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December 2019

**Next Dinner Meeting – Sunday (note change of day), December 8 (note change of week), 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 unopened toy item for Toys for Tots.

**Special Event:** Item of Clothing showing the most Christmas Spirit wins a prize!

**Speakers:**—Jackie will lead us in song; Santa will be on hand.

**Topic:** Happy Holidays!

**Business Meeting:** will end NLT 2000hrs

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

- Crab Cakes - \$27;
- New York Strip Steak - \$27; (how do you want it cooked?)
- Chicken Marsala - \$25
- Penne with Vodka Cream – \$23.

NB: At last meeting Roma begin to charge a 20% tip to our drink orders. Any tip you write in is additional to 20%. Please make a note of this. (20% has always been added to the price of our meal and is included in your meal price).

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** A “Secret Santa” has once again purchased snacks for our social hour. I think we can guess who this generous person is, so please thank him. Rumor has it the real Santa will be on hand and have a gift for him...so let’s see what happens. Regardless, be sure to **come a bit earlier** so you can enjoy the extra nosh being provided by our very own Secret Santa! (Doors open at 5)

**Reservations:** Please RSVP your party size and menu selections NLT Thursday, Dec 5, 2019 to Treasurer LCDR (Ret.) Tom Smith: cell: (301) 904-0228 or [rotorhead65@aol.com](mailto:rotorhead65@aol.com)  
If you are going to invite a guest, this is a great meeting to do it.

### 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:** Ron and I attended the MILCOM Breakfast at the base. We were able to personally thank all three of our federal elected officials for their support of the elimination of the widow’s tax. Also, Delaware Senator Trey Pardee was there and I thanked him for his support of our JROTC scholarship program again this year. **Should you run into any of our elected federal officials, or our Delaware Jaques, Ennis, Pardee please take a moment to thank them for their support.**

Here are some pix I snapped that morning:



Figure 1 Gene Thanks Senator Chris Coons. No photos of her with our other two.



*Figure 2 Delaware Senator Trey Pardee donated \$50 to our scholarship fund. Sen Ennis and Rep Jaques also donated.*



*Figure 3 Honor Guard*



*Figure 4 Master of Ceremonies was Evans Armstrong, who will be speaking to us in April. He owns CNU Fit and is former member of US Air Force.*

*Community*

*Camaraderie*

*Advocacy*



*Figure 5 Open notebook in front of him, Ron Sarg (our Council of Chapter President) noted all important issues.*

Remember you, as members of Dover MOAA, may attend any Chamber activities...you only need RSVP and wear your MOAA name tag (or they will provide one for you).

**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> .

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 Another.** Last month I reported we lost our Administrator, this month I am sad to report we also lost our Director of Nursing. Low wages and political interference seem to be issues. Ron is going to work on this and will keep us informed.

**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)

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

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

**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.)

**Wednesday, Feb 12, 2020, 1730-1930hrs Landings, Military Affaire (free).**

**Thursday, March 26, 2020 1130-1330hrs Dover Downs 18<sup>th</sup> Annual CDCC Legislative Luncheon**

**Thursday, April 23, 2020, 0900-1500hrs, Dover Downs, 19<sup>th</sup> Annual CDCC 55+ Expo**

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

**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—** Ms. Jewell Robinson, Ms. Delmarva Veteran (tentative). Menu: Stuffed Manicotti with Meatballs \$23; Chicken Parmigiana \$25; Rockfish encrusted with crabmeat in cream tomato sauce \$27; Veal Parmigiana - \$27.00.

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

**May 16, 2020 JROTC Scholarship Awards Banquet**, speaker U.S. Army Brig. Gen Michael Berry, The Adjutant General, Delaware National Guard and Mrs. Berry (aka Brig Gen Berry, Deputy TAG, State of Connecticut.) Verbal okay from BG Berry but not from DANG yet. Menu:

Spaghetti with meatballs – \$23.00; Eggplant Parmigiana - \$23.00; Chicken Florentine - \$25.00; Veal Saltimbocca - \$27.

**June, July, Aug** No meeting – enjoy your summer! Would you like to do a pot luck picnic?

**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*

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President, Dover DE Chapter of MOAA

