



Cape Cod Currents



Cape Cod Chapter Military Officers Association of America

November 2014 Event – Tour of Camp Edwards Battle Simulation Center

Wednesday 12 Nov 14 – 1130 registration; meal 1200 – **note day**

Location: USCG Air Station Cape Cod Falcon Golf Course Clubhouse

Joint Base Cape Cod – Goenther Road, Buzzards Bay MA 02664 508.968.6453

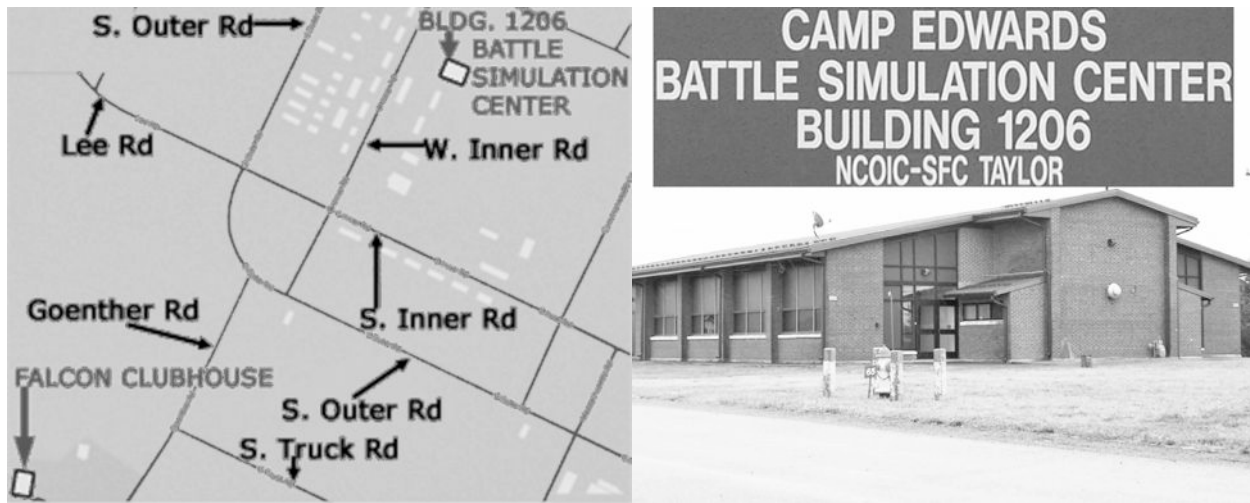
Cost: \$25.00/person Reservations: by 05 Nov 14 to John Martins – see page 6

Menu – choice of haddock or chicken marsala, mashed potatoes, vegetable, carrot cake, coffee & tea at bar; cash bar available

Following the meal take personal cars ½ mile to building 1206 for tour. See map page 2.



On 09 Sep 14 Maj Gen L. Scott Rice, Adjutant General presented current challenges and future concerns facing the Massachusetts National Guard in his work training and equipping ground and air troops to support national security, peace, order and public safety missions.



The CCC Wednesday 12 Nov 14 event will feature a tour and capabilities demonstration of the Camp Edwards Mass. National Guard Battle Simulation Center, Building 1206 JBCC. This state-of-the-art facility with its JANUS hardware and software suite, flexible room configuration, built-in PA, DVD, and power point systems supports a wide range of tailored training events to include war fighter, Virtual Battlefield Trainer, and multi-agency table top exercises. It has also been used as an emergency control center during a disaster response operation.

JANUS is a platoon-to-brigade level, ground and air-ground combat simulation using conventional and chemical weapon systems. It can simulate the operational functionality of all types of direct fire, crew-served, ground weapon systems, dismounted infantry, artillery systems, fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft systems, and combat service support systems. The interactions of these systems with each other, as well as the impact of the battlefield environment (*i.e.* weather, time of day, obscuration, and terrain features) on acquisition and engagement, are represented at a high level of fidelity.

JANUS is an interactive, six-sided, closed, randomly determined, ground combat simulation employing high-resolution color graphics. "Interactive" refers to the actual, real-time interplay between personnel performing command decisions and the simulated units and systems they control. It is "six-sided" because up to six friendly and/or enemy forces can be represented. "Closed" means the simulated sides do not, in general, have perfect knowledge of other sides. "Randomly determined" refers to the way the model assesses, according to laws of probability and chance, the outcomes of those battlefield phenomena that cannot be predetermined. "Ground combat" means the simulation focuses on the deployment of ground combat systems and how each interacts with and is impacted by combat support and combat service support systems, terrain, weather, visibility, daylight and darkness, and chemical factors.

