



Golden Isles Chapter MOAA Reporter

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December, 2017

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December Christmas Gala

Date: December 3, 2017

Time: 6:00 PM Social Hour

6:45 PM Dinner

**Place: King & Prince Golf Resort
St Simons Island, GA
Retreat Room**

**Dress: Coat & Tie
Black Tie Optional (with military medals)
Appropriate Attire (Women)**

Cost: \$36.00/Person (Check)

Menu: King & Prince Private

RSVP: By Thursday, December 30, 2017

to Jerry Rhyne 912-261-0641

**leave message-no cell phone calls
please**

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NOTE: WE MUST BILL NO SHOWS,

President's Corner

Dear Members,

This is my last note as the Chapter President. The two years have flown by, and Janice and I are most appreciative of your support and kind words of encouragement.

I also want to thank my fellow Board Members for their support; they made the two years so easy.

As Michael Suthard assumes the President's position, I look forward to supporting his leadership and the Chapter's goals.

Janice and I hope to see you at the Christmas Dinner on December 3d.

Wishing you a happy and safe holiday season,

Sam

New Officers

Congratulations to our new Officers who will be sworn in at the December dinner:

Michael Suthard, LtCol, USAF retired. (President)

Dick James, LtCol, USA Ranger retired (Vice President/ Membership)

Steve Helmer CWO3, USA retired (Secretary)

Thanks to Sam Brinkley and Steve Dmetruk for their contributions as Officers as their terms expire.

Scholarship Raffle

It is that time of year again! GIMOAA Scholarships to our local High School Students has been a huge success in the community and our annual raffle is kicking off. We will sell tickets and the winners will be announced at our February Meeting. Please see or call Jim Vivenzio to get your ticket booklets or pick them up at our December dinner.

2018 Dues are Now due

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Welcome New Member

Welcome to our new member

CW4 Randall Pifer USA
502 Ashbrook dr.
Brunswick, GA 31520

Refreshing Human interest Story

The following is from two 8th grade students to Michael Suthard with his comments. it is refreshing to see young patriotic children actively want to participate in veteran events.

Hello,

Our names are Cammie Pope and Kate Walbridge. We are in an 8th grade community service class at Frederica Academy. We have been assigned a project in which we have to spotlight a service organization in our community. We have chosen your organization because we have had family members serve and relatives that are currently serving, and we are very interested in the military. We would love some more information about GIMOOA and possibly schedule an interview.

Thank you for your time,
Kate Walbridge and Cammie Pope

After exchanging e-mails and a telephone conversation, I met with Kate and Cammie on Friday November 2nd at Frederica Academy. They were very interested in the military and both are considering the service and both are planning to attend college (Kate wants to study veterinary medicine).

I gave them an overview of MOAA and learned they had already been to the national website as well as the GIMOOA site. Their questions mainly centered on our local chapter to include the number of active members, the average age of members and how we interact with the community. We discussed our scholarship program and they were impressed that we have been doing this for so long.

Then they simply asked how they could support active personnel and veterans locally. While I wish I had been able to prepare for this question, I mentioned attending Memorial and Veterans Day events, supporting Honor Flight, visiting veterans memorials, wearing red on Friday in honor of our deployed brothers and sisters and maybe even buying one of our cash raffle tickets.

Both Kate and Cammie later sought me out at the Veterans Day event at the Casino and Cammie's mother took a photo of the three of us. Two delightful young ladies.

Mike