

The South Georgia Voice



*South Georgia Chapter
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January 13, 2022 Meeting



Miguel Vincente, Regional Director of the Lowndes, Lanier, and Echols Counties Libraries spoke about the two Cubas. He had escaped Cuba on a raft drifting for 5 days when he was rescued and taken to Guantanamo Bay by the US Coast Guard. Eventually he immigrated to Miami and was pleased to find the free library where he could try to expand his English. The folks there mainly wanted to speak Spanish, so he later moved to Connecticut where English was encouraged. He is now an American citizen.

He shared slides of the beautiful areas of Cuba and pictures of the area where he lived before Castro took over. He then shared

pictures of the food lines and the rundown areas that exist today in Cuba due to the change of government.



Miguel's wife, Crystal, joined him at the table along with Dan Tupy, Pete and Ruth Dominicis, and Hugh Bassham.



Our president, Pete Dominicis, requested contributions to our current chapter projects which include support of the ROTC and JROTC units. Contributions are also needed for the fund to help send students to Boys and Girls States.

Chad Krug shared with the chapter the news that **two AT6 Wolverines with precision guided munitions are now stationed at Moody AFB and are flying over Grand Bay. This is special as it is not done anywhere else in the world. Moody is still a crucial base.**

Chad was seated at the table with Forrest and Shirley Williams and Bill and Susan Rupright.



Jack and Joan Scoggins were joined at dinner by Diana and Gary Hackbarth and Don and Sara McArthur.



Joining Norm and Barbara Conant were Lorena and Bill Piper along with Jean and Bob Burnet.



Mission Advocacy

MOAA's Legislative Priorities for 2022 are focused on service-earned priorities including healthcare, pay and benefits. For example: to ensure changes to the military health system, sustain beneficiaries' access to high quality care and prevent negative impacts on military medical readiness. This would include protecting the value of the earned TRICARE benefit by opposing disproportional fee increases and ensuring coverage policy is regularly updated.

Sustain pay raises and equitable BAH for the military compensation and ensure service-earned benefits for service members are not eroded by cost-saving measures, troops and COLA raises for retirees.

Advocate for legislation to provide for pay and allowances of the Coast Guard during a funding gap such as a government shutdown. Advocate for comprehensive legislation covering all uniformed services given their interoperable relationships and their reliance during a pandemic, natural disaster, or other national crisis. Advocate funding the government on time to avoid costly continuing resolutions or the potential for a government shutdown.

(Military Officer Magazine, January 2022)

Please check out the January issue of your Military Officer Magazine beginning on Page 12 for more mission advocacies. Also check out what's ahead for 2022 beginning on Page 54.

American History Tidbit



“Tiny” Broadwick, the first woman to jump from an airplane, handles her wind-filled canopy after a safe landing. She made 1,000 jumps between 1907 and 1922. In 1964, she was made an honorary member of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC. (AIR AND SPACE SMITHSONIAN MAGAZINE January 2022)

February's Chapter Meeting

We are in for a special treat for our February meeting, at which by the way, we will honor our ladies. Andy Daugherty, Minister of Music, First Baptist Church, Quitman, will be entertaining us with various music.

Because of COVID, we have not been able to have a special February meeting since 2019. The meeting is on Thursday, February 10.

For those who have not paid your dues, please mail your check or pay at the meeting. Dues are \$25.

Additionally, please remember a donation for our chapter projects.



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**Our next meeting is Thursday, February 10, 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,
Don McArthur 229-244-7498 or email
sararmcarthur@gmail.com**

**NO LATER THAN Sat. February 5, at 6 p.m. ,
PLEASE RSVP—"YES" or "NO"**

**We are required to provide an accurate meal count three
workdays 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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**Andy Daugherty, Minister of Music, First Baptist Quitman, will present a
musical program in February.**

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