



Cape Cod Currents



Cape Cod Chapter Military Officers Association of America

APRIL 2023 EVENT – CAPE COD BASEBALL LEAGUE AT 100

by Mr. Andrew Lang, President, CCBL

Tuesday 11 April 2023 – 1130 registration; meal 1200

Location: Hearth 'n Kettle Restaurant, 1196 Route 28, South Yarmouth MA 02664

entrée choices – **chicken pot pie** pastry (carrots, peas, onions, gravy) with mashed potatoes **/or/** cracker crumb topped **broiled scrod** **/or/** braised **steak tips**, vegetables, gravy, mashed potatoes
dessert - apple crisp; coffee, decaf, tea; cash bar

Cost: \$30.00/person by 04 Apr 2023 to **Sheldon Segerman** – see page 6

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SAYS WE NEED VOLUNTEERS - SEE PAGE 2



A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: HELP WANTED!

The Nominating Committee - Tom Barrett, Bill Glass, and Sheldon Segerman - has been hard at work trying to put together a leadership team for the CCC MOAA 2023-2025 biennium. While we have made some progress, a few key positions still remain to be filled, including Secretary and Treasurer. Please consider stepping up to take on one of these roles. Without your involvement, the leadership of the Chapter falls on just a few dedicated individuals, which is not fair to them or to the future viability of our organization. So, if you enjoy our nine annual events, and support our Chapter's mission including our scholarship program, you can ensure all that will continue by joining our leadership team. The Committee is standing by to talk to you at the March event, or via phone or email -- Tom (508-255-9288, tjbpsu@gmail.com), Bill (203-470-7295, nu76@sbcglobal.net), and Sheldon (508-362-2055, marshaven@comcast.net).

Chapter Officers serve two years. The president presides at general and officers meetings, appoints committees, serves *ex officio* on committees, communicates proposals to the Chapter to help it achieve its purposes, represents the Chapter to the public. The vice-president acts in the president's absence, and takes that position in the event the president cannot complete a term. The secretary notifies the Chapter of meetings; maintains a record of proceedings, the Chapter's files, documents, and equipment; prepares correspondence. The treasurer maintains membership and dues records, receives income, makes disbursements, gives financial reports, handles financial institution transactions. The Past president also serves and votes with the other officers plus the elected two directors on the Board of Directors which manages and is responsible for the Chapter's ongoing functioning.

One essential: ability to communicate by email. A second essential: ability to attend Officers Meetings currently held the second Wednesday of every month - right now online via Zoom.

All elected and appointed positions - except President and Vice-President - may be held by the spouse of a member or by a Surviving Spouse member.

Appointed Committee Positions will also need to be filled following the election.

- Legislative: keeps abreast of changes in laws which affect military personnel: active, retired, veterans; promotes within the Chapter legislative goals of MOAA national; recommends to the Chapter actions which may support or oppose a given piece of legislation.
- Membership: recruits new members; recommends potential members to the Chapter; alerts the Chapter to membership trends; suggests opportunities to promote membership gains.
- Personal Affairs: notes the health and well-being of members; sends appropriate greetings, to those suffering illness or a death in the family; seeks to maintain contact between the Chapter and all its members, especially those who do not normally attend Chapter events.
- Programs: researches and selects venues for events; contracts with vendors; attends to venue details to insure adequate program support; recommends, researches, obtains presenters for events; maintains liaison with presenters as to needs and expectations; insures availability of someone to process event reservations; greets event attendees and keeps a record of them.
- Public Affairs: sees to the publication of the Chapter newsletter; promotes Chapter doings to media outlets; assists in maintaining communication with Chapter members.
- Scholarship: recommends parameters of the Chapter's awarding of grants to eligible scholars; carries out the process of assembling requirements for each award season and promulgating them to schools attended by Cape and Islands students; reviews applications and determines awardees on behalf of the Chapter; oversees the annual awards presentation.
- Surviving Spouse Liaison: maintains contact with Surviving Spouse members of the Chapter; assists these individuals as may be necessary; recommends to the Chapter ways to promote the participation and well-being of Surviving Spouse members.

