

The South Georgia Voice



*South Georgia Chapter
Military Officers Association of America
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SGAMOAA Service Project

Our Board of directors approved "That Others May Live" as our Chapter service project. TOML provides for the post-secondary educational needs of the children of Fallen Search and Rescue Heroes. Our first service effort is to support a fund raising golf tournament on September 10, 2010 at Stone Creek Golf Course. Our board approved sponsorship of a golf hole for \$250. Sponsorship includes advertisement signage directly on a tee-box along with sponsorship acknowledgement in the event program. Starting August 1, 2010, tee-box sponsors will also receive recognition by way of public service announcements being aired on several radio stations.

Col Glen Walden is getting together a four person golf team to represent the chapter in the tournament. Each member of the team will pay a \$75 entry fee that includes green fee, cart, lunch, range balls and a bag of goodies. If you're interested in playing, contact Glen at 244-5146. *Chapter members not participating in the golf tournament have the opportunity to pay the \$75 entry fee*

so that an active duty, guard or reserve service member might participate. We would like to have enough donations to fund several 4 person teams. Please make your \$75 donation check payable to SGAMOAA and mail to SGAMOAA, P. O. Box 5941, Valdosta, GA 31603. Your chapter treasurer will combine donations and forward one check to TOML. **Your contribution is tax deductible.**

We also need several volunteers to sign players in, sell memorabilia and help with a silent auction. Please contact Buddy Johnson if you can volunteer some time on September 10.

Membership Chair Report By: Don McArthur Maj. USAF, Ret.

Please mark your calendars. The GMOAA 2010 51st annual convention will be held in Athens, GA, on Oct. 21-23, 2010, hosted by the Athens chapter. This is a chance for you "dog" fans to visit the university campus during your free time at the convention. The convention will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn as announced at the June

meeting, Buddy and I have the registration forms available plus the hotel reservation information if you desire to stay at the Hilton Garden Inn. Or you can go on line at www.georgiamoaa.org and get all the info. For hotel reservations you can phone 706-353-6800 and provide the code MOAA. Reservations must be made before Oct. 7 to receive the special MOAA convention rate. You will have a choice of a king or two queen beds.

Tired of wearing that coat and tie during the hot summer meetings?? Not to fret any longer, a motion from the floor was made and approved unanimously at our June meeting to down-dress during the remainder of our summer meetings. A short sleeve shirt with collar and slacks sounds inviting.

In July, national MOAA began a special chapter recruiting initiative with more than 170,000 non-chapter MOAA members receiving a special cover wrap on their July Issue of MILITARY OFFICER that offers them a free one year complimentary membership in their nearest MOAA chapter. Hopefully, there will be an interest by local MOAA members to join our chapter. This special offer will run through September 30. Any list of names received will be personally contacted and be invited to check us out at our next monthly meeting. Some of these folks may be your neighbors or a member of your church or social organization. Invite them to our next meeting.

This announcement is for our Navy and Marine members. For several

years, Representative Jones (RNC) has been trying to have the Navy Department renamed to the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps. His bill H.R.24, with 425 sponsors, the most cosponsors of any bill in modern history was passed by the full house on May 4 and was sent to the Senate for their action. It faces a few hurdles there because several senators have expressed opposition. It may be after the Nov. election before the senate brings this to a vote. We shall see.



Chapter President Ron Borders, Captains David Duverger and Adrian Humphries at our June meeting.

August Chapter Meeting

Our August chapter meeting is extra special in that our Georgia MOAA President and First Lady, Col Dan Holtz, USAF, Ret and Linda, will be visiting us. Colonel Holtz, was installed as GMOAA President last October at our 50th state convention by MOAA President Admiral Norb Ryan. Colonel Holtz will serve a two year term as GMOAA President. He and other MOAA State Presidents traveled to Alexandria, VA in April for MOAA's annual state Presidents' seminar. The highlight of the seminar was when participants teamed up with members of the national staff and

board of directors to lobby congressional representatives on the Hill. We're looking forward to Col Holtz's recap of the trip.

To Kill an American

You probably missed this in the rush of news, but there was actually a report that someone in Pakistan had published in a newspaper, an offer of a reward to anyone who killed an American, any American. An Australian dentist wrote an editorial the following day to let everyone know what an American is, so they would know when they found one.

"An American is English, or French, or Italian, Irish, German, Spanish, Polish, Russian or Greek. An American may also be Canadian, Mexican, African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Australian, Iranian, Asian, or Arab, or Pakistani or Afghan.

An American may also be a Comanche, Cherokee, Osage, Blackfoot, Navaho, Apache, Seminole or one of the many other tribes known as Native Americans. An American is Christian, or he could be Jewish, or Buddhist, or Muslim. In fact, there are more Muslims in America than in Afghanistan. The only difference is that in America they are free to worship as each of them chooses. An American is also free to believe in no religion.... For that he will answer only to God, not to the government, or to armed thugs claiming to speak for the government and for God.

An American lives in the most prosperous land in the history of the

world. The root of that prosperity can be found in the Declaration of Independence, which recognizes the God given right of each person to the pursuit of happiness. An American is generous. Americans have helped out just about every other nation in the world in their time of need, never asking a thing in return. When Afghanistan was over-run by the Soviet army 20 years ago, Americans came with arms and supplies to enable the people to win back their country!

As of the morning of September 11, Americans had given more than any other nation to the poor in Afghanistan. The national symbol of America, the Statue of Liberty, welcomes your tired and your poor, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores, the homeless, tempest tossed. These in fact are the people who built America. Some of them were working in the Twin Towers the morning of September 11, 2001 earning a better life for their families. It's been told that the World Trade Center victims were from at least 30 different countries, cultures, and first languages, including those that aided and abetted the terrorists.

So you can try to kill an American if you must. Hitler did. So did General Tojo and Stalin and Mao Tse-tung and other blood-thirsty tyrants in the world. But, in doing so you would just be killing yourself; because Americans are not a particular people from a particular place. They are the embodiment of the human spirit of freedom. Everyone who holds to that spirit, everywhere, is an American."

August Meeting

Our next meeting is Thursday August 12, **6:00 pm**, at the Rainwater Conference Center on Norman Drive. Dinner is **at 6:30 PM**

Col Dan Holtz, Georgia MOAA President will be our special guest. We look forward to a special evening.

Please make your reservations through chapter secretary Buddy Johnson
Phone 229-561-0690(c) email buddy1612@bellsouth.net

Not later than Noon Monday, July 5

We are required to provide an accurate meal count **prior to** the conference center staff meeting at **1:00 pm Monday**. Cost is \$20 per person.

Sorry, we must bill no-shows

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