



The Middle Georgia Chapter (MOAA)  
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## JANUARY 2025

*Fostering patriotism and military values to advance our community*

*Happy New Year!*

*Merry Christmas and a Happy Hannukah!*

Our January 2025 MOAA Monthly Meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY, January 8th, 2025**, with a half hour social at 11:30 AM and lunch following at 12:00 (noon). The meeting will take place at the Houston Lake Country Club, which is located at 100 Champions Way. Perry, GA 31069

### Middle GA Chapter Officers

**President: Michael Qualls**

**Past President: Rich McKee**

**First Vice President/Programs: Rich McKee**

**Second Vice President/Membership: Jo Drinkhahn**

**Secretary: J.B. Mason**

**Treasurer: Les Arent**

**JROTC/ROTC: Russ Winge**

**Director: Bill Craig**

**Director: Silvio Silenzi**

### Ladies Auxiliary Officers

**President: Cindy Gordon**

**Vice President: Jo Drinkhahn**

**Secretary: Gloria Nelson**

**Treasurer: Terri Penn**

### **Mike Qualls, President**

I am sorry that I have not been able to participate with you at our last couple of meetings. But my personal health matters and family matters take precedence over all my other duties.

But now I am back to a somewhat normal schedule, and we are faced with the very real New Year. It is full of potential and fraught with perils, depending upon how you will personally look at it. And, I guess, how you voted in the last few months.

We will have challenges to improve our organization and our participation with other organizations around the state and country. We

must stand firm in our commitment to our chapter, state organization and national affiliate.

You as the members of our chapter must step forward with ideas as to how we can become more effective and efficient. You also have to consider stepping into leadership and advisory roles in our local chapter to see that we can succeed.

Make your New Year's resolutions now! Resolve to be involved!

Sincerely,  
 Michael L. Qualls  
 Chapter President  
 Middle Georgia Chapter



The Rockin' Robins provided really great musical entertainment at our December meeting!!!

### **Rich McKee, First Vice President, Programs.**

The speaker for our January 2025 meeting is Officer Greg Martin from the Warner Robins Police Department. His topic will be "Frauds and Scams on Seniors".

Presenter for the February meetis yet to be determened. If you know of someone or organization that would like to present please let Rich know.

### **Jo Drinkhahn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Membership**

Having the Rockin' Robins entertain us on December 4th with their Christmas music was an outstanding way to start our holiday season. Especially delightful was singer Doug's rendition of "Blue Christmas" as he imitated Elvis!! You missed a treat if you were absent!

We lost another MOAA giant on November 26, 2024, our former President Al Ritzer. He was laid to rest days later in Andersonville.

Our next MOAA luncheon is on Wednesday, January 8th. Hope to see you there, bring a friend, and please renew your membership for 2025. Merry Christmas,  
Jo Drinkhahn  
Membership Chair

### **Cindy Gordon, President, Ladies Auxiliary**

What a Wonderful MOAA year we have had. We all have enjoyed the company of friends so much each month, along with the delicious meals and interesting speakers.

Thanks so much for donating items for the auction, and for buying tickets, It has been so moving to be able to donate money to "Hearts to Heroes" each month!

We are looking forward to another great year,  
Thanks so very much,  
Cindy Gordon  
Ladies Auxiliary President

### **Reminder!**

**2025 Chapter Dues** (\$30) are due and can be paid at any time.

### **MENU**

**The menu is** Lasagna, garden salad with assorted dressings, garlic toast, (ALTERNATE is grilled marinated chicken breast), desserts (provided by Tom Knight), water. iced tea or coffee on request. Please let us know when you sign up if you would like the Alternate Menu.

The cost of the meal will be \$25 per person, cash or check. No credit cards please. Make check out to "MOAA".



### **DINNER RESERVATIONS**

**Please call or e-mail one of the following before Noon, on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2025:**

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