



Cape Cod Currents



Military Officers Association of America

Cape Cod Chapter

Monthly Newsletter



November 2010



LUNCHEON

November 9, 2010

Riverway Lobster House



1338 Route 28, South Yarmouth, MA 02664

508-398-2172

Cash bar and registration – 1130 – Luncheon at 1200

Menu

Cheese & Crackers upon arrival

Garden Salad

Chicken Picatta, **or** Grilled Teriyaki Tenderloin Tips, **or** Baked Chatham Schrod

Served with appropriate accompaniments

Chocolate Cake

Coffee, Tea, & Soft Drinks Included

Cash Bar

Cost: \$22 per person

Reservations by October 28, 2010

Scholarship Awards – For those members who did not already know our congratulations go to the following Cape and Islands students, who received a total of \$7,000 in 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.

Scholarship Contributors

Contributions have been received from LTC John Banner, Jr., CDR Lee Clark, LTC John Dundas, LTC Alden Grove, COL William Hickey, CAPT Donald Hoffer, COL Donald Lynde, COL John Lay, RADM William McDermott, COL James McDevitt, Auxiliary Ruthanne McGinn, MAJ Eleanor McManus, LTC Patrick McNamara, LTC Clare O'Brien, CAPT Hugh O'Regan, Auxiliary Eleanor Samuels, Auxiliary Kathleen Splitz, LTC Eugene Tierney-----We thank you all.

Charity Contributors

Contributions have been received from COL George Gallant, CDR David Gray, RADM William McDermott, MAJ Eleanor McManus, LTC Patrick McNamara, LTC Claire O'Brien, CAPT Hugh O'Regan, CDR Robert Paul, and LTC Helen Scally -----For those members who are not aware of this account it is typically used to help needed service members at MMR and Coast Guard Station Cape Cod each year during the Holiday Season so we thank you all for your contributions.

Purple Heart Review

In a letter sent to Sec. of Defense Robert Gates, Rep. Chellie Pingree, D-Me., called it "unacceptable" that Army Commanders have turned down soldiers who met criteria for the award of the Purple Heart, which recognizes Soldiers wounded or killed in combat. This stems from those who have mild traumatic brain injury, also known as concussion who are being

denied the honor they are due just as those who suffer bullet wounds. Army regulations make clear that such wounds entitle soldiers to the Purple Heart. Those suffering concussions must have received the wound during hostile action and received treatment from a medical officer.

Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta is the first living recipient of the Medal of Honor in Afghanistan. His actions in a firefight as a member of the 503rd Airborne Regiment was to save his fellow squad members who were wounded from being captured.

Elections are ahead

Our Chapter and indeed MOAA National cannot endorse a political candidate due to the restrictions inherent with our non-profit 501(c)(19) tax status. With that said, we must protect our hard earned health benefits. Each candidate should be questioned as to his, her position on the cuts scheduled to take effect in 1 January, 2011 in Medicare reimbursements to Doctors and Hospitals. Tricare will also be affected as the second payer to Medicare.

Membership

At the delightful cruise/luncheon on 14 September, two of the guests of Chaplin Vermont agreed to join our Chapter. Welcome MAJ Susan Lewson and LTC Robert Lewson. As of this writing, we have 156 members and slightly more than 50% have already paid their dues for the 2011 year. We urge those who have not yet paid their 2011 dues to do so soon. The cost of subsequent reminder mailings reduces the amount we can add to our scholarship program.

Upcoming Meetings –

December 14th Regular Luncheon Meeting.

The December membership meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel at 287 Iyannough Road in Hyannis. Theme will be Toys for Tots. The guest speaker will be David McPherson, founder and principal of Four Ponds Financial Planning, a member of the Garrett Planning Network, an organization of fee-only financial planners, who will address financial planning topics of particular interest to CCC MOAA members. More information to follow in our next newsletter. If members have particular questions they would like to answered or topics they would like to have covered please send them to LTC Hank Bertsch USA, Treasurer, CCC MOAA at P.O. Box 755, North Falmouth, MA 02556 or email them to LTCGHB@verizon.net.

Watch for more information and the registration form for this meeting in the November newsletter.

January 2011, February 2011, March 2011 – No scheduled meetings

April 12, 2011, Brookside Club

Guest speaker Col. Lee Lang, MOAA Headquarters, Director of Council and Chapter affairs.

May 10, 2011 - Coonamessett Inn- Scholarship Awards Dinner program.

June 16, 2011 - To be updated in November Newsletter.

July 12, 2011 - Gray's Beach – Clam Bake / Lobster feast

August 2011 - No Meeting

September 2011 - Canal Boat Outing (Suggested)

October 2011 - Foxwoods (Suggested)

Personal Affairs

This member of the Board is charged with providing members and/or survivors on their entitlements, when called upon, help members/survivors in the submission of inquires, applications and claims to governmental agencies. In case of serious illness or death, express sympathy to next-of- kin and offer assistance as needed. Keep members informed of facilities and services available in the area with articles in the newsletter.

LCDR Doris Condon is the Personal Affairs officer for the Chapter. Her tel# 508-349-7599, her email is doriscondon240@comcast.net.

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 Luncheon at Riverway Lobster House , November 9, 2010

Name: _____

Guests: _____

E-mail address: _____

Entrée choice _____ Schrod _____ Chicken Piccata _____ Steak Tips Cost: \$22 per person. The deadline for reservations is October 28, 2010 Enclose check payable to CCCMOAA in the amount of \$_____ Mail reservation form and check to: LTC Eugene Tierney USAF (RET) 30 Wexford Lane, Eastham, MA 02642