



Cape Cod Currents



Cape Cod Chapter Military Officers Association of America

12 April 2022 Event – “U.S. Naval War College” by CAPT Eric Bader USCG (ret), USCG Senior Service Representative, Naval War College, 2017-2020

Tuesday 12 April 2022 – 1130 registration; meal 1200

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; vegetable; cheese cake with strawberries; beverages; rolls/butter; bar service

Cost: \$34.00/person by 05 Apr 2022 to Sheldon Segerman – see page 6



DECEMBER 2021 EVENT: TOYS FOR TOTS + “LOW INCOME VETERANS”

We received unwrapped toys and donation checks for the 2021 Toys for Tots Cape & Islands campaign sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. In addition, the Chapter presented a \$200.00 donation to Toys for Tots from the Charity Fund. Representing the Cape & Islands effort was former USMC Corporal **Rick Fatzer**.

The presentation by retired U.S. Marine Corps Major **Greg Quilty**, District Director, Department of Veterans’ Services, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. His area serves Barnstable County on Cape Cod and a portion of Plymouth County. He explained the many services, some unique to Mass., offered to all veterans by the District’s five offices and eight appointment locations. The focus was on the needs of veterans with little income including those who have difficulty accessing assistance from the Federal VA programs. Mass. alone in the nation has the only state-funded veterans assistance program with offices in every town. It alone provides town and state financial assistance with regular payments for low income veterans.

DECEMBER EVENT PHOTO IDENTIFICATIONS

- ① President Lynde presents a Chapter donation check to Toys for Tots representative Rick Fatzer.
- ② Greg Quilty shares insights on his District’s efforts to assist low income veterans.
- ③ Mass. State Representative Kip Diggs, 2nd Barnstable District, stopped by of his own accord (he is on the newsletter mailing list) to bring greetings to the assembly.
- ④ Bill Kelley with a basketball to donate to Toys for Tots.
- ⑤ Jimmy Dishner arrives with a smile.
- ⑥ Jim Seymour is Executive Director of Cape & Islands Veterans Outreach Center (CIVOC).
He became the newest Chapter member shortly after the December event. Welcome, Jim!
- ⑦ Bud and Marcia Breault await the arrival of salad.
- ⑧ Judy Perchard talks with booth mates.
- ⑨ Conversing with Judy are Janice Leary and Nancy Kelley.
- ⑩ JoAnn and Joe Amaral keep eyes on the camera.
- ⑪ Member Mike Dunford, President of CIVOC, listens to the conversation.
- ⑫ John Simchock displays tickets - he hopes one is a winner.
- ⑬ Marilyn Bowen, holding her winner gift certificate, picks another winner.
- ⑭ Tom LeBlanc pauses over coffee.
- ⑮ Tom Barrett grabs a ticket, his army camo wine prize on the table, as Barbara watches.
- ⑯ Frank and Carolyn Reynolds await raffle developments.
- ⑰ Lou Preziosi with his prize: a hand made wooden bird feeder - in the shape of a bird.

12 APRIL 2022 EVENT - U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

The Naval War College (NWC), Newport RI, is one of the senior service institutions along with the Army War College, the Marine Corps War College, and the Air War College. Additionally, the U.S. Department of Defense operates the National War College. It considers itself the nation’s oldest and most prestigious of these. NWC provides Masters degrees and fulfills joint professional military education requirements for more than 400 officers representing each of the six military services and several civilian agencies every year. The college was established in 1884 by Commodore Stephen B. Luce who was given the old building of the Newport Asylum for the Poor



to house it on Coasters Harbor Island in Narragansett Bay. That structure is now the college museum.

There are three schools within NWC. The College of Naval Command and Staff trains officers of O-5 level plus civilians of equivalent seniority from various federal agencies. It provides an initial opportunity for joint professional military education wherein students prepare for increased responsibilities. International students are included. The 13-month Maritime Advanced Warfighting School educates U.S. officers of all services to be operational planners and leaders who understand and can apply maritime power effectively. There is an emphasis on creative and critical thinking to develop solutions to complex, chaotic security problems. The College of Naval Warfare is for O-5/O-6 level officers. It provides students executive-level preparation for higher responsibilities as senior O-6 and junior flag officers. The NWC's leader since 2019 is RADM Shoshana S. Chatfield USN, first female NWC president. She was commissioned through Boston University's NROTC program and is a qualified helo pilot.

The U.S. Coast Guard sends a cadre of mid-grade and senior officers to the war college every year, as part of the service's long standing partnership with the Navy. The USCG Senior



Service Representative and a member of the faculty of the Joint Military Operations Department at NWC from 2017 to 2020 was **CAPT D. Eric Bader USCG**. Retired since June 2021, CAPT Bader is a senior analyst at Systems Planning and Analysis based in Alexandria VA which, for 49 years, has helped its clients inform decisions that have had and continue to have strategic and lasting impacts on national security.

