

The South Georgia Voice



*South Georgia Chapter
Military Officers Association of America
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Georgia State Convention

October 8-10, 2021

The Ft Benning Chapter hosted the annual GA MOAA State Convention. Pete Dominicis and Don McArthur attended the business meeting on Saturday morning.



Georgia District 2 Congressman, Sanford Bishop, a consistent advocate of the Armed Forces and Vice Chairman of the Military Committee for VA Appropriations spoke during the meeting.



A formal dinner was held Saturday evening at the National Infantry Museum. Lt. Gen. Dana Atkins, President and Chief Executive Officer, National MOAA, presented the Five Star Levels of Excellence Award for our chapter to Pete Dominicis, our president.



Maj. Gen. Donahoe, Commanding General of the U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence was the keynote speaker.



Pete Dominicis, Don and Sara McArthur represented the South GA Chapter at the reception and banquet.

Memorial Service on Saturday

Chaplain Paul Yuen led the service in the Memorial Chapel on Sunday morning. A final salute was given to the chapter members lost this past year which included Lt Col Charles Boatwright, Col Frank Corker, Col John Erwin, BGen William T. Tolbert, and Lt Col Thomas Wakefield. Pete Dominicis laid a rose on the altar in their memory and gave the final salute.



After the service, we toured the restored area which included General Patton's sleeping quarters, barracks, and the chapel.



October Chapter Meeting

October 14, 2021

Sementa Matthews, Executive Director of the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts, shared the ways COVID has affected the arts and how the Art Center has worked to overcome much and to encourage the arts through writing and drawing.



Grants and donations from businesses and members have been important. Schools have participated also. The property that adjoins the art building on Patterson Street now extends the property of the Art Center with the purchase of the land behind it through to Ashley Street. This also gives the Center more parking spaces.



Tim Oliver was installed by Pete Dominicis as the newest board member of our chapter. Norm Conant and Dan Tupy are our other board members



Roger Pace joined Brenden Brodish, a Lt. recently assigned to Moody, at the table with Forrest and Shirley Williams and Tim and Pam Oliver.



Bill and Susan Rupright, Gary Hackbarth, and Bill Lefevre, joined Norm and Barbara Conant for dinner.



Dan Tupy, Hugh Bassham, Ruth and Pete Dominicis along with Don and Sara McArthur ate with our guest speaker, Sementha Mathews.

November Guest Speaker

You will not want to miss our November 11 chapter meeting. After three attempts to schedule US Congressman Buddy Carter, District 1, we are pleased to report that he is scheduled to be our guest speaker! He is a strong advocate in supporting the military. In fact, Moody and Kings Bay are in his district. Please make plans to come to the meeting to give him a huge welcome.

Navy and Marine News

It was reported that the Navy's ability to defend the nation's vital security interest is marginal with the caveat that its score is trending to weak in capability and readiness, while the Marine Corps' ability is graded as strong according to think tanks latest survey of the US military power.

On personnel issues, the Navy's response to the pandemic has been a successful "overall" in continuing to operate under these conditions and vaccinating active-duty personnel.

The survey reports stated that one reason why the Corps' grade on capability of its equipment rose was the retirement of its M1A2Abrams tanks. While aggressively pursuing a host of new capabilities from Joint Light Tactical Vehicle to the Assault Amphibious Vehicle and the F-35B Lightning II Strike Fighter, small units will still be using Humvees, cargo trucks, and various items of support equipment procured decades earlier.

(USNINEWS, Oct 21, 2021)

Our next meeting is Thursday, November 11, 6:00 PM 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. Nov. 6 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 as soon as possible due to time needed for print.

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The speaker for November will be US Congressman Buddy Carter, Georgia District 1.

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