



Cape Cod Currents



Cape Cod Chapter Military Officers Association of America

October 2011 Event

Luncheon Meeting – Speaker: State Senator Dan Wolf (D-Harwich)

Topic: “Items on the Current Massachusetts Senate Agenda”

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Location: Riverway Lobster House

1338 Route 28, South Yarmouth, Massachusetts 02664-4427

telephone: 508-398-2172 – web site: riverwaylobsterhouserestaurant.com



Cost: \$20.00 per person

Reservations: by October 4, 2011

Event Menu

cheese and crackers – cash bar

garden salad

entrée choices: baked Chatham scrod with seasoned bread crumbs

Riverway pot roast

chicken parmigiana

side dishes: as appropriate

dessert: cheesecake

beverage choices: coffee, tea, soft drinks

see *Currents* page 6 for event reservation form

Directions to Riverway Lobster House: from the west via Mid-Cape Highway (U. S. 6) take exit 8, go south on Station Ave., right on North Main St., immediate right on Rt. 28; from the east via Mid-Cape Highway (U. S. 6) take exit 9B, go south on Rt. 134, west on Rt. 28.

DAN WOLF BIOGRAPHICAL DATA – supplied by his office (edited)

Wolf is the Cape and Islands first-term State Senator, a district encompassing 11 Cape towns and much of Barnstable Town, plus the islands of Martha’s Vineyard, Nantucket, and Gosnold. Chosen in November 2010, this is his first-ever public office elected position.

Wolf’s family roots are in Philadelphia. He grew up summering on Pleasant Bay. With four siblings, a father who is a successful business entrepreneur, and a mother who is a professor of American history, family conversations were often spirited, sometimes political. Thirteen years at Germantown Friends School shaped his worldview with Quaker values.

Following his 1980 Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, B.A. in political science, Wolf combined his passions - Cape Cod and airplanes - earning a private pilot's license at Chatham Municipal Airport and adding commercial and flight instructor ratings in Hyannis. He worked as a community and union organizer in the Boston area, returning to Cape Cod in the mid-1980s as manager of Chatham Municipal Airport, with duties as a flight instructor and aircraft mechanic.

In 1988, Wolf and others founded what would become Cape Air and Nantucket Airlines with one airplane, and one route: Provincetown to Boston. Cape Air has become one of the largest independent regional airlines in the U.S., using roughly 1,000 employees to move over 700,000 passengers annually to more than 36 communities including Key West, the Caribbean, northern New England, rural Missouri, and Guam. Cape Air, headquartered in Hyannis, is one of the region's largest employers, becoming employee-owned in 1995. It has earned recognition as one of the most philanthropic entities in southeastern Massachusetts. In addition, the company is an environmental leader. Its "Greening Initiative" - one of the largest photovoltaic systems in southeastern Massachusetts - provides 100 percent of the electric power used by its 50,000-square-foot administration and maintenance headquarters.

Wolf trusts that his strong business, philanthropic, and environmental background, coupled with his equally firm conviction that the U. S. economy should serve the core values of our citizens rather than define the nation's direction, will focus his representation of Cape and Islands voters. He holds the co-chairmanship of the Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development, and the vice-chair slot of the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. He is a member of the Tourism, Arts, and Culture; Environment, Agriculture, and Natural Resources; Health Care Financing; Veterans and Federal Affairs; Public Service; and Redistricting committees, and is co-chair of the Massachusetts Cultural Caucus.

He and his wife Heidi Schuetz have resided in the same house in Harwich for more than 23 years, where they raised three daughters, all graduates of Nauset Regional High School.

Upcoming Events – – – all items subject to change

November 8, 2011 Luncheon meeting at the U. S. Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod Falcon Golf Course Clubhouse, Massachusetts Military Reservation
Presenter: Mr. Anthony Jackson, Outreach Director, Boston Regional Office, Department of Veterans Affairs

December 13, 2011 U. S. Marine Corps Reserve "Toys for Tots" luncheon assembly at Holiday Inn Cape Cod Hyannis Hotel, 1127 Iyannough Road, Hyannis, Massachusetts 02601-1830
Note this change from the originally announced location (Radisson Hotel)

April XX, 2012 Luncheon at a Lower Cape restaurant

May 12 (??), 2012 Scholarship awards luncheon, Coonamessett Inn, Falmouth, MA
Note this change to a noontime Saturday event designed to enable more members to attend and to meet needs of possible winners from the islands.

June XX, 2012 Upper Cape location TBD

September XX, 2012 Hyannis Harbor cruise and dockside luncheon

October XX, 2012 Cape Cod Railway Luncheon

November XX, 2012 Luncheon with presentation at Riverway Lobster House

December XX, 2012 U. S. Marine Corps Reserve "Toys for Tots" luncheon

Obituary for the son of former *Currents* editor Tony Melzer, now residing in Williamsburg, VA (edited)

Robert M. (Mike) Melzer, born July 24, 1961, died unexpectedly on August 16, 2011, in Selma TX, at the age of 50.

