

**The Middle Georgia Chapter (MOAA)**  
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## **APRIL 2025**

*Fostering patriotism and military values to advance our community*

**2025 Chapter Dues (\$30) are due ☺!**  
**Happy Easter and Chag Pesach Sameach!**

**Our April 2025 MOAA Monthly Meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY, April 9th, 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 found 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**

Well, they say that March comes in like a lion and is supposed to go out like a lamb. However, my sinuses tell me that it has come in like a weather system and is going to try and have all four seasons present in this one month. Trees, grasses, flowers, and all other things that bloom have decided to try and bloom out at the same time. Please all, be careful of the green pollen that is covering everything. If you do not have to go out, then stay inside and enjoy yourself.

April is fast approaching. That also means that April 15<sup>th</sup> is going to be coming up very soon. No matter what you might hear on the news media, you

still have to pay your taxes. This is one thing that is for certain.

Just a reminder, if you have not gone out to the base and gotten your updated Military Identification card, you need to do so before December. We just got Laurie's ID renewed today. They have made a change. Previously, you had to be 75 to be updated to Indefinite status for spouses. At some point they changed that to age 65.

We look forward to seeing you all at our April meeting.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Qualls  
 Chapter President  
 Middle Georgia Chapter



Mrs. Joan Anderson from Project Linus told us all about the amazing work they do and their support of our military and civilian community. For years they have provided volunteer-made blankets and baby supplies to folks in need of emotional and physical

support. Volunteers provide a warm hug in the form of a blanket or baby needs to those in need of loving support. Laurie Shaw is helping to display one of Linus's hand made blankets and can be contacted about donations to the project.

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

Our speaker for April is one of our chapter members, Lt Col (USAF, Retired) Joe Ballard. He will be talking about the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME). If you know of someone or some organization that would be of interest to the group and would like to present please let Rich know.

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

What an outstanding program presented on March 12th by Joan Anderson!!! She is the epitome of a loving grandmother. Her face spoke volumes of the love she has for all the little ones receiving blankets from her Project Linus.

Rich just keeps on outdoing himself!

What an outstanding crowd we had for lunch—over forty attended! We'll have to have shrimp more often 🍤.

And a big welcome goes out to Col (Ret) Eric Faison, who attended his first MOAA luncheon with us. We hope you return.

Dues are due! Don't forget!!

Happy Easter 🐰 !!

Jo Drinkhahn  
Membership Chair

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

What wonderful meetings we have each month. The programs are so interesting, and it is very nice visiting with everyone and catching up on what has been going on in our lives.

Thanks so very much for the wonderful donations that many of you brought, and thanks for those who purchase tickets for the auction. It's always interesting to see what is being donated. Don't forget your donations!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone,

♥ Cindy Gordon  
Ladies Auxiliary President

## **MENU**

**The menu is:** Ham with raisin sauce, garlic mashed potatoes, green bean almondine, (ALTERNATE, grilled marinated chicken) hot rolls and butter, dessert provided by Nancy Newell and Bill Quednow, water or iced tea and 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 Wednesday, April 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).

- Les and Charline Arent, 953-5847; EMAIL [javelin73@cox.net](mailto:javelin73@cox.net).

**Please Bring any donations of yarn, thread, material, or money etc. to our monthly meeting and Laurie and Michael will see that they get to Project Linus.**