

# The South Georgia Voice



*South Georgia Chapter*  
*Military Officers Association of America*  
October 2022



## September 8th Meeting

Pony Lady—Cindy Pullin



Our speaker was Cindy Pullen from Lakeland. She worked for Xerox for 36 years (in 7 different states) and then retired and moved to a farm in Lanier County, working with horses. She joined a national non-profit called Personal Ponies that breeds and trains ponies to help special needs children and adults of all ages. She is President and CEO of Personal Ponies. Also, she has been the Lanier County liaison with Moody. And for the last 10 years has been the co-chair of the South GA Military Affairs Council whose purpose is keeping Moody in south GA.

She related that when the "pony reads to a child" with difficulties the child later would read to the pony and eventually the class. The ponies are a special breed that can be taught to respond but not react so that they learn to trust the handlers. Life span of the ponies is 25-30 years.



Our newest member, Sid Leak, moved from Mobile, Al. Sid is a retired Army Col. He and his wife, Becky, sat with Gary and Diana Hackbarth, Larry Bostic, and Nick and Pat Lacey during the evening.

## Chapter Officers for 2022-23

President- Don McArthur  
Vice President-Larry Bostic  
Secretary/Treasurer- Don McArthur  
Board of Directors:

Norm Conant  
Dan Tupy  
Tim Oliver

These officers will be installed during the October meeting.

## Tidbits

“The first KC-10 Extender has made arrival at its new home, the Air Mobility Command Museum, at Dover AFB, Delaware. Its first flight was in July 1980. It was the first of 60 KC-10A aircraft from McDonald-Douglas.” (AF Magazine, Aug 2022)

Happy 232<sup>nd</sup> birthday, Coast Guard

“The US Coast Guard recently made history when the first female Admiral was sworn in as the 27<sup>th</sup> Commandant of the Coast Guard. Adm Linda Fagan is also the first woman to lead a US military service. The Coast Guard is the only US military service not part of the Defense Department. More than 50,000 service members operate about 260 cutters, more than 1600 small boats and about 200 aircraft and helicopters in all US coastal waters, major inland, waterways, and overseas territories. In times of war, the CG is transferred to the US Navy which happened in both WWI and WWII.”

On March 1, 2003, the CG was transferred from the Department of Transportation to the Department of Homeland Security. (MOAA Magazine Aug 2022)

## Air Force Milestones

The AF turned 75 on September 18. It symbolized “American ingenuity, industrial might, and sheer audacity. It produced the world’s fastest airplanes and its most lethal and intimidating weapons.”

“The lessons of the past 75 years are clear enough. Our AF needs both new capabilities and capacity sufficient to execute the nation’s military strategy. For the past 30 years,

Americans invested less in their AF than in

their Army or Navy. As a result, the AF is the oldest, smallest, and least ready in its history. America must invest to make our AF whole again. (AF Magazine Aug 2022)



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## **National Convention**

The National Annual MOAA Meeting for 2022 will be in Kansas City, Missouri, October 27-28. Emphasis will be place on those Councils and Chapters who will receive the Levels of Excellence Award. Our chapter will receive the 4 Star Award. Don and Sara McArthur will represent our chapter.

## **Georgia State Convention**

The GA State Convention will be November 17-20 in Athens at a hotel on the University of Georgia Campus.

Go to [gamoaa.org](http://gamoaa.org) for more information.



More Pictures from our September meeting.



Gary and Diana Hackbarth, Larry Bostic, Nick and Pat Lacey with Sid and Becky Leak.

Pullen



Forrest and Shirley Williams, Jack and Joan Scoggins, Roger Pace, Barbara and Norm Conant



Bill and Susan Rupright, Rosetta and Steve Cohen, Don and Sara McArthur

Happy Fall!



Dan Tupy, Pete and Ruth Dominicis, Hugh and Erika Bassham, with the speaker Cindy

**Our next meeting is Thursday, October 13, 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. October 8 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 \$23 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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| Our speaker will be <b>Lowndes County Sheriff, Ashley Paulk</b> . Chapter officers will be installed. |
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