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October 2019

Next Dinner Meeting – October 19, 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:

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.

Special Project: Greg Haven will have a donation box for items to be distributed to various veterans' organizations. This is a Knights of Columbus project. Toiletries, gently used clothing (work for Home of the Brave and "easy fitting" for the Delaware Veterans Home). See back of flyer you received at last meeting for details or call Greg.

Speaker: LTG Ron Blanck, former Surgeon General of the US Army (Ret.), currently with Martin, Blanck and Associates Andrew West

Topic: "The Ongoing Reorganization Military Medicine and Implications"

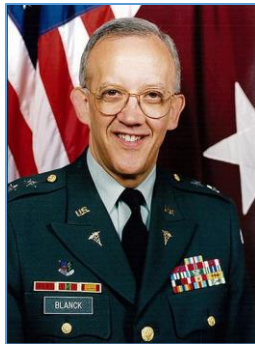
Business Meeting: will end NLT 2000hrs

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

- Veggie Risotto - \$23.00; (not vegan, has cheese & chicken broth, can be prepared vegan—tell Tom when you reserve.)
- Chicken Francois & Pasta - \$25.00
- Roasted Salmon over whipped potatoes and grilled asparagus - \$27.00

- Veal Parmigiana - \$27.00
- Ordering off menu due to allergies must be done when you RSVP

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



Speaker Bio: Dr. Ronald R. Blanck, D.O., Lieutenant General (U.S. Army, retired) is a partner and Chairman of the Board of Martin, Blanck & Associates. The company formerly Martin & Associates, does health care consulting for the private sector and the government. He retired as the President of the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth June 30, 2006. As president, Dr. Blanck headed an academic health center that includes the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, School of Public Health and School of Health Professions.

A graduate of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Blanck, is board certified in internal medicine. He joined the UNT Health Science Center in August 2000 after his retirement from the U.S. Army.

Dr. Blanck began his military career in 1968 as a medical officer and battalion surgeon in Vietnam. He retired 32 years later as the Surgeon General of the U.S. Army and commander of the U.S. Army Medical Command - with more than 46,000 military personnel and 26,000 civilian employees throughout the world.

During his distinguished military career, Dr. Blanck also served as commander of Walter Reed Army Medical Center, North Atlantic Region Medical Command and Director of Professional Services and Chief of Medical Corps Affairs for the U.S. Army Surgeon General. Other assignments included Assistant Dean of Student Affairs at the Uniformed Services University School of Medicine, Chief of the Department of Medicine at Brooke Army Medical Center, Commander, Berlin Army Hospital and Commander, Frankfurt Regional Army Medical Center.

His academic credentials include teaching positions at Georgetown University, George Washington University, Howard University School of Medicine, The Uniformed Services

University, the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and the University of North Texas Health Science Center

Dr. Blanck's military honors include Distinguished Service Medals, Defense Superior Service Medals, Legions of Merit, the Bronze Star and Meritorious Service and Army Commendation Medals.

After joining the UNT Health Science Center, Dr. Blanck continued to be recognized for his leadership in health and medicine. The American Medical Association honored him with its highest award for government officials, the Dr. Nathan Davis Award. A past Governor of the American College of Physicians/American Society of Internal Medicine, Dr. Blanck was named a Master by the specialists' society. He is Chairman of the Board of the Education Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates, Chairman of the Board of VetFed, Inc., Chairman of the Board of Tenax Inc. and Chairman of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. He is past Chairman of the VA's National Research Advisory Council, past Chairman of the Board of Managers of the Association of Military Surgeons of the US, and a past member of the Board of Trustees of Juniata College as well as the National board of Medical Examiners.

Dr. Blanck continues to be consulted as an advisor on bioterrorism issues and an expert in preparing the medical community to respond to mass casualty incidents or those involving weapons of mass destruction. In addition to his many speaking engagements and advisory positions, he chaired task forces on bioterrorism for both the Texas Medical Association and the American Osteopathic Association.

Dr. Blanck and his wife Donna have two daughters, Jennifer, who is married to Shane Siegel and Susan, who is married to Andrew Van Horn.

Chapter Notes:

Call to Action 1: We are still in dire need of a Chapter Secretary, Chapter PAO, so please consider stepping forward to serve in these positions. Members as well as spouses or Surviving Spouses are also eligible to fill any Executive Committee position.

Call to Action 2: Ron Sarg will be manning the MOAA table at Retiree Appreciation Day, Oct 26, from 0745 to 1230. If you want to help him, please contact him directly @ eglron@comcast.net. If you do not have a valid ID card, you will need to provide your name, through Ron, three weeks in advance so you can get on base.

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> .

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).

Do you belong to National? You should—basic membership is FREE and you can keep up with happenings at the national level and be a part of legislative calls to action, etc. You can access the website for all its great content. If you become a full member or (at our ages, why not?) a LIFE MEMBER, then you will get the award winning MOAA magazine, “The Officer.” All sorts of great articles, updates on legislative affairs, what other chapters are doing, your benefits, where to retire (if you decide to move from Delaware)....AND you would have seen a photo of YOURS TRULY being highlighted in the October edition!