Mike, a graduate of Pallotti High School, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps upon his graduation from Mt. Saint Mary's College in Emmitsburg, MD. After graduation from flight school, he made several deployments to the Middle East and the Horn of Africa in support of U.S. combat operations.

In 1987 he was severely injured when his helicopter crashed into the Persian Gulf. He left the Marine Corps in 1993, having never fully recovered from his back injury, the pain of which grew increasingly worse. He was classified by the Veterans Administration as 100% disabled, and was receiving medical treatment from the VA in Texas, where he had moved after leaving active duty.

He is survived by his father, Robert ("Tony") and his wife, Marilyn; sister, Kelly Smith; two children, Karen Dammon and Robert Jr.; and two grandchildren, Makayla and Rylee.

Services were private. Interment is at the National Military Cemetery, Quantico, VA.

[From the web site of Nelsen Funeral Home & Crematory, Williamsburg, VA Aug. 19, 2011]

In addition, Tony sent the following to friends and family by email on August 19, 2011. (Please note the suggested destination for memorial gifts which is not listed in the obituary.)

We learned Thursday, August 18, that our son Mike had died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound in Texas.

As you probably know, Mike had been in constant severe pain since his helicopter crashed in the Persian Gulf in 1987. He was receiving medical care from the VA, and had undergone several operations, which were unsuccessful. He was on 100% disability and suffered from PTSD and depression. He left a brief note saying that he could no longer endure the pain. With Gods' grace, he's now at peace.

In accordance with his wishes, he will be cremated. We will inter his remains at the National Military Cemetery at Quantico VA. We think he would like to be close to the Marine Corps he loved and served. We'll let you know if and when there will be a ceremony at the cemetery. We will hold a memorial mass in the near future.

If you care to do something, we would suggest having a mass said in his memory, or a donation to the Fisher House Foundation [www.fisherhouse.org]. Because members of the military and their families are stationed worldwide and must often travel great distances for specialized medical care, Fisher House Foundation donates "comfort homes," built on the grounds of major military and VA medical centers. These homes enable family members to be close to a loved one at the most stressful times - during the hospitalization for an unexpected illness, disease, or injury.

Fisher House Foundation
111 Rockville Pike Ste 420
Rockville MD 20850-5108

And if you want to do something for us, say a prayer for Mike.
Love, Tony & Marilyn [they can be reached at dodsprecrep@gmail.com]

Discounts for military ID holders – 25 pages of the listings of merchants which offer them – can be researched at www.armytimes.com/marketplace/discounts. See offers from companies like American Airlines to Wyndham Hotels. It's unclear what goods or services 4nannies.com provides, but at 20% off, check it out. [reference courtesy of Tony Melzer]

Vehicle decals have not been required for some years on USAF locations; 100% individual ID checking is the reason. However, DOD vehicle decals are still available (and recommended for other services' locations which still require decals) at Massachusetts Military Reservation building 753, 102nd Air National Guard Intelligence Wing Pass Office outside the Otis Air National Guard Base security gate at the corner of S. Outer Rd. & General's Blvd., across from the display F-15 aircraft. Phone ahead (508-968-4593) to check for operation hours, as in late August 2011 business could only be transacted Mondays and Thursdays, 0700-1130 and 1230 – 1530.

Removal of SSAN from Id Cards We have now received the final word regarding the removal of social security numbers (SSAN) from Department of Defense ID cards which is being implemented in stages. As of 1 June 2011, when current cards expire they will be replaced with cards having a DOD identification number in place of the SSAN. The DOD identification number is a unique 10 digit identifying figure that is assigned to every person with a direct relationship with the department. It will also be the Geneva Convention identification number. An 11 digit DOD benefits numbers will also appear on the cards for those people eligible for DOD benefits. The first nine digits are common to a sponsor; the last two digits identify a specific person within the sponsor's family. The new DOD identification number for each individual will match up to his/her SSAN in DEERS.

As noted, new cards will be issued at expiration of the current one. Complete transition is expected to take four years as. **Indefinite ID cards** such as for **retirees** and **dependents over 75** **need not be replaced**. However, if the card has an INDEF expiration and you would like the SSAN removed, contact an ID card issuing facility. Find the nearest online at dmdc.osd.mil/smartcard. Enter your address. Click on your choice to get a phone number and exact location. For appointments go to secure.netappointment.com/appman.php?rownumber=84 and register. For those without Internet access, call Hanscom Customer Service at 781-225-1320/1346 or the RAO at 781-225-1310.

If you get a card without the SSAN, medical providers checking TriCare eligibility may ask you to give it verbally. However, if your card has the new DOD ID number, the provider can enter that number in place of the SSAN and it will correspond with your SSAN in DEERS.

[from Hanscom AFB Retiree Activities Office summer 2011 newsletter available at the following web site: www.hanscom.af.mil/rao]

For Massachusetts Military Reservation ID card issuing phone 508-968-6318 for an appointment with the USCG office in building 5215 (behind USCG Exchange; contains the

housing office) on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 0800-1100, 1300-1500; Wednesday: 0900-1100, 1300-1500. Issuing is done only by appointment.

