



OFFICERS CALL



SOUTH JERSEY CHAPTER MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA January 2010 - February 2010

SPEAKER: February Meeting ——— CAPT Samuel Young, USNR Ret.

REGULAR LUNCHEON MEETING
WEDNESDAY, Feb 10, 2010
Location: Crab Trap Restaurant
Somers Point, NJ

Telephone number: 609-927-7377

TIME: 1130 hrs social
1200 hrs luncheon

MENU

1. Petite Filet Mignon
2. Chicken Cordon Bleu
3. Crab Cake

Soup, Dessert, Rolls, coffee or tea

PRICE: \$ 19.00 PER PERSON
(includes gratuity)

Make check payable to: SJC-MOAA
And mail to:

LCDR Earl Panico, USN-Ret.
P.O. Box 232
Linwood, NJ 08221-0232
Tel: 609-703-6520
(include menu selection(s))
Checks to arrive no later
than Monday February 8, 2010
For late reservations call LCDR Panico
609-703-6520

Minutes of Luncheon Meeting Crab Trap Restaurant
Wed. 12/9/09

Meeting called to order by President CAPT Bianchi at 12:05PM
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Chaplain Maurice Roesch
said the prayer for all servicemen on duty in harm's way and for
those less fortunate and for the group assembled. President Bianchi
introduced new member LCDR Robert Kels and wife Nelva. Guests
in attendance: LtCol Love, representing COL Bolton, CO of the
177th Fighter Wing, NJANG, LtCol Chas Sweetman and wife Mary
Lou and Mr. John VanSon. Treasurer Urbon reported a balance of
\$4,026.61 in the checking account and a balance of \$6,983.94 in the
savings account including interest. Committee Reports: Membership-
CDR Desiderio reported 157 Regular members, 47 Auxiliary, 19 on
Active Duty and 6 Honorary. Public Affairs- COL Familetti reported
that he continues to send out press notices to local papers as well as to
TV Channel 40. He also stated that the job now will be assumed by
LtCol Garcia. Personal Affairs-CAPT Jones-Tate-No Report.
Programs-COL Familetti reported that the February luncheon will
be at the Crab Trap on Feb.10 and he has secured the Crab Trap for
April, October and December 2010 luncheons. ROTC/JROTC
Liaison-MAJ Cuzzilla reported no activity until Spring 2010. Legisla-
tive-CW4 Dougherty absent. No report. 177th Fighter Wing Awards-
CAPT Timm reported participants present for the ceremony.
Old Business: President Bianchi reported that MOAA had been
recently granted a federal charter. This enables members representing
MOAA in various states to serve on state advisory committees on
veterans' and military affairs. Approximately eleven states had
restrictions for representing a military organization unless that organ-
ization was federally chartered.
There being no New Business, lunch was then served.

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MINUTES OF LUNCHEON MEETING
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After lunch President Bianchi proceeded with the recognition of the Outstanding Members of the 177th Fighter Wing NJANG for 2009 and the awards ceremony. He called the honorees to the podium while CAPT Timm read and presented the certificate along with the \$100.00 honorarium to each of the following:

MAJ Ronald Williamson—Field Grade Officer of the Year
CPT Jeffrey Rouse—Company Grade Officer of the Year
MSGT Wayne Miller—Senior Enlisted Man of the Year
A1C Christopher Maryinuk—Junior Enlisted Man of the Year

Additionally, Mr. Wm Carson, representing Cong. Frank LoBiondo, presented each of the men with a congressional certificate of merit. CAPT Timm informed the membership that the Council of Chapters will be presenting an award for the Company Grade Officer of the Year for 2010. Each Chapter will submit one nominee. South Jersey will submit the name of CPT Jeffrey Rouse.

LtCol Sweetman, NJ Council of Chapters President, conducted the installation and swearing-in of the Chapter officers for 2010.

Those installed were:

President—COL Robert Familetti, USA
1st VP—LCDR Earl Panico, USN
2nd VP—CDR John Holmes, USN
Treas—CDR Victor Urbon, USNR
Fin. Secy—CDR John Desiderio, USNR
Rec. Secy—CAPT John Bianchi USNR

Directors for 2010-2011

LTC Maurice Roesch, USA
CW4 Arthur Simms, USA
LtCol James Garcia, NJANG

President-elect Familetti presented LtCol Sweetman with a MOAA paperweight for his role as installing officer. LtCol Sweetman thanked him and encouraged all members to consider recruiting as a primary function to keep the organization strong. In his remarks to the group, COL Familetti thanked all the Officers and Directors past and present for the cooperation shown and to the newly installed Officers for their acceptance of responsibilities to maintain the high standards of performance by the South Jersey Chapter.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15PM.

