



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

NEXT MOAA MEETING: WEDNESDAY, March 8th, 2023 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. Future chapter meetings: 12 April, 10 May, 7 June (please note that this is the 1st Wednesday, not the normal 2nd Wednesday), July and August, no meetings. New schedule for September 2023 thru June 2024 will be finalized during the summer.

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

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President : Michael Qualls
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President: Cindy Gordon
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Michael Qualls, President

Hello and Welcome to the month of March. It is supposed to come in like a lion and out like a lamb. We can only watch and hope.

I felt very informed by our speaker for our February meeting; MG Robert C. Hughes, Jr. General Hughes presented a comprehensive overview of the situation occurring in the Ukraine region and what the motives and intentions of the Russian nation, Putin, and his military might be.

State MOAA held its meeting here in Warner Robins on the 28th of January. I was on a trip during that time but am reliably informed that the meeting went off very well. One of the items discussed was raising the State of Georgia MOAA dues from \$3 to \$4. No date or time table was given for this to go into effect, but we will let you know as soon as we find out additional information. Another call for the GMOAA Foundation for startup money was presented. We will discuss this at our board meeting and advise you of the cost and benefits we might incur.

As a reminder, the Middle Georgia Chapter has been designated as the host chapter for the 2024 State Convention. We will be needing the assistance and active cooperation of all members of the chapter and its affiliate to be able to pull off the type of events we can be proud of.

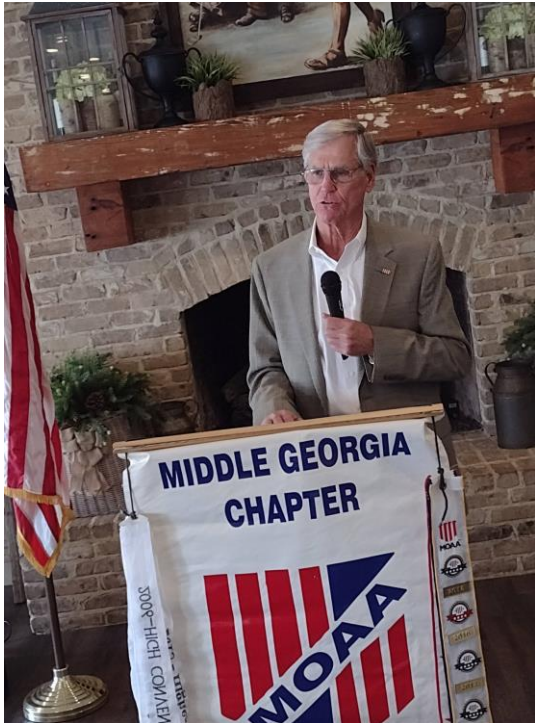
I look forward to seeing you all here for our March 8th meeting.

Cindy Gordon, Ladies Aux President

Thank you so much for your wonderful donations for the raffle. We were able to donate, from the Ladies Aux, \$85 for Hearts to Heroes.

Rich McKee, First Vice President, Programs.

At press time, the program for this month's meeting was still being worked.



Brig Gen (USAF, Retired) Robert Hughes, Jr talks to the chapter at our February meeting.

Jo Drinkhahn, Second Vice President, Membership

A great big welcome goes out to visitor Willice Walters. We hope that you will visit us again!

What an outstanding speaker at our February 8th MOAA luncheon!! Brig/General (USAF, RET) Robert Hughes really had me listening to every word about the Ukraine War and NATO. Helpful was the map he gave us with a list of NATO countries . Never knowing how many countries were members of NATO, I was proud to see my country's name on that list, and why wouldn't it be?

NATO was founded April 4, 1949 by twelve founding members to provide collective security against the Soviet Union. Today the list numbers thirty. Again, great speech !

Great news !!! Five more of you wonderful veterans sent in your dues for 2023. Thirty is our total number at this time. Come on, another ten; help us get back to our former number of forty !!!

Hope to see one and all at our March 8 luncheon, and remember, RSVP's have to be called in by noon on the previous Wednesday ! Ya'll come !

Happy St. Patrick's Day !

MENU: The menu this month will be: Shrimp fettuccine, garden salad with assorted dressings, garlic bread (ALTERNATE: grilled marinated chicken), homemade desserts (provided by Les Arent and Bill Craig), water or ice tea, coffee on request. If you do not specify what your choice is, we will assume you want the shrimp. . If you select chicken, please pick up a colored post-it note when you check-in and place it next to the silverware where you will be sitting so the waitresses will know who wants chicken.

DINNER RESERVATIONS

Please call or e-mail before **Noon, on Wednesday, 1 March 2023** to one of the following:

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