



Fort George G. Meade Chapter

# Officers Call



Mar/Apr 2010

## Presidents Message:

Greetings All!

SPECIAL INVITE: MOWW sponsored dinner featuring guest speaker LTG Lloyd Austin, Director of the Joint Staff on Saturday, March 20, 2010, 1830.

LTG Austin was the 2<sup>nd</sup> in command of U.S Forces in Iraq for a year. I hope you will join us for this special event and make your reservation via the sign up form included with this newsletter.

NOTE: Our regularly scheduled MOAA luncheon for March 18, 2010 is CANCELLED!

The effort to make military pensions a “subtraction from income” on our Maryland tax returns is ONGOING! See details below. I’ve emailed announcements and requests to encourage you to contact your Delegates and State Senator in Annapolis to ensure they know and hear your viewpoint! Please do your part NOW to assist the many thousands of retirees who may benefit from this effort. It’s another way your MOAA and Maryland’s Veterans Task Force work to support you! Don’t delay!

Jim Pede  
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House Bill 1 (HB 1) and Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) were introduced at the opening of the legislative session in Annapolis. Both bills will increase the exemption of military retired pay in Maryland from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Both bills will have a very difficult time getting out of committee this year as a result of the tough fiscal situation. If the bills do make it out of committee and are passed the increased exemption would begin on Jan 1, 2012. However, as always, call, write, or e-mail your Delegates and State Senator and ask for their support on these bills. Both bills were heard SB 1 on Feb-2<sup>nd</sup> and HB 1 on Feb 4<sup>th</sup> in Annapolis.

**TOPS Corner** LCDR Jason Harris, Chapter TOPS Officer, USNR, JAH100@gmail.com

The following Job Fairs are scheduled in February and March 2010

Wednesday February 24<sup>th</sup>, 9AM – 2PM, FT MEADE TECH JOB FAIR  
Club Meade (Open to all job seekers)  
6600 Mapes Road (Must be a U.S. Citizen)  
Ft Geo. G. Meade, MD 20755

Tuesday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 10AM-2PM MOAA/Corporate Gray  
Security Clearance Required – Register online at: [www.corporategray.com](http://www.corporategray.com)  
Or [www.moaa.com/career/fairs](http://www.moaa.com/career/fairs)  
Holiday Inn BWI  
890 Elkridge Landing Road  
Linthicum, MD 21090

Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 11AM to 2PM, CLEARED JOBS  
Security Clearance Required, [www.clearedjobs.net](http://www.clearedjobs.net)  
Marriott – BWI  
1743 W. Nursery Road  
Linthicum, MD 21090

Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 11AM – 3PM, RECRUIT MILITARY  
[www.recruitmilitary.com/expos](http://www.recruitmilitary.com/expos)  
M&T Bank Stadium  
1101 Russell St.  
Baltimore, MD 21230

Wednesday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 10AM – 2 PM, PG ONE-STOP CAREER CENTER  
The Club at Andrews                      Military focused – but open to the public  
1889 Arnold Ave.                              For more info: [www.mwejobs.com](http://www.mwejobs.com)  
Andrews AFB, MD

## **Our World War II Veterans**

### **Captain Ernest H. Burt, Jr., USCG-Retired**

Captain Burt graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy on June 19, 1942. He served on the USS Arthur Middleton as a boat officer until June 1943. He then served as an officer on the USS Coronado (PF-38) in the SW Pacific until January 1944, when he assumed command of the Coronado and oversaw the training of Russian Navy personnel aboard PF-38. On June 6, 1944 (D-Day) Captain Burt was finishing the final stages of training for the Russians prior to transferring the ship to the Russian Navy in July 1944.

### **Upcoming Schedule to FGGM/MOAA in 2010**

BOD meetings: August 20, 2010, 10am, Golf Course

Luncheons: May 20, Sept 16, Nov 18 2010, Club Meade

Dinners: March 20, 2010, Club Meade, Joint meeting sponsored by MOWW

**Tricare University offers benefit education** Release No. 1-9-10 Jan 27-2010 Courtesy of Triicare Falls Church, VA

If you are new to Tricare and eager to learn about your health care benefits or an old hand who wants to know the latest change, Tricare University is the place to go. Tricare University offers free online courses 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year at [www.tricare.mil/tricareu](http://www.tricare.mil/tricareu).

The courses can be taken anytime and you can learn at your own pace, said Rear Adm. Christine Hunter, deputy director of the Tricare Management Activity. It's the simplest way to learn about your Tricare benefit.

Of the different courses online, the Tricare Public Course provides the quickest and easiest way to get a general overview and basic knowledge of

Tricare programs. There is no registration for this course and it is accessible to anyone who wants to know more about Tricare.

The Tricare Fundamentals Course is much more in-depth as its primarily designed for benefit counselors and family support staff who provide counseling and assistance to Tricare beneficiaries. Topics covered include Tricare eligibility, Tricare programs and plans and online resources. Registration is needed to take the course and graduates who pass the test at the end of the course receive a certificate from Tricare. To take one of the offered courses, go to [www.tricare.mil/tricareu](http://www.tricare.mil/tricareu) and click online training for a list of options.

### **USO Book Drive**

Kudos to Col Frank and Betty Ann Akiyama for their generous donation of over 600 paperback books to the USO at BWI.

### **A Reminder – Chapter Dues**

Your mailing label has a date in the lower left hand corner. If the date listed is 12/31/2009 or earlier your dues are now payable for the 2010 year. Annual chapter dues are \$12 for one year or 3 years for \$30. Auxiliary dues are \$5 per year.

### **Retiree eye exams allowed every two years** Release No. 1-03-10 Jan 8, 2010

Falls Church, Va. (AFRNS) -- Maintaining healthy eyes and vision is an important part of personal safety and quality of life, say Tricare officials, and getting an eye exam is a smart idea for anyone, whether or not they have vision problems.