11 APRIL 2023 EVENT – CAPE COD BASEBALL LEAGUE AT 100



The Cape Cod Baseball League is the premier collegiate summer baseball league in this country. Players from all across the United States representing every National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) college division are recruited to play in the League's ten teams which are located and play their home games in Bourne, Brewster, Chatham, Cotuit, Falmouth, Harwich, Hyannis, Orleans, Wareham, and Yarmouth-Dennis (field in South Yarmouth).

Baseball is a must-see for thousands of Cape visitors and residents alike every summer. In the record year of 2022 the League attracted over 329,000 fans to its games. There is a 44 game regular season schedule; the postseason adds best-of-three quarterfinal, semifinal, and championship series. Operating primarily with volunteers in most leadership positions since its inception, it also relies on host families who step forward to house players.

The Cape League celebrates its centenary in 2023. Even in the 19th century baseball was a Cape summer staple, with records of games being played on the Fourth of July as early as 1885. Support grew until the League's formation in 1923. It consisted then of just four teams: Chatham, Falmouth, Hyannis, and Osterville. The former three remain today.

Over 1,600 Cape League players have appeared in a Major League Baseball (MLB) game. The National Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown NY, has inducted five: Pie Traynor, Carlton Fisk, Frank Thomas, Craig Biggio, and Jeff Bagwell. Those who may enter the Hall of Fame soon include Todd Helton (CCBL 1994) and Billy Wagner (CCBL 1992). These two were the top vote getters who did not make the cut in the January 2023 Hall selection process. The Cape League's own 179 Hall of Fame list includes Thurman Munson, Ron Darling, Will Clark, Andrew Miller, and Billy Wagner. The League's Most Valuable Player honor has gone to the likes of Paul O'Neill, Buck Showalter, Jason Varitek, Carlos Pena, and Evan Longoria. In the past five MLB drafts, four of the top selections have been Cape League alumni: Casey Mize, Adley Rutschman, Spencer Torkelson, and Henry Davis. Today's MLB rosters include over 362 former Cape League players, highlighted by Aaron Judge, Alek Manoah, Kyle Schwarber, Pete Alonso, and Shane Bieber. June 10 opens the season. For more information go to capecodbaseball.org. The League looks forward to welcoming Chapter members and friends to a game this summer.

Our speaker, **Andrew Lang**, was named the twelfth president of the Cape League on 11 Jan 23. He has been involved in the League since 2013 when he began as an assistant general manager for the Wareham Gatemen. He served as the team's General Manager 2015 through 2021. Under his leadership the Gatemen went 25-17-2 in 2018, first in the Western Division, and eventually the winner of their ninth League championship. During his tenure he was responsible for identifying and scouting prospective players for the team roster and communicating with NCAA coaches and MLB organizational scouts about prospective players.



A New Bedford MA native, Lang earned a B.A. in History at the University of Southern Maine, Portland, and played baseball during his four years there. After graduation he played minor league and independent league baseball until he entered New York City's Fordham University School of Law and earned his J.D. while also serving as an assistant baseball coach with the Rams. He has been admitted to the bar in New York and Massachusetts, having worked in both public and private sectors. In addition to

his responsibilities with the Cape League, Lang has a law practice as a full time attorney in the Wareham MA area. He has experience in criminal prosecution, personal injury (both plaintiff work and defense work), entertainment and sports law matters, contract negotiations, and legislative initiatives.

Lang is accompanied by the League's public relations director, Michael Lane.

PASSING Member **Jim McDevitt** reports the recent death of wife, **Marlene**. The funeral is at St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church, 511 Main St, Falmouth, 1100 13 Mar. Interment follows at Mass. Nat'l. Cemetery, Bourne. This is the only information available as of publication time.

