



**(Dovermoaa.org)**

February 2020

**JROTC Fundraiser February 11, 2020—Outback Steakhouse** (for directions and copy of flyer, click [HERE](#)). 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. You must have the flyer.

**NEW EVENT: February 16, 2020—Sunday Brunch at Maple Dale Country Club.** (Website: <http://mapledalecc.com/> ) Gather and start though the line at NOON—line shuts at 1300 so don't be late! **Reservations, as usual to Tom on Thursday before the Sunday we meet.** Tom has to give a headcount in advance since we will have a private dining room set up for us. Cost: \$20 paid to Tom at the door. Maple Dale is west of Dover, off Kenton Road. Address is: 180 Maple Dale Circle, Dover, Delaware 19904. Bring a guest--even better, a prospective member! If you need a ride, let Tom know when you RSVP.

**Next Dinner Meeting – Saturday March 21, 2020**

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**

**Program: Ms. Jewell Robinson, Ms. Delmarva Veteran**

**Topic: Diversity Inclusion (see below)**



## Congratulations to a Real Gem!

A native of Georgia and a graduate of the University of Georgia... a marine reservist for over 22 years... deployed twice to Iraq... serving most recently as a vital part of the joint forces Air Force Medical Examiner's System... owner and operator of Jewell Robinson Insurance and Financial Services... Jewell Robinson never expected to become involved in pageant life. After attending an event and meeting the reigning Ms. Delmarva Veteran, she became interested in the possibilities that such an adventure could offer. With no previous pageant experience, she jumped in with both feet, and at the end of September, was named "Ms. Delmarva Veteran!"

"Making a positive difference" is exactly why Jewell chose to enter the Ms. Delmarva pageant world. Jewell wants to use her year-long reign to develop and implement a diversity and inclusion program in all branches of the armed services.

Currently, across all military branches, there is not a diversity and inclusion training or education program that is part of an annual required training.

With this in mind, she would like to develop a program called G.E.M.S. (Gender, Equality, Multicultural, Support). She has engaged the offices of U.S. Congresswoman Lisa Blunt-Rochester, Governor John C. Carney and his Veteran Affairs Representative Joe Bryant – and, in the near future, she will be reaching out to key military officials. Her vision is to obtain approval to develop the program, create an elite team of individuals to help bring content to the program, teach the program to selected individuals who will, in turn, teach the concepts at each unit throughout all military branches, and who will continually be part of the evolution and transformation of the program for years to come.

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

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

- Stuffed Manicotti with Meatballs \$23;
- Chicken Parmigiana \$25;
- Rockfish encrusted with crabmeat in cream tomato sauce \$27;
- Veal Parmigiana - \$27.00.

NB: In November, **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).

**Reservations:** Please RSVP your party size and menu selections NLT Thursday, Feb 13 2020 to Treasurer LCDR (Ret.) Tom Smith: cell: (301) 904-0228 or [rotorhead65@aol.com](mailto:rotorhead65@aol.com)

### 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:** Lisa Blunt Rochester, our only member of the House of Representatives, will be hosting a Veterans Roundtable at the Camden VFW on Friday, Feb 14 from 10-1130hrs. Invitation only, but our very own Ron Sarg will attend. Please contact Ron if you have any specific things you hope will be addressed. Ron will fill us in at a meeting soon about what he learned from the session.

**Call to Action 3:** We discussed hosting a public event for Pearl Harbor Day at a recent meeting. There is no other military organization doing this. Everyone thought it a great idea, but no one volunteered to work on the committee. You want to do this, we need a committee. Tom Dix volunteered to donate money to cover the insurance. So all we need now is an idea and people to plan it.

**Notes from MOAA & Legislative Happenings:** See above Call to Action.

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

**Various Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce Meetings:** see newsletter at <https://www.cdcc.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/CDCC-February-2020-for-the-web.pdf> (Remember we can go to any we like, rsvp at chamber 302-734-7513 or email [adminassistant@cdcc.net](mailto:adminassistant@cdcc.net))

**Wednesday, Feb 12, 2020, 1730-1930hrs Landings, Military Affaire (free).** MOAA is a sponsor of this event courtesy of the generosity of Ron Sarg. If you did not make reservations already, it is now too late. Mark your calendar for next year as this happens annually.

**Friday and Saturday, February 21 (1200-2000hrs) and February 22 (1000 – 1800hrs), CDCC Home and Garden Expo.** Harrington Raceway & Casino Gold Room. Visit [www.cdcc.net/homeshow](http://www.cdcc.net/homeshow) for more information.

**February 26, 2020 CDCC Sunset Business Mixer.** 1700-2100hrs. Keystone Funding, 519 S. Red Haven Lane, in Dover. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and beverages! RSVP required, event is free.

**Thursday, March 26, 2020 1130-1330hrs Dover Downs 18<sup>th</sup> Annual CDCC Legislative Luncheon** RSVPs required to attend this. (see newsletter for more details)

**Thursday, April 23, 2020, 0900-1500hrs, Dover Downs, 19<sup>th</sup> Annual CDCC 55+ Expo 0900-1500.** (see newsletter for more details)

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

**April 18, 2020**—Fitness and Fun presentation by Evans Armstrong, USAF (ret.) owner of very popular CNU Fit of Dover, Milford and DAFB Gym. Evans is also the Chair of the CDCC Military Affairs Committee. 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.) Tentative: *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.~~ Matthew contacted me saying they did not have the budget for him to come below the canal to speak to us. Working on Civil War Historian to bring some artifacts and discuss.

**October 17, 2020.** MOAA speaker! From our headquarters in DC.

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



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