Retirees and their family members using Tricare Prime can get an eye exam every two years. Routine eye exams for retirees and their family members using Tricare Standard and Extra, and Tricare for Life are not covered. These exams are more than the standard letter charts and include a check into the health of the eye. Retirees and their families enrolled in Tricare Prime can make an appointment with any Tricare-authorized optometrist or ophthalmologist for an exam. Tricare Prime beneficiaries do not need a referral unless they see a provider outside of their region's Tricare network.

All retirees, even Tricare for Life recipients, may receive one pair of standard issue glasses each year from the Naval Ophthalmic Support and Training Activity. Visit the NOSTRA Web site at [www.med.navy.mil/sites/nostra](http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nostra) and select the “How to Order: Retirees” link for more information. Family members and surviving spouses are not entitled to NOSTRA support.

Tricare officials said there are many ways to preserve and protect one’s vision besides getting eye examinations. Avoid injury by wearing appropriate eye protection when handling tools and chemicals, and while playing sports. Also, wear sunglasses, hats and visors to protect eyes against the sun’s harmful ultra-violet rays. Learn more about Tricare vision benefits at the Tricare beneficiary portal at <http://tricare.mil/mybenefit>. Learn about eye health and protection at the National Institutes of Health’s National Eye Institute at [www.nei.nih.gov](http://www.nei.nih.gov). (Courtesy of Tricare)



**Captain Kate Gowel, bottom row, left, poses for a picture with her siblings at her parent’s home in Lorton, VA. Gowel, a military lawyer, was the first of six siblings to join the military. (Photo by U.S. Army)**

### **In Memory**

Major John “Jack” Trudell died February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Kris Leigh Assisted Living facility from complications of Alzheimer’s. He served 21 years in the U.S. Army including WWII and Korea and retired in 1961. He began his second career at NSA where he served over 20 years. His wife, Mary F. Trudell in 2003, preceded him in death. He is survived by his son, James A. Trudell of Odenton; his daughter Ruthann Trudell of Utah; two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Online condolences can be made at [www.hardestyfunerhome.com](http://www.hardestyfunerhome.com)

**FT GEORGE G. MEADE CHAPTER MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (FGGM/MOAA) APPLICATION FORM FOR MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I am applying as a new member in the FGGM/MOAA Chapter.

\_\_\_\_ I am renewing my membership in the FGGM/MOAA Chapter.

I am \_\_\_\_/am not \_\_\_\_ a member of MOAA national. If a MOAA national member, is it a lifetime membership? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

MOAA Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Member number may be found on magazine mailing label.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Service \_\_\_\_\_ Status \_\_\_\_\_

Active, Retired, Former Officer, Reserve, National Guard or Widower

**Mail Address:**

NUMBER and STREET \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment Number \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Residence: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Spouses Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclosed are my chapter dues for: (Make check payable to FGGM/MOAA)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **1 Year: \$12 per year (2010)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **3 Years: \$30 (2010, 2011, 2012) or (2011, 2012, 2013)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **1 Year Auxiliary: \$5 (2010)**

**Sponsor's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

If widower or widow please provide name of deceased spouse, rank and service

(An Auxiliary Member is the surviving spouse of a person who would be eligible for full membership if living; Auxiliary Members have full voting rights.)

FGGM/MOAA C/O Major John T. Whitman, USAF-Ret

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**A U.S. Soldier warms his hands by a fire made by Afghans during Operation Wawraa Tufaan in Zanbar province, Afghanistan, Jan. 31, 2010. The Soldier is assigned to the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division's Company D, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 501<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment, 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade combat Team. U.S. Army photo by Sgt Jeffrey Alexander. (Photo by U.S. Armyv.)**

**Cpl Joshua D. Villegas, a radio operator attached to Charlie Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Regiment watches nearby farms for insurgent activity Feb 9 from a building rooftop in the center of "Five Points" a key intersection of roads linking the northern area of an insurgent stronghold of Marjeb with the rest of Helmland province. Marines of Charlie Co. conducted a helicopter-borne assault that morning to seize the area. Villegas, 22, is from Chicago. Official Marine Corps Photo by Sgt Brian A. Tuthill (photo by USMC)**



### **Quotes from John Wayne**

**"Courage is being scared to death but saddling up anyway"**

**"Talk low, talk slow and don't say too much."**

**"If everything isn't black and white, I say, "Why the hell not?""**

**"A horse is a horse, it ain't make a difference what color it is."**

**MOAA/MOWW Joint Dinner Meeting Saturday  
MARCH 20th Guest Speaker is: LTG Austin, Director  
of the Joint Staff.**

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

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Join us at Club Meade 1830 for Social Hour and Dinner at 1900  
Menu: Dinner will be a choice of two menu entrees: Roast Center-Cut Pork Loin with mushroom sauce, tossed mixed green salad with cucumber, tomato, egg & choice of dressing, rissole potatoes, New Orleans blend vegetables, and walnut cake Or: Roast Turkey with cornbread dressing, giblet gravy, tossed mixed green salad with cucumber, tomato, egg & choice of dressing, candied sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, peas and mushrooms, and walnut cake. Cash Bar (1800-2200) Please make reservations NLT COB March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

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

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

Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail reservations and checks payable to FGGM/MOWW to:**

LTC Bill Taylor, USA-Retired, home phone: (410)-992-7008

6205 Slender Sky

Columbia, MD 21144 by COB Wednesday March 10, 2010

**Note: This is a sit down meal and if you make reservations but are a no-show for the dinner, payment will still be required to MOWW. If you need to cancel your reservation please do so by COB Wednesday March 10, 2010**

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