



Cape Cod Currents



Cape Cod Chapter Military Officers Association of America

December 2013 Event – USCG Sector Southeastern New England Briefing
by CAPT John T. Kondratowicz USCG, Commander

Plus “Toys for Tots” gathering of gifts and monetary donations
to be received by Mr. Tim Harrington, “Toys for Tots” representative

Tuesday 10 Dec 2013 – 1130 registration; meal 1200

Location: Riverway Lobster House

1338 Route 28, South Yarmouth, Massachusetts 02664-4427

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

Cost: \$25.00/person Reservations: by 3 December 2013 to John Martins – see page 6

1st course choice – garden salad or cup of clam chowder

entré choices – baked scrod or chicken piccata or sliced sirloin

with mashed potatoes and vegetable medley; red velvet cake; beverages; rolls/butter; cash bar

Please bring one or more new unwrapped toys for the Marine Corps Reserve to distribute as Christmas gifts to children in need. In lieu of toys, make checks payable to “Toys for Tots.”



Mr. Tom Cahir, Administrator, Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority, addressed the Chapter on 08 Oct 13 with emphasis on the summer 2013 success of the CapeFLYER Boston to Cape Cod rail service, plus information on bus services as well as the CCRTA’s role in coordinating the schedules and activities of the various modes of public transport – ferry, bus, rail - which serve

the Cape and Islands. **Chapter President Don Lynde** promoted his Barnstable Town Council candidacy. **Treasurer John Martins** shared the relative health of our Chapter accounts and the good news of the strong pace of 2014 membership renewals. The event was held at Alberto's Ristorante, Main Street, Hyannis, with 45 members and guests on the roster.

OUR SPEAKER [from USCG Sector Southeastern New England web site] **Captain John T. Kondratowicz, USCG** assumed responsibility as Sector Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Southeastern New England in Woods Hole in April 2013. "Captain KZ" (as he is universally known) enlisted in September 1980, serving in both the U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Navy. He graduated from USCG Officer Candidate School in Yorktown, Virginia in December 1989.

His first assignment after commissioning was at Coast Guard Group Eastern Shore, Virginia as the Group Operations Officer and the Officer in Charge of a Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET). During this tour he directed a counter-drug boarding team operating throughout the Caribbean from U.S. Navy vessels. CAPT Kondratowicz is also a veteran of Phase I of the Gulf War in 1990, during which he led British, Australian, and U.S. boarding teams enforcing United Nations high seas shipping sanctions in the Persian Gulf. In 1991 he was assigned to the Fifth Coast Guard District, Office of Law Enforcement as the District Fisheries Officer, serving as enforcement advisor to both the Mid-Atlantic and the Atlantic States Fisheries Management Councils. In 1993 he assumed command of Coast Guard Station Sandy Hook, New Jersey. Due to his specialty in maritime security operations and response, he was posted to Coast Guard Atlantic Area in 1996 as the Assistant Chief for the Port Security Section, responsible for the management of the Tactical Law Enforcement Teams, Law Enforcement Detachments (LEDETs), and the Coast Guard's Port Security Units (PSUs). In 2000 Captain Kondratowicz was assigned as Operations Officer at Coast Guard Group Woods Hole, Massachusetts. In 2003 he placed into commission as its first Commanding Officer the Maritime Safety and Security Team, Boston. He was next assigned as the Coast Guard Advisor to the Naval Warfare Development Command in Newport, Rhode Island. His follow-on tour was Deputy Commander of Sector Southeastern New England. Immediately prior to assuming command of the Sector, he served as the Coast Guard Service Advisor at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island.

CAPT KZ holds a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, and a bachelor of science in Business Administration from Charter Oak State College, New Britain, Connecticut. He is married to the former Kathleen Dermody of Brockton, Massachusetts. The couple has two girls, Brianne (17) and Shea (13).

Goal for the year – by 31 Mar 2014: \$10,000!

The 09 Oct 13 Officers Meeting, by a vote of the Board of Directors, established an **annual goal** for combined **income** for the Chapter's **Charity Fund and Scholarship Fund of \$10,000**. In the past we distributed education grants and benevolent aid based on money on hand. It was decided that having a goal might increase the funds available and give focus and incentive toward higher levels of achievement. The date 31 Mar ends our "goal year." By then we must know the amount the Scholarship Committee can direct to our May awards. The assembly determined to begin at once – we want to have **\$10,000 by 31 Mar 14**. This is the **last newsletter before the March issue** which comes out 01 Feb 14. Thus there will be few reminders before 31 Mar 14.

Treasurer John Martins: "We are confident we can reach our goal with the commitment of generous and supportive members. Also, please spread the word among friends, neighbors, business associates. Remember - **donations are deductible** for those itemizing contributions."

As of 31 Oct 13 we have \$ 5,196.00 - 52% - over half way to goal with 5 months remaining.

FROM TREASURER JOHN MARTINS RE: 2014 DUES

“We just passed the 50% mark in terms of collecting 2014 dues. That’s a tremendous accomplishment, given that we still have two months until the deadline. Through the remainder of the year **I will be contacting unpaid members** to make sure they want to remain active.”

