

# The South Georgia Voice



South Georgia Chapter  
Military Officers Association of America  
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## March 9, 2023 Meeting

Frank Michael, National MOAA Program Director, Council and Chapter Affairs, was our guest speaker. He covered the three main items that representatives from MOAA will speak to Congressmen in April. The goals are: Housing Allowance returned to 100%, Pharmacy Outlets increased, and maintain an All-Volunteer Force. TRICARE for Life is being looked at by the Congressional Budget Office. It is one of several areas being considered to cut the deficit. There is no pending legislation at present.



Members listened attentively to our speaker.

Larry Bostic, Don and Sara McArthur attended the Midsouth Region National MOAA Council & Chapter Leader's Workshop in Hoover, AL, Feb. 24-25.



Sara McArthur attended the session for Surviving Spouses and Wives. She reported to us the importance of making sure important people in our lives are aware of DD Form 214, Wills, Social Security Cards, Birth Certificates, Marriage Licenses, etc. Our chapter website [www.sgamoaa.org](http://www.sgamoaa.org) has a booklet to help you collect essential info.



He encouraged us to aim to increase our membership especially those in the 40-60 age range who are retiring.

Sara reminded us that Moody AFB has a Casualty Officer, Bruce McPherson, who is available in time of need. He can help with all the items that need to be completed.

At the end of the meeting, Frank Michael presented a National MOAA Challenge Coin to Pete Dominicis for “Above and Beyond the Call of Duty”. Pete was serving as VP of our Chapter when the president left, meaning Pete served almost 2 years in place of the president and then served 2 more years as Chapter President. Thanks Pete!!!



Pete Dominicis receiving National MOAA Challenge Coin from Frank Michael.

Frank requested a meeting with the Board before the regular meeting. Dan Tupy, Larry Bostic, and Don McArthur were present to meet with him.

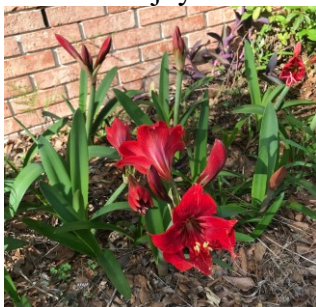


### Our Newest Member

Charles Allen joined our chapter and National MOAA. His wife is Letty Allen. Welcome Charles!



Spring has Sprung!  
Enjoy!



**Donations** for Scholarships/Grants and Projects should be made out to South GA MOAA. These include VHS NJROTC, LHS AFJROTC, VSU ROTC. We also give 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt bars to the graduating seniors at VSU.

Boys and Girls State Contributions are also encouraged.

## MOAA's Mission

MOAA is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association of officers from America's uniformed military services and the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service and National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration. MOAA consists of active duty, retired, former, and National Guard and Reserve officers, Space Force, and surviving spouses, supporting all ranks and branches who serve or have served, as well as family members. MOAA advocates with Congress, DoD, the VA, and other departments to preserve and protect commitments made on behalf of a grateful nation to those who have served and those who continue to serve our country, fulfilling MOAA's promise to "Never Stop Serving."

**Vision:** Be recognized and respected as the foremost organization advocating on behalf of the uniformed services community and its family members.

**Mission:** To preserve and protect earned benefits for our uniformed services, veterans, their families, and surviving spouses through advocacy, leadership, education, and service.

**Values:** Expressed by our commitment to "Never Stop Serving" and articulated through four tenets: service, leadership, diversity and inclusion, and professionalism.

**Service:** Develop and maintain an engaged nationwide community of support for all Americans who now serve or have ever served, and their families

**Leadership:** Exemplify leadership to our nation and encourage it to honor its commitments to those who serve or have served, their families and surviving spouses. Advocate wisely and collaborate with diverse veterans and military organizations to protect the welfare and future of our men and women in uniform. Support collaborative solutions to preserve a strong national defense.

**Diversity and inclusion:** Embrace the growing diversity of our uniformed services and our nation as a strength, attract more diversity among our membership, and include diverse perspectives as we accomplish our mission.

**Professionalism:** Embody the ideals of "officership"—duty, honor, integrity, selfless

service, and excellence—to champion our mission of advocacy for our uniformed services, valuing those who have served and connecting our nation with the very people who have sworn an oath to defend it.

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: COUNCILS & CHAPTERS

The COUNCILS and CHAPTERS strategic priority is to grow and strengthen a powerful nationwide network of active and engaged affiliates to influence legislation, serve their local communities in impactful ways, grow membership at the local and national levels, and increase MOAA brand awareness nationwide. We recognize that affiliates—councils, chapters, and satellites, both geographic and virtual—are volunteer-led independent entities with limited resources. The execution of the below goals and strategies will require a tailored approach to stimulate success in affiliates of varying sizes, recruiting environments, and organizational characteristics.

## OUR SPECIFIC GOALS

- Increase overall chapter membership, emphasizing younger members to mitigate attrition and leadership succession.
- Strengthen and grow our virtual chapters.
- Expand headquarters support to all affiliates in the areas of non-dues revenue generation, advocacy engagement tools, recruiting and retention, leadership succession, communications, administrative and technology assistance, and leadership development.
- Share information across the affiliate network on best-in-class practices, emphasizing advocacy, membership growth, and community service, thereby increasing MOAA brand awareness among prospective members and their families.
- Strengthen affiliate legislative advocacy to maintain Legislative influence in every state.

(From STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2026)

Our next meeting is Thursday, April 13, 2023  
At Mama June's, 3826 Inner Perimeter Road, Valdosta, GA 31602.  
We meet and greet from 6-6:15. The Pledge followed by the Invocation is 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 229-244-7498 or email**

**[sararmcarthur@gmail.com](mailto:sararmcarthur@gmail.com),**

**PLEASE RSVP—"YES" or "NO".**

Submissions for consideration to this newsletter are welcomed and should be sent to [dandsmcarthur@bellsouth.net](mailto:dandsmcarthur@bellsouth.net) as soon as possible due to time needed for print.

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Our guest speaker will be Col Ryan Hayde, 23rd Vice Wing Commander, Moody AFB.

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