



Cape Cod Currents



Military Officers Association of America

Cape Cod Chapter

Monthly Newsletter



JUNE 2010



LUNCHEON

June 8, 2010

Riverway Lobster House



1328 Route 28, South Yarmouth, MA 02664

Cash bar and registration – 1130 – Luncheon at 1200

Menu

Cheese & Crackers upon arrival

Garden Salad

Chicken Picatta, *served with linguini* **or**

Teriyaki Tenderloin Tips *Served with vegetable and potato du jour* **or**

Grilled Atlantic Salmon *Served with vegetable and potato du jour*

Strawberry Shortcake

Coffee, Tea, & Soft Drinks Included

Cash Bar

Cost: \$25 per person

Reservations by June 1, 2010

At this meeting we will elect a new slate of officers, to include President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and will ask for help with the various committees. Of most urgent importance is someone to become program chairman. Mario Ciara, who has done an outstanding job for many years, is now sidelined with health issues; we need a person to arrange the meeting venues and menus, and to arrange programs and guest speakers.

A year ago the chapter was on the verge of disbanding because of lack of member participation in leadership positions; we've held on, and grown, but we need new folks, with new ideas, to step forward and take the helm. How about it? Will you take the challenge?

News You Can Use

Scholarship Awards – Our congratulations to the following Cape and Islands students, who received scholarship awards during the CCCMOAA chapter meeting on May 13th:

Meghan Rose **Jones**, Falmouth High School; Emily Adams **Brunelle**, Cape Cod Regional Technical School; Christopher **Walkley**, Harwich High School; Shannon Marjorie **McGrath**, Falmouth High School; Macy **Smolinsky**, Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School; Katherine Ann **Mayhew**, Martha's Vineyard Regional High School; and Caroline **Cotto**, Falmouth Academy. And a special thanks to Capt Brad Lima of the MMA for his inspiring talk.

Scholarship Donations - These scholarships are made possible only through donations to the scholarship fund by our members, and by proceeds from the monthly raffle. The following members have recently made contributions to the fund: CDR Robert W. **Barrow**, USN; LTC George H. **Bertsch** III, USA; CPT Richard **Bowen**, USA; CAPT Allen K. **Brier**, USCG; LTC James **Cervantes**, USAF; CAPT Felix A. **Conte**, USPHS; COL Kent R. **Gosner**, USA; CDR David M. **Gray**, USN; Janet M. **Green**; CDR Thomas J. **Keating**, USN; CAPT Edward J. **Lambert**, USN; COL Donald C. **Lynde**, USA; RADM William M. **McDermott**, USN; Ruthanne C. **McGinn**; LTC Robert G. **Melzer**, USA; LTC William **Reade**, USA; LCDR William C. **Richtmyre**, USN; LTC Dannie J. **Risley**, USA; CDR John W. **Simchock**, USN; LTC Robert F. **Stanley**, USA; CAPT F. Bradley **Stumcke**, USN; CDR William F. **Tyler**, USN; MAJ Ernest L. **Vermont**, USA; and COL Francis X. **Wallace**, USA.

Marine Band – The Marine Band & Silent Drill team will perform at the DY High School on 30 June 2010. at 1700hrs.

Memorial Day – There will be a Memorial Day ceremony at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne, on May 30th at 1300 hours. Please come, if you can, and help represent our chapter.

Survivor Benefit Offset - Survivors, who qualify for [Dependency and Indemnity Compensation](#) (DIC) and are covered by military Survivor Benefit Plan, must have their SBP compensation offset (reduced) by an amount equal to DIC. Widows then are refunded the premiums their husbands had paid for the portion of SBP being offset. But now there is an exception that Defense pay officials ignored until three military widows won a lawsuit last year and forced the DoD to acknowledge what Congress had done. The quirky bottom line is that military widows who remarry after age 57 are exempt from the SBP-DIC offset

Upcoming Meetings – The July 13th meeting will be a Clambake at Gray's Beach, Yarmouthport. Price to be determined based on market value.

Cell Phone Discounts – Active duty military and retirees are eligible for significant discounts for cell plans from Verizon (and possibly other cell phone providers), if you ask for them. Most plans offer a 5-15% monthly discount depending on the plan. A military identification card of proof of veteran status is required. Check with your cell phone provider.

