



# Cape Cod Currents



## Cape Cod Chapter Military Officers Association of America

**December 2014 Event – “Toys for Tots” gifts & Grace Veterans Center talk**

**Tuesday 09 Dec 14 – 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 2 December 2014 to John Martins – see page 6**

1st course – garden salad or cup of quahog chowder: identify choice to waiter  
entré choices – parmesan encrusted haddock / chicken francaise / tavern tenderloin demi-glace  
with red bliss potatoes and vegetable medley; red velvet cake; beverages; rolls/butter; cash bar



**14 Oct 14 tour of USCG activities in Woods Hole**



**USCGC SANIBEL FOREDECK**

**ON 14 OCT 14** Chapter members and friends were guests of CAPT John T. Kondratowicz USCG, Commander, USCG Sector Southeastern New England at the Woods Hole Sector location. The lunch and tour event was detailed by CDR Carissa April USCG, Sector Logistics Department Head and Commanding Officer of Military Personnel. CDR Richard Schultz USCG, Sector Deputy Commander, was present to add to the welcome. A meal of grilled burgers and dogs with all the trimmings was the special consideration offered by the Woods Hole Chief Petty Officers Association. Tour features included boarding USCGC Sanibel, a briefing at the Sector rescue and response command center located in the headquarters building, a talk and boat boarding at the USCG Station Woods Hole pier, and an explanation of the operations of the Woods Hole ANT (Aids to Navigation Team). Registration was a robust 46 and the weather cooperated. Since no raffle could be held on the property, \$5.00 from each paid registration was placed into the Scholarship Fund in lieu of the usual raffle proceeds.

**09 DEC 14 EVENT – TOYS FOR TOTS** **Paul Burr** will be with us again this year to receive gifts in kind and monetary donations supporting the “Toys for Tots” Christmas gift program of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

*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.”*

**09 DEC 14 EVENT – PROGRAM** Our presenter is Chapter member Lt Col Dwayne Turmelle USAF, currently the Case Manager for the Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) program at the Cape and Islands Veterans' Outreach, Hyannis, Mass. The SSVF program helps very low and extremely low income veterans and their families remain stably housed or acquire permanent housing by providing money to landlords, utility companies, moving companies, and licensed child care providers. Dwayne will share about the new Grace Veterans Center approach to veterans support. He has been at the Cape and Islands Veterans Outreach for the past four years. During that time he has served as the Homeless Veteran Housing Coordinator and as the inaugural Director of Operations for the Grace Veterans Center in Mashpee, Mass.

Prior to his stint at the Outreach Center, Dwayne received his commission through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1983 while earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Massachusetts-Lowell. In 1996 he completed a Master of Arts in Human Resource Management from Webster University in St. Louis, Missouri. He anticipates graduating in winter 2014 from Suffolk University in Boston with a second Masters degree, this one in Public Administration.

Upon completion of his active duty service (1983-2004), Dwayne retired in the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. During his Air Force years he served in several capacities, most notably as a Titan II and Peacekeeper Nuclear Inter-continental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) Combat Crew Commander; as Chief, ICBM Operational Test and Evaluation; as Military Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research; and as Commander, Detachment 475, at the University of New Hampshire.

Dwayne resides in Monument Beach, Mass., with his wife of 30 years, Michelle, and faithful golden retriever named Remy. In his spare time he coaches the college club hockey team at Northeastern University in Boston, and plays golf all over Cape Cod.

**ANNUAL DUES FOR 2015: \$25.00 per member. Note – Auxiliary Members do not pay.**

**IT IS 2015 ANNUAL DUES TIME - \$25.00 – the 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. **FURTHER NOTE: no individual dues letters will come to members** in order to save printing and postage costs.

**CORRECTION** The November *Cape Cod Currents* incorrectly listed some new member information. • Former Army 1Lt Robert Arthur Dusseault states to correct the error, "I served in Germany (dates of service: 1960-1962) as the S-2 of a STRAC Engineer Combat Battalion during the Berlin Crisis. It was interesting to see my activity with the CIA was correctly mentioned (by chance) even though I never mentioned it and there is no record of that activity on my DD-214." • Former Marine Corps Capt Michael E. Ingham was the person who served in both intelligence and armor, with active duty 1966-69, then inactive reserve time. He was in Viet Nam where he did some work with the CIA. Your editor regrets the errors and apologizes.

**MEMBER ACTIONS by the Board** • Lt Col Marilyn R. L. Bowen USAF of South Dennis, Mass., where she resides with her husband Ralph, was recently added to the Chapter's member roster. She served as an Air Force flight nurse from 1969-1990.

• Mrs. Kathryn Richtmyre of West Chatham, Mass., was removed from the Auxiliary member list at her request. She is the widow of LCDR William C. Richtmyre USN, a WWII and D-Day veteran who died 18 Oct 2010 at age 89. They had been married 65 years at the time.

**CCC CHARITY FUND HOLIDAY GIFTS** At the 15 Oct 14 Officers meeting the Board of Directors allocated **\$500.00** to the Cape & Islands Veterans Outreach Thanksgiving effort which distributes turkeys and baskets of food for its 700 food pantry members. At the same time a donation of **\$500.00** in Stop and Shop gift cards was approved. It was to be presented to Chaplain Bob Mills LT USN, USCG Sector Southeastern New England command chaplain, at the 12 Nov 14 Chapter event. He will use it to benefit military families of all branches who may be in need. These actions bring the Chapter's Charity Fund balance to less than \$200.00.

