## The South Georgia Voice



South Georgia Chapter Military Officers Association of America March 2023



### **February 9 Meeting**

We had a good group of 27 folks at the meeting. Andy Daughtry shared his talents with us. He did a wonderful presentation of "The Ragged Old Flag" and the wars it has survived. He also did some selections by Johnny Mercer who wrote songs for Frank Sinatra.





Andy's wife, Laura, accompanied him.

Charles and Lettie Allen were guests at the meeting. They were invited by Ron Allen.



More snapshots of members



Ron and Tammy Borders



Norm and Barbara Conant



Tim and Pam Oliver



Chet and Jeanette Pilcher



Ron Allen, Steve and Rosetta Coyne



Forrest and Shirley Williams, Joan and Jack Scoggins



Bill and Lorena Piper

#### **National MOAA Advocacy Headline News**

Audit Recommends VA Work Closer with Organizations

Debt Ceiling Drama could threaten your service benefits.

Thousands more pharmacies rejoin the TRICARE network. Are there enough?

State TAX Update: Details from 3 states on push to exempt more retirement pay.

TRICARE For Life benefit targeted by Congressional Budget Office Report

Year-End spending bill wraps up series of legislative wins for veterans in 2022.

Ask the new Congress to make progress on concurrent receipt.

Service Agency calls for volunteers.

All signs point to a massive military pay raise in 2024. How big will it be?

Should servicemembers have access to flexible spending accounts?

MOAA's Legislative priorities for the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress.

NDAA makes major improvements, but more work remains for 2023.

#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Visit from National MOAA Headquarters

National MOAA encourages all chapters and councils to be visited by a National MOAA representative every 3 or 4 years. Therefore, at our March meeting, Frank Michaels, Captain USN RET will be our guest speaker. He is from the Chapters/Councils Department. Please make every effort to attend the meeting and help make Frank feel at home with a big welcome.

Mama June's will definitely provide him with a delicious southern cooked meal.

I would guess one major topic he will talk about will be on building our chapter membership and suggestions how to accomplish this.

Thanks again for your effort to attend the meeting on Thursday, March 9

Please remember donations to support the chapter projects which include the ROTC units, Boys and Girls State, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Bars for the graduating seniors.

Don McArthur



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## Our meeting is Thursday, March 9, at Mama June's, Perimeter Road at 6 p.m.

We meet and greet from 6-6:15. Introduce yourself to any guest or member you don't know.

# Please make your reservations through chapter Secretary, Don McArthur 229-244-7498 or email <a href="mailto:sararmcarthur@gmail.com">sararmcarthur@gmail.com</a> PLEASE RSVP "YES" or "NO"

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.

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