

## Summer 2020

June 10, 2020

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# The MOAA Messenger

## From our President:

Greetings members of Kings Bay MOAA,

Since assuming the office of President of KBMOAA in February, 2020 has certainly been an interesting year. After hosting the first meeting of the new and continuing members of the Board of Directors at my home in March, my first official act was to cancel the March meeting and then the April, May and June meetings all thanks to COVID-19. The important thing was to do our part to keep all our members safe and healthy. I, and I'm sure all of you, missed those opportunities to get together and enjoy the programs, dinners and the time to simply share each others company. As things presently stand, we will be taking our Summer break in July and August and plan to resume our meetings in September.

Although we were not meeting, KBMOAA activity continued. I had the honor of presenting a check for \$200.00 on May 6th to the Community Food Bank managed by the First United Methodist Church in Kingsland. The Food Bank currently serves needy families in Camden County with veterans, surviving spouses, and active duty families among the recipients. Our donation will go a long way toward covering the costs associated with food storage and distribution according to Pastor Bruce Vaughn. I also represented KBMOAA at a virtual meeting with Paul Wingo, President of Georgia MOAA, the GMOAA Board of Directors, and the Presidents of the other Georgia Chapters. The two hour meeting concerned mostly administrative issues and the impacts of various cancellations which include the MOAA State Convention in Athens and Storming the Dome in Atlanta. These two activities will probably be replaced by virtual meetings.

I am sure you are aware that the legislation to eliminate the State tax on military retirement pay failed to pass and this issue is now GMOAA's number one priority. I encourage all of you to contact our State legislators directly and request their support to eliminate this tax and align Georgia with our neighboring States as a tax friendly place for Military members to retire.

Here are a couple of friendly reminders before I close. First, as a result of having to cancel our regular meetings, dues payments have fallen off considerably. We presently have sufficient funds to continue our support to the various organizations that depend on us, but we count on your dues and donations to continue our level of support. Please send in your dues if you have not already done so and any donation you are willing to make. Second, remember that we are all recruiters. We all have someone among our friends and neighbors that is eligible to become a member of MOAA and only need to be invited. (Their first dinner is on us). If you know someone get their contact information and pass it on to our Membership Chairman, Judy Newman, at [jackjudy@tds.net](mailto:jackjudy@tds.net) and she'll do the rest. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable Summer, and I look forward to meeting in September.

Never stop serving.

James W. Holler III, Col USAF (Ret) President, KBMOAA

**NEXT MEETING:** September 15, 2020, 5:30 PM Social hour, 6:30 Dinner and Program:  
James Coughlin, Exec Director, Camden County Joint Development Authority  
Location: Osprey Cove, Morgan's Grill

## OCS News

The “Our Community Salutes” celebration of the Camden and Charlton County High Schools’ graduating seniors enlisting in the military that was scheduled for May 7 was cancelled because of the COVID-19 restrictions. The Kings Bay application to the MOAA Foundation for funding to support the event Was withdrawn. The KBMOAA Board is committed to holding the event in 2021. For a little inspiration, take a look at the link below YouTube video about the Camden County High School graduates who are enlisting in the military.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIJCpvN5tSY&feature=youtu.be>

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### **Treasurers Report: Keith Johnston**

Current Balance        \$10,827 (all funds)

Richter Fund            3,768

OCS Fund                425 (carry over from 2019)

Gordon Steadman Fund    700 (earmarked for Honor Flight)

Donations since January   3,850 to various causes to include K9s for Warriors, Camden County HS NJROTC, Wreaths Across America, Camden County Food Bank, St Marys Submarine Museum and the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society from the Chapter General Fund and the Richter Fund.

### **Potential Raffle Fund Raiser**

Past President, Neal Moore, has offered the Chapter an authentic M-1 Garand to auction as a fund raiser. If done, it would most likely be conducted like we did the Quilt in 2018. The rifle is in excellent condition and will fire. The M-1 was in service from the 1930s into the 60s by all branches of the military. The Board was considering the proposal when the virus curtailed all Chapter activities.

### **Future Programs: Ray Crouch, Program Chairman**

15 Sep 2020: James Coughlin – Camden Joint Development Board

20 Oct 2020: Jessica Warren, Georgia Extension Agent

17 Nov 2020: Tim Crosby from K-9s for Warriors.

### **From the Chapter Chaplain: Joe Holler**

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 tells us that:** 1There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: 2a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, 3a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, 4a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, 5a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, 6a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, 7a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, 8a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace. It seems that we have been through some of these times of late. People have been challenged, our nation has been challenged and so have countries throughout the world. So I offer in prayer for our Kings Bay MOAA Chapter and all Chapters of this great organization that we remain strong and steady and that we will continue to serve as we have always served. God Bless our nation for who we are, and by God’s grace will continue to be “The Land of the Free and The Home of the Brave.”

Bless all who are serving in these times of need, particularly our healthcare workers, law enforcement, and all leaders across our nation. Keep them safe and guide them in making right decisions. Heal all who are in need of healing. Keep us, as we serve, focused on our mission. And as we always pray to You, Lord God, we commend to Your care and safekeeping all the men and women of our Armed Forces at home and abroad, especially those in harm’s way. Guide them in their mission. Give them and their families’ courage to face their many challenges. Envelop them with the confidence and safety of Your presence wherever they might be and for whatever mission that is before them. We pray this to you, Almighty God, and through your blessed Son Jesus. AMEN

**As Neal reminds us at our meetings:** A toast to those who’ve gone before us, lest we forget!

**Happy Birthday to the US Army, 14 June 1775**