

THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND **NEWSLETTER**

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President's Corner

On behalf of your Board of Directors, we hope you all had a very happy Easter. We look forward to greeting old friends, and meeting new members at our next gathering, which will be at the Ruddy Duck. The details are below.

Thanks for your continuing support for our social events, and please feel free to contact us with your ideas for future programs. Our specials thanks to LtCol J. P. Sherkus, USAF-Ret, who presented a very entertaining and informative overview of his attaché duty in the former Soviet Union at our last meeting.

My best,
Evelyn DeLuca-Widmer

TAPS

Mrs. Maurine Holbert Hogaboom passed away in March at the age of 98. She was an actress throughout most of her life. At the time of her death, she was the oldest member of our Chapter. She was married to General Robert Hogaboom, U. S. Marine Corps-Retired, who passed away in 1993. General Hogaboom was one of our original Charter Members.

LCDR Charles F. Fadeley, USN-Retired, passed away in March at the age of 87. He graduated from the U S Naval Academy (USNA) in 1944, and served in cruisers and destroyers throughout his career. He had the distinction of serving as an instructor at both the USNA and the U S Military Academy, West Point. He was one of our original Charter Members and was the first Secretary of the Southern Maryland Chapter. He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Muriel Fadeley.

We were recently informed that Col Harold K. "Deak" Reynolds, USA-Retired, passed away in October at the age of 88. During World War II, he served in the infantry in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Later, he was the Provost Marshall at West Point. Following retirement, he changed careers to become Dean and later Executive Vice President at St. Mary's College of Maryland. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Elizabeth, who resides in St. Mary's City.

Welcome Aboard

CDR David Nelson, USN joined our chapter in March. He was already a member of national MOAA. CDR Nelson is currently serving and is assigned to the Maritime Surveillance Aircraft Program Office (PMA-290) at NAVAIR. He and his wife Theresa reside in Mechanicsville.

Annual Dues

Our annual membership renewal campaign has officially wrapped up. (If there is "09" under your name on the address label of this newsletter, this will be your last newsletter) In case you were wondering, we currently have a total of 145 members, including 27 Auxiliary Members. (Auxiliary Members are the surviving spouses of deceased officers who would, if still living, be eligible for membership). Nine of our members are currently serving. We have three general and flag officers - one USAF and two Coast Guard. Of those who told us how old they are, eleven are ninety or better, and the oldest will be 96 this year. Seven of our Regular Members are women, but we know of at least two cases where both the husband and the wife are retired officers. One of our members lives on the Eastern Shore, three live in Virginia, one lives in Tennessee, one in Vermont and one in Texas.

Lowe's and Home Depot Now Offer Year-Round Discounts

We're not choosing sides here, but if you are in the market for some appliances, hardware, tools, or building supplies, both Lowe's and Home Depot are now offering their military discounts year-round! In addition, both companies have long-standing programs geared toward hiring service members (both active duty and retired) and their spouses.

The Home Depot offers a year-round, 10 percent discount, up to a \$500 maximum, to all active duty military personnel, reservists, retired or disabled veterans and their immediate families. Customers requesting the discount should present a valid military ID. This discount is not available to online shoppers or in addition to existing discounts or promotions.

Lowe's Companies, Inc. announced that it will expand its support of the military by offering an all day, everyday 10 percent discount to all military personnel who are active duty, reserve, retired or disabled veterans and their family members, with a valid, government-issued military ID card. All other military veterans will receive the discount on the Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Veterans Day weekends. The discount is available on in-stock and Special Order purchases up to \$5,000. Excluded from the discount are sales via lowes.com, previous sales, and purchases of services or gift cards. (Editor's Note: In both cases, you need to ask for these discounts. The cashier will not ask if you are military or not.)

Storm the Hill

This month, MOAA will bring its 35 state council presidents, along with representatives from the other fifteen states and Puerto Rico, to Washington D.C. for the annual Council Presidents' Seminar, better known as Storming the Hill. Our own Jack Fringer, in his capacity as Maryland Council President, and his wife Barbara, will attend this year. The MOAA representatives will try to visit every member of Congress, and/or their staffs to address issues that affect all military people – officer and enlisted, active duty and retired, National Guard and Reserves, as well as their spouses and survivors. Members of Congress tend to listen to chapter members before they listen to MOAA staff members because the chapter members are their constituents. Chapter members vote for them, and they know it! Grassroots support of MOAA's legislative agenda by its chapters is one of the greatest strengths of MOAA.

Chapter Meeting

Our next Chapter Meeting will be held on Saturday, 17 April at the Ruddy Duck Brewery and Grille. The restaurant is located in Solomons directly in front of the new Hilton Gardens Hotel and across the street from the Solomons Firehouse on Route 2-4 at the corner of Dowell Road. We will not have a guest speaker, but we will have a tour of their micro-brewery. Unfortunately, beer tasting will not be included on the program!

Social hour will begin at 1130 and lunch will be served at noon. We will have a choice of Cleopatra Salad (Romaine and spinach, bacon, mandarin wedges, almonds, chicken and citrus vinaigrette) for \$18, or Fish Taco (Mahi filet with lettuce, pico de gallo, cheese and green goddess sauce), served with a side of French fries or cole slaw for \$15, or Bacon Cheeseburger (Applewood smoked bacon and cheddar cheese) served with a side of French fries or cole slaw for \$12. All meals include coffee, soda or tea. Please make your reservations by Wednesday, 14 April to:

John LeRoy at leroypac@comcast.net or (410) 257-0439, or
Jack Fringer at jackfringer@chesapeake.net (410) 326-0486, or
Tom Smith at rotorhead99@md.metrocast.net or (301) 475-3694.

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**The Board of Directors will meet
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