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MOAA is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization open to officers and former officers of the Uniformed Services.



Ron Sarg Funeral

Three years after his passing, our beloved Colonel/Doctor Ron Sarg will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery with full honors on August 11, 2025, at 0900hrs. Contact Jean Sarg for more information. <jeansarg@yahoo.com>



Learn more about ANC:
<https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/#/>

If you go...

General Information

Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) provides [military funeral honors](#) for [eligible](#) service members. Military funeral honors may include the following elements:

- A casket team (body bearers/pallbearers)
- A firing party
- A bugler
- Folding of and presentation of the U.S. flag

[Military funeral honors](#) begin at the curb near the burial site. Plan on arriving at the Administration Building at least 30 minutes before the service, which will allow you time to

meet with the family and with the ANC Cemetery Representative. The Cemetery Representative can give you additional information upon your arrival.

To the Gravesite

- Look for the Cemetery Representative, who can help you regarding protocol. Another helpful person is the OIC (officer in charge). Follow the OIC's lead in saluting (military) or placing your right hand over your heart.
 - The casket team will remove the casket from the hearse, or the urn from the Cemetery Representative's car, and prepare to march to the gravesite. The OIC can tell you the grave location and the route that the casket team will use. Salute (civilians: right hand over heart) when the OIC salutes — in general, whenever the flag is moving and you are standing still.
 - *Casket burials:* Be prepared to drop your salute and lead the procession after the casket team makes a five-step formal turn with the casket.
 - *Urn burials:* Begin to drop your salute and lead the procession after the casket team has retrieved the remains, when you hear the command "Ready — Step."
 - Lead the procession to the gravesite.
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At the Gravesite

- Stand near the small green metal marker, allowing enough room for the casket team and the OIC to move past you. Salute (military) or place your right hand over your heart (civilian) after you stop and face the remains. Turn to continue facing the remains (drop the salute when moving) if it is appropriate to do so. Drop the salute along with the OIC.
- The casket team will position the remains over the grave and unfold the flag, holding it taut over the remains. The OIC will inspect, then take one step back. This is your cue to begin your religious service at the grave.
- Please conduct your graveside service according to your religious tradition. Also, please be mindful of time; ANC has an average of 23 funeral services per day. Graveside services should be kept under ten minutes in length.
- Following the service, the military will render honors. Chaplains will position themselves two paces behind the OIC to receive the flag, in order to present it to

the primary next of kin (PNOK). Civilian leaders will stand to the side. Follow the OIC's lead in saluting (civilians: right hand over heart).

- Military funeral honors will consist of three rifle volleys by seven riflemen, [Taps](#) by a military bugler and the formal folding of the flag.
- Presentation of the flag: The OIC, or a designated military representative, will turn and present the folded flag to to the PNOK (normally seated on the left front seat). When presenting the flag, the OIC will state: "On behalf of the president of the United States, the United States Army and a grateful nation, please accept this flag as a symbol of our appreciation for your loved one's honorable and faithful service." After presenting the flag, the OIC will salute the flag and move to the side.
- An [Arlington Lady](#) or service branch representative will offer condolences. You are welcome to do the same after the Arlington Lady or service branch representative.
- The Cemetery Representative will announce that services have concluded, and invite guests to return to their cars.
- If there is a curbside salute, follow the OIC's lead in standing by the curb and saluting (civilians: right hand over heart).

Next Dinner Meeting: 18 September -

Menu:

Baked Lasagna - \$31

Eggplant Parmigiana (with spaghetti) - \$32

Fettuccine with shrimp & mushrooms in white sauce - \$32

Add \$3.00 for sodas;

Tell Tom if decaf, coffee or tea when you order.

Above meals includes salad, bread, coffee/tea and tip but not dessert or adult beverages. Bar not extensive, wine and beer easiest. Wine by bottle, can take home what you don't consume.

