

THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND **NEWSLETTER**

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HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

You are cordially invited to the Second Annual Holiday Celebration of the Southern Maryland Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). The Holiday Celebration will be held on Saturday afternoon, 13 November, at “La Tabella”, which is in the Wildewood Retirement Village. It used to be called the Tavern at the Village, and then it was the Woodlands Grille. It has recently been completely renovated. It has a completely new management staff and a new restaurant team. To get to the restaurant, turn off of Route 235 onto Wildewood Blvd at the traffic light by D. B. McMillan’s Restaurant (just north of the Route 4 intersection). Go 0.4 miles and turn right on Wildewood Prky. Go 1.3 miles and turn right onto Wildewood Village Lane. Go through the gate and then turn left onto Wetstone Lane. The restaurant is at the end of the road (23154 Wetstone Lane). There will be a social period (cash bar) beginning at 1300 with Dinner Call at 1330. The program calls for Presentation of the Colors, Parading of the Beef, Presentation of the Southern Maryland Chapter Admiral O’Neill Officer of the Year Award and the toasting of our comrades, old and new. The menu is attached. This is an afternoon affair, but we still encourage all officers to wear Dinner Mess Dress uniforms (or equivalent). If, however, your uniform has shrunk in the closet or the moths have attacked it, a suit and tie is appropriate. For the ladies (who are not themselves currently serving or retired officers), we encourage you to go out shopping and spend an exorbitant amount of money on a new outfit specifically for this function.

The cost of the Holiday Celebration is \$45 per person and reservations are required. Reservations (along with checks) must be in the mail no later than Saturday, 06 November to the chapter post office box. (The address is above.) We can, however, accept phone reservations after that date, and you can just pay at the door. For late reservations, please call Jack Fringer at (410) 326-0486 or John LeRoy at (410) 257-0439.

We encourage you to bring your friends, especially if they are retired or currently serving officers, and particularly if they are not members of the Military Officers Association of America.

If you need transportation to this event, please don’t hesitate to let us know.

THE HOLIDAY FEAST

SALAD

House Salad

ENTRÉE

**Choice of
Tri Tip Steak with Mushroom Marsala,**

(12 oz. choice cut, medium-rare)

**Loaded Baked Potato
Chef's choice of vegetable**

or

Salmon Filet with Balsamic Reduction,

(8 oz. Atlantic salmon filet)

**Rice
Chef's choice of vegetable**

or

Cheese Agnolotti

(Bite-size ravioli with a classic rose sauce)

DESSERT

House-Made Tiramisu

**Bakery Rolls and Butter
Ice Tea and Coffee**

RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve _____ places for the MOAA Holiday Celebration on Saturday, 13 November 2010.

Member's rank/full name/service: _____

Entrée Selection: Beef / Salmon / Agnoloti (Please circle one)

Guest's full name (if appropriate): _____

Entrée Selection: Beef / Salmon / Agnoloti (Please circle one)

(Please list the rank, full name(s) and entrée selections of any other guests on a separate sheet.)

Phone number: _____

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Guest Speaker

We are very pleased that Tom Widmer, the husband of our Chapter President has graciously agreed to be the Guest Speaker for our Holiday Celebration. Tom, who worked in collaboration with Wernher von Braun and his team at NASA, will tell us how all of the principals involved (engineers, scientists, astronauts, government and the private sector) made the Apollo program happen.

Tom has over forty-five years of experience in engineering, market analysis, research and development management and the commercialization of advanced technologies. He graduated summa cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh, and holds Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Mechanical Engineering.

Tom's career included employment with Westinghouse Atomic Power Division as a design engineer and engineering manager between 1956 and 1962, and with General Electric Space Division as a program manager between 1962 and 1969. At General Electric, Tom received a special U.S. Atomic Energy Commission citation for his management of a program to build a nuclear generator to power scientific instruments deployed on the moon during the Apollo missions. At Westinghouse, Tom was awarded numerous patents and received the Westinghouse Most Meritorious Invention Citation for his work designing reactor system valves for nuclear powered naval vessels, including the aircraft carrier *USS Enterprise*. At Westinghouse, he also directed the mechanical design of early commercial nuclear reactors.

President's Corner

Keeping military traditions, patriotism, and ceremonies flourishing is what MOAA loves to do. Our chapter's last social event of 2010 is almost upon us, and we need a strong show of support to continue our new tradition of a gala afternoon party. Get your reservations in early, and by all means feel free to invite any friends or potential new members. All of the details are attached.

My best to all,
Evelyn DeLuca-Widmer, MAJ, USAR-Retired

Welcome Aboard

Major Charles B. Wheeler, USAF-Retired joined our chapter in September. He and his wife Sandra live in Hollywood. Major Wheeler is a Life member of national MOAA.

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