



Golden Isles Chapter MOAA Reporter

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MAY CHAPTER MEETING

DATE: Sunday, **May 4, 2014**
TIME: 6:00 PM Social Hour
6:45 PM Dinner and Program



PLACE: King and Prince Golf Resort
St. Simons Island, GA

DRESS: Coat/Tie (Men), Appropriate Attire (Ladies)



COST: \$28.00/Person (Check)

MENU: -Mixed Green Salad, Pecan crusted Pork Loin with grill peach compote served with roasted fingerling potatoes and vegetables. Fresh Baked Breads. Chocolate Cake

RSVP By Friday May 2, 2014:
to **Jerry Rhyne 912-261-0641**, leave message
(no cell phone calls to Jerry)
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PROGRAM : Introduction of our 2014 MOAA Scholarship Winners

NOTE: **We must bill "No Shows"**, so contact Jerry Rhyne NLT than Friday afternoon 2 May for any change of plans or cancellations A phone call anytime prior to Sunday Morning would be appreciated for any change of plans. Call Jerry Rhyne with any last minute changes or additions. Sometimes he can accommodate changes.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I'm very pleased to be able to serve as President of the Golden Isles Chapter of MOAA for 2014. We've gotten off to a good start and there is a lot more coming.

Our May meeting brings us the annual Scholarship Awards dinner, which is the highlight of the year and reflects our Chapter's primary mission. We will have the honor to present a number of valuable scholarships to deserving local students and with a little luck, get an update from some of our former recipients as well. We owe a huge thanks to Vernon Martin and Daryl Rabert, for raising enough money to fund this worthy activity and managing the Scholarship Program for the Chapter, respectively. Deepest thanks to you both for your selfless commitment and contributions to the program.

We are very happy to welcome Sam Brinkley to our Board of Directors. Sam, a retired Marine, will serve as Vice President for Membership. Sam will do a great job for us and we all look forward to working with him in the coming year. Semper Fi!

Unfortunately, there are still some of our members who have not paid local Chapter dues. Chapter dues are an important part of our funding and support administrative and incidental expenses. We hate to do it, but we will scrub the membership list in the very near future and dues-in-arrears will be a key reason to remove folks from the list. If you are not sure you paid, email Jerry Rhyne.

On a pleasant note, in the very near future we will be offering the opportunity to participate in a local staff ride to Fort King George, in Darien. The Interpretive Ranger there can provide a customized tour for a MOAA group either during the week (less crowded) or on a weekend. It might be nice to do this in May, before the Summer heat and humidity get too intense. We will need roughly 15 participants. The more the better! Spouses welcomed. Please let me know of your interest in participating and we can get started! We will likely lunch at one of the local restaurants.

We look forward to seeing you at the Scholarship Dinner on May 4th.

Steve

Memorial Day Veterans Ceremony at Brunswick Court House

Don't forget to attend the May 26 Memorial Day Veterans Ceremony at the Veterans monuments on G Street. It starts at 11 AM.

Taps at Twilight Memorial Day

The Rotary Club of St. Simons Island will present its annual Taps at Twilight Memorial Day program on Monday, May 26, 2014. During these difficult times it is most fitting that tribute be paid to all those who made the supreme sacrifice for us and to those who serve our country today in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world.

A musical presentation at 7 PM will precede the evening program. The Rotary club cordially invites our membership to join them

CCGA Veteran Lounge

At our last meeting, we heard an inspiring message from the new President of our local college, Dr. Gregory Aloia. One project in his plans is to begin a Veterans' Lounge on campus where veterans will be able to spend time with other vets, study, have refreshments, watch TV, and enjoy the camaraderie with like-minded students. It will be a place reserved for them, a safe, comfortable experience.

Following the meeting, I spoke with Dr. Aloia and offered to work with other MOAA women to raise money to furnish and set up this facility, which I have seen twice and am impressed. I have asked our MOAA president, LTC Steve Bullock, for permission to have any donations mailed to GIMOAA, P.O. BOX 21186, SSI 31522 because of its 501(c)(19) status for tax deductible purposes.

Numerous military men and women live in our area, and we can feel confident that they will want to see this project come about. At present, 45 veterans are enrolled at the college and 150 of their dependents.

If you would like to be part of this new project, please notify your friends and tell them how to send their checks. It will be exciting for us and beneficial to our deserving veterans who are working to improve their futures. Dr. Aloia promises to permanently acknowledge with engraved plaques specific items which are donated by GIMOAA.

Work on the Vets' Lounge is underway and looking great with new paint and carpeting. Among items of major importance that we urgently need are:

- Computer and printer – \$2,000
- Commercial coffee maker (example: <http://goo.gl/IMfUaI>) – \$300
- Microwave oven -- \$400
- Blu-Ray DVD player – \$100
- Military-themed DVD movies – varying costs
- Military-themed artwork – varying costs
- A moveable room divider -- approx. \$600

The request for donations is urgent, as the ribbon-cutting ceremony is next Thursday, Apr. 24th at 10:00 AM. You might like to attend.

Please remember that tax-deductible donations go to GIMOAA, P.O. Box 21186, SSI 31522, and designated for "Veterans' Lounge."

Many thanks to all of you!!

June

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2014 MOAA Scholarship Winners

The MOAA Scholarship teams have again had the opportunity to interview very bright and talented students from Brunswick High, Glynn Academy, Frederica Academy, and the JROTC units at Brunswick and Glynn Academy. MOAA offers its sincere thanks to the interview teams for their support and assistance in selecting the winners.

MOAA also wishes to thank Colonel and Mrs. John Campbell for their continued sponsorship of the Albert Rives Scholarship to JROTC students at Brunswick High and Glynn Academy.

The MOAA Scholarship winners are:

Brunswick High	Griffin Creekmore
Glynn Academy	Cristina McCrary
Frederica Academy	Sierra Catherine Vespucci
Frederica Academy	Alexis Renee Mitchell

Rives Scholarship winners;

Glynn Academy MCJROTC	Christian Carter
Brunswick NJROTC	Stephenie Powell
International Auto Processors	Zach Pullen

Scholarship Teams

Our sincere thanks to all the members of our chapter scholarship teams for their continued dedication and support. They are:

Brunswick High:

Steve Bullock, James Vivencio, Sam Brinkley, June Alexander

Glynn Academy

Jerry Schueneman, Gus Hernandez, George Giannoumis, Jim Delong

Frederica Academy

Daryl Rabert, Bob Brittin, Lorene Reid,

Albert Rives

Jan Campbell, John Campbell, Millard Allen, and Daryl Rabert

Please come meet and congratulate the winners at the May dinner meeting.

NEW MEETING SCHEDULE 2014

The new schedule looks like this:

(Subject to Change)

21 September	Luncheon
19 October	Luncheon/Annual Member ship meeting
7 December	Christmas Gala Dinner