

THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND **NEWSLETTER**

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President's Corner

I want to encourage all of our members to join us on 14 August for our last social event of the summer. Prospective members, family--or simply good friends of the military--are welcome. There will be an excellent barbecue, catered by Adams Ribs, dessert, as well as complimentary non-alcoholic beverages. Wine and beer are also allowed! Scientist Cliffs is one of the most beautiful spots in all of Calvert County, and it is an exclusive community. If it were not for Warren Prince, our Second Vice, we could never have secured the use of the Chestnut Cabin, which has a panoramic view of the cliffs and the Chesapeake Bay.

While prepayment is not necessary, we really do need to get a fairly accurate head count for the caterer. Also, if you would like a ride, please don't hesitate to call (301) 737-6313.

My best,
Evelyn S. DeLuca-Widmer,
MAJ, USAR (Ret)

Welcome Aboard

We recruited two new members into the chapter this month:

CDR Howard A. Brown, USN-Ret. and his wife Laurie live in Lexington Park. CDR Brown was recruited by Chapter President Evelyn DeLuca-Widmer.

LCDR Terrence A. Cooke and his wife Elsie live in California MD. LCDR Cooke was recruited by Chapter Secretary Tom Smith.

CDR Brown and LCDR Cooke were both already members of national MOAA.

Designated Scholar

We are pleased to announce that for the fourth (and final) year, the Designated Scholar for the Southern Maryland Chapter is Mr. Douglas A. Medcalf, Jr. He is working toward a Bachelor's Degree in Economics/Business at Towson University's Honors College and plans on going to law school when he completes his undergraduate degree. Mr. Medcalf will receive a \$5,000 loan and a \$500 grant from the MOAA Scholarship Fund in the name of the chapter.

Chapter Picnic

Our next Chapter Meeting will be our annual picnic, which will be held on Saturday, 14 August at the Chestnut Cabin at Scientists Cliffs in Calvert County. We are inviting our friends from the Smallwood Chapter, and some have already indicated that they are coming.

This will also be our New Member Reception. If you know of someone who is eligible for membership in national MOAA, the chapter, or both, please bring them along as our guest.

Scientists Cliffs is located just south of Prince Frederick in Calvert County. If you are coming from Prince Frederick, go south on Route 2-4 through the traffic light at Route 264 (Broome's Island Road), and then turn left onto Parker's Creek Road. If you are coming from the Solomon's Island Bridge, go north on Route 2-4 until you pass Route 509. Parker's Creek is the next right turn. Once on Parker's Creek Road, pass one stop sign, pass under the power lines and then turn right onto Scientists Cliffs Road. Go 1.1 miles and turn right at Gate B. As you go down the hill, take the left fork and continue to the bottom of the hill. You will come to an open park area and the Chestnut Cabin is at the far end.

The picnic is mostly indoors, so weather is not an issue. There is a small museum in the cabin. The cabin is located right on the shore of the Chesapeake Bay and it is a great place to relax and unwind. Plan to stay awhile and enjoy the afternoon.

The buffet lunch will be catered by Adams Ribs and will include all you can eat barbequed chicken, barbequed ribs, baked beans, pasta salad, coleslaw, iced tea, coffee and various desserts. (If you want to bring your own beverages, please feel free to do so.) Social hour will begin at 1130 and the lunch will begin at 1200. The cost will be \$20 per person and you may pay at the door. Please make your reservations by Wednesday, 11 August 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.

Nobody Asked Me, But...

Maryland is the 19th largest state in the union with a population of 5,699,478. At the most recent MOAA Maryland Council meeting, Captain Dave Peterson, NOAA-Retired, who is on the MOAA Board of Directors and is also a member of the Montgomery County Chapter, provided the following information for the State of Maryland compared to the other states:

Maryland is the -
7th largest in MOAA membership...12,889
12th for total number of military retirees...51,258
15th for number of military retirees age 65 or older...17,887
12th for number on active duty...25,836
13th for the number of SBP annuitants...6,200
9th for the total number of TRICARE eligibles...226,972

These data are as of the end on FY09 and were included in the background/preparation material for 2010 "Storming of the Hill".

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors will meet at 1100, 14 August at the Chestnut Cabin. Please be prompt. We have a lot to discuss.



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