

Reservations for Dinner at the Coonamesset Inn 10 May, 2011

Name _____

Guests _____

Cost: \$ 30 per person

Choice: Chicken Marcela () Baked Scrod ()

Please indicate the selection as member (M) or guest (G) or both (B)

The deadline for reservations is 3 May, 2011. Please enclose checks payable to CCCMOAA in the amount of \$ _____. Mail Reservation form and check to *Lt Mario Ciara USN (ret) 167 Alder Lane, North Falmouth, MA 02556-2936*

Menu
Cheese and Crackers
Salad

Choice of:

Chicken Marcela or Baked Scrod
Seasonal Vegetables, Rice
Fresh Rolls and Butter
Tea, Coffee and Strawberry Shortcake

CCCMOAA Scholarship and Charity Fund contribution Chapter members who would like to make a *federal tax deductible* contribution 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 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 _____



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Dinner

Tuesday, 10 May, 2011

Coonamesset Inn, Falmouth, MA

Cash Bar and Registration 1730 – Dinner 1830

The Annual Scholarship night is upon us. This evening, we will honor the remarkable students and their family representatives present with scholarships. The chapter awards annually scholarships to students of high schools of the Cape and the Islands whose parent or grandparent has served in one of the 7 Uniformed Services. The award winners are **Nicholas Haglof** who attended Upper Cape Regional High, **Daniel Merritt** and **Jamie Neelon** both of whom attended Barnstable High, **Samuel Schrader** and **Kaitlyn Stuck** both of whom attended Bourne High, and **Jay Souweine** who attended Falmouth High.

Feature Speaker and Presenter is to be

President of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Rear Admiral Richard G. Gurnon, US Maritime Service.

Admiral Gurnon began his naval career as an Aeronautical Engineer in 1970 after graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. He later received his Master of Arts degree from Bridgewater State College in 1981, majoring in Earth Sciences.

The Admiral flew the Navy's venerable submarine surveillance aircraft, the P-3 Orion as a pilot, as an Instructor, as a Patrol Commander, and also as the Commander of the U.S. Navy Reserves Patrol Squadron 92, in Weymouth, MA. He came to the Massachusetts Maritime Academy in 1978 as a Company Officer and has since held several positions there which have included the Commandant of Cadets and Vice President for Student Services & Dean of Students. He was promoted to Executive Vice President in 2003. He became President in June 2005.

The April meeting at the Military Reservation was well attended. The featured speaker, Col. Lee Lange the Director of Council and Chapter Affairs at MOAA headquarters, had some very informative comments about pending legislation in Congress, and the need for each and every member to contact our representative and senator with the postcards that accompanied the latest edition of the Military Officer magazine. He stressed that the people in congress are tuned to the desires of their constituents and therefore sending in the postcards called their attention to your thoughts. He spoke to next weeks “storming of the hill” and how effective this activity has been in the past.



Col Don Lynde welcomes Col Lee Lange on 5 April, 2011

The next speaker was Col. Chuck Perenick, Commandant of the Massachusetts Military Academy who explained that the Academy is the oldest State Academy that grants commissions to Officers. The Col. was interested in garnering our support for the new parade ground to be constructed at the Academy which is on the Military Reservation. He asked that engraved bricks be purchased for a surround for the flag pole. The Col then put on his other hat as Commander of the 101 Inf. Regiment to explain the training facilities at Camp Kelly (a simulated forward operating base) and the simulated city environment that was being constructed on the opposite side of the main road from the Bourne gate. This facility is a regional training site for New England reserve and National Guard units prior to deployment.

Mail the Post Cards Please sign and mail the post cards which were included in the Military Officer magazine which you received in March.

Correction The web site for the Cape Cod MOAA chapter is- capecodmoaa.angelfire.com/ We will start posting the meeting minuetts for the board on the site as of this month. The webmaster is Carolyn Keating. Her e-mail address is canavosic@hotmail.com

Golf at Falcon Golf Course There is a senior league sign up in progress. It will start on 4 May 2011. There are 28 people signed up so far and there are more expected in the near future. So get in the swing of things and enjoy the course at the Military Reservation.

Maybe you can use this The CIA World Fact-book has been a wonderful resource for those in the intelligence business for many years. Now it is on line and you can get detailed information on countries and world leaders with a click of the mouse at <https://www.cia.gov/library/the-world-factbook>

Upcoming venues and themes

- June 14** Brunch at the Radisson- Col John Martins USAF (ret) Recently Director of Operations
Tanker Airlift Control Center
- July 12** Grey’s Beach Yarmouth- Clam bake/ Lobster fest
- August 11** Boat Cruise
- September 13** Cape Cod Luncheon Train
- October 13** Falcon Golf Club Golf after lunch
- November** How about a cruise to Hawaii?
- December 13** Radisson- Toys for Tots

Funny but true Scientists at NASA built a gun to launch standard 4 pound dead chickens at the windshields of airliners, military jets and the space shuttle, all traveling at a maximum velocity. The idea is to simulate the frequent incidents of collisions with airborne fowl to test the strength of the windshields. British engineers heard about the gun and were eager to test it on the windshields of their new high speed trains. Arrangements were made, and a gun was sent to the British engineers. When the gun was fired, the engineers were shocked as the chicken hurled out of the barrel, crashed into the shatterproof shield and smashed it to smithereens, burst through the control console, snapped the engineer’s back-rest in two, and embedded itself in the back wall of the cabin, like an arrow shot from a bow. The horrified Brits sent NASA the disastrous results of the experiment, along with the designs of the windshield and begged the U.S. scientists for suggestions. NASA responded with a one-line memo—“defrost the chicken”

Sign of the times Perhaps there is need of a dialog as to the ambivalence of the American people in respect to the men and women serving in an all volunteer capacity in the conflicts in the mid-east. When the U.S. ended universal conscription in the 70s, the all volunteer fighting forces slowly have become isolated from the population they are protecting. Only about 1% of the nation is ‘participating in these wars. As this isolation grows, those doing the fighting develop a sense of derision for those not willing to undergo the same sacrifice they must endure. History tells us of Sparta which developed a warrior class and eventually withered away. U.S. historians suggest that elimination of the draft was a means to stifle dissent of the Viet Nam war. This is a cynical view, but has merit. Therefore, we should not object to dissent about these wars, just the indifference. Perhaps others have ideas along this line.