

# The Companion



March 2012

## Augusta Chapter Officers for 2011-2012 Elected and Appointed

<b>Commander-</b>	COL Susy Roper
<b>Sr Vice CDR-</b>	LT Rich Herdegen
<b>Jr Vice CDR-</b>	
<b>Adjutant-</b>	CDR Earl Richardson
<b>Treasurer-</b>	COL Steven Amster
<b>Marshall-</b>	COL Don Stephens
<b>Surgeon-</b>	BG Robert Cutting
<b>Historian-Archivist</b>	LTC Larry Russell
<b>Chaplain-</b>	FR Bill Williams
<b>Judge Advocate-</b>	MAJ Dewitt Dent
<b>Public Affairs-</b>	LTC Sam Booher
<b>Publicity-</b>	
<b>Editor Companion-</b>	LCDR Ron Freeman
<b>Finance &amp; Budget-</b>	CDR Earl Richardson
<b>Legislative Liaison-</b>	LTC Sam Booher
<b>National Security-</b>	
<b>Speakers Bureau-</b>	
<b>Homeland Security-</b>	
<b>Membership-</b>	LTC Gary Engen
<b>Program-</b>	COL Richard Manion
<b>Asst Program-</b>	COL Harry Pund
<b>Patriotic Education-</b>	LTC Gary Engen
<b>Law and Order-</b>	LT Richard Herdegen
<b>Ceremonies-</b>	COL Don Stephens
<b>ROTC-</b>	COL Don Stephens
<b>Massing of the Colors-</b>	
<b>Memorial Service-</b>	
<b>Youth Leadership Advisor-</b>	MAJ Dewitt Dent
<b>BSA Liaison-</b>	COL Steve Amster
<b>Chapter Activities-</b>	CDR Earl Richardson
<b>Independence Day-</b>	LTC Dave Titus
<b>YLC</b>	LTC Gary Engen

## Message From Chapter Commander COL Suzy Roper

“To Promote and Further Patriotic Education in Our Nation,” the chapter held our annual YLC. The Youth Leadership Conference this year, held on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of February, was one of the most successful ever, with 73 attendees. Companion LTC Gary Engen coordinated this

major event. It was a very well motivated group of young people, who took on the problems presented with an eager spirit. The adult proctors will select several that they feel are worthy of being sponsored to the YLC on the Yorktown in Charlestown this summer. It will be difficult to select who is best qualified for us to send.



Chapter Commander COL Suzy Roper and Vice Commander Lt Rich Herdegen presenting a Letter of Appreciation to Guest Speaker Ray Childress at the February Meeting

This is the time of year we develop the slate of officers for the next year. The chapter needs good officers to run its programs, and there are many elective or appointive offices that need to be filled. If you are willing to serve in an official capacity, please let us know. If a member of the Nominating Committee call on you, please give careful consideration to how you can further the MOWW and Chapter's goals.

This is the month for our annual memorial service, and the service will immediately following the regular chapter meeting. LT Rich Herdegen will coordinate the service as we hope to have several survivors present as honored guests.

Make your plans to come to the March meeting, which starts with lunch at 1230 followed by the regular meeting and then the Memorial Service.

God Bless  
For the Good of the Order

## Guest Speakers Jay and Donna Dunham

Jay was born and raised in rural northwestern Ohio. During his senior year in high school he enlisted in the USMC. In the Marines, he served on active duty from 1985 - 1992 in the transportation field as a driver, test driver, dispatcher, and coordinator. At the end of his enlistment, Jay elected to take his Honorable Discharge and pursue his childhood dream of a career in motorsports. Jay relocated from Camp Pendleton, CA, to Grovetown, GA. In 1993, Jay took a job with the Columbia County Schools Transportation Department as an apprentice mechanic. The past 19 years, Jay has earned his School Bus Technician ASE Master Certification, attended numerous hours of pupil transportation instruction as well as earning an AS degree in Business Administration. Jay has not forgotten his dream of motorsports as he won the Gordon Park track championship in 2009. The opportunity to once again serve in the US military also presented itself in 2009 when Jay enlisted in the Georgia Army National Guard where he currently serves as a Staff Sergeant. Jay deployed with the 1148<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company to ASG Qatar where he earned NCO of the Year Honors in 2011.

