

Fall 2019

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In this issue: HSM-40 brings us their story of fleet support at Mayport NS.

And: Awards ! KBMOAA received two awards at the GMOAA convention.

...and too: Report from the Georgia MOAA annual convention.

The MOAA Messenger

September Meeting

At our September meeting we hosted two officers from HSM-40 Airwolves at Mayport who shared with us the work of their unit in support of the surface fleet.



LT Anthony Kline (call sign: Toby) is pictured on the left and LT Tyler Faris (call sign Blumby) is on the right.

The outgoing and incoming Public Affairs Officers for HSM-40 presented us an interesting program about the work of helicopter aviation that supports our nearby surface fleet ships based at Mayport Naval Station. The two young Annapolis graduates shared with us their work in Anti-Submarine Warfare, humanitarian support, training pilots for the fleet among other duties. They also train foreign pilots on the MH-60R helicopter which is a popular airframe for Foreign Military Sales. Special thanks to KBMOAA member Rich Miller for this program lead where his son serves. Learn more about the Airwolves at: <https://www.facebook.com/HSM40>

NEXT MEETING: October 15, 2019, 5:30 PM Social hour, 6:30 Dinner and Program: Keith Post, Director of the St Marys Submarine Museum
Location: Osprey Cove, Morgan's Grill



GMOAA Awards Our Chapter

At the annual convention of our State organization KBMOAA received two awards. Above is our 2018 Special Project award for the Quilt Raffle. GMOAA President Don Nau presents the award to KBMOAA President Fred Boyles and Past President Len Scullion. Below is a photo of our Chapter receiving the 4-Star award for our collective efforts in 2018. Fred is seen below receiving the award from Don along with Ray Crouch. (Smile fellas, this is a good thing !)



Upcoming Programs:

- Oct 15 – Keith Post, Director, St Marys Submarine Museum
 - Nov 19 – RDML Michael Bernacchi, Commander, CSG-10
 - Dec 10 – George Cressman, 75 Anniversary of D-Day
 - Jan 21 – Stephanie Rutan, White Oak Conservation Foundation
 - Feb 18 – VADM Al Konetzni and Installation of Officers
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GMOAA Convention Report

Three of our members attended the gathering in Marietta on 20-22 September.

Some of the most interesting discussion and effort centered on the goal of having military retiree pensions and survivor benefit pay to be tax exempt as in many states. Our state association is working this issue with the hopes that it will be included in Governor Kemp's 2020 budget proposal. GMOAA and its Chapters plan to work with other veteran and military support organizations to press for this change. If included in the Governor's budget it is far more likely to be passed than if introduced by a member of the General Assembly. Our strongest argument for this is that many of our military members in places like Kings Bay retire in Florida where the tax burden is more favorable and with them go their income and more importantly their skills. Several bases such as Moody AFB, Ft Benning and Fort Gordon are close to the state line where the incentive is to reside after retirement in one of our neighboring states.

For more information on this subject go to the interactive link below.

<https://www.moaa.org/content/state-report-card/MOAA-s-Military-State-Tax-Report-Card/>

**Happy Birthday US Navy
October 13, 1775**