JANUS allows a user to model military conflicts of opposing forces up to the brigade level controlled by a set of players who only have knowledge of enemy units that are in direct observation by one or more of their subordinate units. Information displays on a digitized terrain color graphics map.

Our Goal - \$10,000 combined income for the Charity & Scholarship funds by 31 Mar 15

Treasurer John Martins reported the following fund balances on 30 September 14.

Charity \$ 1,092.96 Scholarship \$ 4,574.01 Operating \$ 2,571.47

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.

MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS – New Members approved by the Board: • Former Army 1Lt Robert Arthur Dusseault and his wife Barbara live in East Sandwich. He 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. • LtCol Douglas S. Dexter USMC, Sandwich, saw active duty from 1961 to 1988. He had a tour with Air America 1972-74. His wife’s name is Marilyn. • CDR Robert H. Heon USN resides in Yarmouthport with his spouse Nancy. He enlisted in the Navy in 1946 and eventually went from the fleet to Holy Cross College as an NROTC midshipman. His graduation and commissioning came in 1951. Retirement was in 1972. • Former Marine Corps Capt Michael E. Ingham is a resident of Centerville, along with his wife Connie. He attended our September event in Wellfleet. **Removed:** • LCDR Blair Barrows USN (wife: Juliana), formerly of Harwich, was removed from membership by the Board at his request as he is now living in Maine and Florida.

The **Board thanks** Bill Reade and especially Jimmy Dishner for their work in recruiting these newest additions to our membership roster. Well done!

JBCC Falmouth gate hours change: 0600-1630. 2014 weekends open: 4-5 Oct, 1-2 Nov, 6-7 Dec. Open hours weekdays and on these weekends: 0600-1630.

2014 events set

Officers Meetings: day after events, Falcon Clubhouse, except as noted
13 Nov 14, Thu Officers Meeting – note day of the week
09 Dec 14, Tue Lunch, Riverway Lobster House; “Toys for Tots” received by Paul Burr representing the Marine Corps Reserve; speaker: member Lt Col Dwayne Turmelle USAF, Supportive Services for Veterans, Families Outreach Coordinator at Cape and Islands Veterans' Outreach Center; topic: Grace Veterans Center approach to veterans support

2015 Events

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10 Mar 15, Tue Lunch, Alberto’s Ristorante, 360 Main St, Hyannis, MA 02601; program: Cape & Islands Theater Coalition on staging live productions
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, Sat Lunch, Coonamessett Inn, 311 Gifford St., Falmouth - scholarship awards event; preferred speaker: Dr. John L. Cox, Ed.D., CPA, President, CCCC
05 May 15, Mon Officers Meeting – note day of the week
09 Jun 15, Tue Dinner 1700 [note time], Terrace Room, Hyannis Golf Club, 1840 Iyannough Rd #2 (Hwy 132), Hyannis MA 02601; Annual Meeting (election); program: TBD
14 Jul 15, Tue Dinner 1700 [note time], The Captains Golf Course (Ellsworth Pavilion), 1000 Freemans Way, Brewster MA 02631; program: TBD

- 08 Sep 15, Tue Dinner 1700 [note time], possible location Yarmouth House Restaurant, 335 Hwy 28, West Yarmouth MA 02673; possible program: Col George Jonic, Jr. USMC, member, a/v presentation on his Viet Nam experiences
- 13 Oct 15, Tue Lunch, American Legion Post 188, 20 Main St, Sandwich MA 02563; program: TBD
- 10 Nov 15, Tue Lunch, Falcon Golf Course Clubhouse, Joint Base Cape Cod, Goenther Road, Buzzards Bay MA 02664; possible speaker: CO, PAVE PAWS
- 08 Dec 15, Tue Lunch, Riverway Lobster House, 1338 Hwy 28, South Yarmouth MA 02664; “Toys for Tots” event; speaker: TBD
- At some point Tour of Mass. Army National Guard Aviation Support Facility (helicopters) and its cockpit simulator, Joint Base Cape Cod

BLOOD DRIVE Friday, 10 Oct 14, 1000-1600, Joint Base Cape Cod Fire Department, 3132 Richardson Road, JBCC. Complimentary movie pass for all donors who arrive. Facilitator: Cape Cod Healthcare Blood Center, www.capecodhealth.org/give-blood. Call 508-862-5663 for an appointment. All blood donated stays on Cape Cod.

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 # _____

THANK YOU The Board thanks Mount Horeb Lodge A. F. & A. M., South Dennis, and its Master, Wardens, members, and the Directors of its Masonic Military Assistance Project for donating to the Chapter, via Bill Reade, unclaimed prizes from its 2013 military assistance fund raising project. The Chapter uses the gift certificates as prizes for our Scholarship Fund raffles.

