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If you haven't done so already, please email [genethornton@comcast.net](mailto:genethornton@comcast.net) to inform if you are receiving this and other emails from yours truly. Thank you.

**Next Dinner Meeting – March 16, 2019:**

The Dover Delaware Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) invites all MOAA Members and their guests, and all active duty, prior service, retired, National Guard, Reserve, USPHS, NOAA, Coast Guard and other Commissioned and/or Warrant Officers of the U.S. Uniformed Services, their spouses and guests to our next dinner meeting:

**Date:** Saturday Evening, April 20, 2019.

**Location:** Roma Italian Ristorante, 3 Presidents Drive, Rt. 113 & Exit 95 Off Rt 113, Dover, DE 19901.

**Time:** 1700 Hours (5 PM) Social Hour. 1800 Hours (6 PM) Sit-Down Dinner.

**Speaker:** None. We will take the Speakers time to discuss direction of club

**Dinner Menu Selections & Cost** (Includes a 20% Gratuity; salad, bread, oil, coffee tea, dessert):

Baked Penne - \$23.00  
Roma Steak \$27  
Shrimp Scampi \$27  
Chicken Francoise \$25

**Reservations:** Please RSVP your party size and menu selections NLT Wednesday, April 17, 2019 to Treasurer LCDR (Ret.) Tom Smith: cell: (301) 904-0228 or [rotorhead65@aol.com](mailto:rotorhead65@aol.com).

**Theme:** Future of our Chapter, update on the ROTC program, and what happened when Tom Smith and others from MOAA "Stormed the Hill"

Please bring along your fellow Chapter Members, friends, and/or potential new Chapter Members as we celebrate spring and "Never Stop Serving" together.

**Chapter Notes:**

**Call to Action:** We are still in dire need of a new Chapter Secretary, so please consider stepping forward to serve in this position. Members as well as spouses or Surviving Spouses are also eligible to fill any Executive Committee position.

The minutes of our March 16, 2019 meeting were provided under separate cover. I failed to attach the Treasurer's Report, so it is provided herein.

Working agenda for the April 20 meeting will be provided under separate cover prior to the meeting.

JROTC Scholarship Committee Report: Chair Angela Showell reports the following:

**MOAA JROTC 2019 Scholarship awards:**

Findlay scholarship award recipient – Brice Taylor, FSMA

MOAA scholarship award recipient -- Daniel C. Kaminski, Polytech

MOAA scholarship award recipient – Aaron R. Jackson, CR

MOAA scholarship award recipient -- Tyler Martin, FSMA

**Call to ACTION:** Need two presenters for JROTC leadership awards. Please contact Angela.

School	Certificate/Medal Recipient	Date	MOAA presenter	Location
Smyrna	Kaitlyn Mast	5/2, 1800		SHS Auditorium.
CR	Bryson Minear	5/8, 1700	Steve Welde	CR HS cafeteria
Polytech	TBD	5/16, 1745	John Jackson	Polytech Auditorium
FSMA	C/First Lieutenant Robert P. Andrews	5/1, 1745	Greg Haven	Clayton Fire Hall, 300 East Street, Clayton, DE 19938
Dover	Cadet Julius Snipes	5/9, 1800		DHS auditorium

Thank you John Jackson for taking over this important committee from Angela.

**Call to Action:** It would be great if two other members would volunteer to help John.

**Member Spotlight:** Ms. Kerry Brooks has done a great job with our Chapter Website. If you haven't seen it, check it out by clicking [here](#).

We rarely see Kerry at our meetings as she is a working mom with young kids and a military husband who travels a lot—and she lives in Middletown—but she is still working hard on our Chapter's behalf. Her bio from the MOAA website is attached. Kerry no longer serves in this position, but is still a member of our chapter, she is our webmaster, and she designed the survey that we will discuss at our April meeting. (Watch for proposed agenda email which will come out soon).

**Notes from MOAA & Legislative Happenings:** Ron Sarg, President of DE Council of Chapters will provide under separate cover.

Ron Sarg provided information subject: Mar 28, 2019 MOAA Newsletter- Drastic Military Medical Cuts: What the Budget Says, and What It Could Mean for Your Care

VP Greg Haven will be working on inviting National MOAA members who are not affiliated with any other chapter to our meetings. If you know of a MOAA member who is not among our ranks and want to provide linkage, please get with Greg.