Donna Dunham was born in Tokyo, Japan and grew up as a military dependent. In 1990 Donna took a position with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office as a dispatcher. She graduated from the Regional Law Enforcement Academy and became a certified deputy. She was among the first females to join the road patrol division in Columbia County. Donna was next appointed to the position of Classification Officer in the detention center. She later became the first female to be promoted to Lieutenant and was assigned as a shift supervisor. Donna was then promoted to Captain of the Detention Center and later transferred to her current position of Captain over the Office of Professional Standards. In her current position, she is in charge of Training, Personnel, Internal Affairs, and Accreditation. Donna is also a Weapons Instructor for the CCSO. Donna is the only female to date to earn the rank of Captain with the CCSO. Donna has earned her AS in Criminal Justice, and her MBA from Brenau University while maintaining her fulltime position with the CCSO. Donna has also served as an instructor in the Criminal Justice Programs at August Technical College and Phoenix University.

## National Security by LTC David Titus

Three years of President Barack Obama's policies have made the world a more perilous place, aggravating a Mideast situation that could result in and all-out war with a nuclear-armed Iran, Frank Gaffney, president and founder of the Center for Security Policy tells Newsman TV.

"The world will become substantially more dangerous" if the evisceration of the U. S. military, the undermining of American allies – notably Israel- and the emboldening of its enemies continues under the Obama administration, said Gaffney. "All of these things really are adding inexorably to the dynamic that ... war can be taken safely

with the United States standing on the sidelines rather than being the reliable ally of Israel that has helped deter such conflicts in the past," Gaffney said in an exclusive Newsmax interview.

"There's been a further, if you will, gathering of the storm clouds... that only further reinforces my concern that, probably before the next election, you may see this break out in a way that results in a regional cataclysm," Gaffney said. "The next year may prove even more problematic. Were the president to be completely unrestrained by the necessity of being re-elected, I feel that far more damage might be done in several different areas." Among his concerns are the establishment of Shania in Tunisia, Libya, Egypt and Syria: the rise of Hezbollah in Lebanon, and the strengthening of Hamas in Gaza. "Whether we're likely to see a caliphate emerge any time soon, I don't know, Gaffney said. "We're certainly seeing people who aspire to that goal, believing more and more that they will accomplish it. His primary concern remains the Iranian nuclear Weapons Program. "I don't think any thing will dissuade the Iranians from fulfilling their longstanding objective of obtaining nuclear weapons," he said. "They'll have to be stopped."

## Annual Region 5 Conference By LTC Gary Green

MOWW Region V Convention, Atlanta, GA, April 20th & 21st, 2012

Please pass this information on to all Chapter Companions, asking them to save the date and make plans to attend the annual MOWW Region V Convention at the Atlanta Airport Marriott. The Atlanta Chapter is planning an informative and entertaining weekend for all who attend. **Attached is the 2012 Convention Registration Form and Draft Agenda. Please review and complete the Registration Form and mail with your check to COL (Ret) Brad Beasley, Region V Treasurer NLT 30 March 2012.**

The Atlanta Airport Marriott is offering us a special room rate of \$99 + tax per night (includes breakfast for two). We are also planning a Gala Social Event w/ Guest Speaker and live Musical Entertainment for Saturday evening. The hotel will activate a website for the MOWW Region V Convention during the upcoming week to accept hotel reservations; you will be receiving an Email with the web address as soon as it is available. For more information on the Atlanta Airport Marriott, you may visit their website at:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/atlap-atlanta-airport-marriott/>

In addition to routine business and elections, the agenda includes an opportunity to engage in discussions about how best we might carry out the core beliefs of the Order, as embodied in our Preamble. Our National CinC CAPT Russell C. Vowinkel (USN,Ret) has also been invited to attend.

