

The South Georgia Voice

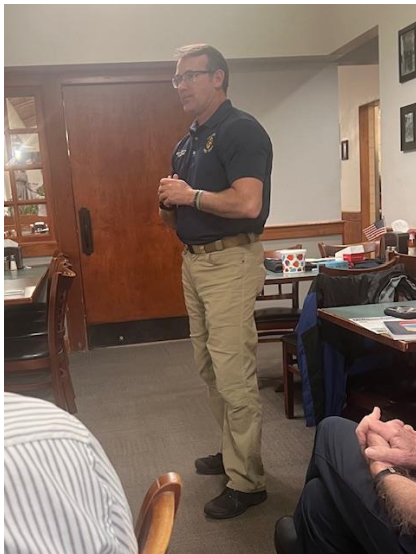


South Georgia Chapter
Military Officers Association of America
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Chapter Meeting March 13

Fire Chief Brian Boutwell, 30-year veteran of the Valdosta Fire Department, shared some of his experiences and answered questions. There are six fire stations with 120 employees. Some of them work at the Valdosta Regional Airport on Fire Equipment owned by the airport. The former Nazarene Church on North Forrest Street has been purchased by the city to be converted to a satellite station.



Firefighters are always training for new possible situations. Chief Boutwell told about the challenges of

fires in parking decks and with all-electric cars.

The Fire Department coordinates with other surrounding areas and Moody AFB in Georgia when situations arise.



Tim Oliver invited everyone to attend Wings/Things Festival and Fly-in on Saturday, March 22, in Douglas at the Municipal Airport.



Steve and Rosetta Coyne had as their guests, their grandson, Thomas Moseley, and his friend Lindsey Marshall.



Pete and Rhonda Strand sat with Bill and Lorena Piper

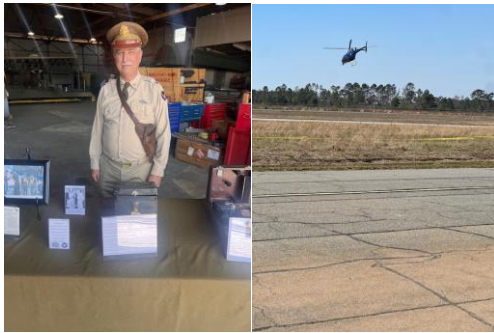


Teresa and Scott Marrone were at the table with Pam and Tim Oliver

They are students home for spring break from Berry College.



Ron Allen and Charles Allen
Wings and Things Festival, Douglas,
GA, March 22, 2025



Tim Oliver was available to answer questions and share about the planes. Pam was busy helping in the Museum.



Beautiful day to see the planes in the air and enjoy the carnival festivities.

Military Officers Magazine
Don't miss these articles

“Military Medical System is Unprepared for Future Conflict, Experts Say
Senators heard testimony describing “an unprepared system” that is heading toward medical obsolescence.

“MOAA has pushed for a timely, complete federal budget for years, but the need to break this cycle comes into greater focus amid concerns over government waste. Instead, the administration may not submit its budget to Congress *for another two months*, compressing a schedule that lawmakers consistently struggle to meet.

“Going for the Gold in the 2026 Winter Olympics. Capt. Riley Tejcek, a Marine officer has discussed her path to service. She became a bobsled pilot, and the Corps “always comes first.” **(Military Officers Magazine)**

**Our next meeting is Thursday, April 10, at Mama June's,
Perimeter Road at 6 p.m.**

We meet and greet from 6-6:15. The Pledge and Blessing are at 6:15.

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**

PLEASE RSVP "YES" or "NO"

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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<p>The speaker for April will be Detective Sgt Terry Hines, Valdosta Police Dept.</p>
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