Walt Disney World Resort – We hear that there is a **Disney Armed Forces Salute 2010 for Active and Retired Members**. From now through 31 July 2010, get one 4-day ticket for just \$99 plus tax (to include "Park Hopper" and "Water Park Fun & More." Check with your travel agent.

Congress Takes Action to Protect TriCare - Congress has taken steps toward putting military people at ease over how [TRICARE](#) benefits will be protected under the new health care reforms and to extend benefits for older children. But Congress continues to take only clumsy temporary steps to relieve another source of anxiety for Medicare and TRICARE users -- a scheduled 21.2 percent reduction in reimbursements to participating doctors. If such a cut were allowed to take effect, it could severely crimp access to care. Read the full [Hill Protects TRICARE](#) article.

Beware of Phone Scam - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is warning veterans not to give credit card numbers, bank routing information or any personal and financial information over the phone to callers claiming to update, confirm, or verify VA-related information. VA does not call veterans and ask them to disclose personal financial information over the phone. A veteran targeted by scammers alerted VA, saying that someone called claiming to be with the VA pharmacy and asking a lot of questions. VA has not changed its process for dispensing prescriptions or for enrollment. Veterans with questions about VA services should call (877) 222-8387 or the nearest VA medical center.

Taps

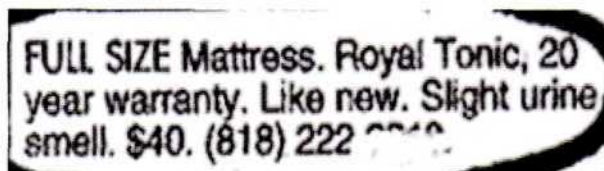
We note with sorrow the passing of Robert I. Trapp, 99, a Navy Commander and veteran of World War II and Korea, a life member of our chapter. He will be sorely missed.

Worth Bookmarking

Traveling with Pets – www.gopetfriendly.com is a very useful site for those who travel with pets. It provides several search functions to locate pet-friendly motels and other services, as well as trip-planning functions.

Auto Recalls – Has your car or truck had a safety recall that maybe you didn't hear about? Check the data base maintained by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) at www.safercar.gov.

You Can't Make This Stuff Up!



Fish need water, Feds say

By Phil Hayworth

While conservation
groups and others wel

TIRES: 4- Michelin Pilot Low
Profile. 500 miles, brand
new 225/50R16. \$399 Firm.
508-413-██████████

TOMBSTONE: Standard gray.
A good buy for someone
named Grady 508-375-██████████

TOY: POWER WHEELS JEEP

ON TEENAGERS, ADULTS:

Statistics show that
teen pregnancy
drops off significantly
after age 25.

Mary Anne Yelick, Republican state senator from Colorado Springs
(inspired by Harry F. Powers)

MONDAY DECEMBER 1999

And Then There's This - Among the first 'Germans' captured at Normandy, in World War II, were several Koreans. They had been forced to fight for the Japanese Army until they were captured by the Russians and forced to fight for the Russian Army until they were captured by the Germans and forced to fight for the German Army until they were captured by the US Army. (Courtesy Walt Tyo)

CCMOAA Scholarship and Charity Fund Contribution Chapter members who would like to make a *federal tax deductible* contribution to either our Chapter's Charity and/or Scholarship funds may do so by completing the information requested below and sending it to our treasurer. The Chapter thanks you very much for your generosity. Please check the appropriate boxes below and fill in the requested information.

I, _____, wish to make a contribution to the CCCMOAA

Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$25 () \$50 () \$75 () \$100 () Other ()

Charity Fund in the amount of \$25 () \$50 () \$75 () \$100 () Other ()

Please mail to: CCCMOAA P.O. Box 1553 Mashpee, MA 02649

Signature _____ Date: _____

Reservation for Dinner at Riverway Lobster House , June 8, 2010

Name: _____

Guests: _____

E-mail address: _____

Entrée choice _____ Salmon _____ Chicken Piccata _____ Steak Tips Cost: \$25 per person. The deadline for reservations is June 1, 2010 Enclose check payable to CCCMOAA in the amount of \$_____ Mail reservation form and check to: Cpt. R M Bowen (ret) 106 Ambleside Dr. Falmouth, MA 02540