



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

NEXT MOAA MEETING: WEDNESDAY, June 7th, 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: July and August, no meetings. New schedule for September 2023 thru June 2024 will be finalized during the summer.

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Michael Qualls, President

Hello and Greetings. It is now the Month of May and the weather is changing while getting ready to move into June. Our final meeting before summer vacation will be on June 7th. The Board will meet at Stevie B's on June 5th. We will resume our meetings in September.

We are looking for speakers and programs for the upcoming year. If you have any suggestions or ideas for us to consider, please get in touch with one of the Board members, our VP for Programs, Rich McKee or myself.

The GMOAA Board met on Saturday, May 13th. We discussed several different points that I will first

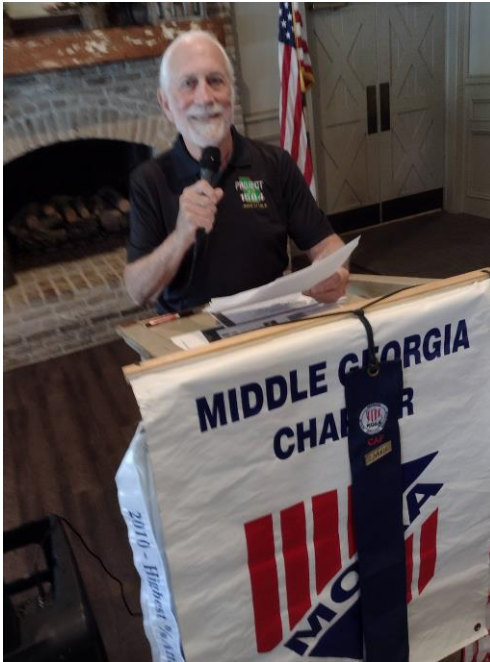
put forward to the board at our next meeting and then bring before our assembly at our June meeting. In the meantime, each of you is an ambassador for the Middle Georgia Chapter. Speak to all you come in contact with and do your best to recruit them.

The GMOAA State Convention will be September 28-October 1 in Dahlenega. It is important that all who can attend do so. We have been tasked with holding the State Convention during October 2024. It will be very important for all to be involved with the planning and administration of this event. I will be asking people to assist with specific areas as we progress in the planning of this program.

Be safe and happy during the time we are apart and we look forward to all returning in September.

Rich McKee, First Vice President, Programs.

This month's speaker will be Jim Taylor, the head of Habitat for Humanity. We haven't heard from them since 2011 and I was kind of curious to know how they have been doing. Their mission statement is to help build houses for those in need across the world. Help families build strength, stability and self reliance through shelters. Should be very enlightening.



Bill Carey talks to the chapter about the Warner Robins Vietnam Memorial.

Jo Drinkhahn, 2nd Vice President, Membership

On Saturday morning, May 13, unlike my usual Saturday mornings, I was up at 5:45 getting ready to attend the 8:30 Georgia MOAA mid-year meeting at the Comfort Inn on 247. It was good seeing the many reps from the chapters all over Georgia. And, as usual, the meeting ended with Les's wonderful lunch from Sonny's.

The main topic was the 64th annual state conference of MOAA chapters from September 28 to October 1, 2023 in Dahlonega, Georgia. Who doesn't want to visit the mountains of North Georgia and Dahlonega where gold was discovered years ago??

Reservations can be made at the Holiday Express, the Comfort Inn, and the Smith House. Let's have a good showing from our Middle Georgia Chapter and bring home a banner for the largest number attending. This prestigious banner is long overdue for our chapter .

We did welcome another new member, Gary Miller, at our May luncheon. We are glad that you joined us, Gary!

Hope to see ya'll at our June luncheon, our last meeting before we break for the summer.

Till September, be safe !!!!!!!

Les Arent, Treasurer/JROTC/ROTC

Thanks to those who took their time to make presentations to Jr ROTC Students at so many High School Awards ceremonies. A special thanks to:

Lt.Col Bill Craig

Col. Bill Goodwin

Capt. Jim Murphy (3 times), One to the Fort Valley University ROTC class cadet who also received her 2Lt. Bars. (See picture below).

Lt.Col. Ron Olsen

Lt.Col. Michael Qualls (our Chapter President)

The school leaders/teachers have said thanks also.



Chapter member Captain (USAF, Retired and USMC) Jim Murphy presents newly commissioned USA 2Lt. Jordan Johnson with her golden bars and the MOAA Award at Fort Valley University.

MENU: The menu this month will be: Chicken marsala with mushrooms, garlic mashed potatoes, grilled asparagus. (ALTERNATE: grilled marinated chicken), rolls and butter, homemade desserts (provided by Ron Olsen and daughter Bonnie), water or ice tea, coffee on request. If you do not specify what your choice is, we will assume

you want the chicken marsala.. If you select the alternate 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 the alternate chicken.

DINNER RESERVATIONS

Please call or e-mail before **Noon, on Wednesday, 31 May 2023** to one of the following:

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