



**Fort George G. Meade Chapter**

# Officers Call



August 2007

## Presidents Message

### THE SURGE

Whenever, I listen to WTOP, “My favorite radio station that doesn’t play songs” (WTOP), I am constantly reminded of how our present Commander-in-Chief is under siege by the media and members of Congress because of the War in Iraq and “The Surge.” The purpose of this message is not to defend the Commander-in-Chief, but to talk about another “Surge.”

Recently, I heard more information surrounding the tragic death of Pat Tillman, the former professional football player who loved his country so much that he left the professional football league to join the ranks of the professional soldiers. Pat Tillman also felt “The Surge.” Those of us who are receiving or reading this message have also felt “The Surge” at one time in our lives. I am referring to “The Surge” of pride we feel in serving our country.

The majority of us are not professional athletes but we have been ready to lay our lives on the line to protect the interests of the United States of America. Pat Tillman gave up his life because he felt “The Surge.” I want to say thank you to Pat Tillman and all of those who have and are presently serving this great nation. I stand in perpetual salute to those of you have felt “The Surge.” May God Bless you all.

CW2 (RET) Ricky C. Godbolt



**Arlington National Cemetery, Section 60, where many of our fallen heroes from Iraq and Afghanistan lie in eternal rest.**

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### **Army Ten Mile Race Sunday Oct -7, 2007**

Race quota of 26,000 runners has been reached. as of May 31, 2007. Go to [www.armytenmiler.com](http://www.armytenmiler.com). MOAA National will also be fielding a team. If signed up for the ATM already you can join the MOAA team. Go to the MOAA web page [www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org) for details.

**Quote of the Day** “We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.”  
Sir Winston Churchill

### **SBP Briefing**

A Survivor Benefit Plan Symposium will be held Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup> at Club Meade from 9AM to 3PM. Reservations are required and must be made no later than August 10<sup>th</sup>. Cost of lunch is \$11 per person. Call Mrs. Cecille Morse at 410-776-5848 to sign up.

### **Retiree Appreciation Day at Fort Meade**

Mark Friday Oct 26, 2007 on your calendar at Kimbrough Army Medical Center, Fort Meade from 08:00 to 4:00PM. Our chapter will have a display table along with numerous other organizations. We need one more volunteer to work the PM shift from noon to 4:00 PM. Please contact Ricky Godbolt or John Whitman if you are interested in volunteering. Kimbrough personnel will conduct medical screening and classes. Lunch will be at noon at the Freedom Inn. Guest speaker will be Mr. John Radke, Chief Army Retirement Services and the day will finish off with museum tours.

### **A Tip of the Hat**

CDR Jim Huber for volunteering his day Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup> at BWI-Thurgood Marshal airport in assisting World War II veterans from around the county and as they visited the WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam War memorials as part of Honor Flight. Jim and several MOAA members, along with other Vets Groups and volunteers and military families acted as the reception committee by providing cold water and ensuring the veterans made it from their gate to the bus and back to their respective gates on their return trips from D.C. Honor Flight's sole purpose is to fly veterans to Washington D.C. to visit the memorials dedicated to honor their sacrifices. Today, Honor Flight has flown more than 800 WWII veterans to the memorial at no expense to the veterans. For more information on Honor Flight go to [www.honorflight.net](http://www.honorflight.net)

Mrs. Cecille Morse for her work with the annual SBP symposium at Club Meade.

Kudos to LTC Louis Feldman for initiating the idea and taking the lead in donating books (paperback preferred) and magazines (recent) to our troops at the USO lounge at BWI-Marshall airport transiting BWI-Marshall airport. If you have books to donate please contact Lou at 301-490-8510 to arrange a pickup date. Also advise Lou if you require a statement of donation for tax purposes from the USO.

## ROTC/JROTC Award Winners

Cadet Grant Waldron, Atholton High School, -presented by CWO2 Ricky Godbolt  
Cadet Jennifer Marshall, Howard County HS, -presented by CWO2 Ricky Godbolt  
Cadet Elijah Anderson, Forest Park HS, -presented by CWO2 Ricky Godbolt  
Cadet Jennifer Urruita, Ft Meade High School, presented by Major Jim Shifrin  
Cadet Jillian Johnson, Oakland Mills HS AFJROTC, presented by Major John Whitman  
Cdt Captain Mark Shifrin, University of MD, AFROTC, - presented by Major Jim Shifrin  
Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to those in the chapter who volunteered to present the awards. If you would like to volunteer to make a presentation next year please contact Major Jim Shifrin at 410-766-5732.

## New Members

Please welcome Dr. C. Alex Alexander, USAR-Ret and his wife Sudha to the chapter. They reside in Odenton, MD.

## Give Me Ten Competition Continues

We have recruited 6 new members into MOAA so far this year. Remember active duty, Reserve and Guard personnel can join MOAA free for one year. All others may join for 2 years at the cost of \$27 (\$24) for Auxiliary members. If you need applications contact Lt Col Pam Smith or John Whitman. For every person recruited over 10 the chapter receives \$10 per person. If we recruit the most members for our category, MOAA will contribute \$1000 to the chapter. Our President, Ricky Godbolt has asked for each member to recruit one new member into MOAA and hopefully our chapter. New members have the option joining the FGGM/MOAA chapter free for one year when they join MOAA.

# Join us for Sunday Brunch

**Sunday August 26, 2007 at Club Meade.**

**Guest Speaker: Mr. Thomas Hutchins, former Secretary of Maryland State Police  
Social Hour 1130 followed by brunch at 1200.**

***Bring a friend or prospective member to the meeting!***

Make checks payable (\$17.00 per person) to FGGM/MOAA and mail reservation form and check to: John Whitman (410-551-0528), 7906 Rosebud Ct Severn, MD 21144-1145  
NLT Thursday August 23, 2007.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Total Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ Check enclosed for total Amount \_\_\_\_\_

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TO ADVOCATE MILITARY FORCES ADEQUATE TO THE DEFENSE OF OUR COUNTRY;  
TO FOSTER FRATERNAL RELATIONS BETWEEN ALL BRANCHES OF THE VARIOUS SERVICES FROM WHICH OUR MEMBERS ARE DRAWN;  
TO FURTHER THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN OF SERVICE PERSONNEL;  
TO AID ACTIVE AND RETIRED PERSONNEL OF THE VARIOUS SERVICES FROM WHICH OUR MEMBERS ARE DRAWN, AND THEIR DEPENDENTS AND SURVIVORS, IN EVERY PROPER AND LEGITIMATE MANNER; AND TO REPRESENT THEIR RIGHTS AND INTEREST WHEN SERVICE MATTERS ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION.  
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