

The South Georgia Voice



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Admiral Ryan, Judy Ryan, Johnsons, Pipers, McArthurs

Kings Bay MOAA Chartered

Our South Georgia chapter was well represented Saturday, February 6 when Georgia's newest MOAA chapter in Kings Bay was chartered by Admiral Norb Ryan. Don & Sara McArthur, Bill & Lorena Piper, Buddy & Jean Johnson represented our chapter. Over 80 were in attendance including representatives from The Savannah, Athens, Atlanta, Old Capital and Golden Isles MOAA chapters.

MOAA President Honored

In its first-ever recognition of a military or veterans' association leader, *Association TRENDS*, the national newspaper for America's association executives and suppliers, honored MOAA President VADM Norb Ryan, Jr., USN-Ret., as "Association Executive of the Year" at its Salute to Association Excellence awards ceremony in Washington DC on Feb. 24.

TRENDS Executive Editor and event host Jill Cornish said, "Admiral Ryan represents the best of the best in our profession. He has faced some of the same [financial challenges] as you all have. And he has found ways to continue to serve his members with increased value. He has worked with his board to create a community of volunteerism and mutual help. He has repeatedly gone to Capitol Hill to fight for issues and services his members, and all Americans, need. He has spoken up for those who have given their all for our freedoms."

"I know I sound like the military brat that I was," Cornish continued. "My mother still reads *Military Officer* magazine and appreciates the work the MOAA staff does for the families of military. Admiral Ryan represents the excellence of leadership in our community."

Ryan's acceptance remarks focused on his mission rather than his and MOAA's accomplishments. "It's serving a cause greater than self that makes our lives, businesses and ourselves successful," he said, and he urged all association leaders in attendance to find ways for their organizations to reach out to thank and support our veterans and those currently serving.

"It only takes an hour in 120-degree heat on patrol with our soldiers in Iraq, wearing 40 pounds of body armor and equipment, to realize we have another greatest generation serving today just like our World War II generation," Ryan said to sustained applause. "Leaders and people who

want to serve can make an enormous difference. It's essential for all of us to let our troops, veterans, and families know how deeply their country and their fellow citizens appreciate their truly extraordinary sacrifices."

Food for Thought

From: "A Gentleman Entertains"

By: John Bridges and Bryan Curtis

If a gentleman cannot find time to clean his house, he finds somebody to do it for him – even if he has to pay.

Membership Chair Report

By: Don McArthur Maj. USAF, Ret.

Finally March has arrived. Hopefully this month will bring some warmer weather. The Valentine musical program was outstanding. Too bad we had competition the same evening which kept several members from joining us.

MOAA has announced that a record 6,000 plus members were recruited or converted their membership to Life Memberships during the 2009 *Give Me 10* campaign. Our chapter will be receiving an incentive check soon for 2009. And we are off to a good start for the 2010 *Give Me 10* campaign.

MOAA has reminded us that lapsed MOAA members are eligible for paid membership under the *Give Me 10* program, paying just \$28 for a two year national MOAA membership. Additionally, when you bump into those former and retired officers and surviving spouses, please suggest that they come to a chapter meeting and reconnect with the military family. Hopefully, they will consider joining

our chapter. I have the 2010 applications. Give me a call if you need one.

Before I sign off I want to again encourage the membership to give to our 2010 J/ROTC project. We still need approximately \$1,000. If you have been keeping up with the budget crunches of our state during the current legislative session, you have noticed that education continues being squeezed; therefore these J/ROTC units need our support.

Our Newest Chapter Members



Gary & Anglia Moser



Greg and Kathy Laffitte

MOAA's Pharmacy Survey

The Defense Department could only wish that those who responded to last

week's MOAA pharmacy survey represented a cross-section of all military beneficiaries.

Maybe it's the demographics of MOAA legislative update subscribers, maybe it was the way we worded the survey invitation, or maybe our subscribers just like saving money, but our survey respondents showed a far higher utilization of TRICARE's home-delivery (mail-order) pharmacy program than the beneficiary population as a whole.

Of the approximately 7,700 who took the survey, 64% had tried the home-delivery system, and 45% said they use it as their primary source of maintenance medications. Of those who tried it, 18% reported being "mostly satisfied" and a whopping 69% "very satisfied" with the program. 91% said they liked the convenience of having medications delivered to their home, 78% cited the ease of managing prescriptions by web or phone, and 73% liked the 67% copay savings compared to retail pharmacy use.

Asked what the home-delivery users disliked about the program, 68% said "Nothing; I've been very happy with it." The most frequent specific problem cited (by only 9%) was "difficulty with telephone/computer support."

The most frequent reason cited by those who hadn't yet tried the home-delivery system was preference for the flexibility of the local military/retail/VA pharmacy.

March Meeting

Our next meeting is Thursday March 11, **6:00 pm**, at the Rainwater Conference Center on Norman Drive. Dinner is **at 6:30 PM**

Laura Lerdall will present the program "That Others May Live", a project that funds the advanced educational needs of the children of fallen heroes.

Please make your reservations through chapter secretary Buddy Johnson

Phone 229-561-0690(c) email buddy1612@bellsouth.net

Not later than Noon Monday, March 8

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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