



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

NEXT MOAA MEETING: WEDNESDAY, January 12th, 2022 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.

NEXT MEETING OF THE MIDDLE GEORGIA LADIES AUXILIARY: TO BE DETERMINED.

Middle GA Chapter Officers

**President : Rich McKee
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**President: Cindy Gordon
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Rich McKee, President

This month's input promises to be different. HQ MOAA is sending us one of their own to update us on what MOAA National is doing for us on the political front with congress. Behind the scenes, the local staff will meet with Capt. Jim Carmen USN (ret) prior to the meeting. Locally, Mike Qualls has taken over the Presidential position and I have become the new Vice President and the Past President. The VP position is open for anyone who wants to step forward. Thank you Edna and Anne for dessert.

Lastly, please pay your chapter dues for 2022. So far only 19 people have paid their dues. We use this money to support JROTC/ROTC cadets, the future leaders of the military.

Cindy Gordon, Ladies Aux President. Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

It seems the year has literally flown by. We all have had many challenges this past year with the Coronavirus, but it has certainly helped us to be thankful for all we have. Our friends and families mean so much to us and have helped us through the year.

I am so glad that MOAA is meeting again. It is fun to see so many of you at our meetings. The meals prepared for us by Houston Lake Country Club are so delicious! I don't think there is ever a crumb left on anyone's plate! And the deserts prepared by our members are excellent. What a treat!

Thanks again for your support of the MOAA Auxiliary. The Auxiliary auction table was full of wonderful items once again. Thanks so much to those of you who contributed items and thanks for purchasing tickets.

See you at the January meeting,



Macon Harmony singing for us at our December meeting.

Michael Qualls, First Vice President/Programs

Our speaker from HQ MOAA this month is Capt. Jim Carman, USN (Ret). He is a Certified Association Executive and his career includes service as a Navy pilot for nearly 25 years, highlighted by command at the squadron and wing level of naval forces deployed throughout the Mediterranean Sea, Pacific Rim, Indian Ocean, and Persian Gulf.

His service in Washington, D.C. includes three years in the Executive Office of the President as Assistant National Security Advisor to the Vice President. Carman initially served Vice President Dan Quayle and was later reappointed by Vice President Al Gore. In this assignment, Carman participated in significant bilateral discussions and national security policy development with allies throughout the western hemisphere and Africa.

After leaving active duty, Carman initially served as an airline transport pilot with American Airlines and then as a career and talent management consultant with Right Management, the talent management element of the Manpower Group.

Carman joined the Military Officers Association of America in 2012 and now serves as Vice President for Council/Chapter and Member Support. Under his leadership, MOAA earned the 2012 and 2015 Summit Award from the American Society of Association Executives.

Carman also earned graduate degrees in national security studies and business management, and completed the Senior Executive Training Program at Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Sloan School of Management.

We are honored to have Captain Carmen visit our chapter and we look forward to his talk.

Additionally, Georgia MOAA will be meeting in Warner Robins at the Comfort Inn for a training session at 9:00 AM on Saturday, 15 January. A pizza social will be held in the hotel breakfast room on Friday, 14 January at 6:00 PM.

Jo Drinkhahn, 2nd Vice President, Membership.

MOAA's Middle Georgia Chapter ended the calendar year with the monthly luncheon at the Houston Lake Country Club on Wednesday, December 1st with an outstanding attendance number of 47 !!!!!!!

Entertaining us after lunch was, *The Macon Harmony*, an outstanding quartet from the local area. They sang old favorite classics like Ricky Nelson's "Hello Mary Lou" and The Drifters' "Under the Boardwalk." And in the spirit of Christmas, we members were asked to join them for the singing of "Silent Night."

Delicious dessert items were prepared by Jan Pitts and JoAnn Grigsby. . Thank you, Ladies for a job well done!

As we begin the new year, let's make an extra effort to invite a veteran to join our local MOAA chapter. As they say, the more, the merrier ! As I was writing this article while waiting for my car to be serviced, I happened to look out the window, and guess what I saw ? A beautiful green Holly bush with those bright red berries in clusters all over. How apropos on a chilly December afternoon

! Hope to see all of you return on January 12th for our next luncheon. Until then, Marry Christmas to all !!

MENU: Beef tips, buttered egg noodles, garden salad with assorted dressings, homemade dessert, rolls and butter, water and ice tea, coffee on request.

DINNER RESERVATIONS

Please call or e-mail before **Noon, on Wednesday, January 5th, 2022** to one of the following:

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

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

