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Derrick Harris from the Moody AFB Casualty Office shared with us the importance of information that needs to be available when a spouse passes.



Locally it is helpful to contact the Moody Casualty Office 257-3265 for guidance.

He has made available the Survivor Handbook which can be adapted to your needs. The information should be stored where someone can find it in the case of a death. This is for your

personal use to fill out. A sample copy is posted on our South Georgia website.

Retirees and spouse must call to suspend retiree survivor payments and to turn in the military ID.

Business Meeting

During the business meeting a letter was read from Pete Dominicis, Lowndes AF JROTC, thanking us for the donation that allowed 3 cadets to attend a weeklong leadership program at Georgia Military College. Donations were also to the ROTC at Valdosta State University and the NJROTC at Valdosta High.

The chapter also continues presenting 2nd Lt bars to the VSU ROTC graduates and donating to Boys and Girls States.

A vacancy on the Board of Directors was noted and will need to be filled.

Attendance was the lowest ever due to COVID and some other health issues. The members voted to go ahead with a meeting in October.

The Ft Benning Chapter will host the annual GA MOAA State Convention. Pete and Ruth Dominicis, Don and Sara McArthur are planning to attend.



Forrest and Shirley Williams, Bill Lefevre, Tim and Pam Oliver dined together.



Dan Tupy, Hugh Bassham, Norm and Barbara Conant joined our guest speaker for dinner.



Chet and Jeanette Pilcher were married June 26, 2021. Best wishes to our newly-weds who joined the meeting.

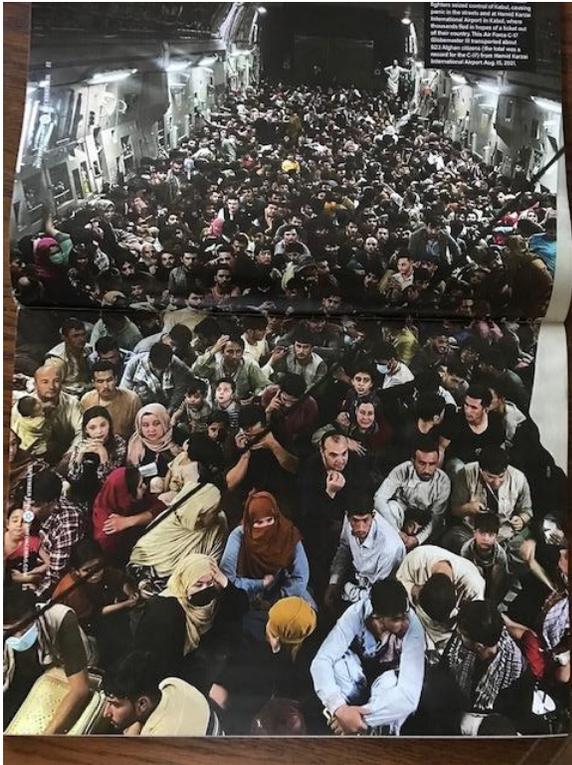
The A-10 is Not the Future



“China is our . . . threat. If we’re going to keep pace with what they’re doing . . . you’re not going to do it by refurbishing a fleet of 40-year-old, single- pacing mission, 210 knot airplanes. You’ve just not, regardless of how much they’re loved and the great performance they’ve done.”

(Gen. Mark. D Kelly, Commander Air Combat Command, offering his view of the long-term effectiveness of keeping the A-10 in the combat air forces.) (Air Force Magazine. Sept. 2021)

Afghanistan's Saigon Moment



Six weeks after the United States pulled out of Bagram Air Base, it's home in Afghanistan for nearly 20 years, the Afghan government collapsed. Taliban fighters seized control of Kabul, causing panic in the streets and at Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, where thousands fled in hopes of a ticket out of their country. This Air Force C-17 Globemaster III transported about 823 Afghan citizens (the total was a record for the C-17) from Hamid Karzai International Airport Aug. 15, 2021.

(Air Force Magazine, Sept. 2021)

Never Say Never

“Afghanistan was the largest redevelopment program ever in the history of the United States. Bigger than rebuilding Europe, with the Marshall Plan after World War II... Don't believe what you're told by the generals or the ambassadors or people in the administration saying we're never going to do this again. That's exactly what we said after Vietnam. ...And lo and behold, we did Iraq. And we did Afghanistan. We will do this again. And we really need to think and

from the 20 years in Afghanistan. Two words that can describe Afghanistan: One is this “hubris” that we can somehow take a country that was desolate in 2001 and turn it into a little Norway in that time frame. And the other thing is “mendacity.” You know we exaggerated, we over exaggerated, our generals did, our ambassadors did, all of our officials did to Congress and the American people about: We're just turning the corner, we're about ready to turn the corner. We give you a chapter and verse about how many of our generals talked about ‘just about ready to win’. Well, we turned the corner so much, we did 360 degrees, we're like a top.”

(Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction John Sopka, July 29 at the Defense Writer's Group virtual roundtable) (Air Force Magazine Sept. 2021)

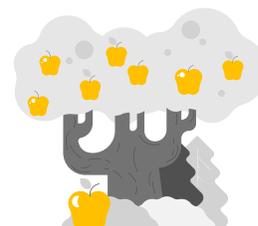
Space Battlefields

“The next war will be fought in cyberspace and outer space, initially. You aren't going to see land wars in Asia or tank battles in Europe. What you are going to see is cyber attacks . . . stacks against strategic assets in space, to compromise communications and sensing systems.

And being able to defend those assets, being able to project and to replenish those assets, is really what we're focused on.”

(Greg Hayes, CEO, Raytheon Technologies, July 27, 2021) (Air Force Magazine, Sept. 2021)

Happy Fall!



Our next meeting is Thursday, October 14, 6:00 PM Holiday Inn, West Hill Avenue-84W, Valdosta, GA.

We meet and greet from 6-6:30. *Introduce yourself to any guest or member you don't know.*

Dinner is served at 6:30 P.M.

Please make your reservations through chapter Secretary,

Don McArthur 229-244-7498 or email

sararmcarthur@gmail.com

NO LATER THAN Sat. Oct. 9 4 at 6 p.m. ,

PLEASE RSVP—"YES" or "NO"

We are required to provide an accurate meal count three work days prior to the event. Cost is \$22

Submissions for consideration to this newsletter are welcomed and should be sent to

dandsmcarthur@bellsouth.net as soon as possible due to time needed for print.

Thanks to Don McArthur for info for this newsletter. SGAMOAA is a politically non-partisan, non-profit corporation affiliated with the Military Officers of America (MOAA).

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<p>The speaker for October will be Samantha Matthews, Executive Director, Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts</p>

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