



The Middle Georgia Chapter (MOAA)
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Fostering patriotism and military values to advance our community

NEXT MOAA MEETING: WEDNESDAY, September 11th, 2024 with social half hour at 11:30 AM and lunch following at 12:00 (noon). The meeting will take place at The Houston Lake Country Club. There will be **No October 2024 Chapter meeting due to the Georgia Military Officers Association of America (GAMOAA) 2024 State Convention on October 3, 4, 5, 2024.**

The Convention will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Warner Robins, GA. **This convention is being presented by our Chapter. Your help is really needed!**

To register for the conference please see the Presidents comment below. Conference Registration is by SNAIL mail and should be completed and returned prior to September 16, 2024.

Regular chapter meetings will resume on November 6, 2024.

Middle GA Chapter Officers

President: Michael Qualls

Past President: Rich McKee

First Vice President/Programs: Rich McKee

Second Vice President/Membership: Jo Drinkhahn

Secretary: Bill Goodwin / JB Mason (In Training)

Treasurer: Les Arent

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Director: Bill Craig

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Ladies Auxiliary Officers

President: Cindy Gordon

Vice President: Jo Drinkhahn

Secretary: Gloria Nelson

Treasurer: Terri Penn

Mike Qualls, President

Welcome Back. While you have been enjoying the summer break, your Board and Officers have been busy developing and implementing activities for the upcoming state convention in October.

But we are still not completely ready. We continue to meet and take care of details as they come to our attention.

We still need people to work during the Convention on October 3, 4, and 5. We will need people to act as guides, greeters, assistants and more. You do not have to be mobile to do some of the duties. You only must volunteer a few hours on one or more of the days we will be meeting to greatly help us out.

I strongly encourage each of you to attend as many of the sessions of the upcoming Convention as you are able. I especially encourage you to attend the banquet on October 4th as the special guest speaker will be the President and CEO of the Military Officers Association of America, LTG. Brian Kelly (Ret.)

Information about the Convention and registration can be found on the GMOAA website.

<http://gamoaa.org/> and also at our own organizational web page <http://www.midgamoaa.org>.

Finally, we should also remember that the day we will meet in September is one that was born from terror and sacrifice. We owe a great debt to all those who gave of themselves on that date.

Michael Qualls, President

MOAA Headquarters; wants all members to know about changes to the voting process for the 2024 National Election. Note that the August 2024 issue of Military Officer magazine has a detailed article about the 2024 candidates and election items for your vote and review. Voting is from August 1 – 31, 2024. Members can cast their votes by going to <https://www.moaa.org/> and following the voting instructions provided.

Voting is Online Only. To vote you will need to log into your MOAA account. A valid email address on file is needed. You may also need to reset your password if you have not logged in a for a while. Contact MOAA at msc@moaa.org or (800) 234-6622 if you need help.

MOAA Chapter Dues Pay Portal (Glimmernet) has been taken down to upgrade site security.



The Director of the Museum of Aviation, Col. Ken Emery, USAF (ret) speaking to the June 2024 MOAA meeting. Colonel Emery brought us up to date on what is going on at the museum and what programs are coming up in the near future. He also told us about the recent successful recovery to the Museum of a historic D-Day veteran C-47A. The aircraft was recovered from Wassilla. AK by Museum and Air Force personnel.

Rich McKee, First Vice President, Programs.

Our speaker for our September 2024 is still in work. If you know of someone one or some organization that would like to speak please let Rich know.

Jo Drinkhahn, 2nd Vice President, Membership

Welcome to another wonderful MOAA year!!! I'll have to admit that I missed y'all on the second Wednesday for lunch in July and August. However, that problem will be eradicated on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 11:30 at the Houston Lake Country Club. Our first luncheon for the 2024-25 MOAA year of the Middle Georgia Chapter will begin!! Come one, come all; let's start off with a bang!! And bring someone with you!

The big news for our chapter is our upcoming convention on October 3, 4, 5 at the Hilton. Be sure to sign up for the Thursday evening welcome reception where we will be entertained by the Rockin' Robins.

Then on Friday evening, we will be at the Museum of Aviation for our big dinner among the planes. What an atmosphere!

And then we will honor our fallen members on Saturday morning before we leave for home.

If you would like to help support our chapter with the expenses that go along with hosting a convention, you can help by buying an ad. A business card ad costs

\$50.00. Three members have already given their money to our treasurer.

See y'all on September 11!!

Jo Drinkhahn
Membership Chair

Cindy Gordon, President, Ladies Aux

It seems the summer months always pass so quickly. Whether you enjoyed staying at home and relaxing, working in your yard, traveling. or visiting family, we always wish for just a few more days!!!

Thank you so much for all the wonderful donations last year. And thanks to those who bought tickets. We were able to donate a nice amount to "Hearts to Heroes". Please remember to bring your donations to our first meeting, and hopefully buy a ticket as well. Thanks so much,
Cindy Gordon

MENU: The menu will be chicken crepes, green beans almondine, glazed carrots, (ALTERNATE) grilled marinated chicken), rolls and butter, homemade desserts (provided by Gail Goodwin), water or iced tea, coffee on request.

If you do not specify your meal choice, we will assume you want the chicken crepes.



DINNER RESERVATIONS

Please call or e-mail before **Noon, on Wednesday, September 4, 2024**, to one of the following:

- Bill and Gail Goodwin, 929-3362 (Landline), 955-7296 (cell); EMAIL: wsgoodwin@cox.net, OR wsgoodwin2@gmail.com.

- Les and Charline Arent, 953-5847; javelin73@cox.net.