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September 2019

Next Dinner Meeting – September 21, 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, September 21, 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: Guest Speaker Andrew West, Managing Editor, Delaware State News

Business Meeting: will end NLT 2000hrs

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

Baked Penne – \$23.00

Roma Steak - \$27.00

Chicken Françoise - \$25.00

Shrimp Scampi - \$27.00

Reservations: Please RSVP your party size and menu selections NLT Wednesday, Sept 18, 2019 to Treasurer LCDR (Ret.) Tom Smith: cell: (301) 904-0228 or rotorhead65@aol.com.



Speaker Bio: Delaware State News Executive Editor Andrew West is in his 29th year with the state capital daily.

He has led news operations for the Delaware State News since 1996. His "From the Editor" column appears in Sunday editions.

West first joined the Delaware State News as Sports Editor, then from 1993 to 1996, he held editor positions for Delaware State News sister publications in Sussex County.

West got his start in newspapers as a senior in high school, reporting on sports for The Daily Times in Salisbury, Md., in 1980.

After graduating from the University of Delaware in 1985, he worked for The (Wilmington) News Journal, USA Today, The Saratogian in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.; The Lansdale (Pa.) Reporter and The Reading (Pa.) Eagle-Times.

When he can trade the work shoes for no shoes, he spends his time on the beach building sandcastles for fun and sometimes competing in contests in Delaware and New Jersey. West has 10 consecutive top 10 finishes in the Rehoboth Beach contest and last year finished second in the Pro-Am Division at Wildwood Crest, New Jersey.

His other love is soccer, coaching youth teams for the past 18 years and for the past five years serving as head coach of the Lake Forest School District's middle school girls team.

He will talk about the past, present and future of the Delaware State News. He also can talk about sandcastles during Q & A.

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 1: 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.

Call to Action 2: Please complete the survey you received via email on your thoughts about JROTC scholarships. So far, we have 24 responses but we want to hear from everyone, if possible, so we can be sure we are heading in the right direction. Here is the link to the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MN8ZQ38>

Notes from MOAA & Legislative Happenings: The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) can easily fund its charities with a little help from its members.

In this 3 minute video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yu95j1ujvEk&feature=youtu.be> Mike Turner, VP of Development, discusses the importance of its charities, their successes, high ratings and how easily they can be funded by small commitments from MOAA members.

Since 1948 MOAA's Scholarship Fund has provided grants and loans of \$140,000,000 to the children of military and veteran families. 100% of EVERY donation goes directly to a military child. The Military Family Initiative, MOAA's newest charity, funds programs and services in four areas of critical military and veteran family needs: Career Transition, Professional Education Outreach, Military Spouse Professional Development, and Community Outreach.

To donate visit <https://www.moaa.org/donate>

The MOAA Scholarship Fund is a non-profit charity organization and is tax-exempt under the IRS Code Section 501(c)3 (EIN 54-1659039).

The MOAA Military Family Initiative is a non-profit charity organization and is tax-exempt under the IRS Code Section 501(c)3 (EIN 46-4219250).

We are having a MOAA official as a guest speaker at our November meeting. That person may ask us, "How many charities does MOAA sponsor?" If she does, we are going to pop off with TWO! That way she will be super impressed with our mastery of all things MOAA.

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

Various events of special interest to military: See Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/DELCOMMVeteransAffairs/> Please note the AUSA Golf outing sponsored by our own Gary Dawson.

Various Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce Meetings: see March newsletter attached. (Remember we can go to any we like, rsvp at chamber)

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).

Monday, September 9, 5:30, Harrington Racetrack, tent trackside CDCC Night at the Races. If you make ONE CDCC event, make it this one. You will be trackside, betting on site, open bar, nice buffet...there is a small cost (\$25) for this one, but it is worth it! RSVP to Central DE Chamber of Commerce info@cdcc.net

September 12, 2019: **I Am Not Invisible Photography Project** is coming to the Wilmington VA Medical Center, 8th floor, Room 8050 on September 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The project aims to increase awareness about women Veterans. All women Veterans are invited to join the campaign honoring women Vets by posing for a picture. See more [here on Facebook](#), [here on Vantage Point](#) and [here on Pulse](#).

Saturday, November 11, 2019 – Veterans Trust Fund Dinner, Dover Downs. See Update on Veterans Trust Fund, attached. Tickets to dinner are \$100. Anyone want to get together for a table? Contact Gene Thornton.

Dinner Meetings: Please mark your calendars with the following Meeting Dates:

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Saturday, October 19, 2019 – LT General Ron Blanck, former Surgeon General of the US Army, currently with Martin, Blanck and Associates to speak about “The Ongoing Reorganization Military Medicine and Implications.” Greg Haven will have a donation box for items to be distributed to various veterans’ organizations. This is a Knights of Columbus project.

Saturday, November 16, 2019 – 5pm social, meal 6pm, meeting 7-8 featuring a speaker from MOAA National. We will also have our Table of Honor Ceremony and donations of canned goods for the Delaware Food Bank. Spaghetti with meatballs – \$23.00; Eggplant Parmigiana - \$23.00; Chicken Picante - \$25.00; Veal Saltimbocca - \$27.00

Sunday, December 8, 2019

Saturday, January 20, 2020 – *tentative*: VVA Chapter 850’s Service Dog Project.

February 11, 2020—Outback Steakhouse (for directions, click [HERE](#)) JROTC Fundraiser. Flyer is attached.

If you've read all the way to here, congratulations! Now, please call Tom or shoot him an email to let him know you will be coming to the dinner honoring our great JROTC cadets.

Never Stop Serving!

Gene

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

Attachments:

I am not Invisible Project

MOAA fundraiser Flyer

Update on Veterans Trust Fund

My Military Rewards Information

