

## The South Georgia Voice



# **South Georgia Chapter Military Officers Association of America March 2024**

## February 9, 2024 Meeting.

Andy Daughtry, Minister of Music First Baptist, Quitman, treated us with some interesting stories about the composers and the songs he shared. He included an Americana selection and pieces by Johnny Mercer and Irvin Berlin. At the end of the

> evening, he accompanied us as we closed with "God Bless America"

Andy's wife Laura came to the meeting also

Wives at the meeting were treated with



#### Snapshots from our meeting.



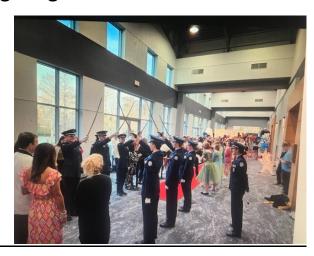
Rhonda and Peter Strand, our newest member, sat with Ron Allen and the Dominicises. Peter Strand was in pilot training under Norm Conant.

Dr. Frank Bias, Valdosta's newest Internist, was invited by Bill Piper, and he sat at the table with the Olivers, Dan Tupy, the Scoggins, and the Pipers. He was in the Navy and Army and then got out and went to medical school.



The Lowndes High School, AFJROTC Color Guard, formed an Arch over the special guests as they were escorted down the Red Carpet at the Rainwater Center on Friday evening, Feb. 9. during "Night to Shine".





### **MOAA Supported Advocacies for 2024**

Third Short-Term Funding Extension will keep government open until March

You may send a message to your lawmakers if you wish. It is time to pass a full budget and end the shutdown threat.

#### What the FY2024 NDAA means for your TRICARE Benefits

From pharmacy access to copay changes and more, you can learn how this major legislation reflects key MOAA priorities.

New Year, New legislation to exempt military retirement pay from State Taxes

You can find out where bills have been introduced, where they carried over from last year, and how MOAA members can get involved.

For more information on the Advocacies above go to moaa.org

The next meeting is Thursday, March 14, 2024,

at Mama June's on Perimeter Road, Valdosta, GA 31602.

We meet and greet from 6-6:15. The Pledge is followed by the Invocation at 6:15.

Then we proceed to the buffet.

Introduce yourself to any guest or member you don't know.

Please make your reservations through Chapter Secretary, Don McArthur, at 229-244-7498 or email

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## PLEASE RSVP—"YES" or "NO".

Submissions for consideration to this newsletter are welcomed and should be sent to <a href="mailto:dandsmcarthur@bellsouth.net">dandsmcarthur@bellsouth.net</a> as soon as possible due to time needed for print.

Thanks to Don McArthur and Rosetta Coyne for contributions to this month's newsletter. SGAMOAA is a politically non-partisan, non-profit corporation affiliated with the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). National MOAA is also non-partisan. <a href="www.moaa.org">www.moaa.org</a> will take you to the Legislative Update and their "Take Action" section. To join the local chapter, go to the website <a href="www.sgamoaa.org">www.sgamoaa.org</a> and click on BECOME A MEMBER.

Guest speaker will be Pete Dominicis, senior aerospace instructor of LHS JAFROTC

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