When he retired, Bader was Chief of External Affairs, First Coast Guard District, Boston MA, where he had charge of all media engagements, intra-governmental and Congressional affairs, and public relations in an area spanning the Canadian border to New York City. A career aviator, CAPT Bader was assigned as the Executive Officer at Air Station Cape Cod prior to the NWC tour. He has accumulated over 3,000 flight hours in the MH-60T helicopter while serving as an Instructor Pilot/Flight Examiner and duty standing aviator at three different Coast Guard Air Stations. He was previously assigned as the Department of Homeland Security Fellow on the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee, and completed a staff assignment as the MH-60T Systems Manager in the Office of Aeronautical Engineering and Logistics (CG-41) at USCG headquarters. CAPT Bader graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1994 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering. Additionally, he holds a Master of Science degree in Operations Research from George Mason University, and is a registered Project Management Professional. He resides in Sandwich MA. Eric was last with us as guest speaker for the May 2019 Scholarship Awards event.

2021 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEE UPDATE RECEIVED 03 FEB 22

Dear Members and Officers of CCC MOAA,

It has felt like an eternity since attending the wonderful scholarship luncheon this past June with everyone. This eternal feeling is owed to the spectrum of opportunities afforded to me for attending Massachusetts Maritime Academy. The first semester has reinforced my decision, and your contribution to it has made it all too clear as to who I hold a debt of gratitude to. I am currently staying the course with engineering and advancing my studies during the winter by taking an extra mathematics class. I am lucky to have gotten involved in ROTC with the Army. Through the program I have met numerous respectable folks much like yourselves. I am currently indecisive

on how I'd like to branch out, but I was sure of the fact that I couldn't get enough. That being said, I recently enlisted with the National Guard. Between now and the end of the spring semester I get to go to drills one weekend a month at the Taunton Armory. This summer I ship to Fort Jackson for Basic Combat Training; I have high expectations of it. I would like to express my appreciation again for not only your scholarship, but your kindness and acceptance of Caroline, Nathaniel, and myself. Yours Respectfully, /signed/ Aiden Handville. [Cadets representing MMA at a high school football game: Handville, Mike Notaro, Gabe Coelho.]



SCHOLARSHIP FUND Perhaps the article above will **inspire a donation**. Usually at the March Officers Meeting - held this year via Zoom 09 Mar 1015 - the decision is made as to the amount to allocate to the awards. Any gifts made by 31 Mar will help our crop of 2022 grant recipients.

USS CONSTITUTION's First Woman CO [by Kevin Lilley, MOAA.org 01-05-22 - edited]



The world's oldest commissioned warship still afloat has its first woman commanding officer. CDR Billie J. Farrell USN took over from CDR John Benda USN in a 21 Jan 22 change-of-command ceremony. Farrell becomes the 77th captain of USS CONSTITUTION, which was commissioned in 1797 and earned its "Old Ironsides" moniker during the War of 1812.

"I am honored to have the privilege to soon command this iconic warship that dates back to the roots of both our nation and our Navy and to have been afforded the amazing opportunity to serve as USS CONSTITUTION's first female commanding officer in her 224 years," Farrell said in a Jan. 4 news release announcing the change of command. "I hope to strengthen the legacy of USS CONSTITUTION through preservation, promotion, and protection by telling her story and connecting it to the rich heritage of the United States Navy and the warships serving in the fleet today."

Farrell took command after serving as the executive officer aboard USS VICKSBURG (CG-69). Previous assignments included serving as the deputy director of professional development at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis Md, and as the weapons officer aboard USS SAN JACINTO (CG-56). Farrell is a 2004 graduate of the USNA.

The ship's first woman sailor, Rosemarie Lanam, joined the crew in 1986, per the release. Its first commissioned officer, LCDR Claire V. Bloom USN, served as executive officer during its historic 1997 sail – the first time CONSTITUTION sailed under its own power in more than 100 years. She is open for visitors Wednesday through Sunday, 1000-1600, with virtual tours Mondays at 1300 and Sundays for morning and evening colors. Go to USSConstitutionMuseum.org.

MASS. AIR & SPACE MUSEUM TO REOPEN - CCC MOAA PLAYS A PART

A 23 Jan Chapter email sought volunteers. Recent member Tom LeBlanc (joined Aug. 2021) responded, helping move fixtures to 434 Main St., Hyannis, from Capetown Plaza mall on 26 and 27 Jan 22. [Chapter member Bud Breault is on the museum board.] Tom's report follows.

