



Cape Cod Currents



Cape Cod Chapter Military Officers Association of America

**September Event – Cape Cod PATH - People Against Trafficking Humans
Barnstable Police Detective Katie Parache & PATH Treasurer Lois Hirshberg**

Tuesday 14 September 21 – 1130 registration; meal 1200

Note: 6 Sep is a holiday - mail early!

Location: DiParma Italian Table, 175 Route 28, West Yarmouth MA 02673

entrée picks – baked haddock w seasoned bread crumbs or chicken piccata w lemon caper sauce
salad or chowder; mixed vegetables; roast potatoes; cheese cake; beverages; rolls/butter; cash bar

Cost: \$34.00/person by 07 Sep 2021 to Sheldon Segerman – see page 6



OUR JULY EVENT GUEST SPEAKER was **Mr. Bill Burke**, Cultural Resources Program Manager and Historian, Cape Cod National Seashore, a unit of the National Park Service. (For the record, there was a last minute relocation to DiParma Italian Table in West Yarmouth MA due to confusion with Yarmouth House Restaurant.) Bill brought us hand marked Seashore maps plus a stack of color prints. The maps identified the locations where the scenes depicted on the printed sheets occurred. The narrative took us from the Revolutionary War British blockade ship HMS Somerset III which sank near Provincetown in 1778 to the Cold War period Texas Tower long range radar stations which stood guard against Soviet missiles 150 miles off the coast. In this way Mr. Burke reviewed the history of military activity on Cape Cod.

We could have used more than the 21 people who attended. But the fun of the raffle drawing to support the Scholarship Fund went on nonetheless. First time event participants member Col Rob Ricci USAF (ret) and wife Shelly-Raye had their winning numbers pulled a record five times! They graciously returned the excess tickets, giving others the chance to win.

A special thanks goes to Ben and his staff at DiParma Italian Table. They willingly agreed to take over on short notice, provided great meals which led to multiple comments about returning (which we are doing in September) – and even gave a \$50.00 gift certificate for a future raffle.

14 SEPTEMBER 2021 EVENT - Cape Cod PATH - People Against Trafficking Humans

Human Trafficking is contemporary slavery that involves the exploitation of persons for commercial sex work or compulsory toil. Criminal perpetrators use force, fraud or coercion to compel victims to perform sexual acts or labor services against their will. Cape Cod PATH is a grass-roots task force working to end human trafficking and its risks on Cape Cod, Massachusetts. This mission is accomplished by raising awareness through education, outreach and collaboration.



Trafficking victims can be any age, race, gender, or nationality. They may be men or women, young or old, from the U.S. or abroad, with or without legal status. This may involve children in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems, runaway and homeless youth, and people with disabilities or other unusual life challenges including limited proficiency in English - almost anyone can become a victim. Prostitution is the most common form of human trafficking. Victims are typically citizens of any age, but start, on average, at 12 - 14 years. This enslaved population may earn \$500 and up in a day's time, with victims forced into from one to 15 encounters in that period; all the money goes to the pimp.

Inspired by the film screening of "Hidden in Plain Sight" in January 2014, a group of concerned citizens decided to form a task force. Research determined there were no statistics about human trafficking on Cape Cod, with only one organization equipped to help victims cope with the trauma. Knowing estimates run to the tens of thousands of people who are trafficked in this country - millions more globally - organizers aligned national risk factor statistics with local demographic data to establish a level of risk for Cape Cod. PATH's strategic community solutions are informed by this evidence-based assessment and designed for multi-disciplinary collaboration with local partners. Also there is a strong working relationship with a Victim Assistance Specialist in the Department of Homeland Security Investigations. Development of partnerships with local groups continues as the organization grows.

Since its inception, Cape Cod PATH has offered presentations at local libraries, religious assemblies, and schools. It has hosted events such as movie/discussion panels and outdoor vigils, staffed information tables at gatherings, visited Cape lodging locations to distribute flyers and offer staff training. Hundreds of resource bags to assist survivors have been delivered. In December 2019 the Barnstable County Human Rights Advisory Commission awarded PATH its Cornerstone Award for supporting human rights.

Presenter Katie Parache is a twelve year veteran of the Barnstable Police Department and is currently assigned to the Criminal Investigation Unit as a Detective. Det. Parache specializes in victim centered crimes including domestic violence and sexual assault. She also currently serves as a Crisis Negotiator for the Cape Cod Regional SWAT team. Det. Parache has worked on investigations involving human trafficking. Through collaboration with other agencies, both law enforcement and civilian, she works to help victims of this modern slavery.

