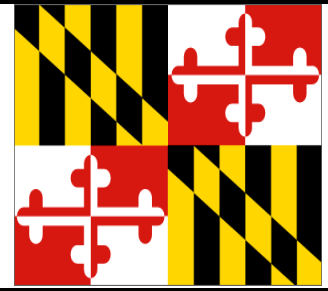




Fort George G. Meade Chapter

Officers Call



Sep/Oct 2011

Five Star Chapter Award 2009 & 2010



Presidents Message:

First, let me thank the Chapter members who made the trip down to Capitol Hill on a hot September day to meet with our Congressmen (and Congresswoman) and Senator. Five of the eight Representatives ate with us and spoke to us (Dutch Rupersberger, John Sarbanes, Donna Edwards, Steny Hoyer, and Roscoe Bartlett), along with Senator Ben Cardin. Congressman Andy Harris was unable to attend, but sent his Chief of Staff. They all seem well versed in military and veteran related issues – but all indicated there are tough times ahead – as we all know from reading the daily papers. The MOAA National staff members in attendance (including VADM Norb Ryan) all congratulated the Maryland contingent for putting on a good luncheon. We're planning to do this again next year, and hope to see even more Chapter members attend. It would be great to have to more to an even larger room!

I know I've made this plea a number of times now – but we really need a Chapter member to step up and volunteer to be Secretary. It really should not take very much time. The main requirement of the job is to take notes at the five or six Board of Directors meetings and write up the minutes. Normally the Board meets on a Saturday morning about two weeks before the Chapter luncheon meeting. This month we could not find a Saturday that everyone could make, so we will be having a short Board meeting at 1100 on 3 Nov at Club Meade (just before the luncheon meeting). Come on out and join us! The more people we have taking a job, the less work any one person has to do.

We are still taking cell phones for the Cell Phones for Soldiers program – bring any old phones to the November meeting. While the USO is still accepting books and recent magazines, I can tell you that there is no room on the shelves over there for more books (we get excess books from the bookstore in the airport), so we can probably slow down on our donations.

Finally, there are always openings for volunteers to greet the troops returning from Afghanistan or Iraq or WW II Veterans coming in for a tour of the WW II Monument. Please give me a call or drop me an email for more details.

Hope to see many of you on 3 Nov – we will have a guest speaker tell us about his adventures in covert ops after WW II.

Jim Shiffrin
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Maryland Council of Chapters MOAA Congressional Luncheon Photos Courtesy of MOAA



VADM Norbert R. Ryan, Jr., USN-Ret, greets Rep. Donna Edwards (D-Md.) at the the first annual Maryland Council of Chapters Congressional Appreciation Luncheon, on Wednesday, September 14, at the Rayburn Office Building in Washington, D.C.



VADM Norbert R. Ryan, Jr., USN-Ret, shares a moment with Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-Md.) during the Maryland Council of Chapters Congressional Appreciation Luncheon, on Wednesday, September 14, at the Rayburn Office Building in Washington, D.C.

USO Book Drive

The USO book drive continues at Baltimore Washington International/Thurgood Marshal airport with over 450 magazines/paperback books and 250 hard cover books donated to date along with \$275 in food/snack donations from chapter members. Thanks for your support. If you want to donate magazines remember the USO asks they be in good condition and current (3 months or less). If you have difficulty getting out to BWI just leave them with us at the next chapter luncheon on Thursday November 3rd and the chapter will make the delivery.

Chapter Dues

Your mailing label has a date in the lower left hand corner. If the date listed is 12/31/2010 or earlier your dues are now payable for the 2011 year. Those who receive the newsletter electronically will have a dues notice attached if they are non-current. Annual chapter dues are \$12 for one year or 3 years for \$30. Auxiliary dues are \$5 per year. There are still a few chapter members whose dues are in arrears. Thank you for your prompt attention.

Happy Birthday

USAF 18 Sep 1947 – 64th Birthday
USN 13 Oct 1775 – 236th Birthday
USMC 10 Nov 1775 – 236th Birthday

Quotes to Note

“We must be willing to get rid of the life we’ve planned, so as to have the life that is waiting on us.” Joseph Campbell

“There is nothing makes a man suspect much more than to know little.”
Francis Bacon

“Be sincere; be brief; be seated.” Franklin D. Roosevelt

Open Positions in the Chapter

The following position needs to be filled immediately: Legislative Affairs Officer and Chapter Secretary. Please contact Jim Shiffrin or John Whitman if interested.

