

Spring 2019

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In this issue: Kings Bay MOAA welcomes CCGA President, Dr. Michelle Johnston.

And: KBMOAA provides contributions to two important causes.

More from the March meeting: The membership elects a new Chapter PAO.

The MOAA Messenger

March Meeting

Our March meeting was **education night**. KBMOAA hosted Dr. Michelle Johnston, President of the College of Coastal Georgia (CCGA).



Dr. Michelle Johnston shares some eye-opening statistics about the Coastal College of Georgia (CCGA) where she serves as President.

Dr. Johnston was appointed as President of CCGA last summer and has aggressively sought to make improvements and enhance the college's place in the community. During her presentation she highlighted how many students came from outside of the local area to attend CCGA. She also noted the positive effect the college has on the local economy with most of the graduates staying in the SE Georgia region for employment. CCGA's men's golf team is consistently one of the top teams in the nation. After winning a major tournament in Vegas on March 19th the Mariners are likely to move up to #2 in the NAIA. She also read from a letter written from this year's recipient of the MOAA Veteran's Scholarship, Garrett Wonnacott. Portions of his letter are included in the **Messenger**. For more info check on CCGA's Facebook page at @coastalgeorgia or YouTube, College of Coastal Georgia. Dr. Johnston's email is president@ccga.edu

NEXT MEETING: April 16, 2019, 5:30 PM Social hour, 6:30 Dinner and Program: Captain Chester Parks, Commanding Officer, KB Naval Base. Location: Osprey Cove, Morgan's Grill



Contribution to CCGA Foundation

Dr. Michelle Johnston receives a check for \$500 on behalf of the College Foundation towards the veterans scholarship that KBMOAA funds. Dr. Johnston is joined by Meredith Magnus and Jim Holler who both serve on the College Foundation Board.

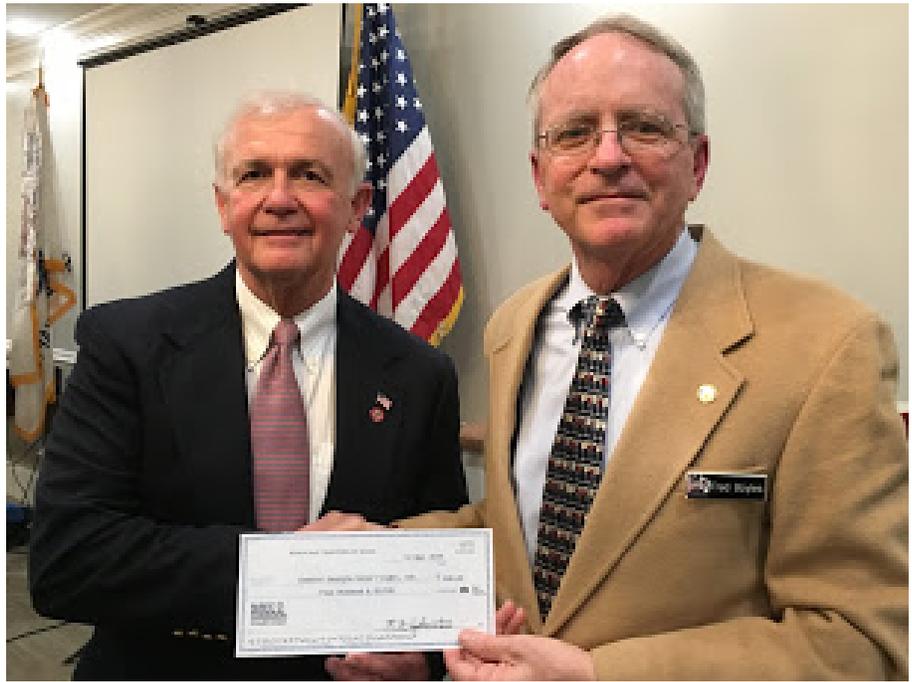
Upcoming Programs:

- April 16 – CAPT Chester Parks, CO, Navy Submarine Base Kings Bay
 - May 21 – CAPT Glen Leverette, CO, NJROTC Jacksonville Univ.
 - June 18 – Tad Dickman, PAO Jacksonville Jaguars
 - Sept 17 – LT Anthony Kline, HSM-46, Naval Station Mayport
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More From the March Meeting

The membership voted unanimously and with great enthusiasm to elect Cheri Richter as our new Public Affairs Officer (PAO) and to a position on the Board. Cheri will assume Tom Hayden's office. Tom has served with distinction for several terms. Thanks to his efforts KBMOAA's stature and visibility in the community has risen. Tom leaves big shoes to fill but Cheri is up to the task and we welcome her to the Board. Thank YOU both, Tom and Cheri for what you do for our Chapter.

Jim Holler hosted Dr. Joshua Howard, Principal of Charlton County High School at our meeting. Charlton County HS is planning to participate in the Our Community Salutes (OCS) planned for May 9th by honoring their graduating students who enlist in the military.



Chapter President Fred Boyles presents a check on behalf of KBMOAA of \$400 to Coastal Georgia Honor Flight. James Vivencio who serves on the Board of that organization and is the Lead Guardian accepted the donation and thanked members of the Chapter for their support. KBMOAA also pitched in with other veterans and civic groups in Camden County to sponsor three Guardians who escort the honorees who will make the trip to DC on May 4th. The three Guardians will be young service members from Kings Bay to include one Sailor, one Marine and one Coast Guardsman. More info at: coastalgeorgiahonorflight.org

Late news: Gordon Steadman, Neal Moore and Jimmy Clark (all from Camden County) will be on this year's Honor Flight.

Dr. Michelle Johnston shared some excerpts from a heartfelt letter of thanks written by former Marine and current CCGA student Garrett Wonnacott. Here's some of what he wrote thanking each member of KBMOAA for supporting him at CCGA:

I am writing to thank you for your generous \$500 scholarship. I was very happy and appreciative to learn that I was selected as the recipient of the MOAA scholarship...My education continued on throughout the Marine Corps, learning lessons they never taught me in the classroom like how to complete my taxes and balance my budget. More importantly, I learned how to lead people....Without a doubt, this scholarship will play a key role in achieving my educational dreams. Because of your generosity, the financial burden place on me to pursue my education will be reduced.....Thank you for your investment in me, and the futures of students like me.

MOAA: Never Stop Serving.