MASS. GOVERNOR HEALY TAPS CHAPTER MEMBER FOR VETERANS POST

LtCol **Mike Dunford** USMC, President, Cape and Islands Veterans Outreach Center (CIVOC), was sworn in 23 Feb to the Veterans' Homes Council. "I want to underscore that this is an opportunity to give a voice" to the 19,000 veterans on the Cape and Islands Dunford said at the ceremony. The state legislation formed the body in 2022. [Congratulations, Mike!](#)

ROBOTIC HOUND ASSUMES ITS DUTIES AT CAPE COD SPACE FORCE STATION

On 27 Feb 23 the Station announced the introduction of a **robotic guard dog**. Known technically as an "unmanned ground vehicle," the robot canine has a number of sensors that allow it to keep an eye on its surroundings. Unlike the beasts on the manufacturer's videos, the Station's doesn't do backflips and won't carry a weapon. In a [video](#) on the DoD's DVIDS, the robot dog walks a dirt path with a helpful controller. [click or go to [youtube.com/watch?v=u3dZQWcYL18](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u3dZQWcYL18)]

13 DEC 2022 EVENT - Toys for Tots + "Know Me" - Combat Veterans Stories

We presented former U.S. Marine Corps Corporal **George Challies** (pictured on page one with Chapter President Don Lynde) with unwrapped toys which filled a couple tables. Among the gifts were donation checks. On 14 December the Board of Directors, at its monthly Zoom meeting, voted to send \$300 from the Charity Fund to **Toys for Tots, Cape and Islands**. All gifts are used exclusively to benefit children who are resident on Cape Cod and the islands of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard. This effort has been part of the Chapter's December event for many years.

Ms. **Nancy Curci**, author of the 2020 volume *Know Me*, discussed the stories of veterans who experienced combat in four wars whom she interviewed for her book. She recounted individual encounters including extensive conversations with those who faced the enemy under fire. This required a period of some years and travels from coast to coast. With a family history of relatives who served in combat situations beginning with a grandfather who participated in WWI and including brothers and a son, Nancy had a basis for her inquiries. A primary emphasis of her presentation was the bonding and camaraderie that develops and is felt by those who have confronted a hostile enemy whether they served in the same war or in different eras. Nancy is pictured with Chapter President Don Lynde on page one. Her husband, Chapter member Maj Charles Curci USAF, is shown with tie and glasses in the montage above and to the right of Don.

13 DEC WINNER Mike Koza won the [Roomba](#) donated by Chapter member Lt Col Marilyn R L Bowen USAF. Mike's photo is in the lower right of the page one montage where he is pictured with his guest, Dr. Jeanette Berger, and his winning floor cleaner. The upper left image shows folks eagerly purchasing Scholarship Fund raffle tickets. Are you the next Mike Koza?

FREE CONCERT – U.S. AIR FORCE BAND will be in Duxbury MA on Mon 27 Mar, 1900, at Duxbury Performing Arts Center, 73 Alden St., (781) 934-7600. The PAC is adjacent to the Alden Elementary School and the Duxbury High School/Middle School. This will be an exciting

event to hear great patriotic music and as a salute to celebrate veterans. Get free tickets (required) at Duxbury Library (781) 934-2721; Duxbury Senior Center (781) 934-5774, contact program coordinator TonyKelso@duxbury-ma.gov; Duxbury American Legion, and Duxbury Deli (781) 934-2875. [from Chapter member Pat McNamara]

“Giving Year” ends 31 Mar - GIVE NOW!

Scholarships ‘23 - Board goal to award: \$14,000 - on hand: \$9,718.95. We need more!

Fund balances 28 Feb 23: Charity \$ 591.69 Scholarship \$ 9,718.95 Operating \$ 6,667.75

BOARD ACTIONS At its 15 Feb 23 Zoom meeting the Board authorized an updated directory be sent by email. (It went out 25 Feb.) Secretary Chuck Sands will print and mail the 14 copies to those who receive paper documents. It also confirmed the e-vote for John Londa.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER As of 08 Feb 23 **LTC John J Londa USA** (ret) of East Orleans is a member of the Chapter. He is a former member of the Nashoba Valley (MA) Chapter.

