The South Georgia Voice



South Georgia Chapter Military Officers Association of America September 2022





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May 30, 2022 Memorial Day



Col Sean Baerman, Moody AFB, spoke at the Memorial Service. He remembered the lost and listed those connected to Moody AFB recently.



Tim Oliver served in the reenactment group to give the 21-gun salute in honor of the fallen.

Flags were placed on the graves of the Sunset Cemetery on Sunday morning before Memorial Day. South GA MOAA and AFJROTC Cadets from Lowndes High School helped.



South GA MOAA presented a Financial Grant to the NJROTC at Valdosta High School



LHS Pass and Review April 21



Don McArthur presented the South GA MOAA Financial Grant to Lowndes High AFJROTC Cadet Wing Commander and the National MOAA Medal to the selected cadet.



VSU Awards Banquet in April

This display is the gold bars that were presented to the graduating cadets who were being commissioned.



Lt Col Pete Dominicis presented the National MOAA Medal to the deserving cadet at the banquet.



The Athens Chapter will host the Georgia MOAA State Convention November 17-20. The agenda will include an all-day tour on Friday of some of the sights on the UGA Campus and around Athens. One of the major stops will be the home of the Dawgs, the athletic facility. Other stops include the GA Botanical Gardens and ending with the UGA Medical School tour.

Vince Dooley will speak at the Saturday business luncheon.

On Saturday evening, the featured speaker will be COL Shane Kimbrough, US Army (RET) and Astronaut. He flew the Space Shuttle and to the International Space Station and has spent 388 total days in space. Also, he is a member of the Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame.



The Assistant Director at LARK Recycling Center. Lowndes Advocacy Resource Center, Nearing Adams, spoke at our May meeting. He shared projects the that residents The residents are able to complete. earn funds and have an excellent record for the completed work making it profitable to all involved. There is also a recycle of cardboard. Nearing sat at dinner with Pete and Ruth Dominicis, Hugh Bassham, Dan Tupy, Larry Bostic.



Marion Kovach and Louie Tolbert joined the meeting in May along with Terry Cawley and Scott Marrone.

Officers for the Year 2022-2023

The Board met to discuss personnel who are willing to serve as officers for 2022-2023. The following are recommended to serve:

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

> Norm Conant Dan Tupy

Tim Oliver

These officers will be voted on during our September meeting and sworn in during our October meeting. We need a willing member to step forward for the Vice President position.

The following have agreed to serve in appointed positions that do not require election:

Program Chairman: Hugh Bassham Membership Chair: Pete Dominicis

Casualty Officer: Dan Tupy Chapter Chaplain: Bill Piper

National Convention

The 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.

Our next meeting is Thursday, September 8, 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 NO LATER THAN Sat. Sept. 3 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 dandsmearthur@bellsouth.net as soon as possible due to time needed for print. Thanks to Don McArthur, Pete Dominicis, and the Athens Chapter for info for this 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. www.moaa.org will take you to the Legislative Update and their "Take Action" section.

Our program will be Mrs. Cindy Pullen, President/CEO Personal Ponies, Ltd. She is a member of the South Georgia Military Affairs Council.

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