Presenter Lois Hirshberg has a Master of Education in Community Counseling and a Master of Arts in Expressive Therapy. She was the Guidance Counselor at the Kenneth C. Coombs School (Pre-K through grade two) in Mashpee, Massachusetts, for 17 years. She retired from the Mashpee Schools in 1996 to continue her artistic creativity in ceramics, a passion now more than 40 years old. Even though no longer working as a child therapist, she maintains a strong desire to help children in need. She has been a member of the Cape Cod PATH Task Force for six years and now serves the organization as Treasurer.

Janice Hank has been involved in Cape Cod PATH for about six years, and has been Chair of Cape Cod PATH for four years. After seeing a presentation on Human Trafficking in Wellfleet, she knew she had to get involved and spread the word to other people and organizations on the Cape. As a retired elementary school teacher, the importance of educating the youth and adults about human trafficking on Cape Cod, and the dangers of social media which could lead to sex trafficking, is of the greatest significance to her.

2021 SCHOLAR'S NOTE OF GRATITUDE

Dear CCC MOAA members,

I was very fortunate to have been able to attend the luncheon and receive such an honorable award from your wonderful association. It was a great pleasure to meet everyone who in turn were the nicest people I have truly ever met! Reconnecting with my friend Nathaniel [Prickitt, another grant recipient] made the time even more special, all the while meeting new friends whose pleasant discourse was ever so joyful. Sincerely, /s/ Aidan [Handville]. [The illustration was part of the hand written note.]



GIVE TO OUR PHILANTHROPIC EFFORTS Perhaps the thanks message shown above will prompt a donation to one of our gift funds: Scholarship or Charity (or both). The Chapter does no outside fund raising - all monies come from members and friends. We want to continue for a 45th year to award scholarships in 2022. Pitch in now - then do it again later.

BOARD ACTION At its 14 July virtual meeting the Board directed postal letters be sent to two members who owe dues for two years: 2020 and 2021. The correspondence advises that, should payment for those two years not be received by 08 Oct 21, removal from membership will follow. At present we have 95 members and 22 Surviving Spouse members.

OFFICERS MEETING The next Zoom meeting is Wed. 11 Aug 21, 1015. As always, all members are invited. Contact Carolyn Canavosio, canavosioc@hotmail.com, for a meeting link via email. Arrangements for the 15 September meeting will be announced.

Charity + Scholarship Goal by 30 Mar 22: \$10K / Receipts - 31 July 21: \$ 3,672.54 / 36.7%

Fund balances 31 Jul 21: Charity \$ 881.42 Scholarship \$ 3,672.39 Operating \$ 4,937.03
July event: inc. \$779.00; meal cost \$613.41; raffle prizes \$39.97; net to Operating Fund \$125.62

JOIN Chapter members are, first, current members of MOAA national. Go to MOAA.org for information for those currently in any component - active, Guard, Reserve - of the eight uniformed services, a retiree of any of these, or a former officer of any of them.

The Chapter web site, capecodmoaa.angelfire.com, and Membership Chair, Brig Gen Jimmy Dishner USAF, dishner101@comcast.net, have application forms. More information on the Chapter as well as copies of past newsletters and photos of events are also on the web site.

Note: new members pay no dues for the first year.

MOAA Sends a Message to Lawmakers on Arlington Cemetery Eligibility Changes

by Mark Belinsky, 28 Jul 2021 [downloaded from MOAA.org web site]

An extended schedule for the FY 2022 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) provides lawmakers an opportunity to intervene on planned eligibility changes at Arlington National Cemetery – discriminatory changes that will dramatically reduce the benefit of full military honors.

Your letters, emails, and phone calls are important to change course on the proposed eligibility changes. Staff members with lawmakers from across the country have reached out to MOAA to better understand the issue and develop a solution. MOAA recently sent a letter to leadership on both the House and Senate Armed Services committees, asking them to use the NDAA as a vehicle to direct DoD “to designate the next national cemetery that affords full military honors and to leave unchanged the current eligibility requirements earned through military service.” If Congress doesn’t act, “the change in eligibility puts the burden of a solution on the currently eligible servicemembers and their families – including those who have long had Arlington as their plan for final rest,” wrote MOAA President and CEO Lt. Gen. Dana T. Atkins, USAF (Ret).

Continued engagement from constituents is still necessary. Don’t just send an email: call (866) 272-MOAA (6622), MOAA's toll-free line to the U.S. Capitol switchboard, to be connected with your legislators' offices. Sometimes it can take multiple engagements to get through to the correct staff member. Multiple forms of communication can make a real difference: consider sending a copy of your correspondence to the Armed Services Committee leadership in both chambers. U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services, Russell Senate Building, Room 228, Washington DC 20510-6050; Jack Reed, Chairman; James Inhofe, Ranking Member. House Armed Services Committee, 2216 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515; Adam Smith, Chairman; Mike Rogers, Ranking Member.