OFFICERS MEETINGS Zoom assemblies are Wed. 15 Mar, 1015, and Wed. 12 Apr, same time. **Contact Secretary Chuck Sands**, cerssands@comcast.net, for a meeting link via email.

WHEN DO I NEED A NEW ID CARD? [Kevin Lilley, 02-07-23; moaa.org download, edited]

DoD officials have yet to set a specific date for the complete changeover to a new, more secure type of ID card in the coming years, but retirees with “indefinite” cards of the old variety can have them replaced at their convenience.

The transition to the Next Generation Uniformed Services Identification Card began in July 2020, replacing paper-based cards with plastic ones boasting updated security features. It's set for completion in 2026. Those with indefinite (“INDEF”) expiration dates on their older cards were asked to wait until 2021 to begin the changeover, and office closures and other COVID-related protocols made a sometimes-challenging process even worse.

Unsure which card you have, or need? See samples and guidance [at this DoD website](#).

Military.com first reported on the 2026 deadline in mid-2022. No further details beyond that have been set, such as whether the deadline would come at the beginning or end of the calendar year, according to the Defense Manpower and Data Center's response to MOAA's queries. Go to MOAA.org/IDcards for full details on the changeover and the renewal/replacement process. DoD provided the following guidance for those considering a renewal.

- ID card holders can visit any ID card site to exchange the older card for the new ID.
- [This website](#) allows visitors to find nearby locations and make appointments, and find out whether a facility provides walk-in services. [RAPIDS - Real-Time Automated Personnel Identification System - sites include **Coast Guard Base Cape Cod** headquarters building, 3159 Herbert Road, JBCC; Mon - Thu 0800-1500, Fri 0800-1200. If you have no computer, phone (508) 968-6318. On 27 Feb there were many March appointments open.]
- This link helps customers [get/renew](#) IDs for spouses, dependents, vets, and retirees [Some can be obtained online.]
- DoD also offers answers to frequently asked questions on the [next-generation cards](#) and more general [ID card concerns](#), [both links get you pdf downloads] as well as suggested [points of contact](#) for more details - click for information.

MOAA will continue to update its [ID card guidance](#) as new information becomes available.

CROCKER SNOW MEMORIAL AVAIIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Massachusetts Airport Management Association (MAMA) [awards annual scholarships](#) (click for more information) - up to \$2,000 in 2023 - to candidates who are pursuing careers in

airport management or a related aviation field such as airport operations, civil engineering, or airport planning, but not including Air Traffic Control, commercial aviation, or flight education. Those applying must be Massachusetts state residents and be enrolled, or accepted for enrollment, in an accredited aviation-related undergraduate program. Apply by 30 Apr 23. [Click here](#) for the form which must be submitted by email. [from member Pat McNamara]

MOAA’S 2023 ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN [Dan Merry, 15 Feb 23 moaa.org download, edited]

The path to protecting the all-volunteer force amid a generational [recruiting crisis](#) begins with a simple message: we will honor the promises made to those who serve. MOAA’s spring advocacy campaign will address two critical issues: (1) as servicemembers face skyrocketing rents and mortgage payments, it’s time to reverse cuts to the Basic Allowance for Housing, restoring the benefit to cover 100% of these expenses; (2) as TRICARE Pharmacy users deal with drug shortages and high drug costs, it’s time to restore the thousands of brick-and-mortar pharmacies, including many locally owned shops in rural areas, to keep this crucial benefit strong. Join MOAA’s Advocacy in Action this April as we [send a clear message](#) to lawmakers: now is not the time to trim critical programs at the expense of those who need help the most. Click to join in.

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 – Tuesday 11 Apr 23 lunch – Cape Cod Baseball League at 100
 1130 – Hearth ’n Kettle Restaurant, 1196 Route 28, South Yarmouth MA 02664

Name _____ beef chicken fish

Guest _____ beef chicken fish

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Cost: **\$30.00** / person – checks to CCC MOAA – **responses** due not later than **Tue. 04 Apr 23**

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

Mail to CPT Sheldon B Segerman USA, PO Box 198, Yarmouth Port MA 02675-0198
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