Veterans Appreciation Day Luncheon

ROWC and Co-Sponsors (FGGM/MOAA being one of the sponsors) invite you to attend the Vets Appreciation Luncheon on Saturday Nov 5, 2011 at Club Meade. Sign-in/Socializing begins at 10:00 AM, the program begins promptly at 11:00 AM. Keynote speaker is Col Kenneth O. McCree, USA-Retired and Sr. Executive Director, Enterprise IT, Mantech International Corporation. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Call Althea Freeman, 410-451-9709 or Lianne Roberts, 301-464-5498 for information/reservations.



More than 30,000 runners participate in the 2011 Army Ten Miler in Washington, D.C. Sunday October 9, 2011. (U.S. Army photo Staff Sgt. Teddy Wave/Released/Photo by U.S. Army)



FGGM/MOAA Chapter President Jim Shiffrin hands a check for \$300 to Ken Funk, Treasurer of Operation Welcome Home (OWH), with other OWH Team Leaders in attendance. (Photo courtesy of Ken Carvey, OWH)



Jim Shiffrin hands a \$300 check on behalf of the FGGM/MOAA Chapter to Shauna Van Buren, BWI Airport USO Manager, with Deborah Watson, BWI USO Volunteer Coordinator. (Photo courtesy of USO volunteer Ron Werner).

Drivers Needed

Would you be interested in driving other chapter members to the meetings? Currently we have chapter members who could use a ride from Laurel, Annapolis, and Severn. Contact John Whitman or Eleanor Layman if interested.

Wounded Warrior Project Golf Outing Oct 24th

Enjoy a Great Day of Golf, Food, and Fun at Crofton Country Club on Monday Oct 24th. Cost is: \$125 per player, \$95 for Active Duty Men and "Women.

Contact Amy Rippey at 410-721-3111, X205 or for an application/information or go the Maryland Council of Chapters MOAA website at: www.mdmooa.org and click the link marked Support the Wounded Warrior Project and download a tournament application. Slots are filling up fast so don't delay.

Cell Phones for Soldiers Campaign

The collection of old cell phones has been extended by MOAA until January 2012. Please bring any unwanted cell phones to the November 3rd luncheon meeting for collection. Each cell phone that is turned in translates into about sixty minutes of free talk time for our deployed troops.

We can't accept chargers without their cell phones. Also we cannot accept old land line phones. Before turning in the cell phone, deactivate it and turn off the power. Please keep the battery attached. Many thanks to Eleanor Layman for making this happen in the chapter.

TOPS – Job Fairs

Friday November 4, 2011 Corporate Gray "Security Clearance" Job Fair in Springfield, VA: Time: 10 am to 2 pm on Friday, November 4th at the Waterford Reception Center in Springfield, Virginia. All job seekers must have an active or current DoD security clearance of Secret or higher to participate. Employers include both private sector companies and government agencies ready to recruit "cleared" talent. Pre-register or more information at: www.CorporateGray.com

Wednesday November 16, 2011 Veterans Job Fair on Ft Meade at Club Meade . Time: 9 am to 2 pm. The job fair is open to all job seekers. Please arrive early and anticipate lines at the gate and at the job fair. Meet employers, bring plenty of resumes and dress for success. For details call or e-mail Jerome Duncan at 410-674-5240 jduncan@dir.state.md.us

MOAA Luncheon Meeting

Thursday November 3rd, 2011 at Club Meade 6600 Mapes Ave on Ft Geo. G. Meade. Guest Speaker is Lt Col John Bessette, USAF-Retired. Learn about covert Air Reconnaissance missions in Europe/U.S. Air Force Europe (USAFE) Operations from 1946-1990

Bring a friend or prospective member to the meeting!

Cost: \$ 14.00 per person

Join us at 'Club Meade at 11:15 AM. Lunch begins promptly at noon. Menu: Roast Pork Loin/Gravy, Red Bliss Potatoes, Peas/Onions, Garden Salad, Rolls/Butter, Coffee/Tea, and Apple Pie. \$14.00 per person. Please make reservations by close of business October 31, 2011.

Name(s) _____
Total Reservations _____ Check enclosed for total amount _____

Phone number: _____ e-mail: _____

Please mail reservations and checks payable to FGGM/MOAA to:

LTC T. Wayne Hobbs, USA-Retired
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Elkridge, MD 21075-6080
410-799-8331

If you make reservations but are a no-show for the dinner, payment will still be required to the chapter. If you need to cancel your reservation please do so by COB Monday October 31, 2011.

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