



Cape Cod Currents

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Military Officers Association of America



MAY 2023 Event – Scholarship Awards Luncheon 2023

Dr. Kim Ruane, Ph.D., Chair, Tufts University Math Dept., Guest Speaker

Saturday 06 May 2023 – 1130 registration; meal 1200

Location: Pocasset Golf Club, 24 Clubhouse Drive, Pocasset MA 02559 ph. (508) 563-7171
about 7/10ths mile from Heroes' Circle (formerly Otis Rotary) - [see page 2 for a map](#)

entrée picks – herb crusted baked cod /or/ chicken saltimbocca (wrapped w/ prosciutto & sage),
both with rice & seasonal vegetables; house salad; key lime pie; beverage station; cash bar

Cost: \$43.00/person by 28 Apr 2023 to [Sheldon Segerman](#) – see page 6
[the Chapter absorbs the cost of meals for the awardees and their family members]



14 MARCH 2023 EVENT: “CAPE LIGHT COMPACT”

With a rapid-fire delivery and using a color multipage handout, Ms. Maggie Downey, Compact Administrator, Cape Light Compact (CLC), gave a synopsis of the great many areas in which CLC seeks to maximize the efficiency of and minimize the environmental impact of electricity usage for the 21 towns of the Cape and Dukes County. She was accompanied by Ms. Laura Selmer, Data Analyst, who assisted in distributing the many CLC logo goodies provided free. These included insulated grocery bags, LED night lights, balls, residential rebate information sheets, and pens. We learned CLC is part of statewide Mass Save, but is a separate entity. It provides 100% renewable power to the Cape and Martha’s Vineyard, offers rebates and incentives to induce folks to make energy efficient upgrades, and advocates at the state level for local energy interests. CLC directs people to rebates on heating/cooling heat pumps, air conditioners, dryers, induction stoves, refrigerators, freezers, even battery-powered lawn equipment. There is also discounting of energy efficiency upgrades to seal homes against the weather with, for example, insulation. Maggie answered many questions. It was surprising how many of those present had had previous dealings with CLC. If you have never been in contact, phone (508) 375-6644 to start. After all, you have paid for its services by charges collected on your utility bills.

PICTURES FROM 14 MARCH – ① When asked what is a Compact Administrator, Maggie answered, “The Boss!” Data Analyst Laura Selmer ② agreed. The event was originally set for DiParma Italian Table, but due to incomplete renovations there it was moved to ③ Scally’s Irish Ale House which was decorated for St. Patrick’s Day. When with cash ④ (checks ok too), people like Judy Perchard ④ and Bill Reade ④ buy raffle tickets, there are winners, for example Tom Barrett ⑤ (booze) and George Jonic ⑤ (\$50 gift certificate). Keeping eyes on the proceedings were ⑥ Marie O’Neil plus ⑦ Marilyn Bowen and Ruth Hitchings. President Don Lynde ⑧ moved things along. Smiling approval were ⑨ Frank and Carolyn Reynolds, and Bill Glass ⑩. Aleyna Princess Yilmaz ⑪, originally from Türkiye, served our tables. The recently refurbished and relocated static display aircraft ⑫, a T-33 jet trainer, sits near the 102d Intelligence Wing area on Joint Base Cape Cod. It sports the markings of the 60th Fighter Interceptor Squadron and Air Defense Command. Named as the pilot is Daniel “Chappie” James, Jr. (11 Feb 1920-25 Feb 1978), a USAF fighter pilot who, in 1975, became the first African American to reach the rank of four-star general in any of the U. S. uniformed services. Three years later he was forced prematurely into medical retirement just weeks before he died of a heart attack.



SATURDAY 06 MAY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS - Awardees will be announced at the event. The application deadline was 01 Apr. No applicant information was available at publication time.

The 2023 grants will again total \$14,000. This is the second year at that level after presenting \$12K for four years. The Board voted to take the amount in the Scholarship Fund as of 31 Mar 23, \$11,338.13, and add to that \$2,661.87 from the Operating Fund to make the total. This is what the gifts given by our 87 members and 21 Surviving Spouse members make possible - we do no public fund raising. The Chapter has been awarding scholarships for 46 years. The total amount exceeds \$271,000.00

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS GUEST SPEAKER – DR. KIM RUANE, PH.D.

Dr. Kim Ruane is a Professor of Mathematics and current Chair of the Mathematics Department, Tufts University, which straddles the town line dividing Medford and Somerville, Massachusetts. She researches an area of pure mathematics called Geometric Group Theory, a discipline which analyzes symmetries of complicated geometric objects. As abstract as it might seem, there are interesting connections which apply in chemistry, robotics, and even in creating a phylogenetic tree (a diagram containing a hypothesis of relationships that reflects the theoretical evolutionary history of a group of organisms). Dr. Ruane has given many talks on her research both in the U.S. and



abroad. In 2022 she was chosen to be the Sofia Kovalevskaya Lecturer at the University of Bielefeld in Bielefeld, Germany. The lecture series honors the Russian female mathematician of the same name and is given by a jury-selected successful or promising female mathematician.



Her efforts as a professor with a passion for teaching and mentoring math students have gained her awards. University-wide recognition includes the teaching award, the Multicultural Service Award, the Liebner Award for Excellence in Teaching and Advising, and the Graduate Teaching and Mentoring accolade. She has been voted Math Professor of the Year twice by the Tufts Math Society. Many of her ten former Ph.D. advisees are pursuing successful careers in teaching, research, and industry.

