



**The Middle Georgia Chapter (MOAA)
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Fostering patriotism and military values to advance our community

NEXT MOAA MEETING: WEDNESDAY, January 10th, 2024 with social half hour at 11:30 AM and lunch following at 12:00 (noon) The meeting will take place at The Houston Lake Country Club. Future chapter meetings: 14 February, 13 March, 10 April, 8 May, and 5 June.

Middle GA Chapter Officers

President : Michael Qualls

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President: Cindy Gordon

Vice President: Jo Drinkhahn

Secretary: Gloria Nelson

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Mike Qualls, President

Now is the time to pause for reflection and meditation on the past and planning for the future. Not only for our individual selves but for what our organization is going to participate in for the future. We have had successes and failures, ideas and regrets, progression and taken steps backward. But the future is always going to be unknown until we as individuals and as an organization take an active part in propelling it and ourselves forward. We have much that will be happening over the next twelve months of our lives and we can help shape the way it will turn out.

So, take some time for yourselves over the holidays. Enjoy yourself and your families and your friends. Enjoy the festivities and events. Bid goodbye to the year that was 2023 and look forward to the challenges and thrills

of the new year of 2024. Then return and join with your fellow MOAA members to the comradeship we enjoy.

Have a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Rich McKee, First Vice President, Programs.

This month's speaker, Teri Suber, who will be talking about the Andersonville National Historic Site. It is a part of the National Park System and is dedicated to preserving the Confederate prison site while also educating visitors about the experiences and hardships of prisoners of war. Will be very interesting.



Sweet Georgia Sound singing at our December Christmas luncheon

Drinkhahn, 2nd Vice President, Membership

What a wonderful way to start the holiday season with the very talented Sweet Georgia Sound and their traveling companion Mr. Grinch. I could have listened for another hour or so!

The chapter attendance was impressive, too...43...one of the largest numbers yet! Keep it up; we need you to keep our chapter thriving, and as we were told earlier, two Georgia chapters have closed: Savannah and a South Georgia one. We certainly don't want Middle

Georgia to meet the same fate 😂.

You can prevent that from happening by attending our function every month. Some of you are so faithful; when the door is open, you are present!

One last thing.... As we go into 2024, may our world find peace, may prejudices disappear, and may we love one another as the good book teaches!

Merry Christmas and happy new year. P. S. And don't forget to renew your membership for 2024 !

Les Arent, Treasurer/JROTC/ROTC

Spring is coming and it will soon be time to recognize student leaders in the many Jr. ROTC units in our area.

Please be ready to help us make presentations at the various school celebrations.

Cindy Gordon, President, Ladies Aux

Thanks for the wonderful donations at our December meeting. And thanks to those of you who purchased tickets. We have such generous MOAA members. It means so much, and we were able to make a nice donation to Hearts to Heroes. I look forward to seeing everyone at the December meeting, as well as all the great donations.

MENU: The menu this month will be meat loaf with gravy, (ALTERNATE: Grilled marinated chicken), garlic mashed potatoes, honey glazed carrots, rolls and butter, homemade desserts (provided by Jo Dr;inkhahn and Ann Mason), water or ice tea, coffee on request.

DINNER RESERVATIONS

Please call or e-mail before **Noon, on Wednesday, 3 January 2024** to one of the following:

Bill and Gail Goodwin, 929-3362 (Landline), 955-7296 (cell); wsgoodwin@cox.net, OR wsgoodwin2@gmail.com.

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