As an added bonus, the Atlanta Chapter will offer spouses the opportunity to take a side trip on Saturday afternoon to the "Decorators' Show House". Additionally, the 76th Annual Atlanta Dogwood Festival will be taking place in Atlanta's Piedmont Park during the weekend of our conference. This would be a fun side trip for Art enthusiasts on Sunday before returning home. We look forward to seeing a large Companion turn-out at this year's Region V Convention in Atlanta. For the good of the Order, Here is the link to the special Group rate for MOWW members.

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/ATLAP?groupCode=mowmowa&app=resvlink&fromDate=4/20/12&toDate=4/22/12>

You will see the group code as mowamowa on the left. Select the nights you will be staying, e.g. 4/20/2012 to 4/22/2012 plus number of rooms and number of guests then hit FIND. When the next page comes up click on the "99" to open the guest information. For those who are still challenged, there is the old reliable telephone 1-404-766-7900 or (800)228-9290. Mention MOWW for your preferred rate. Please make an effort to ensure that every chapter is represented.

### Augusta Chapter YLC By LTC Gary Engen

Thanks to all companions that assisted in the preparation and conduct of our recent YLC this past 24-25 Feb conducted at Westminster School in Augusta. Many companions contributed their time and expertise in varied tasks such as inviting students, coordinating food and supplies, performing as adult group leaders, welcoming students and guests, taking pictures, setting up tables, arranging classrooms and just being there to help if needed. A listing of those companions and others that helped to make the YLC a success is at the end of this article. 57 students attended and were primarily high school juniors from 14 different schools in the CSRA. It was apparent that the students were of exceptional quality again this year as observed by the adult leaders and the quality of the student discussions and presentations. Friday evening included a pizza supper (once again contributed by Mr. John Eckberg, owner of local Domino's Pizza) an opening challenge and leadership pointers by Mr. Mike Ryan, editorial writer for the Augusta Chronicle followed by small group discussions on Morality and Ethics. Afterwards they were briefed on The next days activities and released for the evening by 9 PM.

The students returned Saturday morning to donuts and snacks. This was followed by a presentation given by Mr. Bob Young, former mayor of Augusta, where he would ask one of our YLC staff a trivia question about one of our past presidents and then see if the students were "smarter than an MOWW member." He then continued by encouraging the students to follow their dreams and welcome any opportunities to enhance their leadership skills throughout life. Next, the students heard a

motivational talk about leadership challenges in the business world by Mr. Dino Dakuras, owner of Papa-N-Sons Taste of Chicago restaurants. Next, the students rotated through three separate small group sessions on the subjects of "Free Enterprise", "American Government" and Leadership-Role of USA in World Affairs." After lunch and the final small-group discussion session, group pictures were taken and presentations were made by each of the student groups. A closing challenge was then given by Judge Doug Flanagan who discussed the many peer pressures the students faced today and to not be afraid to step up and do the "right thing" and provided some examples of the situations he judges in juvenile court. At the end of the day MOWW certificates were presented to the participating students. In addition to a 62-page locally produced student notebook and the completion certificate, all students were also provided with their own copy of the 67-page PEI booklet "Key to the Constitution"

The most outstanding students were identified and letters will be sent to 10 of them inviting them to attend the Charleston YLC at Patriots Point 19-22 June 2012 (transport and tuition to be paid for by the August Chapter).



**Adult Staff at 2012 Augusta Youth Leadership Conference**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Level (L to R):** COL Susy Roper, LTC Sam Booher, LTC Gary Engen  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Level (L to R):** LTC Larry Russell, LTC Boyd Long, LTC Ron Carne, LTC Dave Titus, MAJ Mike Daversa, MS Karenann Amster, MAJ Jim Brady  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Level (L to R) :** COL Harry Pund, CSM Bill Conner, CDR Earl Richardson, COL Don Stephens, Father Bill Williams, LT Rich Herdegen, COL Steve Amster, COL Mike Roper

### Many Thanks To the Following Companions Who Assisted at the 2012 YLC:

Karen Amster, Steve Amster, Susy Roper, Mike Roper, Sam Booher, Mike Daversa, James Brady, Gary Engen, Rich Herdegen, Boyd Long, Ron Carne, Pam McKean, Tim McKean, Harry Pund, Larry Russell, Don Stephens, David Titus and Father Bill Williams, Other non-MOWW members that supported as well were CSM William Conner (AI Grovetown JROTC), the Westminster Schools administration and custodial staff for allowing us to use

their facilities and Allegra Print & Imaging for the professional printing of the student booklets.