FINAL NEWSLETTER NOTICE - 2014 ANNUAL DUES - \$25 - form on page 6 is to accompany payment. PLEASE NOTE: only regular members pay dues! Auxiliary, Honorary and Life members do not. “Life” means only those so designated by the Chapter, not national MOAA life members. Auxiliary members are surviving spouses of former members.

Treasurer John Martins reported on 1 Nov 2013 the following balances.

Charity Fund 10/31/13	\$ 547.50	Scholarship Fund 10/31/13	\$ 4,648.50
Operating Fund 10/31/13	\$ 3,159.28		

Upcoming events already set

11 Dec 2013, Wed 1000 – Chapter Officers meeting, Falcon Club, Joint Base Cape Cod
11 Mar 2014, Tue Lunch, Holiday Inn, Falmouth with sing-along led by Cathy Bonnett

The 09 Oct 13 Officers Meeting had an attendance of nine – best in a while. It could always use more. Planning (see below) is progressing for 2014. Suggestions are appreciated.

Planned for the future

08 Apr 2014, Tue TBD
03 May 2014, Sat Lunch, Coonamesset Inn, Falmouth; scholarship awards; preferred speaker is RADM Rick Gurnon, President, Mass. Maritime Academy
10 Jun 2014, Tue Annual Meeting & speaker: possible 1700 start at Hyannis Golf Club
08 Jul 2014, Tue Lunch, Falcon Club House – details, speaker TBD
09 Sep 2014, Tue possibly Captains Golf Club, Brewster
14 Oct 2014, Tue possibly American Legion, Sandwich
11 Nov 2014, Tue TBD
09 Dec 2014, Tue possibly Riverway Lobster House or Yarmouth House Restaurant

20 Oct 2013 Chapter Directory Errata – Please correst these mistakes in your personal copy.

Delete – Behrer, Alvin (member list): died 15 Oct 13
Move – Behrer, Mrs Lois to Auxiliary member list
Change – Kwiatkowski (auxiliary list) first/middle name to Marilyn J
Change – Lambert, Ed (member): phone number to 508-367-5270
Alter – Meservey, Kristine (member): delete middle initial “M”
Change – Pittenger, Eugene (Russ) (member): alternate address to 9111 Southmont Cv
Apt 104, Fort Myers FL 33908-6298, Florida ph 239.689.5899, mobile 978.809.2427
Change – Simchock, John (member): phone number to 508-495-1001

If there are other directory errors, please convey the correct information to Treasurer John Martins, Chapter data keeper. His contact information is on the reservation form.

Thanks to Treasurer John Martins who did much research to get correct data; Secretary Chuck Sands for printing paper directories; Lee Clark formatted and mailed.

Joint Base Cape Cod (JBCC) Falmouth gate - new hours as of 28 Oct 13

M-F 0530-1700; the same on drill weekends; closed other weekends and holidays

JBCC Falmouth gate – drill weekend open: 7-8 Dec.

IN MEMORIAM Brigadier General John J. Sevila USAF, 97, Chapter member, donor to both Scholarship and Charity Funds, born 22 Nov 1915, died 15 Sep 2013 after a brief illness. Born in Torrington, CT, he grew up in Springfield, MA where he graduated from technical high school and married the love of his life, Catherine. He worked at various jobs before answering the call to serve his country.

Brigadier General Sevila enlisted as an aviation cadet in the Army Air Corps in May 1942, graduating as a pilot the following year. During WWII he served with the West Coast Air Training Command as an instructor and flight commander. He left active service in 1945 but continued in the Air Force Reserve and later the Massachusetts Air National Guard. He filled billets as a flight leader, squadron commander, wing training officer, Commander of the 101st Tactical Fighter Squadron, Director of Operations for the 102d Tactical Fighter Wing and Commander of the 104th Tactical Fighter Group. He was among those credited with launching the 104th Fighter Wing in Westfield, and was its commander from 1970 to 1973.

John founded the Rainbow Acrobatic Group, a precision flying team for which he flew as lead pilot.

In civilian life he had a successful career with New England Telephone Company from 1945–1977, beginning as a lineman and working his way to District Manager. Following retirement he devoted time to playing golf and the meticulous care of his yard. He maintained many close and lengthy friendships, commanding the respect of all those he met. He was a totally devoted family man and patriot.

He was predeceased by Catherine, his wife of 66 years, as well as his brother and sister. He is survived by two daughters, a grandson, two great grandchildren, two nephews and a niece.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated 20 Sep 13 at Our Lady of the Cape Roman Catholic Church, Brewster, MA. Interment with military honors followed at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne, MA.

The family would like to express special thanks to John's caretakers who provided such excellent and compassionate care during the final weeks of his life. Donations in his memory may be made to VNA Hospice and Palliative Care, 434 Route 134, South Dennis MA 02660-3433. [adapted from www.doanebealames.com]

IN MEMORIAM Lieutenant Alvin H. Behrer, Jr. USN, Chapter member, died peacefully on 15 Oct 13 at age 89. He was born at home in Queens, NY, 27 Dec 1923, the son of Alvin and Mildred (Hendrickson) Behrer. The family, including his sister, Mary, who predeceased him, moved to Scarsdale, NY when he was three years old. He graduated from Scarsdale High School in 1941, then from Princeton University, Princeton, NJ in the Class of 1945 but after WWII because he joined the Navy and attended flight school in Pensacola, FL. He served in the Navy Reserve as a Lieutenant for 20 years. After graduating from Princeton, he and a buddy took a cross-country trip to Oregon during which he met his future wife, Lois, on a blind date. They celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary 26 Jun 13 at their home in Orleans.

