

MG ANDY ANDERSON EASTERN SHORE MOAA CHAPTER QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Executive Board Officers: Duane Gamble, President; Clark Erlandson, V.P.; Kent Hoisington, V.P.; George Shoener, Treasurer; Jim Richardson, Programs Director; Jonathan West, Legislative Liaison; Mike Johnson, Secretary

President's Message

Thanks to all members who attended our June 6th Chapter Luncheon at Prospect Bay Country Club. Our guest speaker - Maryland State Delegate Steven J. Arentz - provided a Maryland General Assembly Legislative Update on Military and Veterans affairs. Thanks to our Programs Director Jim Richardson for setting this up!

ONLY 1 MONTH until our next Chapter Luncheon! There are only 2 left for 2024! These also serve as our Chapter meetings. We have another GREAT guest speaker with an IMPORTANT SUBJECT. See "Upcoming Chapter Luncheons" for details.

We've added a "Veteran's Benefits" Section to our Newsletter. Thanks to Jim Richardson for making this possible.

Members bring our Chapter to life! We need 7 more members to make our membership goal this year! Help us connect with veterans on the Eastern Shore and invite them to join our chapter and MOAA.

We still have a vacancy on our Executive Board for our Membership Chair. Contact me if you are interested in serving our chapter, our servicemen and women and our veterans as our Membership Chair.

Please contact me with any feedback on how we can better serve our Military and Veterans – *we are always open to new ideas from You – the members of our Eastern Shore MOAA Chapter!*

Our Chapter Priorities for the year remain: Membership Growth; Grassroots Advocacy for Military and Veterans' issues; Engagement Amongst Members and Community. Share your ideas and opportunities with us!

Thank you for serving! Duane Gamble, Chapter President (910-916-9555) (dagamble528@gmail.com)

Upcoming Chapter Luncheons

3d QTR: 19 September 2024. 11:30 at Easton VFW Post 5118. Guest Speaker: MOAA Maryland Council of Chapters Surviving Spouse Director, Ms. Cheryl Glang will provide a presentation on "Preparing for Survivorship".

4th QTR: Annual Chapter Meeting and Luncheon. 11:30 at Miles River Yacht Club. Chapter President will provide a Chapter update.

News You Can Use

1. **Veteran's Benefits:** Did you know that Maryland provides property tax credits and exemptions for 100% for disabled veterans and their surviving spouses? Under Section 7-208a of the Real Property Tax Code of Maryland, a veteran who is rated as 100% disabled, either by VA rating for specific service-connected disabilities or by reason of total disability because of unemployability is entitled to an exemption up to \$6,000.00 on her/his state real estate tax. For an application go to <https://dat.maryland.gov/SDAT%20Forms/Disabled-Veteran.pdf>

In addition, Queen Anne's county provides a credit of 20% on county real estate taxes for all disabled veterans and retirees from the Armed Forces. Go to https://www.qac.org/DocumentCenter/View/20821/FILLABLE-APPLICATION_VETERAN?bidId= for an application..

Both benefits require a copy of your DD214, and the most recent VA rating decision. Each exemption or credit must be renewed every year. Queen Anne's county will send a notice reminding you to apply. For further questions please contact Jim Richardson: richjk2@verizon.net

2. **Volunteer's Needed:** Looking for an opportunity to continue serving and to support our local veterans? The Veterans Treatment Court in Cambridge, serving the Lower and Mid-Shore has a great need for mentors. Mentors serve individual veterans who are before the court on minor offenses typically related to alcohol or substance abuse. The idea is



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to prevent incarceration and guide the veteran to a more productive life without the stigma of a criminal conviction. If interested, please contact: Latasha Nichols, Problem Solving Court Coordinator, District Court for Dorchester County, 310 Gay St., Cambridge MD 21613. 410-901-1427.

Reminders

RSVP ASAP for the September 19th Luncheon. Cost is \$25 which includes tax and gratuity. Menu Options are: 1. Meatloaf with Tangy Sauce, Green Beans and Mashed potatoes or 2. Grilled Chicken BLT Sliders, pasta salad and green beans. Both include side salad, rolls and butter, sweet and unsweet tea and Fruit Cup for Dessert.

RSVP no later than 8 September 2024 along with your menu choice (Please use the menu choice number) and a check for \$25 to our Treasurer: George Shoener, 7472 Pamelas Way, Easton, MD 21601. You can reach George at 410-253-0710.

Chapter Dues. Annual Chapter Dues are \$10. Annual Chapter Dues can be avoided by one-time payment of Chapter Lifetime dues. Lifetime dues are scaled to your age. \$35 Age 71 & up // \$60 Age 66 – 70 // \$85 Age 61 – 65 // \$120 Age 56 – 60 // \$140 Age 51-55 // \$150 Age 50 & under

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