Students at the 2012 Augusta Youth Leadership Conference

**Chapter Officers/Nominations-Election**  
**By LTC Gary Engen**

It's time to start thinking about nominations for next year's (2012-2013) chapter leaders. We hold nominations for Commander, Vice Commanders, Adjutant and Treasurer in the March timeframe, vote in April and have installation of the new leaders in May. Term is from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013. Contact the Chapter Commander or the Nominations Committee Chairperson if interested in a chapter leadership position. Region V (chapters in GA, TN, SC, NC) will also be looking for new leadership and of course we could also use more companions to lead or assist with our chapter committees.

**Homeland Security**  
**By LTC Wayman Johnson**

The **USA PATRIOT Act** (commonly known as the "Patriot Act") is an [Act of the U.S. Congress](#) that was signed into law by [President George W. Bush](#) on October 26, 2001. The title of the act is a ten letter acronym (USA PATRIOT) that stands for **U**niting (and) **S**trengthening **A**merica (by) **P**roviding **A**ppropriate **T**ools **R**equired (to) **I**ntercept (and) **O**bsturct **T**errorism *Act of 2001*.<sup>[1]</sup> The act, a response to the [terrorist attacks of September 11th](#), dramatically reduced restrictions on law enforcement agencies' ability to search telephone, e-mail communications, medical, financial, and other records; eased restrictions on foreign intelligence gathering within the United States; expanded the [Secretary of the Treasury's](#) authority to regulate financial transactions, particularly those involving foreign individuals and entities; and broadened the discretion of law enforcement and immigration authorities in detaining and deporting [immigrants](#) suspected of terrorism-related acts. The act also expanded the definition of terrorism to include [domestic terrorism](#), thus enlarging the number of activities to which the USA PATRIOT Act's expanded law enforcement powers can be applied.

The local law enforcement organizations of the CSRA have benefited from the PATRIOT ACT and have implemented it on several occasions.

**Treasurer's Report**  
**By Col Steven Amster**

Just received the annual rebate for perpetual members (\$1740.64) and annual members (\$20.00). Our balance in Queensborough (and previously Wachovia) since my assuming the treasurership is the highest. The pay-as-you-go at Teresa's has prevented the drain on finances. 50/50 drawings pay for the guest speakers. One purchase by LT Herdegen from MOWW is to be discussed at staff meeting for payment approval.

29 February 2012

Non-Profit Checking Opening balance	\$1756.09
Deposits and other credits	+1760.64
Membership premium rebate	1760.64
Checks – cleared	-195.08
02/12 1026 MOWW (L&O plaque)	31.50
02/15 1027 (JROTC awards; postage)	93.35
02/19 1028 (plaque, engraving)	11.77
02/19 1029 (postage, stationery)	58.46
Checks – not cleared	+0.00
Service charges & other debits	-0.00
Closing checking balance 02/29	\$3321.65

Cash Balance	
Opening balance 02/01	\$68.42
Changes	+25.00
02/19 50/50 receipts	+25.00
Closing Balance 02/29	\$93.42
Opening Financial Asset Balance 02/01	\$1824.51
Net Change	+1590.56
Closing Financial Asset Balance 02/29	\$3415.07

**BSA Information**  
**By Col Steven Amster**

COL Amster was asked to substitute at a recent University of Scouting in January at Greenbriar High School. On short notice, he prepared and led a 45-minute discussion on shooting sports management and safety in the Boy Scout program. He is an NRA certified shooting instructor and a merit badge counselor for rifle and shotgun shooting.