For those preferring to enter the Otis ANGB security gate and head for the 102nd Intelligence Wing headquarters building at 158 Reilly St., phone 508-968-4180 for an appointment – the only way this business is transacted.

Be sure to provide the appointment maker with the date of birth of the person seeking an ID – it may be that the birthday date is not yet close enough for an appointment to be made.

If the card has expired or will expire on or before the appointment date, be sure to ask the appointment desk – and then double check – to insure that the gate security people are apprised of the appointment day and time. If not, the card will be confiscated at the gate and then the process becomes much more complicated.

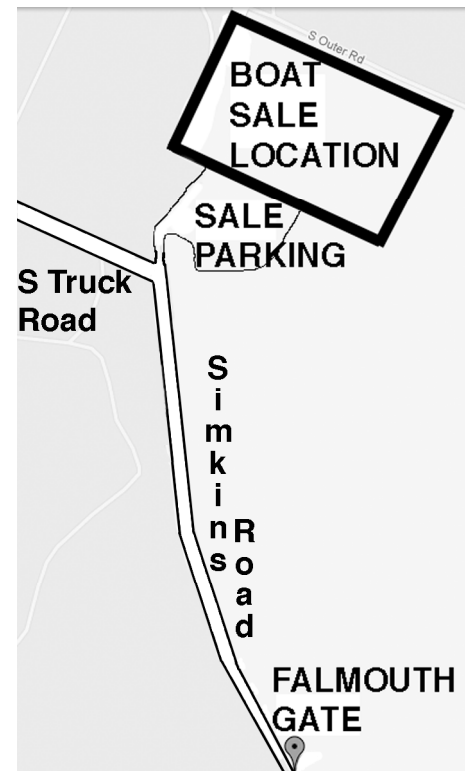
MMR Falmouth gate afternoon hours are 1345 – 1645 Monday through Friday (not 1630 as posted at the gate, nor as listed on the Coast Guard Air Station web site). The same is true on Saturdays/Sundays when the 102nd Intelligence Wing units drill. Drill weekend dates are September 10 & 11 and October 1 & 2, 2011.

An Open House will be held at Camp Edwards, Mass. Army National Guard, Mass. Military Reservation, on September 24 and 25. As of *Currents* press time, further details were not available. Check the Mass. Army National Guard web site at states.ng.mil/sites/MA/News for possible information.

Massachusetts Maritime Academy Boat Sale - The next sealed bid boat sale will be held **November 19 and 20, 2011**, aboard MMR. The hours are 1000 to 1600 on both Saturday and Sunday. Entrance (for those without military ID cards) will be only via the Falmouth gate at the north end of Sandwich Road off Route 151 in Falmouth. Go to www.maritime.edu/apps/boats for the current inventory of boats. Many listings include pictures. This publication is subject to change prior to the date of the sale. The final list will be available at the boat sale.

Even if you are not in the market for a boat or boat trailer, it is fun to look over the inventory which is displayed both indoors and out. Anything from a dinghy eight feet long to a sail yacht of 60 feet may be available.

This is a donation program. Folks contribute a vessel and gain an income tax credit from it. Boats come from all over, not just from New England. Ever wanted to own a Luders open ocean racer used the by the Maritime Academy? Some have been on previous lists. Small gear such as outboard motors, winches, boat instruments, even a garden tractor may be offered. And there is usually a large selection of boat trailers. Tenders for yachters' use often show up for sale. Should you want to donate a vessel, the web site has directions for this activity as well. Forms for making a sealed bid are downloadable from the web site. These are also available at the sale.



Member Survey Your Board is striving to have social events that will be of interest to more of our members. If you have not done so, would you please take time to answer these questions.

1. Where would you like to go for a function (*e. g.* restaurant, destination, event)?
2. Would you be more likely to attend a breakfast or brunch at a lower cost than our usual \$25 for a luncheon?
3. We are considering changing our function dates for 2012 from Tuesdays to Thursdays. Would this influence your decision to attend?
4. Would you have any interest in a function held at Hanscom AFB or Naval Station Newport, RI? If yes, would you drive, be willing to share a ride, or prefer we charter a bus?

Pay 2012 dues (\$25.00) as soon as possible to CCC MOAA, PO Box 1553, Mashpee MA
02649-1553

Currents editorial comments to lee.s.clark@Comcast.net; Lee Clark, 248 Wheeler Rd, Mashpee MA 02649

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 \$25 \$50 \$100 Other \$ _____

Charity Fund the amount of \$25 \$50 \$100 Other \$ _____

Make instruments payable to CCC MOAA with a "memo" indicating the fund name.
Mail to CCC MOAA, PO Box 1553, Mashpee MA 02649-1553.

Signature _____ Date _____ check # _____

Reservation – October 11, 2011, luncheon meeting

Riverway Lobster House, South Yarmouth MA

Name _____ entrée: scrod pot roast chicken parmigiana

Guest _____ entrée: scrod pot roast chicken parmigiana

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Cost: \$20.00 per person – checks to CCC MOAA – responses due not later than October 4, 2011

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

Mail to LT Mario Ciara USN (RET), 167 Alder Lane, North Falmouth MA 02556-2936