HELP WANTED

Editor: Prepare chapter newsletter, Officers Call, six times a year. Info, news, meeting minutes, etc. is provided by President and other officers.

Recording Secretary: Prepare monthly minutes of Board of Directors and luncheon meetings and agendas for same. Requires attendance at all Board meetings and luncheons.

SOUTH JERSEY CHAPTER NEWS
JANUARY 2010 EDITION

CHAPTER OFFICERS INSTALLED FOR YEAR 2010

President: COL Robert J. Familetti, USA Ret
1st VP: LCDR Earl A. Panico, USN Ret
2nd VP: CDR John S. Holmes, USN Ret
Treasurer: CDR Victor A. Urbon, USNR Ret
Fin. Secy: CDR John J. Desiderio, SC USNR Ret
Rec. Secy: CAPT John R. Bianchi, USNR Ret
Directors:
2010-2011: LTC Maurice J. Roesch, USA Ret
2010-2011: CW04 Arthur A. Simms, USA Ret
2010-2011: LTCOL James Garcia, USANG

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AND \$100 HONORARIUM AWARDED TO
MEMBERS OF THE 177TH FIGHTER WING, NJANG

AIC Christopher Maryinuk, OUTSTANDING AIRMAN
Msgt Wayne Miller, OUTANDING NCO
Capt Jeffrey House, OUTSTANDING COMPANY GRADE OFFICER
Maj Ronald Williamson, OUTSTANDING FIELD GRADE OFFICER

NOTICE TO CHAPTER MEMBERS

Your IRS Statement of Tax Deductible Contributions made to South Jersey Chapter during 2009 is enclosed in this newsletter. We thank you for your contribution.

Financial Secretary is accepting dues for 2010. Dues in amount of \$10.00 is payable to SJC-MOAA and remitted to Financial Secretary in envelope enclosed in this newsletter. Please check your address label. If Year 2009 is shown, dues are payable for 2010.

All veterans who have honorably served are now invited to join USAA for their insurance and investment needs. USAA was previously opened to Retired and Active Duty Officers and Enlisted Personnel. Call 1-634-8722 or usaa.com/share for information.

MILESTONES - MEMBERS 90 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER IN 2010

LTC Luther D. Arnold, USA Ret 95
CDR John J. Desiderio, SC USNR Ret 90
CW04 Philip C. Gustafson, USN Ret 93
LTCOL William A. Juhre, USAF Ret 91
LTC Charles G. Krattenmaker, USA Ret 90
CAPT Shelley B. Lashman, USNR Ret 93
MAJ Marvin I. Levinthal, USA Ret 91
LCDR John J. Leyden, USN Ret 90
LTCOL Donald K. Longer, USAF Ret 92
LT Lynwood F. Mintzer, USN Ret 91
MAJ Anthony Polisano, USA Ret 90
LCDR John Rogge, USN Ret 90
CDR Marie F. Thomas, USN Ret 91
COL Frederick C. Winkler, USA Ret 91

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Active duty, National Guard and Reserve Officers are eligible for a FREE one-year-membership in MOAA and the South Jersey Chapter. Also recent ROTC graduates. Do you know any of these Officers?

Other Officers/Surviving Spouses (including MOAA Lapsed Members) are eligible for a Special Two Year membership in MOAA for \$28.00; and in the South Jersey Chapter for annual dues of \$10.00.

TAPS

COL Ernest C. Snow, USA Ret passed away on October 22, 2009. COL Snow was a Past President of the South Jersey Chapter and the New Jersey Council of Chapters. Surviving spouse is Charlotte.

Contributions Made

Duke University Pediatric Hospital, Durham, NC, in memory of COL Snow (\$25.00).

NEW CHAPTER MEMBERS

LTC Daniel J. Dreher, USA (Manahawkin, NJ)
LT W. Ray Miller, USNR (Turnersville, NJ)
LCDR Robert E. Kells, USN (Sewell, NJ)
COL Michael T. McBride, USA (Egg Harbor Twncsp, NJ)

NEW MOAA MEMBERS (GIVE ME TEN-3 TO DATE))

LT W. Ray Miller, USNR (Paid Two Year Membership)

NEW CHAPTER AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Mrs. Charlotte Snow

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Regular Members	159	Auxiliary Members	47	
Honorary Members	6	Active Members	19	Total 231

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TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