**Happy Birthday**

Happy Birthday to all companions born during the Month of March:

- COL Wm. L. Bates, Jr. 08 MAR
- COL John R. Tomberlin 15 MAR
- COL Edwin W. Chandler 17 MAR
- CW4 Melvin F. Thomason 19 MAR
- COL Otis A. Smith 22 MAR
- LTC B. Ralph Dion 25 MAR

**Sad News**  
**LTC Terry Pitts**

A quick note from Germany . I flew home to Augusta last weekend to tell Sean and Kellie (my kids, now 19 & 18) that my dad was quite ill. I felt it important that they hear it from me in person. My dad was diagnosed about two weeks ago with esophageal cancer. It has progressed rather far unfortunately and there's little that can be done at this point. He went from "healthy as a horse" to pretty much wiped out over a very short period. The prognosis is only three to six months.

My dad was active with the Augusta Chapter for so many years. It's going to be really weird to not be able to turn to him for conversation and advice. Please don't stir up too much fuss about it, but it's important for the Chapter to know these things.

**ROTC SUPPORT**  
**By COL Don Stephens**

Our Chapter supports the ROTC program at Augusta State University and JROTC programs at 29 high schools in the Central Savannah River Area of Georgia and South Carolina. The presentation of ROTC/JROTC MOWW Medals of Merit will begin with an awards ceremony at Elbert County High School on 17 March. I plan to present two awards at that ceremony as your ROTC Chairman, but will need your assistance to cover some of the other schools. Listed below are the 16 schools that have provided information on the date/time and location of their awards ceremony. The South Carolina schools and some of the outlying schools in Georgia normally have their ceremonies later in the year. If already scheduled, the presenter's name is indicated.

ASU AROTC	26 Apr at 1330	Chap CDR or Rep
Burke Cty AFJROTC	24 Mar at 1800	COL Stephens
Butler MJROTC	18 Apr at 1300	
Cross Creek NJROTC	17 Apr at 1730	
Glenn Hills NJROTC	18 Apr at 1330	
Greenbrier NJROTC	19 Apr at 1900	
Harlem AJROTC	25 Apr at 1400	
Hephzibah AJROTC	28 Mar at 1200	COL Stephens
Josey AFJROTC	18 Apr at 2030	
Lakeside AJROTC	24 Apr at 1830	
Laney AJROTC	25 Apr at 1000	
Madison/Morgan Cty AJROTC	26 Apr at 1800	
LCDR Albert Harper		
Richmond Academy AJROTC	8 Apr at 1830	
Washington Cty AFJROTC	24 Apr at 1800	COL Stephens
Westside Navy JROTC	11 Apr at 1300	

If you would like to present the MOWW award(s) at any of the schools listed above, please contact me at [don@softropolis.com](mailto:don@softropolis.com) or 706-860-7842; or see me at the March meeting.

**Membership**  
**By LTC Gary Engen**

**Membership Report**

Perpetual members: 104

Regular members: 7

Hereditary members: 22

**Total Members = 133**

**What???** We have 133 living members in our chapter and only see 20-25 at monthly chapter meetings? Why?? Where are the others?? Well one explanation may be that about 45 of our membership (that perhaps used to live near Augusta) now live outside the CSRA and another 13 members are at the age of 80 or older and may find it increasingly difficult to attend chapter functions. That only leaves about 75 and, as we know, some of those are also active in other service, veteran, religious organizations that sometimes conflict with our chapter activities. So maybe 20-25 members at a Sunday monthly meeting are not all that bad. If you have not attended a meeting in a while though, check out the schedule of meetings listed elsewhere in this newsletter and consider joining us at Teresa's Restaurant for some good food, interesting guest speakers and some good camaraderie. Try it again....you'll like it! And invite someone else to join you.

**Recruit a New Member for MOWW Today**

What have you done for the MOWW lately? How about spending some time and effort to recruit at least one new member for our chapter and the Order? Let's exceed the goal of 5% net growth this year. That's only 7 new members (net). Recruiting is relatively easy - all you have to do is go out and do it! Know a friend or acquaintance who qualifies for MOWW membership? Invite them to one of our meetings, tell them about our programs - inspire them to join and help us serve our community - Today!