In recent years Dr. Ruane has taken on a new adventure in education: the Tufts University Prison Initiative of Tisch College (TUPIT) where she serves on the Advisory Board. She teaches math classes inside Massachusetts Correctional Institution - Concord (a medium security prison for men) for TUPIT and as part of the Tufts Bachelors degree program. Kim has also taught for the Tufts Education Reentry Network (MyTERN) program, a certificate opportunity offered through Tufts to formerly incarcerated persons. It provides a pathway into higher education as well as preparation for meaningful post-incarceration employment. She comments, “MyTERN students are an interesting and inspiring slice of society for sure.”

Regarding her educational background, Dr. Ruane is a first-generation college student: BS, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw GA; MS & Ph.D., Florida State, Tallahassee FL. Kim says she had a “somewhat non-traditional path to higher education with many people providing support along the way.” Given her own experience, she feels that education - and mathematical fluency in particular - is a source of empowerment and confidence for people from all walks of life. In a personal note she mentions being a single mother living in Medford with her two children - Miles

(19) and Abby (16) - and her beloved dog Beatle. She also expresses delight at living close enough to bike or walk to work, and to having a new green line stop just around the corner, and adds “I have zero patience for driving around here which is why I just don’t do it.”

IDENTIFIED DONORS of tax-deductible **Scholarship Fund** donations 01 Apr 22 to 31 Mar 23 include these 42 Chapter and Surviving Spouse members and friends who gave 71 total gifts.

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MOAA NATIONAL HELPS THE AWARDS EVENT Through its support effort, the MOAA Council-Chapter Community Sponsorship Program, our parent organization provided \$300.00, the maximum, to further the occasion. It did the same in 2022. We are grateful for this assist.

BOARD ACTIONS 15 MAR 23 – Confirmed the e-vote of 24 Feb 23 setting the cost of the April event; approved making \$14,000 available for 2023 scholarships.

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, has application forms, along with more information, copies of past newsletters, and event photos.

OFFICERS MEETINGS Zoom assemblies are Wed. 12 Apr, 1015, and Wed. 10 May, same time. **Contact Secretary Chuck Sands**, cerssands@comcast.net, for a meeting link via email.

2023 ANNUAL DUES – 18 OF 87 HAVE NOT PAID AS OF 31 MAR 23

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

Charity + Scholarship Goal by 31 Mar 23: \$10K / Rec'd - 31 Mar 23: \$12,773.26 / 127.7%

Fund balances 31 Mar 23: Charity \$ 591.70 Scholarship \$ 11,338.13 Operating \$ 7,166.43

Mar 23 event: inc. \$680.00; meals \$579.12; raffle prizes \$0.00; Operating Fund gain \$100.88

IN MEMORIAM Marlene “Tootie” McDevitt (89), wife of Chapter member COL James P McDevitt USA of Falmouth MA, passed away after a short illness 20 Feb 23. Born in Stanley WI on 06 Sep 33 and raised in Gilman WI, she was the eldest daughter of Lester and Agnes (Baker) Rademaker. She was married almost 59 years to the love of her life, Jim “Red” McDevitt, originally of Framingham MA.



From her growing up on a Wisconsin dairy farm during the Depression she recounted family life stories including her father blowing up old growth tree stumps with dynamite, and milk trucks and school busses with snow plows for the icy cold winters. She was active in 4H and the school band. Following high school graduation she attended Taylor County Teachers College. While teaching in a two room schoolhouse she completed her studies at University of Wisconsin Eau Claire. When fully qualified she “enlisted” in the Department of Defense teachers’ program and went to France where she spent two years. In Metz, France, she met Jim, serving in the Army Corps of Engineers. He rotated home before her, but promised to meet her ship in Brooklyn NY. They drove to Framingham and Falmouth to meet his parents and siblings, then she returned to Wisconsin. That Christmas Jim went to Wisconsin to meet Marlene’s family and shortly after they became engaged.

That summer they married in Gilman WI and moved to Framingham. She became a public school teacher in Sudbury. After her boys were old enough to attend school she taught at Plymouth House Nursery School and Maynard Public Schools as a Special Education teacher. She also taught CCD at Saint Jeremiah’s Parish and was a Cub Scout Den Mother. Her love of Cape Cod

came from many years spending summers on John's Pond and the second family she adored at Otis Trailer Village, Mashpee MA. She and her husband moved to Falmouth permanently in 1997 and were long-standing members of Saint Patrick's Parish.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, and a sister-in-law. Jim survives her, plus sons Brian (Angie), East Falmouth MA; Mark (Tammy), Sandwich MA; two grandsons, a sister, and two brothers. A funeral mass was celebrated 13 Mar at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Falmouth, with interment in Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne.

VOLUNTEER FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS The Cape Cod U.S. Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association (CPOA) Chapter will once again, after a three year hiatus, host the Cape & Islands Special Olympics on Friday 22 Sep 23 at the Joint Base Cape Cod gym. CPOA seeks volunteers already now to assist on this very special day to help plan and create a fabulous day for the athletes. For information contact BMCS Michael Camire USCG (ret), mikrita78@aol.com. On 22 Sep helpers arrive around 0830 for set up. The day concludes about 1430.

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 \$ _____ ☐

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

Signature _____ Date _____ check # _____

Donate Unopened Alcoholic Beverage Containers at events for use in Scholarship Fund raffles.

Reservation – 06 May 23 Event: Scholarship Awards, Dr. Kim Ruane, guest speaker
Saturday 06 May, 1130 – **Pocasset Golf Club**, 24 Clubhouse Dr, Pocasset MA 02559

Name _____ fish ☐ chicken ☐

Guest _____ fish ☐ chicken ☐

Guest _____ fish ☐ chicken ☐

Guest _____ fish ☐ chicken ☐

Cost: **\$43.00** per person – checks to CCC MOAA – **responses** due not later than **28 Apr 2023**

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

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