**Remaining UESC events:**

- 21 JULY - BOARD MEETING
- 18 AUGUST - LUNCHEON - PROSPECT BAY COUNTRY CLUB
- 15 SEPTEMBER - BOARD MEETING
- 19 OCTOBER - LUNCHEON - CAMBRIDGE YACHT CLUB
- 17 NOVEMBER - BOARD MEETING
- 8 DECEMBER - LUNCHEON - MILES RIVER YACHT CLUB

**Membership and Dues update:**

Our Chapter's fiscal year runs concurrently with the calendar year, so annual dues of \$10.00 for 2011 should have already been mailed to the Treasurer, Colonel John Csady, USAF, 26617 Arcadia Shores Road, Easton, MD 21601-7917. Checks should be made payable to "Upper Eastern Shore Chapter, Military Officers Association of America" or "UESC/MOAA". Life Memberships are very reasonable and are available as follows: 71 and older--\$35.00; 66 to 70--\$60.00; 61 to 65--\$85.00; 56 to 60--\$120.00; 51 to 55--\$140.00; and 50 and under--\$150.00. Please enter "life Membership" in the Memo Line of your check.