IN MEMORIAM – Auxiliary Member **Elaine Collins Ciara**, 78, of Falmouth, formerly of Westborough MA, passed away unexpectedly 31 Aug 14 at home. She was the widow of the late Chapter member Mario P. Ciara. Her first husband, Robert M. Collins, died in 2006. Born in Stockton CA, the daughter of the late Elwood and Esther (Webster) Howse, Elaine was educated in Stockton schools and graduated from the University of the Pacific in Stockton. She was employed as a receptionist by Southboro Medical Group for many years prior to her retirement. A communicant of St. Elizabeth Seton Roman Catholic Church in Falmouth, she attended St. Luke the Evangelist Roman Catholic Parish when she resided in Westborough.

Elaine is survived by three sons: Robert M. Collins, Jr. and his wife, Martha, of Wellesley MA; Kelly P. Collins and his wife, Cheryl, of Westborough; and Kevin D. Collins and his wife, Tricia, of Hanover NH; a daughter, Colleen D. O'Hare of Great Mills MD.; a brother, Elwood D. Howse, Jr., of Mercer Island WA; a sister, Cheerie Howse of Redwood City CA; and twelve grandchildren.

The funeral Mass was celebrated 05 Sep 14 at St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, Westborough, with burial in St. Luke's Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Westborough Fine Arts Education Association, PO Box 31, Westborough MA 01581. [edited from *Cape Cod Times* material of 03 Sep 14]

MARKING VETERANS DAY [received from member Charlie Aftosmis 17 Sep 14; edited] Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee told this story 02 Mar 07 in a speech, It recounts his version of events from the first day of classes in Fall 2005 for students enrolled in Martha Cothren's military history class at Joe T. Robinson High School in Little Rock AR.

In September 2005 Ms Cothren, a military history teacher at Little Rock's Joe T. Robinson High School, did something not to be forgotten. On the first day of school... she removed all of the desks in her classroom. When the first period kids entered the room they discovered that there were no desks. "Ms. Cothren, where are our desks?"

She replied, "You can't have a desk until you tell me how you earn the right to sit at a desk." They thought, "Well, maybe it's our grades." "No," she said. "Maybe it's our behavior." She told them, "No, it's not even your behavior." They came and went - first period, second period, third period. Still no desks.... Kids called their parents... and by early afternoon television news crews had started gathering at the school to report about this crazy teacher....

The final period... came. Puzzled students found seats on the floor.... Ms Cothren said, "Throughout the day no one has been able to tell me just what he or she has done to earn the right to sit at the desks that are ordinarily found in this classroom. Now I am going to tell you."

At this point Martha Cothren went to the door of her classroom and opened it. Twenty-seven U.S. veterans, all in uniform, walked in..., each one carrying a school desk. The vets began placing the desks in rows, and then they would walk over and stand alongside the wall. By the time the last soldier had set the final desk in place, those kids started to understand, perhaps for the first time in their lives, just how the right to sit at those desks had been earned.

Martha said, "You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These heroes did it for you.... They went halfway around the world, giving up their education and interrupting their careers and families so you could have the freedom you have. Now it's up to you to sit in them. It is your responsibility to learn, to be good students, to be good citizens. They paid the price so that you could have the freedom to get an education. Don't ever forget it."

[For the record, the VFW's 2006 Teacher of the Year was Ms. Cothren, a WWII POW's daughter who regularly uses veterans in her classroom, organizes veteran recognition events, and has led students in sending comfort packages to service members. Some responders to web rumor verification site Snopes.com who said they were former students at Joe T. Robinson High School who were present in Martha Cothren's class that day have maintained that the account given by Governor Huckabee was somewhat embellished - they say the number of veterans who visited their class was not as high as stated, and those veterans were not in uniform. Editor]

SCHOLARSHIPS MOAA National reported that **three Cape Cod students received awards** from the National Scholarship Fund: Chelsea Allen, Forestdale; Theodore Purdy, Mashpee; Jeffrey Lynch, Mashpee. Each garnered a \$5K interest free loan; Ms Allen also got a \$500 grant.

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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home mobile spouse's given name

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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,
TEM DU, TDY, TAD periods of less than 1 year

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 – Wed. 12 Nov 14 Event: Lunch + Tour, Combat Simulation Center JBCC

1130 – Falcon Golf Course Clubhouse, Goenther Road, Joint Base Cape Cod

Name _____ entrée: haddock chicken marsala

Guest _____ entrée: haddock chicken marsala

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Cost: **\$25.00** per person – checks to CCC MOAA – **responses** due not later than **05 Nov 14**

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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