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November 2019

Next Dinner Meeting – Saturday, November 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:

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: Please bring nonperishable food item (or monetary donation) for the Delaware Food Bank.

Special Event: Table of Honor Ceremony

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—CASH (Canines Assisting Service Heroes)” (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) to these projects or to CASH).

Business Meeting: will end NLT 2000hrs

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

- Spaghetti with meatballs – \$23.00

- Eggplant Parmigiana - \$23.00
- Chicken Florentine - \$25.00
- Veal Saltimbocca - \$27.00

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.

Attached are pictures of Chief, Duke and Gunny (in that order). Duke will be presented to his veteran family on December 19th at the VVA Christmas Party.



Speaker Info: CASH procures, trains and provides—at no charge--service dogs to veterans of the Armed Forces who have Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Traumatic Brain Injury, or who are amputees. The unconditional love given and received by these dogs changes the lives of Delaware's veterans. While these specially trained and socialized dogs do not run down terrorists wearing explosive vests, they provide heroic services and emotional support every day, allowing wounded warriors successful reentry into normal lives. Contact Riedel K9 or VVA Chapter 850 for more information or to donate money or a dog.

We will have some flyers about CASH on the tables in back of room, along with other items VVA Chapter 850 wants to bring to our attention. This chapter has done so much for Kent County: It is they who made and maintain the Veterans Memorial Park in Dover; it is they who conduct two big ceremonies per year there, on Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

Chapter Notes:

Call to Action 1: We are still in dire need of a Chapter Secretary, Chapter publicity chair and a Chapter Program Chair (all three of these positions are currently being filled by yours truly) 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: John Jackson has introduced himself to the JROTC Instructors and informed them there are changes. As of now, he is in the process of writing local politicians and businesses soliciting funds for our scholarships. If you know of businesses who might be interested, please let John know. We also solicit from among our members, too, so bear that in mind as time marches forward. Also, looking for ideas for a speaker for our JROTC banquet. Patting self on back for last year's speaker, need someone just as good (and brief!) and inspiring. Please let Gene know if you have ideas. (or if you want to volunteer to speak)

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).

Veterans Home loses Administrator. Sadly, the new Administrator for the Delaware Veterans Home has taken a new job where he will get a larger salary and endure less “political oversight.” Ron warned us back in January that the low salary was a factor in recruiting and retaining quality folks on staff at the DVH. (Not that the ones who are there are not committed, but to seek out the best to move to Delaware and work there is a different matter.) *We may need to get active on this topic.* Ron has the lead for now and will keep us informed and let us know when we need to spring to action.

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 Tom Smith and Senator Carper in the June 2019 edition! (see attached)

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->

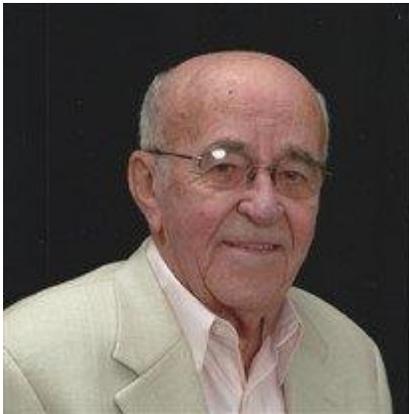
Heroes/gallery. Or you can bring the photo by DSN office, 110 Galaxy Drive, Dover, so it can be scanned. With each photo, we will share the name, branch and years or era of service.

Various Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce Meetings: see November 2019 newsletter at https://www.cdcc.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/CDCC-November-2019-final-for-the-web.FINAL_2.pdf (Remember we can go to any we like, rsvp at chamber)

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 are filled and we are sitting with Robert Johnson, Mayor of Smyrna. If you attend, you can still “hang out” at the MOAA Table whenever not required to be in your seat.

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.)

Death in our MOAA family: Lt. Col Clarence Wolgemuth passed a few months ago at age 98. You can read his obituary, order flowers, post to his guest book and write to his widow Kathleen from this site: <https://www.traderfh.com/obituaries/Clarence-Wolgemuth/> He is being buried at Arlington with full military honors today, Nov 6. Condolences to those of you who knew him well and worked with him at the AMC Museum. His family requests that donations be made to the AMC Museum in lieu of flowers. If you want to bring a check for the museum, I will collect them and take them over, unless someone who knew him well volunteers to do this.



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

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 21, 2020—TBD possibly Mathew Baxter from SS moved up from Sept.

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 November 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.

May 16, 2020 JROTC Scholarship Awards Banquet, speaker TBD looking for suggestions--kids will be in audience.

June, July, Aug No meeting – enjoy your summer!

Sept 19, 2020 Matthew Baxter Public Affairs Specialist Social Security Administration. Topics: Trust fund solvency, fraud prevention, survivor benefits, Medicare, and our free online services. If anyone has any other Social Security issues they want addressed, please let Gene know.

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. Tom Smith convinces Senator Tom Carper to co-sign the bill eliminating Widow's Tax (currently part of the NDAA)
2. MOAA in the News—Mentioned as a sponsor for Bluesuiters Golf Tournament

