

The Middle Georgia Chapter (MOAA) P. O. Box 1936 Warner Robins, GA, 31099 www.midgamoaa.org

JUNE 2020

Fostering patriotism and military values to advance our community

NEXT MOAA MEETING: **FRIDAY**, June 12th, 2020 (see comments by chapter president below) with social half hour at 1800 and dinner following at 1830. The meeting will take place at The Southern Landings restaurant.

NEXT MEETING OF THE MIDDLE GEORGIA LADIES AUXILIARY. Thursday, July 2nd, 2020 at 11:00 AM at the Heritage Club. Future meeting: October 1.

Middle GA Chapter Officers

President : Al Glover Past President : Rich McKee First Vice President/Programs: Michael Qualls Second Vice President/Membership: Jo Drinkhahn Secretary: Bill Goodwin Treasurer: Les Arent Assistant Treasurer: Marty Habecker Director: Eric Nelson Director: Bill Craig Director: Drew Johnson Director: Silvio Silenzi Director: Bob Perry

<u>Ladies Auxiliary Officers</u> President: Cindy Gordon Vice President: Jo Drinkhahn Secretary: Gloria Nelson Treasurer: Terri Penn

Al Glover, President. June 12th Chapter Meeting

We will be confirming with Southern Landings in early June whether or not they will be able to accommodate our Chapter meeting. Georgia appears to be getting positive results from its approach in dealing with the coronavirus situation. I am hopeful that we will be able to meet. So please keep June 12th on your calendar and plan to attend!

GA MOAA Conference – 9 May 2020

On Saturday after our May Chapter meeting, GA MOAA has their mid-year meeting in Warner Robins. While the coronavirus situation kept them from "physically" meeting, we did meet "virtually" with approximately 20 GA MOAA and Chapter representatives present. The following were some of the key items discussed:

• The Oct 23-25, 2020 GA MOAA Conference scheduled to be held (physically) in Athens has been cancelled. The Athens community could not guarantee the facilities given the anticipated turnout coupled with the local COVID-19 protective measures currently in place.

A yet undecided abbreviated format (virtual) will be held at a date and time yet to be determined where awards that would have been presented on 9 May and those to be presented this coming October will be acknowledged at that time. Other items as deemed appropriate will also be addressed.

• The 2021 GA MOAA Conference will be held in Columbus, GA as originally scheduled and the Athens Chapter will now plan for the GA MOAA 2022 Conference.

Inviting Our Fellow Retirees and Surviving Spouses

I wanted to again remind everyone that retired officers or surviving spouses you may know might enjoy becoming a member of our Chapter. All you need to do is invite them. Our Chapter's business card and brochure are available at our monthly meetings at the sign in table. If you need any before our next meeting, please feel free to contact me and I'll be sure you get them. Also remember that our Middle Georgia Chapter website (www.midgamoaa.org) possesses a wealth of information not only on our Chapter but the surrounding community as well.

Quote of the Month:

"More horrifying than a defeat of arms is a collapse of the human spirit." Bishop Michael Kozal, Polish martyr

Cindy Gordon, Ladies Aux President

Who would have ever predicted that when the Ladies Auxiliary met on January 9, 2020, it would be our last time to meet for six months or maybe more! So much has happened since that time.

I hope that this newsletter finds everyone and their families healthy and able to enjoy our recent great weather. So many folks have taken advantage of the nice weather to get outside to walk, jog, and even dust off old bicycles and go for a ride.

Many people have been in a clean out mode. I have only "partially" completed my many "projects." It is amazing what I found in some closets that I had completely forgotten about. (Lots of old "projects" never completed. LOL!) But I have been able to give friends some of our grand kids' many toys that they have outgrown. So they are being well used by my friends' kids and grand kids. Art is doing much better from his January surgery and we even "partially" cleaned out our garage.

Our next meeting is scheduled for July 2, 2020 at ll:00 a.m. at the Heritage Club at Robins AFB. However, we will have to wait and see if a meeting will be possible. It will certainly be great to see everyone and hear their quarantine/social distancing stories.

Please take care,

Michael Qualls, First Vice President/Programs

Georgia Senator Larry Wa**lke**r III is still interested in being our guest speaker on 12 June but all would depend upon when the Governor decides to call the legislature back into session. We will let you know about a week before the scheduled meeting whether or not Senator Walker can be our speaker.



State Senator Larry Walker III

Jo Drinkhahn, 2nd Vice President/Membership:

Jo Drinkhahn has no news this month, but hopes everyone is doing ok during this quarantine and hopes to see everyone soon.

MENU: Tossed salad, Ham with raisin sauce OR marinated grilled chicken, deviled eggs, scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole rolls. Dessert: pound cake with fresh berries and whipped topping, Coffee and tea.

DINNER RESERVATIONS

Please call or e-mail before 6:00 PM, Sunday, 7 June 2020 to one of the following:

Bill and Gail Goodwin, 955-7296 (cell) wsgoodwin@cox.net, OR wsgoodwin2@gmail.com.

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

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