The State of Delaware just passed a law for a new license plate that can be used by those who received Honorable Characterization of Service and did not serve in time of war. (This is pretty much from the end of the Vietnam Conflict to Desert Storm). Press release was already forwarded to Dover MOAA members.

Blue Water Navy and Agent Orange update: The Department of Veterans Affairs will not appeal a January court ruling that ordered it to provide health care and disability benefits for 90,000 veterans who served on Navy ships during the Vietnam War, likely paving the way for "Blue Water Navy" sailors and Marines to receive Agent Orange-related compensation and VA-paid health care benefits. VA Secretary Robert Wilkie told members of the Senate Armed Services Committee on Tuesday that he will recommend the Justice Department not fight the decision, handing a victory to ill former service members who fought for years to have their diseases recognized as related to exposure to the herbicide Agent Orange. For more information:

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2019/03/26/va-drop-fight-against-blue-water-navy-veterans.html#.XJpjtzn77tg.email>

**Additional Happenings:** Please mark your calendars with the following events:

Today and Saturday April 5 and 6—Battle of the Food Trucks at Harvest Ridge, benefitting DAV and Heroes Hunt. Get tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/harvest-ridge-food-truck-competition-2019-tickets-55283710065>

Mon-Thurs April 8-11, 2019 - "Storming the Hill": Washington D.C.

Various events of special interest to military: See Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/DELCOMMVeteransAffairs/>

Various Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce Meetings: see March newsletter attached. (Remember we can go to any we like, rsvp at chamber) <https://www.cdcc.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/CDCC-April-2019-for-the-web.pdf>

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 - CDCC Sunset business Mixer with FREE food and Business 2 business vendor tables. Harvest Ridge Winery. Log on to CDCC website, above to register.

Friday, May 17, 2019, 1300hrs - DAV convention see details attached. MOAA took out an ad in the program book (courtesy of Ron Sarg).

Wednesday, May 22, 1000hrs check in, shotgun start 1100hrs Blue Suiters Golf Tourney. Each foursome will be two active duty air force and two "other" - you can sponsor an airman and pay his/her fee. See CDCC link, above, for details and to register.

Sunday, September 8, morning early afternoon, Wheels and Wine Car Show and Festival to benefitting Home of the Brave, Lincoln DE. Location: Pizzadili Vineyard and Winery, Felton DE. FREE to public. MOAA is a bronze sponsor (courtesy of me).

**Spring Dinner Meeting:** Please mark your calendars with the following Meeting Date:

Saturday, May 18, 2019 - JROTC Scholarship Banquet, Roma Italian Ristorante, Guest Speaker Navy Master Chief Charles "Chuck" Baldwin. Menu choices will be: Spaghetti with meatballs, Eggplant Parmigiana, Chicken Picante, or Veal Saltimbocca.

This meeting will be sponsored by USAA who has granted us \$300 to help defray the costs of inviting our winning cadets and their families.



I attached an article about Chuck to our last newsletter. In it, you learned that he is donating profits from his book to support the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund. Here is an update: On Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> Chuck presented the Friends of Delaware Veterans with a \$25,000.00 check with which they will set up a Fund with the Delaware Community Foundation (DCF). Several others have also sent in donations and have been able to match Chuck's generosity (in total, cumulative). This is a wonderful way to raise money in support of veterans who need help.

The DCF invests the money in the funds, returning on average 6% per year. DCF takes 2% to manage the funds, leaving 4% annually (if past history holds true) to be re-granted to the Friends 501(c)(3) organization for use as they see fit, but they mainly support the Trust Fund.

Please be sure to thank Chuck for this huge donation when you see him at our May meeting. If you want to be part of it, too, you can click this link and donate on line. In the memo, write that you want to become a FOUNDER in the DCF fund. <http://delawareveteranstrustfund.com/>

To remind, our very own Bill Farley is on the Executive Committee for the Friends organization, Hank McCann, Ron Sarg, and Angela Showell are elected board members. Yours truly was, until very recently, an advisor to the organization and I'm proud to say that I am now an original Founder. It's as easy as clicking the above link with your credit card in hand. It's a very easy way to "never stop serving."

*Gene*

COL Eugenia "Gene" Thornton, USA (Ret.)  
President, Dover DE Chapter of MOAA

Attachments:

Bio for our webmaster  
Information/registration DAV convention  
Treasurer's Report