**Goal - \$10,000 to Charity & Scholarship Funds by 31 Mar 15 – donated to date: \$3,779.62**

**Treasurer John Martins reported the following fund balances on 31 October 14.**

Charity \$ 192.99    Scholarship \$ 5,459.22    Operating \$ 2,892.99

<b><u>2015 Event Plans</u></b>	Officers Meetings: day after events, Falcon Clubhouse, except as noted
10 Mar 15, Tue	Lunch, Alberto's Ristorante, 360 Main St, Hyannis MA; program: Cape & Islands Theater Coalition VP Steve Petruska on staging live shows
14 Apr 15, Tue	Lunch, Four Points by Sheraton Eastham, 3800 State Hwy, Eastham MA 02642; program: Bob Prescott, Director, Mass Audubon Society's Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
02 May 15, <u>Sat</u>	Lunch, Coonamessett Inn, 311 Gifford St., Falmouth - scholarship awards event; speaker: Dr. John L. Cox, Ed.D., CPA, President, CCCC
05 May 15, <u>Mon</u>	Officers Meeting – note day of the week
09 Jun 15, Tue	Lunch, Falcon Golf Course Clubhouse, Joint Base Cape Cod, Goenther Road, Buzzards Bay MA; annual meeting; tour of the MA Army National Guard Aviation Support Facility, (helicopters) and its cockpit simulator, Richardson Road, Joint Base Cape Cod



left after her junior year during World War II to joined the WAVES. She was sent to Smith College for training and to Oklahoma for cryptography where it was discovered she had a photographic memory. She was then posted to Norfolk Naval Shipyard where she memorized all berth specifications and the requirements for every ship. Knowing this data, as vessels arrived she transmitted to the ships' captains an available location in code. She told funny stories about Navy captains who did not want to take orders from a female officer.

In Norfolk she met Edgar F. (Dick) Wasem Jr., and married him five months later. Due to D-Day preparations the wedding was postponed from June 5 to June 7, 1944. The couple raised four daughters, Pam Rose, Ithaca NY, Penelope Wasem, Harwich, Kirby Yoshii, Tokyo, Japan and Edgewater MD, and Karen Wasem, Minneola FL. There are five grandsons and two great-grandchildren. Raising a family in the Navy and hosting foreign students led to many friends around the world. Marie loved entertaining and often cooked sumptuous meals for a crowd. She found places to volunteer wherever the family moved as she wanted to help others.

Burial was at Arlington National Cemetery, June 2013. Memorial donation checks to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society should be payable to NMCRS with the memo line stating: in Memory of Marie Wasem. [from *Cape Cod Times* and Doane, Beal Ames Funeral Home]

**TV WATCH** Retired Naval Criminal Investigative Service Special Agent Leon Carroll, Jr., is technical advisor to CBS TV's *NCIS*, now in its twelfth season. Here are excerpts provided by member Tom Keating from a fall 2014 CBS fan magazine interview with Carroll.

"Back in 2003... I was looking at retiring, and they... asked if I'd be interested in... a few days a week. I had a meeting with Don Bellisario and he hired me. The rest is history.

"[My first day in the TV business] was totally different.... I thought we were going to shoot the whole episode in one day.... So about 12 hours in, I started looking at my watch and finally one of the sound guys came over to me and said, 'Hey, I see you looking at your watch all the time. You're going to drive yourself crazy. It's over when they say "wrap."'.... [Doing actual *NCIS* work] you sit on a stakeout and it's obviously boring, because you're watching and waiting for something for hours on end, but once it's over you go out and do other things. You don't constantly do that day after day. I had worked longer hours at one time for the real *NCIS* – I think 36 hours is the longest I'd worked without having a break – but that first 19-hour day of *NCIS* in 100-degree heat was definitely an eye-opener.

"[My input] begins with the scripts and... outlines. [At] first... it would be too late to really change things, so I started getting involved at concept meetings. Now I... sit with the writers. By the time we get to the set... if I've done my job..., there's not a lot left to question.

"A question recently came up on the set for a scene where McGee is going into a suspect's backpack. It was one of those spur-of-the-moments where the suspect consents; the agents weren't out looking for evidence. Normally, agents don't just walk around with gloves, but the scene was depicting one of those times where any good agent would ask himself, 'Should I touch this with my bare hands? Or should I put on a glove?' We made a decision to have McGee pull a glove out of his pocket as though he carries one all the time.

"[After twelve years doing this,] I don't know if we can get any of these [actors and writers] to think like *NCIS* agents. But at least they know what the proper procedures are better than in Season 1. And I've learned a lot about what the camera's looking for –... looks and lighting and things like that.... I don't think that our actors, with maybe a couple of exceptions, would want to be agents."

[Which still begs the question of why there continue to be so many uniform appearance and shipboard procedure errors in the finished product. Editor]

**2015 ANNUAL DUES. PLEASE INCLUDE THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT.**

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

**The June 2014 Annual Meeting set the amount of dues for 2015 at \$25.00.**

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

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**2015 DUES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE AT THIS TIME – NOT LATER THAN 31 DEC.**

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

**Make check payable to Cape Cod Chapter, MOAA.**

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ check # \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservation – 09 Dec 2014 Event: Grace Veterans Center brief and donations for**

**“Toys for Tots”** 1130 – Riverway Lobster House, 1338 Route 28, South Yarmouth MA

Name \_\_\_\_\_ fish  chicken  beef

Guest \_\_\_\_\_ fish  chicken  beef

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Cost: **\$25.00** per person – checks to CCC MOAA – **responses** due not later than **02 Dec 2014**

**PLEASE SUBMIT ON TIME – WE WANT TO STAY ON GOOD TERMS WITH VENDORS**

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

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