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

Delaware State News is honoring veterans by posting their photos. You can send in your own photo and/or photos of loved ones who served. There is no charge. The images will be included in “A Tribute to Our Heroes” in the Nov. 10 edition of the Delaware State News. Simply post information and a photo at <https://delawarestatenews.secondstreetapp.com/Tribute-to-Heroes/gallery>. Or you can bring the photo by DSN office, 110 Galaxy Drive, Dover, so it can be scanned. With each photo, we will share the name, branch and years or era of service.

Various Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce Meetings: see October 2019 newsletter attached. (Remember we can go to any we like, rsvp at chamber) <https://www.cdcc.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/CDCC-October-2019-final-for-the-web-1.pdf>

Saturday, October 12, 2019, 1300 - 1400: *The Delaware Military Heritage and Education Foundation* will host a talk by author Larrie D. Ferreiro. He will speak about his book entitled **BROTHERS AT ARMS**, a Pulitzer Prize finalist in history. This book focuses on how France and Spain helped in the American fight for Independence. The location is the ***Delaware Military Museum*** at First Regiment Road, Wilmington, DE. The Museum is open for tours on Wednesdays 1000 - 1300 and the 2nd Saturday of every month from 1200 - 1500 with free presentations 1300 - 1400. (submitted by Earl Seppala, DCVA Commissioner, At Large, Home: (302) 239-0641, Cell: (302) 290-0274.

October 26, 2019 - Retiree Appreciation Day, Saturday from 0800-1200 at the Landings Club.

Saturday, November 9, 2019 – Veterans Trust Fund Dinner, Dover Downs, 6-9pm. Tickets to dinner are \$100. MOAA is a Sponsor (courtesy of Ron Sarg and Gene Thornton so we could get our name in the program and in early advertising). All 8 seats at our table were filled on a first

come, first seated basis...However, tickets are still available through the Trust Fun website. If you attend, you can still “hang out” at the MOAA Table, just not during the meal. Please let Gene know if you are attending in event someone drops off the MOAA table unexpectedly. Flyer attached.

Saturday, January 4, 2020. 1000hrs Delaware Public Archives “**War beneath the Waves: US Submarine Operations in World War II**” presented by Robert Clark, President of Wesley College, former Commandant of Midshipman at the US Naval Academy. Free. (There are wonderful FREE programs every first Saturday beginning at 1030.)

Various: Equine Therapy. See flyer attached.

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

Saturday, November 16, 2019—speakers VVA 850 members Ken Bodine, Ray Harris, Joe Startt, Danny Watson, trainer Nelson Miller, and a service dog yet to be determined. Topic: VVA Chapter 850 Service Dog Project. Forms to buy bricks for Dover’s military memorial park and 10 year commemorative coins will be available for sale, bring check book if you want to contribute (tax deductible). 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 Florentine - \$25.00; Veal Saltimbocca - \$27.00

Sunday, December 8, 2019 Holiday Sing a Long with Jackie and a surprise visit from Santa! Special menu: Crab Cakes - \$27; New York Strip Steak - \$27; Chicken Marsala - \$25 Penne with Vodka Cream – \$23. Please remember to bring unwrapped new toy in support of Toys for Tots.

Saturday, January 18, 2020 – *COL Harold E. Cooney, USA (Ret.)* . DoD, Military Community & Family Policy Northeast Regional Liaison (CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT). Topic: “Connecting you to your best MilLife.” For more info visit: <https://statepolicy.militaryonesource.mil> Menu choices: Baked Penne - \$23.00; Roma Steak - \$27; Shrimp Scampi - \$27; Chicken Picante \$25

February 11, 2020—Outback Steakhouse (for directions, click [HERE](#)) JROTC Fundraiser. Flyer is attached. Remember to invite your friends and family. Our donation is calculated on total cost of your meal, including adult beverages! Even on Take Out! And it goes the entire time the restaurant is open.

March and/or April, 2020— TENSATIVE. Mapledale Country Club—BRUNCH (buffet line open between 0900 and 1100hrs) Many of our members do not drive at night, we are seeking a way to be more inclusive and we thought we would try a brunch. Our Surviving Spouse Coordinator, Lucy Findlay, has arranged for us to go through the brunch line and sit in a private room. No charge for us to use the private room! BRIEF MEETING and lots of comradery. We will discuss

at our meeting in October. Date, time, idea...come to the meeting prepared to discuss (or contact Gene or Lucy with your thoughts if you will not be at the October meeting).

April 18, 2020—Fitness and Fun presentation by Evans Armstrong, USAF (ret.) owner of very popular CNU Fit of Dover, Milford and DAFB Gym.

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 meeting and what you will eat.

Never Stop Serving!

Gene

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

Attachments:

1. Veterans Trust Fund Dinner Flyer...we have table for 8 locked down already, but if you attend, come hang out with us other than meal time.
2. Equine Therapy for you or for you to share with a friend