LCDR John J. Leyden, USN Ret (\$40.00)
BGEN Thomas M. Walton Jr., AUS Ret (\$15.00)
CDR John J. Desiderio SC USNR Ret (\$40.00)

DATES TO REMEMBER

2010	Wd	TYPE	LOCATION
Mar 10	"	BOD	Tilton Inn
Apr 14	"	REG	Crab Trap
May 12	"	BOD	Tilton Inn
Jun 9	"	REG	TBA
Jul 14	"	BOD	Tilton Inn
Aug 11	"	REG	TBA
Sep 8	"	BOD	Tilton Inn
Oct 13	"	REG	Crab Trap
Nov 10	"	BOD	Tilton Inn
Dec 8	"	REG	Crab Trap

BOD: Board of Directors meeting. All chapter members are welcome to attend. A very relaxed atmosphere, casual attire, i.e., jogging clothes, shorts, etc.

Aid and Attendance

"Aid and Attendance" is an underutilized special monthly pension benefit offered by the Veterans Administration for veterans and surviving spouses who require in-home care or live in nursing homes. To qualify, a veteran (includes surviving spouse) must have served at least 90 days of active military service, one day of which is during a period of war, and must be discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. The veteran's benefit is \$18,234 annually (paid monthly) and increases to \$21,615 if a veteran has one dependent. The surviving spouse alone is \$11,715 annually.

For more information, call 1-800-827-1000
Visit <http://www.va.gov> (type "Aid and Attendance in the search block), or contact your local VA office.

Apply online at <http://vabenefits.vba.gov/vonapp/main.asp>.

LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

I will attend lunch meeting on Wednesday Feb. 10, 2010 at the Crab Trap @ \$ 19.00 per person.

Number in Party

Name:

Tel. Nr. :

Choice of Entrée:

- () Chicken Cordon Bleu
- () Petite Filet Mignon
- () Crab Cake

Soup, dessert, rolls , coffee and tea.

Name of Guest:

MOAA Gets Federal Charter

On Oct. 27, 2009 the U.S. House of Representatives approved legislation granting a federal charter for MOAA. The Senate passed an identical bill Sep. 24. The bill was sent to the president , who signed it into law Nov. 6.

VADM Norb Ryan Jr. USN-Ret said, "We are deeply grateful for the public recognition that a federal charter provides."

The North Carolina Council of Chapters first Brought the charter issue to the attention of the national association's leadership. In North Carolina and at least nine other states--Alabama, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Ohio, Oregon and Pennsylvania--MOAA council and Chapter representatives had been barred from participating in state-level veterans advisory panels because state laws required a federal charter for participation. Passage of the MOAA federal charter now will enable council and chapter leaders to be "at the table" when state-level military and veterans issues are considered.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER
By **CAPT John Bianchi**

A regular meeting of South Jersey Chapter was convened at 1200 hrs on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at The Crab Trap

The following members and spouses were in attendance:

	President	CAPT John R. Bianchi	
	1st V Pres	COL Robert J. Familetti	
	2nd V Pres	LCDR Earl Panico	
	Treasurer	CDR Victor A. Urbon	
	Secretary	CDR John J. Desiderio	
	Chaplain	LTC Maurice Roesch	
LTC Luther D. Arnold* **	Mrs. Doris Arnold	Mrs. Janet Angelo	Mrs. Rose Bianchi
Mrs. Mary Byrd	Mr. Armando Braz	LTJG James Casto *	Mrs. Marie Casto
Mrs. Joan Casto	MAJ Stephen Cuzzilla *	Mrs. Marie Cuzzilla	Mrs. Marge Desiderio
Mrs. Agnes Dornisch	Mrs. Kathleen Familetti	COL Richard Fetter	Mrs. Elise Fetter
CPT John Goodwin	CWO4 Philip Gustafson	Mrs. Elaine Gustafson	CDR John Holmes
Mrs. Millie Bond-Holmes	CAPT Pauline Jones-Tate	Mr. Robert Tate	Mrs. Jacqueline Chestang
LCDR Robert Kells	Mrs. Nelva Kells	CAPT Shelley Lashman	Mrs. Virginia Roesch
LCDR John Rogge	CAPT Edw. Timm* **	Mrs. Bette Timm	LTC Gilbert Wilke
Mrs. Etta Wilke	LtCol Chas. Sweetman***	Mrs. Mary Lou Sweetman	Mr. John Van Son
LtCol James Garcia	4 Honorees 177th Fighter Wing	2 Representatives for CO, 177th Fighter Wing	

* Past Chapter President

** NJ State Council of Chapters Past President

*** Guest Speaker