

# The South Georgia Voice



*South Georgia Chapter  
Military Officers Association of America  
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## November 11, 2021 Meeting Veterans Day

US Congressman Buddy Carter spoke about the major threat to vets returning from Afghanistan who need to be looked after.

They need to know that they did contribute over the last 20 years. They need to be aware of the services that are offered to them to help deal with the events.

He is co-chair of the Community Pharmacy Caucus and is working towards a health care system with more choices. He is also on the Select Committee on Climate Change.



Joining the Congressman for dinner were Hugh Bassham, Dan Tupy, Mayor Scott James Matheson, Col Ryan Hayde, 23<sup>rd</sup> Wing vice, and Pete Dominicis.



The Congressman shared about the efforts that have been made to allow larger ships to enter the harbors off the coast of Georgia.



Jean Johnson Burnet and Bob attended their first meeting since marrying on May 22, 2021. Bob Burnet is our newest member! Best wishes to them!

Roger Pace joined Gary and Diana Hackbarth, along with Jack and Joan Scoggins.



Don and Sara McArthur had as their guests their son Lee and his wife Catherine. They were joined by Nick and Pat Lacey.



Matthew Wirth who accompanied the congressman, visited with Bill Lefevre, Steve Coyne, Tim and Pam Oliver.

### Air Force Activates First F-35 Squadron in Europe

The AF activated its first squadron of Europe-based F-35As at RAF Lakenheath, U.K. on October 1, 2021. A number of American allies and partners have already received F-35s from Lockheed Martin, to include the U.K., Norway, Italy, The Netherlands, Denmark, and Israel. Switzerland announced last June that it would also buy the F-35 according to NATO Supreme Allied Commander Air Force General Todd Wolters. He predicted that between the U.S. and its allies and partners, there will be around 450 F-35s in Europe by 2030. (Nov 2021 AF Magazine)

### U.S. NAVCENT Launches Saildrone in Gulf of Aqaba for Exercise Digital Horizon

The U.S. Naval Forces Central Command (NAVCENT) began operationally testing a new unmanned surface vessel (USV) in the Gulf of Aqaba on Dec. 12 as part of an initiative to integrate new unmanned systems and artificial intelligence into U.S. (5) Fleet Operations. (Navy Press, Dec. 2021)

### Possible Missed Mishap

A news release from Sasebo, Japan, the USS Miquel Keith's Crew of sailors and civilians overcame the impact of a rare geologic event—the drifting remnants of an underwater

volcanic eruption—to successfully participate in Exercise Coral Dagger 12 in Nov. near Okinawa.

(Navy Press, Dec. 2021)

### A Nice Gesture

Last month, the First Lady, Dr. Jill Biden and Sec. of Navy, Carlos Del Toro, visited members of the families of the crew of the USS Delaware during a holiday party held in Groton, CT.

### Medals of Honor

In December, the president presented Medals of Honor to two soldiers who gave their lives for their comrades and another who fiercely defended a forward-operating base (FOB) during action in Iraq and Afghanistan.

### DUES for 2022

Dues for 2022 can be mailed to the post office box or paid at the January meeting. Remember dues help to pay for the Website, stamps, speaker gifts, required registrations, conventions, etc. Dues are \$25 per member, auxiliary members pay \$10.



# 2022!

Mark your calendar for our meetings the second Thursday of January, February, March, April, May, September, October, and November.

**Our next meeting is Thursday, January 13, at 6:00 PM at the 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,**

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**NO LATER THAN Sat. January 8, 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](mailto:dandsmcarthur@bellsouth.net) as soon as possible due to time needed for print.

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**The speaker for January will be Miguel Vicente, Director of the South Georgia Regional Library**

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