Remember: our contract calls for a meal selection of 3 items, known in advance, and a 25% tip. As always, and as recently discussed, if you have dietary concerns about the menu selections, please let Tom know what you will eat instead. Add the \$3 if you having non-alcohol beverage, and the 25% tip. Tom will call in all items at once. Pay Tom at the door. Thanks!

I try to get a “variety” of “clean” vs red or white sauce, plus chicken, fish, and a pasta. Its hard with the menu at Franco’s. However if I really miss the mark, like the “spicy” meal I selected last time, please let me know so I will remove it from rotation.

Call (301) 904-0228 or email rotorhead65@aol.com to confirm your attendance and select your meal with Tom Smith NLT 2 days before the dinner meeting. (note 301 exchange, not 301)

Location: Franco’s Dover

<https://francospizzadover.com/>

Address, directions, menu on website

Program: (Round robin “Catching up on what we did over the summer,” each member presents, in turn.



Agenda:

- 5-6 social hour
- 6-7 dinner
- 7-7:20 program
- 7:30 to 8:00 business meeting

Community News:

Bill Welzer and Gene Thornton, left, attended the Chamber meeting and were photographed for the Chamber newsletter.



MILITARY AFFAIRS

The Chamber submitted a nomination package to the Abilene Chamber of Commerce in Texas for the **2023 AMC Community Support Award (Abilene Award)**.

Colonel Chris McDonald, Commander of the 436th Airlift Wing, presented an overview of the **State of the Base** to over 230 attendees from the business community and base at The Landings on Dover Air Force Base in November 2024. He also shared stories of several Team Dover Airmen. His speech exemplified the value in connecting the civilian community with the servicemen and women at Dover AFB.

Colonel Eric Rivero, 512th Airlift Wing Commander, U.S. Senators Thomas Carper and Christopher Coons, and U.S. Representative Lisa Blunt Rochester also addressed the audience.

The **Military Affaire** was held in February 2025 at the Delaware State Police Museum for the purpose of interacting with the military leaders at the base. There were over 100 attendees at this networking reception.

The **Bluesuiters Golf Tournament** was held in May 2025. Civilians and Airmen were teamed up to play in the outing at Jonathan's Landing for a little friendly competition. There were 115 golfers, including over 43 Airmen sponsored by CDCC Members. Volunteers hosted Snack and Beverage Stations on the course.



Chapter News:

DUES! It's PAST that time of year again....We are holding our rate to \$15.00

While you are in a giving mood, don't forget to [click this link](#) to donate to Wreaths Across America. The chapter receives \$5 for every wreath you buy if you use this link. Consider

donations of Wreaths for Christmas gifts, Birthday gifts, Veterans Day remembrances, etc., for folks who don't want any more "stuff" in their homes! Our chapter now supports the Delaware Veterans Cemetery at Bear, Delaware.

You may donate to the JROTC Scholarship Fund via our website, and you will receive an instant download for tax purposes. Use this link: <https://dovermoaa.org/annual-jrotc-fundraiser>

Our Chapter won 5-Stars for our newsletter AND our website! Congratulations to all!

Advocacy:

The governor will sign SB1 soon. Photos will be in next month's newsletter.

October's speaker will be **Veterans Champion** Representative Jeff Hilovsky.

Future Meetings:



October 16, 2025—Program Col./Dr./Representative Jeff Hilovsky

Menu:

Fettuccine with chicken and vegetables in a white sauce - \$31

Ziti Alla Vodka - \$31

Veal Parmigiana (with spaghetti) - \$33

Help us Grow & Stay Informed!

Why not share the news of membership in our great chapter with your friends and with any eligible military folks with whom you come into contact? Here's the link to our membership form: <https://dovermoaa.org/chapter-membership> .

To keep up to date between monthly newsletters and meetings, don't forget to check out our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/850935569172190>

Though MOAA National rated JB as a 5-star newsletter editor, if anyone wants to replace our fat, lazy newsletter editor, he will step down. To be our newsletter editor, you do not have to have as cute a face or as fuzzy a kissable tummy as JB.

Never Stop Serving,



Respectfully submitted,

JB

Newsletter Editor