

THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND **NEWSLETTER**

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President's Corner

Spring is a very fast paced season for your board. During April and May, we covered seven JROTC Awards Ceremonies, and then on May 15, all seven of these outstanding cadets came (along with their guests) to be further honored at our Chapter luncheon. A great time was had by all, and we look forward to continuing this tradition next year. On Memorial Day, some of the Board Members were able to attend local ceremonies at the Court Houses or American Legion Posts to honor our fallen heroes and to further bond with our communities in partnership with the military.

On June 19, we have a distinguished guest speaker from national MOAA whose topic will be "Preserving and Passing On Your Hard-Earned Wealth". The details are on page 3 of this newsletter. Please get your reservations in early.

My best,
Evelyn

Auxiliary Liaison

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Emilia Brown has agreed to serve as our Chapter Auxiliary Liaison. Her primary responsibility will be to act as a liaison between the MOAA Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee and the auxiliary members of our chapter. She will receive updates from the committee which she can send on to our auxiliary members, and, hopefully, send the committee ideas from chapter members related to auxiliary members. Auxiliary Members are the spouses of deceased individuals who would, if living, be eligible for MOAA membership, whether or not the individual was ever an MOAA member. The chapter currently has twenty-eight Auxiliary Members. Although an auxiliary member could most certainly be the husband of a deceased female officer, in fact, all of our auxiliary members are women.

Board of Directors

The Year 2010 is rushing to an end. It won't be long before our current Chapter President, Evelyn DeLuca-Widmer, will be forced by our Chapter By-Laws to step down as president of the chapter. The good news is that we have a volunteer to fill her position in January 2011; however, we will need someone to serve as Chapter First Vice-President. It is a very rewarding experience and not terribly time consuming. If you think you might be willing to serve, please contact Evelyn (her contact information is at the top of page 1) or any board member. Auxiliary members are permitted (in fact, encouraged) to hold positions on our Board of Directors.

Junior ROTC Awards Program

The MOAA-Southern Maryland Chapter annually recognizes the outstanding cadet in the Junior ROTC Program in each of the seven Southern Maryland public high schools. To be eligible for the award, the candidate must be in the junior year of the JROTC Program; be in good academic standing; demonstrate a high degree of loyalty to the unit, the school and to our country; and demonstrate exceptional potential for military leadership. This year's award winners are:

Cadet Shelby Withers, Calvert High School

Cadet Robert Kacorowski, Patuxent High School

Cadet David Kramer, Northern High School

Cadet Jacob Prom, Huntingtown High School

Cadet Christopher Palmer, Chopticon High School

Cadet Jacob Stansfield, Great Mills High School

Cadet Christopher Plummer, Leonardtown High School.

Our thanks to the Board Members who presented the awards to the winners, and a special thanks to Jack Fringer who does an outstanding job of coordinating this program for us each year.

June Chapter Meeting

We are very pleased to announce that the guest speaker for our June Chapter Meeting will be Mr. Phil Dyer. Phil graduated from West Point in 1985 and served as an armor officer in the Army. He separated in 1990 as a Captain. In 1997, he became a Certified Financial Planner. He is currently the Deputy Director of the Benefits Information and Financial Education Department at national MOAA. You probably know his name because he writes the "Financial Forum" page in the *Military Officer* magazine each month. Phil will give a thirty minute update on estate planning, long-term care and wealth preservation challenges in today's rapidly changing tax environment. He will also give a brief Legislative Update on several key issues.

The June Chapter Meeting will be held at Asbury~Solomons Island. Several of our members reside in this retirement community, and we hope that they will spread the word. All former and retired military members living in Asbury~Solomons are encouraged to attend the luncheon, whether they are MOAA members or not.

For those of you who may not be familiar with Asbury~Solomons, it is located in Calvert County, Solomons, MD. From St. Mary's County, cross the Solomons Bridge, and then turn left at the first traffic light, which is Patuxent Point Pkwy. From Calvert County, go south on Route 2/4, pass the Solomons Firehouse and the Food Lion, and then turn right at the traffic light, which is Patuxent Point Pkwy. From the traffic light, drive straight back to the large building. We will be meeting in the dining room on the second floor.

The buffet lunch will consist of grilled quarter of chicken, glazed pineapple ham slices, potato and mixed vegetables with coffee, iced tea and water with cake for dessert. Social hour will begin at 1130 and we will have lunch at noon. Our guest speaker will follow the lunch. The cost will be \$22.00 per person.

Reservations are required!! Please make your reservations by Monday, 14 June 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.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors will not meet in the month of June. The Board will next meet on 20 July.



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