

The South Georgia Voice



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Valdosta Mayor Scott James Matheson was the guest speaker. He had just come from the ground-breaking for the new Amphitheater near City Hall. He shared about the Public Transportation that will be available beginning April 27. He told us there are new controls over spacing of liquor stores. Then he answered questions about items such as the benches in the city, recycling, fiber optics, and the water situation. He had recently continued the paddling event on the Withlacoochee River and related information about the updated system to prevent sewage leakage.



Chapter Vice-President, Don McArthur, presided over the meeting in the absence of our president. He reminded folks about our projects to help the ROTC Unit at VSU and the JROTC units at Valdosta and Lowndes Highs. Our chapter also presents the gold bars to the graduating seniors at VSU and gives a MOAA Medal to a cadet in each unit.

The chapter also supports sending a military dependent to Boys State and Girls State. Donations to these projects are tax deductible and can be mailed to the chapter address or given at our meetings.

Around the Tables at the April meeting.



The Scoggins sat with Terry Cawley and Chad Krug.



Chet Pilcher and Jeanette Cain were guests of the Williams.



The Coynes and the Ruprights visited together.



John and Connie Woods joined us from Thomasville.



Jean Johnson and Guest Bob Burnet sat with Norm and Barbara Conant



Dan Tupy joined Ron and Jayne Allen



The Olivers and the Pipers dined together.

For General George Patten Fans

Todd Gilchrist raised very well the need to know the full person along with the film-fed folk hero legend. Gilchrist stated when you study his career, Gen Patten had other admirable and human attributes. He was a religious man, a military history reader, both classic and modern works, and was fluent in the French language. He was an empathetic and emotional man, but one of his major faults was that he had to be disciplined more than once by Gen Eisenhower for making impulsive comments about political matters and that if he wanted a major command, he “had to learn to keep his mouth shut.” On the lighter side, however, he loved horses, and he was an accomplished sailor and enjoyed sailing on his large schooner. Before he died from an automobile accident, he made it known to the Army and family that upon his death, he wanted to be buried in Europe. He was buried in Luxembourg overlooking his troops.

There are over 5,100 graves in the cemetery of those who died during the Battle of the Bulge.

(Military Officer Magazine April 2021)

US Air Force Bomber Reduction

According to Air Force sources, the USAF has too few bombers for conflict with one peer, let alone two. The Air Force plans to retire 17 B-1B Bombers in 2021, even though its bomber force, as a whole, is already too small to meet requirements for a major conflict with China in the Indo-Pacific, nuclear deterrence, and other missions.

(Air Force Magazine 2021)

Military Tidbits

The KC-46S Tanker could be available for limited operation in June of 2021.

The biggest lesson of COVID-19 is “you can’t separate childcare from mission readiness. We absolutely cannot do that,” said Patricia Barron, head of military community and family policy at the Defense Department, told Army Times.

Earlier withdrawal for international troops from Afghanistan under consideration. (Army Times May 2021)

Our next meeting is Thursday, May 13, 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn on West Hill Ave, Hwy 84 West.

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 dandsmcarthur@bellsouth.net

NO LATER THAN Saturday, May8, 6 p.m. .

PLEASE RSVP—"YES" or "NO"

We are required to provide an accurate meal count on Monday prior to the event. Cost is \$22 per person.

Sorry, we must bill no-shows and late cancellations.

**IF YOU HAVE A PARTICULAR
REQUEST FOR YOUR MEAL DUE TO DIET RESTRICTIONS, PLEASE TELL DON
WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS.**

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.

The May speaker will be State Senator Russ Goodman from District 8.

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