

# The South Georgia Voice



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## March 11, 2022 Meeting

Steve McCurdy, writer and developer for a movie being made about the large effort that Mrs. Carl Parker led to get a turf football field for the students in northern Alaska, spoke to us about his time as a missile launch officer in the US Air Force.



You can go to Youtube to see a selection from one of his books where he has created video about his experience in missile exercise training. Go to Whiteman Scenario.

Roger Pace was able to relate to Steve's presentation as he was in missiles when he was on active duty.

He also mentioned being in SAC where other members had served.



Hugh and Erika Bassham, Larry Bostic, Pete and Ruth Dominicis dined with Steve.



Ron and Tammy Borders, Pam and Tim Oliver were at the table with Roger Pace for the evening.

Bob and Jean Burnet were seated with Bill and Lorena Pieper, and Barbara and Norm Conant.



Jack and Joan Scoggins sat with Don and Sara McArthur.

### Spring Into Action2022 Campaign

This year is another pivotal one for MOAA's advocacy to protect the earned pay and benefits of the uniformed services and veteran communities.

The challenges will be no less daunting, increased partisanship, delays in the congressional process,

and ongoing threats to necessary funding.

Advocacy in Action 2022 MOAA's largest annual advocacy campaign will be virtual, and it is set to start in April. That is when we will need the support of you and all the 350,000-plus members to overcome these obstacles.

For more information on how to get involved, check [www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org). Plus, look for tear-out letters in next month's issue of *Military Officer* to send to your legislators.

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### Women's History Month

Cmdr. Billie J. Farrell, USN, took command of the *USS Constitution* Jan. 21 as the 77<sup>th</sup> commander of the *world's* oldest commissioned warship afloat and the first woman in that role. Farrell previously served as the executive officer aboard the guided missile cruiser *USS Vicksburg* (CG-69). *USS Constitution* was first launched in 1797.



Cmdr. Farrell  
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## ON THE MOVE

Our Military Forces are deployed around the world!

### ARMY - Djibouti

Sgt Beau Heithoff, an engineering specialist with the National Guard, repaired a leak in pipes from Chabelley Village's well, the only source of water for miles around. It is about demonstrating that we care about our partners.

### MARINE CORPS - Saudi Arabia

Marines deployed to Prince Sultan Air Base during the winter to strengthen US Central Command's presence in the region and to counter "destabilizing regional activity".

### NAVY - Cyprus - *USS Georgia*

An Ohio-class guided-missile submarine stopped by Limassol in January while in the Fleet area of operations. In the days before the visit, the nuclear-powered sub had transited the Strait of Hormuz and entered the Persian Gulf with the guided-missile cruisers *USS Port Royal* and *USS Philippine Sea*.

### AIR FORCE - Israel

Airmen with the 55<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Fighter Squadron flew alongside squadrons of the Israeli Air Force during Desert Falcon, a joint exercise in Jan. to train for various potential missions. Also in Jan., US airmen loaded aircraft with ammo, weapons, and other equipment for transport to Ukraine as DoD put 8,500 troops on alert amid concerns about Russia.

### SPACE FORCE – Florida

Guardians with Space Launch Delta 45 supported the launch of a Falcon 9 rocket in Jan., the first of multiple missions planned for the early part of the year. This will expand Space X's Starlink internet "constellation".

### COAST GUARD – Off the coast of Western Sahara

Crew members from cutter USCGC *Thetis* transferred personnel and equipment from their small boat onto the cutter in Jan. as they operated along the coast of Africa. One of the crew's missions during their patrol was to visit the island country of Cabo Verde to develop partnerships and cooperation on maritime law enforcement.

### PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE – New Mexico

Professionals were among thousands of federal workers deployed around the country during the winter in response to a spike in cases of COVID-19 including the Omicron variant. Deployments included Indiana, Wisconsin, and New Mexico where medical personnel provided support to Native American communities.

### NOAA CORPS – Minneapolis

Snow survey flights were made to measure the amount of water in the surrounding snowpack on Jan. 24. The snow survey missions gathered across the northern US, Canada, and Alaska were to inform forecasts for river flow and spring flooding.

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**Our next meeting is Thursday, April 14, 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](mailto:sararmcarthur@gmail.com)**

**NO LATER THAN Sat. April 9 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 which includes taxes, 18% tip, dessert, salad, and beverage. The room rental is an additional \$150.**

**Submissions for consideration to this newsletter are welcomed and should be sent to [dandsmcarthur@bellsouth.net](mailto:dandsmcarthur@bellsouth.net) as soon as possible due to time needed for print.**

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*Col Ryan T. Hayde, Vice Commander, 23<sup>rd</sup> Wing-Flying Tigers will be the guest speaker in April.*

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