**Legislative Affairs**  
**By LTC Sam Boohers**

**PRESIDENT'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL 2013  
RELEASED**

President Obama formally released the details of his budget request for fiscal 2013.

The budget would provide \$525 billion for the Defense Department's base budget which is a 1.1 percent reduction from what Congress approved for fiscal 2012. It would also provide \$88.5 billion for overseas operations.

After reading the details of the budget request, there are several things we like, but unfortunately, even more to dislike. The President's Budget proposes to:

**The Good**

- \* Provide a pay raise of 1.7 percent, consistent with the Employment Cost Index
- \* Increase basic housing allowance by 4.2 percent
- \* Increase basic allowance for subsistence by 3.4 percent

\* Provide \$8.5 billion for family support programs

### **The Bad**

\* Downsize the Army to 490,000 (down 72,000) by 2017 and the Army National Guard/Reserve to 558,200 (down 5000)

\* Cut eight Army Brigade Combat Teams (pending further review)

\* Request two new base closure rounds (BRAC), one in 2013 and another in 2015

\* Delay development of the Army's Ground Combat vehicle due to contracting delays

\* Slow basic pay raises in the years beyond fiscal 2014

\* Increase TRICARE fees and pharmacy co-pays.

Specifically, for under-65 retirees, the budget request matches TRICARE fee increases to retired pay. Retirees receiving \$22,589 or less would pay \$600 in enrollment fees in 2013, rising to \$893 by 2017. Those receiving retired pay of \$45,179 or more would pay \$820 in 2013 and \$2,048 by 2017. (Active duty servicemembers, survivors of military members who died on active duty or medically retired servicemembers would not be affected). There would also be a new enrollment fee for TRICARE-for-Life beneficiaries using a tiered approach.

\* Recommend that Congress establish a commission to conduct a comprehensive review of military retirement.

It's important to remember that the budget request is just that – a request. Congress will start holding hearings tomorrow. It's also important that the Congress and the President hear from those who are affected by their actions at the "grassroots" level – the people whose lives are dramatically affected by changes that to some seem reasonable, but which are, in reality, simply an easy target on a constituency that is trained to serve and sacrifice rather than complain.

Now is the time to complain and to do so loudly.

Please go to our website and find the prepared letters on the issue of retiree health care and retirement benefits and send them to your members of Congress and President Obama. You are not confined to what we have said in the letters, you may add your personal comments, and we urge you to do so Let those who have the power to reduce your benefits know how such action would affect you. After all, Soldiers are the essence of the Army.

As AUSA President Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan has said time and again, "Military personnel are not a faceless group – they are the one percent of this nation's population that are willing to carry our colors into battle and to offer up their life in the process. When they retire from the front line, they should be given the respect and dignity of a reliable benefits package that will not be changed."

(To send a letter, go to [www.ausa.org](http://www.ausa.org), click on "Legislative Action Center" at the bottom of the page, then click on the "Contact Congress" button. Put your zip code in the box titled "Elected Officials" and then click on the prepared letters concerning health care and retirement benefits.)

We, here at AUSA Headquarters will also do our part. Not only will we let Congress know where we stand on the budget request, we will join forces with our partners in The Military Coalition, who collectively represent more than 5.5 million members of the uniformed services.

### **AUSA ON THE HILL**

AUSA's newest vice president, LTG Guy Swan, USA, Ret., and Director of Government Affairs Bill Loper began a series of meetings with key defense staffers last week.

Gen. Swan introduced himself to key staffers on the Senate Armed Services Committee. He discussed AUSA priorities at length and received insights from the staffers concerning many issues that will affect the Army and AUSA members now and in the future.

Gen. Swan's meetings come at a particularly critical time for AUSA and the Army as the debate on the President's Budget Request for fiscal 2013 starts today. He is scheduled to meet with staff on the House Armed Services Committee this week.

