



South Georgia Chapter

Military Officers Association of America

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November Speaker

Russ Goodman, GA State Senator, District 8, told us about Veteran Activities and the continuing fight to control and eliminate fentanyl coming into Georgia.



Welcome from the New Chapter President

Chapter Members:

I am deeply honored and blessed to step into the role of your new Chapter President. I eagerly look forward to collaborating with the Board of Directors to effectively serve our membership and successfully execute our shared goals and objectives. I also want to extend my sincere gratitude to Don McArthur for his exceptional leadership and dedicated service as President over the past three years and

I am so glad he is staying as Sec & Treas to serve the chapter.

Since I did not get a chance to speak on my career last meeting, I thought I would include my short biography instead.

I retired from the Army Reserve as a Colonel in 2023 after 32 years of military service. I enlisted in 1991, and earned my commission from the California University of Pennsylvania Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROC) Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) in 1993. On active duty, I served as Platoon

Leader and Company Executive Officer in a Signal Battalion (Airborne) and as a Signal Officer with an Aviation Regiment (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, NC. I deployed with the Aviation Regiment supporting OPERATION JOINT GUARD in Bosnia-Herzegovina in 1997. I left active duty in 1998 and got a position as Voice Network Engineer with MCI (Verizon) in Cary, NC.

I transitioned to the Army Reserve and served as Executive Officer and later Company Commander, 982d Signal Company (Combat Camera) (Airborne), Wilson, NC and deployed supporting OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq in 2003. After deployment, I served as Logistics Officer and later Operations Officer for a Signal Battalion, later as a Network Engineer for a Signal Brigade at Fort Gordon, GA. I was promoted to Major in 2007.

Also during this time, I stayed at Verizon and I got married to my wife, Jill, in 2006, had our first child, Gavin, in 2006 second child, Grace in 2008, and third child Garrett, in 2012. In the middle, I deployed twice, first as Deputy Director, Joint Network Operations Control Center, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (Afghanistan) in 2010 and again as engineering Branch Chief, 335th Signal Command (Theater) (Provisional), OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (Kuwait) in 2013. Next I served as Operations Officer for a Cyber Battalion in

Adelphi, MD, then was promoted to Lt Colonel in 2015 and served as the Operations Officer for a Signal Brigade at Fort Gordon, GA. I was selected for Battalion Commander of the 395th Regiment, Kirtland AFB, NM, from 2018-2020.

I left Verizon after 21 years, moved to a Program Manager position at NetApp in Raleigh, NC. After command, I served as Deputy Commander for 5th Brigade, 102d Training Decision, Fort Gordon, GA. I was promoted to Colonel in 2021 and was selected to serve as Senior Integration Manager and Reserve Forces Advisor, J6, Joint Staff, Suffolk, VA, for my last two years. During my last assignment and because my NetApp position allowed for relocation, the family moved to Valdosta, GA, in 2022, moving back to my wife's childhood home of Quitman, GA to be closer to her family.

During my career, I graduated from the Signal Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Visual Information Officer Course, Combined Arms Exercise Course, Telecommunications Systems Engineer Course, Command and General Staff Operations Course, as well as Airborne, Air Assault, Jumpmaster, Rappel Master and Pathfinder Schools. I earned the Bronze Star, numerous Meritorious Service Medals, Army Commendation Medals, Army Achievement Medals and the Bronze Order of Mercury from the Signal Corps Regimental Association.

Important DATES

08 January 2026-Chapter Meeting:
Speaker, Tad Moseley, Dr. of
Veterinary Medicine, Valdosta, GA

23-24 January 2026 GAMOAA
Meeting Warner Robins, GA

12 February 2026 Chapter
Meeting Speaker TBD

12 March Chapter Meeting
Speaker TBD

09 April 2026 Chapter Meeting
Speaker TBD

TBD April 2026 Lowndes and
Valdosta High Schools ROTC
Presentations

14 May Chapter Meeting-Speaker
TBD

TBD May 2026 Valdosta State
University ROTC Presentations
24-26

May 2026 Memorial Day Activities
Sunset Hill Cemetery, Valdosta,
GA

** . If anyone has a suggestion for
a Guest Speaker, Please let Tom
McCracken or Peter Strand know.

Veterans Day November 2025

Valdosta City and Lowndes County
celebrated November 11 at Valdosta
High School Gym. City and County
representatives thanked the Veteran



The Reenactment Team placed
the memorial Wreath.

Tim Oliver gave the main address.
He reviewed the history of
Veterans Day and explained the
significance of the Red Poppy
honoring Veterans.

Our next meeting is **Thursday, January 8, 2026, 6. P.M.** at Mama June's off Perimeter Road. We meet and greet from 6-6:15. The Invocation is followed by the Pledge at 6:15. Then we proceed to the buffet.

Introduce yourself to any guest or member you don't know.

Submissions for consideration to this newsletter are welcomed and should be sent to dandsmcarthur@bellsouth.net as soon as possible. Thanks to Tom McCracken & Don McArthur for items in the current newsletter.

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The January Speaker will be Dr. Tad Moseley, Veteranian.

Please make your reservations by return email or call Don McArthur at 229-244-7498

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