Had a real busy day today at the Museum. I was the only volunteer!! Worked with Barbara Jagla, the Curator, Brian McKay, the Operations Manager, and Keith Young, the Dir. of Public Relations. Their goal is to open the new museum by April 1st but they have a lot of work to do to prep their new site. I believe it was an old charter school, so they even said maybe May is more reasonable - especially considering they have design plans but have not hired a builder yet.

They are designing their new museum to be able to host events/shows/etc. with meals/drinks. They said they could not do that with their previous site. It seemed they all know and respect Pat [McNamara, Chapter member who passed along the volunteer request], and are excited to build a stronger relationship with the MOAA. [The Board hopes to schedule an event at the museum in future.]

OFFICERS MEETINGS Zoom assemblies are Wed. 09 Mar, 1015, and Wed. 13 Apr, same time. **Contact Secretary Chuck Sands**, cerssands@comcast.net, for a meeting link via email.

2022 ANNUAL DUES – 20 OF 95 HAVE NOT PAID AS OF 28 FEB 22

Monthly email reminders arrive. Questions? Contact Lee Clark. See page 6, bottom, for info.

Charity + Scholarship Goal by 31 Mar 22: \$10K / Receipts - 28 Feb 22: \$11,609.78 / 116%

Fund balances 28 Feb 22: Charity \$ 556.57 Scholarship \$ 11,134.48 Operating \$ 6,721.98

Dec event: inc. \$1,498.00; meals \$1,197.61; raffle prizes \$0.00; Operating Fund gain \$300.39

RECENT BOARD ACTIVITIES A Chapter directory was sent via email and USPS mail in Dec. Kristina Meservey (Legislative Committee) updated the Board on MOAA national's efforts to unify governmental agencies' approaches to veterans' eligibility for monetary assistance. IRS Annual Form 990-N e-postcard for 2021 was filed online 19 Jan 22.

BUSINESS Monthly and annual financial reports are available by request to Treasurer Lee Clark. Secretary Chuck Sands will supply minutes of Board meetings if asked.

07 MAY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS Pocasset Golf Club, 24 Clubhouse Dr., Pocasset MA, (3/4 mile from the Otis Rotary now called Heroes' Circle on MacArthur Blvd,) is the event's site.

CIVOC THANKS In Dec. 2021, the Chapter, by Board action, made a Charity Fund donation to the Cape and Islands Veterans Outreach Center, Hyannis MA. The letter of thanks, edited, follows.

On behalf of the Cape and Islands Veterans Outreach Center and the over 1,000 veterans we serve each year, I wish to express our sincere appreciation for your contribution of \$500 to our 2021 Annual Fund appeal...

Your generous donation supports CIVOC's efforts to assist veterans of all eras with the most comprehensive menu of services on Cape Cod, and your support helps us to serve more men and women who have served in our armed forces with programs such as Transitional Housing for homeless veterans, as well as Homelessness Prevention, which helps those in jeopardy of losing their homes.

The Dennis Veterans House, which was established in collaboration with the generous residents of Dennis, is the latest addition to our housing program. As the first-of-its kind on the Cape, it provides access to all our services for its five residents, and CIVOC's long-term goal is to replicate this house in each of the Cape's fifteen towns.

Rest assured that all contributions to our organization are used to provide veterans and their families with the services listed above as well as Counseling, Food Pantry and Community

Awareness Programs. **Contributions are never used to supplement the salaries of our staff, and more than 90 cents of every donor dollar raised are committed to programs for those we serve.**

Thank you for helping us to help veterans, and for recognizing the contributions that these brave Americans have made to protect the freedoms we enjoy....

Sincerely, /signed/ *James Seymour*, Executive Director

CCC MOAA members who serve on CIVOC's Board include President Mike Dunford, VP Robert Kilmartin, Secretary Dwayne Turmelle, and directors Don Lynde, Jimmy Dishner, and Bill Burke. The web site is located at CapeVeterans.com.

JOIN Chapter members are, first, current members of MOAA national; see MOAA.org. MOAA includes those in any component - active, Guard, Reserve - of the eight uniformed services, retirees of any, or former officers of any. The Chapter web site, capecodmoaa.angelfire.com, and Membership Chair Brig Gen Jimmy Dishner USAF, dishner101@comcast.net, have application forms. The site also contains more information, copies of past newsletters, and event photos.

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 # _____

Reservation – 12 Apr 22 Event: "U.S. Naval War College" by CAPT Eric Bader USCG
1130 – **DiParma Italian Table**, 175 Route 28, West Yarmouth MA 02673

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 **05 Apr 2022**

check # _____ date _____ in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed

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