### **GE to hire 5,000 US veterans, investing in plants**

General Electric Co. plans to hire 5,000 U.S. military veterans over the next five years and to invest \$580 million to expand its aviation footprint in the United States. The largest U.S. conglomerate unveiled the moves ahead of a four-day meeting it is convening in Washington to focus on boosting the U.S. economy, which has been slow to recover from a brutal 2007-2009 recession.



COL Brian J. Mulherin inducts two new Perpetual Member Companions into the Order at the January 2012 meeting. From COL Mulherin's right are COL Dave Iverson and CPT James A. Brady III. Observing are their respective sponsors Past CINC LTC David Titus and Chapter Senior Vice Commander LT Richard Herdegen.

### **Budget debate pits military retiree interests against those in active duty, analysts warn**

Military personnel costs for retirees versus active-duty service members are among the "most politically sensitive" competing interests within the fiscal 2013 defense department budget process, according to a new analysis from the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments. Andrew Krepinevich, CSBA's president, called personnel costs in the future years' defense plan "the 600-pound

gorilla," and CSBA senior fellow Todd Harrison urged leaders to address the uncomfortable topic now.

### Structural Changes to TRICARE Management

U.S. healthcare costs have grown substantially over the past decade, and the Military Healthcare System (MHS) costs have been no exception. As a result, the Pentagon recently proposed new changes to aspects of the MHS, including TRICARE.

<http://reserveofficer.blogspot.com/2012/03/structural-changes-to-tricare.html>

### Other Happy Birthdays

In March we wish a Happy Birthday to the United States Military Academy (USMA). It was in March of 1802 that the United States Congress established the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY. USMA has graduated many outstanding leaders who have been instrumental in the leadership not only of the Army, but the country as well. If you meet a West Point graduate this month, say "Happy Birthday"!

On March 2, 1915, the United States Congress established the United States Naval Reserve by combining 17 state naval militias into a single federal force. This year is the 97th birthday of the United States Naval Reserve. So if you meet a Naval Reservist this month, tell them "Happy Birthday" as well. The U.S. Navy Band celebrates its 86th birthday on March 4.

### Chaplain's Corner Fr Bill Williams

Dear Companions,

Since the Youth Leadership Conference, I became aware that we are People who want to encourage good citizenship. To do this we need to help other become aware of the Bill of Rights. I find people use the word reinvent yourself. The bill calls us to see respect and promote the values we have been given. They are our inheritance that we are called to pass on to the next generation. Not something that has to be changed. In the Bible Jesus tells a story of three men being given talents to use and build upon. We are those people. We can help others reinvent themselves into better citizens of our country and of our God.

### Senior Moment

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, 'You're really doing great, aren't you?' Morris replied, 'Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.' The doctor said, 'I didn't say that.. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful.'

### New Nametags By CDR Earl Richardson

Any Companion desiring a Augusta Chapter MOWW Name Tag can acquire one from B & S Engraving, Inc. 3733 Washington Road, Martinez, GA, (706) 863-7501. Business Card attached.



### MEETING SCHEDULE 2010-2011

<u>Day, Date Time</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>
Sun, 18 Mar, 1330, Lunch 1230-1330	Staff Mtg Tues, 13 Mar

#### Memorial Service

Sun, 15 Apr, 1330, Lunch 1230-1330	Staff Mtg Tues, 10 Apr
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#### Chapter Elections

Sun, 20 May, 1330, Lunch 1230-1330	Staff Mtg Tues, 15 May
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#### Installation Of Officers ROTC Awards

Sun, 10 Jun, 1330, Lunch 1230-1330	Staff Mtg Tues, 5 Jun Flag Day, 14 June Army Birthday, 14 June (1775)
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**Link to the MOWW Augusta Chapter Website:**  
<http://www.augustamoww.com>

**Link To the MOWW National Website:**  
<http://militaryorder.net/>

**MOWW now has a presence on Face book at**  
<http://www.facebook.com/?ref=hp#!/militaryorder>

**Link to the Region V Website:**  
<https://sites.google.com/site/mowwregionv/home>

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