Some lawmakers incorrectly believe the problem of Arlington eligibility has been solved and grandfathering was achieved – confusion stemming from a Congressional Research Service report. ANC eventually will run out of room, even with the proposed eligibility change, and an enduring solution is required to ensure our nation will continue to provide full military honors as a benefit. With current eligibility standards, ANC will not run out of room until 2050, leaving ample time to develop the enduring solution. The 2017 ANC report to Congress outlining the

capacity concerns offered a course of action to continue providing the current benefit of full military honors to those now eligible and solve the space problem: Option 3.2.2.3 in the report, shown below, would require legislation to establish a new national cemetery that will afford full military honors at a new location.

ANC, as it operates today, cannot endure forever in its current space. Looking 100-200 years into the future, how and where will we honor our Nation's heroes? Another option, which the Army recognizes would represent a significant change, is establishing a new Department of Defense-run national cemetery in another location. This would mean building a new cemetery in a suitable place that would offer the same burial honors as ANC. While it is impossible to recreate the aesthetic appeal and history of ANC, this new cemetery could grow to become iconic over time, in the same way that ANC has gradually evolved over the past 150 years. Operating ANC as an active burial ground for as long as possible would allow a phase of overlap and continuity while establishing the new space.

MOAA will continue to engage Congress on Arlington National Cemetery, and we need your voice as constituents. [Reach out to your lawmakers](#) [email sending link]. Ask them to include language in the FY 2022 NDAA that would require DoD to designate the next national cemetery.

2022 ANNUAL DUES - \$25.00. PLEASE INCLUDE THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT.

Only regular members pay, not Surviving Spouse, Honorary, or (Chapter) Life.

Name _____
 last [please print legibly] first m.i. rank service component
 (Component means indicate affiliation in reg., Res. or Nat'l. Guard)

circle status: active, retired, former officer, deceased officer's spouse

Addr _____
 nmbr street/box apt city/town state zip + 4

Phone _____
 home mobile spouse's given name

Other addr _____
 nmbr street/box apt city/town state zip + 4

Dates at other addr _____ Phone at other addr _____

Email addr (if used regularly) _____

Dates (e.g. 1980-90) of active duty _____ of inactive/Reserve/Guard _____
 include all extended periods of each - do not include as active any Reserve/Guard ACDUTRA,
 TEMDU, TDY, TAD, ADT periods of less than 1 year

DUE NLT 01 JAN 22 - make checks to Cape Cod Chapter, MOAA

Mail to CCC MOAA, PO Box 2272, Mashpee MA 02649-8272.

Signature _____ Date _____ check # _____

form 07-31-21

2022 ANNUAL DUES – PAYMENT DUE NOT LATER THAN 01 JANUARY 2022

**DUES DO NOT APPLY TO SURVIVING SPOUSE, HONORARY (we have one) OR
 CHAPTER LIFE (we have three) MEMBERS**

Regular Chapter members who are life members of MOAA national DO PAY.
 Use of the form helps the Chapter keep track of members. Often its contents reveal changes of street and email addresses, phone numbers, and other key information.

BOSTON PARKING The August newsletter stated Coast Guard Base Boston offers parking. Additional research indicates there are restrictions on who is permitted to park and the hours this privilege is available. This was also learned through the experience of one member who was turned away. To be sure that you can park at the time you intend, please contact the Base Boston information number, (617) 223-3333, and speak to the Officer of the Day (OOD).

CCC MOAA Scholarship and Charity Fund contribution Chapter members and any others who would like to make a federal tax deductible donation to either our Charity or Scholarship Fund may do so by providing the requested information and mailing a check or money order.

The Chapter thanks you very much for your generosity.

I/we, _____, contribute to the CCC MOAA
 [please print name(s) legibly]

Scholarship Fund the amount of \$50 \$100 \$200 Other \$ _____

Charity Fund the amount of \$50 \$100 \$200 Other \$ _____

Make instruments payable to CCC MOAA with a “memo” indicating the fund name.
 Mail to CCC MOAA, PO Box 2272, Mashpee MA 02649-8272.

Signature _____ Date _____ check # _____



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Name _____ fish chicken

Guest _____ fish chicken

Guest _____ fish chicken

Guest _____ fish chicken

Cost: **\$34.00** per person – checks to CCC MOAA – **responses** due not later than **07 Sep 2021**
 check # _____ date _____ in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed

Mail to CPT Sheldon B Segerman USA, PO Box 198, Yarmouth Port MA 02675-0198
 email – marshaven@comcast.net mobile – 508.776.2198 deadline day phone-ins accepted if necessary

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