



Cape Cod Currents



**Cape Cod Chapter
Military Officers Association of America**

July 2011

**LUNCHEON
Tuesday, July 12, 2011**

Clam/Lobster Bake
Gray's Beach, Yarmouthport, MA

Registration – 1:30 P.M.

Luncheon – 2:00 P.M.

MENU

Cape Cod Clam Chowder
Steamed Clams
1 – 1 1/4 Lobster or Steak
Sweet Italian Sausage
Corn on the Cob
Red Bliss Potatoes
Homemade Cole Slaw
Watermelon

Cost: \$35.00 per person

Reservations by July 5, 2011

Bring your own refreshments

Upcoming Events

September 13, 2011 Luncheon on the Cape Cod Canal Cruise

October 11, 2011 TBD

November 8, 2011 Luncheon at the Falcon Golf Course Clubhouse at MMR

December 13, 2011 Toys for Tots Luncheon at the Radisson Hotel in Hyannis

Donations to Scholarship Many thanks for the recent donations to the Scholarship Fund from CDR Bob Barrow, LTC Hank Bertsch, CPT Dick Bowen, CAPT Allan Brier LTC James Cervantes, CDR Lee Clark, Mrs. Janet Green LTC Curtis Jones, CDR Tom Keating, LTC Bob Lewsen, MAJ Susan Lewsen, COL Don Lynde, CAPT Jim McCormick, RADM William McDermott, LTC Pat McNamara, RADM Paul Mulloy, MAJ Chuck Sands, COL Steve Schrader, CDR John Simchock, CAPT Brad Stumcke, LTC Gene Tierney, CDR William Tyler, and Maria Rendon-Labadan in memory of MAJ Robert Lynch.



Veterans Medallion

The Department of Veterans Affairs provides a medallion, by request, to be affixed to an existing privately purchased headstone or marker to signify the deceased's status as a Veteran. This new product is furnished in lieu of a traditional Government headstone or marker for those Veterans whose death occurred on or after Nov. 1, 1990, and whose grave in a private cemetery is marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker. The medallion is available in three sizes: 5 inches, 3 inches and 1½ inches. Each medallion will be inscribed with the word “VETERAN” across the top and the branch of service at the bottom. Once a claim for a medallion is received, approved and processed, VA will mail the medallion along with a kit that will allow the family or the staff of a private cemetery to affix the device to a headstone, grave marker, mausoleum or columbarium niche cover.

Important: This benefit is only applicable if the grave is marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker. In these instances, eligible Veterans are entitled to either a traditional Government-furnished headstone or marker, or the new medallion, but not both. For family members of eligible Veterans interested in submitting a claim for the new medallion, instructions on how to apply for a medallion will be updated on NCA’s web site at www.cem.va.gov/hm_hm.asp. Until a new form specifically for ordering the medallion is available, use VA Form 40-1330; Application for Standard Government Headstone or Marker. Fill the form out completely with the exception of blocks 11 (Type of Headstone or Marker Requested) and 27 (Remarks). Leave block 11 blank. In block 27 put the word Medallion followed by the size requested. For example; use “Medallion 5 inch” to request a 5 inch medallion. (Courtesy of LTC Tony Melzer USA-Retired.)

Help wanted

The chapter needs a volunteer to become the next Treasurer. The term is normally two years. The only skill required is a very basic knowledge of Excel. Hank Bertsch, our outgoing Treasurer, will work with the new Treasurer throughout the remainder of the year to ensure a smooth transition. Volunteers can contact Don Lynde at 508-428-2579 or jagman77@netzero.com or Hank Bertsch at 508-335-5105 or LTCGHB@verizon.net.

Very important DEERS information

It's very important to keep your DEERS (Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System) records updated, especially when personal eligibility information changes. This includes changes in military status, addresses, and family status (marriage, divorce, births, etc). Mistakes in your DEERS record can cause problems with TRICARE claims, FSGLI, and other entitlements.

The ID card facility at the MMR (in the former NCO Club building behind the PX) can update your DEERS record.

Alternatively you may update your records at www.dmdc.osd.mil/mydodbenefits or by calling the DMDC/DEERS Support office toll-free at 1-800-538-9552.

You may also write at
DMDC/DEERS Support Office
400 Gingsling Road
Seaside, CA 93955-6771
or fax your new address to 1-831-655-8317

Just in case you did not already know...

Otis Memorial Park was conceived in the spring of 1967 after the loss of the third Airborne Early Warning & Control aircraft operating from the Otis Air Force Base. The EC-121 aircraft were military versions of the famous airliners of that time Lockheed Super "G" Constellations. The EC-121 lifted a complete radar station into the air and operated at 15,000 feet above the ocean about 125 miles off the East Coast of the United States. There it extended the land based radar coverage to detect any "unknown" aircraft approaching our shoreline that might possibly be a threat to the security of the United States. Each flight consisted of 16 to 19 aircrew members. The actual cause of each EC-121 crash was never completely determined. The loss of 50 airmen at sea seemed inconceivable after ten years and many thousands of flying hours without loss of life.

The Otis Memorial Park site was selected to be placed at its present location because of the beautiful surroundings and tranquil setting. As time went on, other brave persons or groups have been recognized for their contributions to their country as seen by the various plaques mounted on the rocks surrounding the water fountain pool.

The Memorial Park was established so family members, relatives and friends could come and meditate in remembrance of their loved ones who gave their lives in the duty of their country. (Courtesy of Lt Col Frank Burry, Jr. USAF-Retired.)

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

I, _____ wish to make a contribution to the
CCCMOAA

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

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

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

Signature _____ Date _____

Reservations for the Clam/Lobster Bake at Gray's Beach July 12, 2011

Name _____

Guest _____

Cost: \$35 per person The deadline for reservations is July 5, 2011

Please make checks payable to CCCMOAA in the amount of \$ _____. Mail reservation to Lt. Mario Ciara USN (Ret) 167 Alder Lane, North Falmouth, MA 02556-2936