



The South Georgia Voice



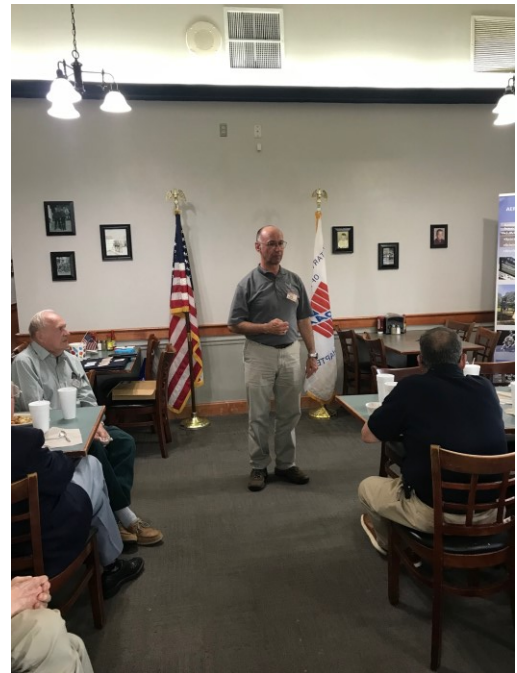
South Georgia Chapter Military Officers Association of America April 2024

March 14, Meeting.

Lt Col Pete Dominicus, Senior Aerospace Instructor of LHS AFJROTC, shared with us that JROTC began at LHS in 1972. The program serves as a training for students. Character building is a main concentration. Students are encouraged to develop in leadership roles. Elective high school credits can be used for science, PE, and career requirements. There are three instructors for the variety of programs that are offered.

Every student who applies for JROTC is accepted. It is an alternative for some students who are looking for something different in the high school curriculum.

The Air Force provides the uniforms for the program.



Chet Pilcher and Steve Coyne look on as Pete Dominicia shares.



The AFJROTC Awards Ceremony will be at the Lowndes High School Indoor Practice Facility on Thursday, April 18, 1 P.M. Our chapter members are invited.

NJROTC Awards

The Navy JROTC held its awards ceremony at Valdosta State on Saturday, February 24. Larry Bostic presented the National MOAA Medal and grant to the unit to be used for leadership training during the summer months.



Larry Bostic awarded the National MOAA Medal to Cadet Memori Cobb

Cadet Jerome Oliver received the grant for the Valdosta High School NJROTC from Larry Bostic.



Pictures from the April Chapter Meeting



Senior Chief Willis is the senior NJROTC instructor.





April Visit to Capital Hill

The National MOAA Board of Directors has been gearing up for the upcoming “Storming of the Hill” in April. The Board has focused on three major topics to discuss with our 535 Congressional Representatives. The 3 topics for Advocacy in Action this year include the following:

1. The Major Richard Star Act- The MRSA is designed to support our combat-injured veterans who have their service-earned DOD retirement pay reduced for every dollar of VA disability that they receive.
2. The BAH, Basic Allowance for Housing Act, is another effort from last year to create a path forward to restore BAH to 100% of the local rental and utilities costs.
3. Protect TRICARE For Life (TFL) from possible Legislative proposals for TFL

fees. MOAA is well aware of a Congressional Budget Office report that suggests a TFL annual enrollment fee or cost sharing as a means of reducing the federal deficit. The goal of MOAA is to counter this possibility by ensuring that it has no chance of gaining support on Capitol Hill.

We can stay informed by signing up for the MOAA Legislative Action Center at moaa.org/take-action. (March 2024 Military Officer Magazine)

The next meeting is Thursday, April 11, 2024, at Mama June's on Perimeter Road, Valdosta, GA.

We meet and greet from 6-6:15. The Pledge is followed by the Invocation at 6:15.

Then we proceed to the buffet. *Introduce yourself to any guest or member you don't know.*

Please make your reservations through Chapter Secretary, Don McArthur, at 229-244-7498 or email

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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. Thanks to Don McArthur for items for this newsletter.

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Sementha Matthews, Executive Director of the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts Commission, will be the speaker.

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