



The South Georgia Voice



South Georgia Chapter Military Officers Association of America May 2024

April 11 Meeting

Sementa Matthews, Executive Director of the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts shared with us the wide variety of activities that are available to our community. Classes include ceramics, culinary arts, glass arts, photography, ukelele, for example. Music in the Art Park is also planned.



Pictures from the chapter meeting.



AF JROTC Awards Ceremony followed by a Pass and Review.

Lowndes High School Indoor Practice Facility, April 18



Our chapter president presented the grant to the second semester Commander Cadet Col Parker Jones.



Cadet Michael Hill received the National MOAA Medal.

Memorial Day Flags Sunday May26

Please meet at Sunset Cemetery at 7:30 to help lay flags on the graves. It takes less than an hour so you'll be through in time to head to church. Bring a screwdriver to help make a hole to put the flags in.

Memorial Day Program

The program will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 27 at the entrance to the cemetery.

Marine Corp



An XQ-58 Valkyrie unmanned air vehicle completed a second test flight at Eglin AFB in Late February. Concepts eyed for development include autonomous flight, teaming with crewed aircraft, and using AI to augment combat air patrols.

Navy

Norwegian Sea—During Steadfast Defender 24, NATO's largest exercise in decades the dock landing ship USS *Gunston Hall* (LSD-44) conducted small boat operations with Swedish craft in March. Sweden, which joined NATO in March, was integrating with NATO forces during the 32-nation exercise.

VSU Awards Ceremony, April 27

The end of the year ceremony was held at the Student Union Ball Room. The program began with the presentation of a special table honoring POW's and MIA's.



These are the nine graduating cadets who will be commissioned on May 4.



Don McArthur presented the National MOAA Medal to Cadet Mason Thompson.



The guest speaker was BG James L Hartle, a former graduate of the VSU ROTC Program, Class of '96.



Our chapter scholarship was awarded to Cadet Josiah Emmelhainz.



The next meeting is Thursday, May 9, 2024, at Mama June's, Perimeter Rd, Valdosta, Ga.

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 dandsmcarthur@bellsouth.net as soon as possible due to time needed for print. Thanks to Don McArthur for items for this newsletter.

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Gloria Barrow Johnson will be the speaker. She is the only child of Army M Sgt Roy E Barrow, who was missing for over 70 years in the Korean War.

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