Al and Lois lived in Edgemont and South Salem, NY while raising their family of four and while Al worked for the family company, Behrer-Nason Plumbing and Heating Supply, in White Plains until it was sold in 1970. They moved to Eastham, owning and operating the Anchorage-on-the-Cove for 15 summers. Al also worked at Mattapan Supply Company while owning the cottages. Upon retiring they moved to their current home in Orleans where he enjoyed playing golf with his buddies, puttering around the house, working in his workshop making bird feeders among other things, and helping with many ministries at Brewster Baptist Church where both attended since moving to Orleans. Al and Lois worked tirelessly with the

Caring Cupboard which helps to feed those in the community of Brewster for about 20 years. They traveled extensively through the United States and parts of Europe.

Al leaves his wife, Lois, and their four children: Nancy Darragh (Curtis), Milford, NH; David Behrer (Jan), Bedford, NH; Dorothy Walter (Richard), Duxbury, MA; Cynthia Waple (Paul), North Attleboro, MA. Nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren also survive, as well as his sister's husband and three children, his brother-in-law's wife, plus numerous cousins from both sides of the family.

A memorial service was held 20 Oct 13 at Brewster Baptist Church. The family suggests donations to Caring Cupboard, Brewster Baptist Church, 1848 Main Street, Brewster, MA 02631. [adapted from www.nickersonfunerals.com]

SBP 01 Aug 13 Eligibility Certification by Defense Finance & Accounting Service (DFAS)

Survivor Benefit Plan beneficiaries get a monthly annuity, usually paid for the remainder of life or until the beneficiary becomes ineligible.

Effective 01 Aug 13, most SBP annuitants over age 55 are no longer required to complete and submit an annual Certification of Eligibility to DFAS. Annuitants will no longer receive the annual COE once they reach age 55 - eligibility continues without submitting the COE.

The following annuitants will continue to receive annual COEs and must submit completed forms to DFAS to continue eligibility: those under 55; those who receive printed checks in a foreign country; those with a permanent disability. These will receive an annual reminder from DFAS when the COE is due.

Notify DFAS of changes in a retiree's or beneficiary's circumstance, e.g. address or death.

JBCC Camp Edwards Wildlife Management Area Deer Hunting Dates - paraplegic: 31 Oct-01 Nov; archery: 25-27 Nov; military only (open to active duty, retired and veterans): 03 Dec; shotgun: 09-14 Dec; black powder: 19-21 Dec.

Potential hunters receive the area map during check in - for paraplegic and military at Tactical Training Base Kelley; for all other hunts at Otis Fish and Game club building. For answers to questions call Camp Edwards Range Control Operations 508-968-5926.

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 \$50 \$100 \$200 Other \$ _____

Charity Fund the amount of \$50 \$100 \$200 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 – 10 Dec 2013 Event: USCG Sector Southeastern New England brief and “Toys for Tots” 1130 – Riverway Lobster House, 1338 Route 28, South Yarmouth MA

Name _____ ***Ist:*** chowder salad ***main:*** fish chicken beef

Guest _____ ***Ist:*** chowder salad ***main:*** fish chicken beef

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Cost: **\$25.00** per person – checks to CCC MOAA – **responses** due not later than **03 Dec 2013**

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

Mail to Col John Martins USAF, 137 Curley Blvd, North Falmouth MA 02556-2725

email – john.martins@Comcast.net phone – 508.392.9102 deadline day phone-ins accepted if necessary

2014 ANNUAL DUES. PLEASE INCLUDE THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT.

Fill in all applicable spaces – the Board needs the information for its files.

The June 2013 Annual Meeting set the amount of dues for 2014 at \$25.00.

See text of newsletter – only Regular members pay, **not Auxiliary, Honorary, or (Chapter) Life.**

Name _____
last [please print legibly] first m.i. rank service

Addr _____
nمبر street/box apt city/town state zip + 4

Phone _____
home mobile spouse’s given name

Other addr _____
nمبر street/box apt city/town state zip + 4

Dates at other addr _____ Phone at other addr _____

Email addr (if used regularly) _____

Dates (e.g. 1980-90) of active duty _____ of inactive/Reserve/Guard _____
include all extended periods of each - do not include as active any Reserve/Guard ACDUTRA, TEMDU, TDY, TAD periods of less than 1 year

2014 DUES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE NOT LATER THAN 31 DEC 13

Questions go to John Martins, Treasurer, 508.392.9102, john.martins@comcast.net, or the editor.

Make check payable to Cape Cod Chapter, MOAA.

Mail to CCC MOAA, PO Box 1553, Mashpee MA 02649-1553.

Signature _____ Date _____ check # _____

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