

The South Georgia Voice



South Georgia Chapter
Military Officers Association of America
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February 10, 2022 Meeting

What a delightful February meeting. The food was good. The ladies enjoyed receiving chocolates and a beautiful long stem red rose, and the program was enjoyed by all.

The Minister of Music, Andy Daugherty, First Baptist Church Quitman, presented an excellent program with song and keyboard. It was also a nice reunion for several of our membership who are members of Park Avenue Methodist Church, because Andy served there a few years back.



We also had our largest attendance (31) since COVID. Andy's selection of "Duty, Honor, Country" was definitely a hit with our membership. His wife, Laura, turned the pages for him during that selection.



His first selection was "I'm in the Mood for Love" which he had also sung to Laura when he proposed to her some years back. Other selections included an Elvis song from Blue Hawaii and a song based on Isaiah 40:31.

Joining Andy and Laura at the head table were Pete and Ruth Dominicis, Dan Tupy, Hugh Bassham, and the Minister of Youth from FBC Quitman.



Around the tables



Congress to consider appeals process for the 4/Non-Covered Drugs under TRICARE

An appeals process for TRICARE Tier 4/non-covered drugs is in the works thanks to report language in the FY 2022 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)

The Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) report for their version of the FY2022 NDAA includes language directing DoD to establish an appeals process for TRICARE coverage of Tier 4/non-covered drugs. In the TRICARE pharmacy program, any prescription drug found to provide little or no clinical effectiveness over other covered drugs may be excluded from the program. These drugs are known as Tier 4(non-covered). The FY 2018 NDAA DoD to exclude such drugs.

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Tidbits

MOAA has been honored as a TOP LOBBYIST by The Hill, 15 years in a row, among those who stand out for delivering results for their clients in the halls of Congress and the administration made possible by the ongoing involvement of MOAA's members. (February Military Officer)

Enhanced Engine Package for the F135 to be cost effective, capable and low risk. As the air vehicle evolves, so must the engine according to Pratt and Whitney who developed F135 EEP-the only variant common modernization solution for the F-35 that can enable full Block 4 capability while reducing billions in sustainment costs. (Air Force Magazine-Jan/Feb 2022)

During the Reagan National Defense Forum on Dec. 2021, Secretary of the Air Force, Frank Kendall, stated, "that if there was one *ask*, he could *ask* if Congress would allow the Air Force to retire its old and irrelevant airplanes that we can free-up the resources we need to confront China and what they are doing in their military modernization program. Our 30-year-old average airplane is an anchor holding back the Air Force right now and we've got to get rid of some of those aircraft so we can free-up resources and get on with modernization."

(Air Force Magazine Jan/Feb 2022)



Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
May the rains fall soft upon your fields,
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.



Our next meeting is Friday, March 11, 6:00 PM at the Holiday Inn, West Hill Avenue-84W, Valdosta, GA.

NOTE CHANGE OF WEEKDAY TO FRIDAY!!!!

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. March 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
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section,

*Steve McCurdy, writer and developer for a movie being made in Quitman will be our
speaker in March. He is a former AF officer.*

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