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March 2020 (Dues and Donation Month!)

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 article, below) and see article in Dover Post by clicking this link <https://www.doverpost.com/news/20200108/more-inclusive-military>

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 began to charge a 20% tip to our drink orders**. Any tip you write in **is additional to 20%**. Please make a note of this. This is last reminder.

Feeling Lucky? Wear some GREEN and see who wins the coveted Dover MOAA mug!

Reservations: Please RSVP your party size and menu selections NLT Thursday, Mar 19, 2020 to Treasurer LCDR (Ret.) Tom Smith: cell: (301) 904-0228 or rotorhead65@aol.com



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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, everyone...our chapter turned 50 years old back on July 22. MOAA HQ sent a nice certificate and I've asked Roma's to give us sheet cake we can cut in celebration.

Chapter Notes:

Call to Action 1: It's time to Re-UP your membership if you have not already done so. Tom is standing by to receive your checks at the March meeting, mailed to our PO Box at --- You can download the form at <https://dovermoaa.org/membership> (or if nothing has changed, just mail the check to Tom)

Or, for extra convenience, you can renew using a link at the MOAA website. You can use a credit card. Use the link below (but first you must join MOAA National if you aren't already a member, all three levels of membership are described).

If you are already a member of MOAA, then log in and once you do, you will see "renew/upgrade" just below "welcome (your name)". Click that to renew to our chapter.

https://www.moaa.org/join/?gclid=CjwKCAiA7t3yBRADEiwA4GFII4VAZDFECKrFoa3ltEF0ZiCftppqoqtFSQtt3rbuSglGpJr7V11zbvhoCskgQAvD_BwE

Call to Action 2: Time to donate to our JROTC Scholarship Fund! You can give your check(s) to Tom and Lucy (or to Tom for Lucy). If you donate to both the Findlay Fund and the Dover MOAA fund, be sure to mark which fund on your check memo. We will need two different checks please as we have the funds separated at the bank.

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. In addition, Tom has found space for a memorial in Dover, should MOAA want to head up this action. We discussed this at the Brunch, and Pat pointed out that there was already a memorial in Kent County, in Smyrna. Discussion to be continued.

Call to Action 4: Protect yourself from Corona Virus. Below is being provided by our governor:

“The risk of coronavirus remains low for Delawareans and there have been no confirmed cases of coronavirus in Delaware to date. The **Delaware Division of Public Health** (click this link to be taken to public health website) is leading the effort to ensure that Delawareans are prepared.

“The best practices to stay healthy and to avoid spreading germs:

- Wash your hands.
- Cover your cough.
- Disinfect surfaces frequently.
- Stay home if you are sick.

[“Watch full press conference.”](#) (Click this link to watch press conference)

Also consider printing out this link and sharing it for more detail.

<https://files.constantcontact.com/e2bfac1e501/ddea285d-cd41-4945-ba5e-f1fa2afaf3c6.pdf>

Call to Action 5: 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.

Notes from MOAA & Legislative Happenings: Please see attached list of items provided to our elected officials by our Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs. Ron Sarg will brief us on all these at our April Meeting, so please print them out if you want to refer to them in April.

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

Various Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce Meetings: see our own [Bill Farley's](#) photo in this issue and his daughter, Deb, featured towards the end of the newsletter at <https://www.cdcc.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/CDCC-MARCH-2020-for-the-web.pdf> (Remember we can go to any we like, rsvp at chamber 302-734-7513 or email adminassistant@cdcc.net)

March 6 & 7, 2020 Smyrna Opera House, Clean, non-political comedian show benefitting the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund (see flyer right). 1930hrs.

Saturday, March 7, 2020 Delaware Public Archives, 1030, "Delaware Struggle for Women's Right to Vote" FREE lecture this Saturday and every first Saturday of the month.

Wednesday, March 25, Sunset Business Mixer, 5-7pm, Advantech Inc, 151 Garrison Oak Drive, Dover with ribbon cutting for new state of the art corporate building at 4:45

Thursday, March 26, 2020 1130-1330hrs Dover Downs 18th Annual CDCC Legislative Luncheon RSVPs required to attend this. (See CDCC newsletter --\$45 per person if rsvp before Mar 11)

Saturday, March 28, 2020 1400hrs, Vietnam Veterans Day Commemoration. Kent County Veterans Memorial Park (behind Levy Court) S. Little Creek Rd., Dover Retired Navy Command Master Chief Charles "Chuck" Baldwin will serve as keynote speaker. You will recall Chuck spoke at our JROTC Awards Banquet last year.

Thursday, April 23, 2020, 0900-1500hrs, Dover Downs, 19th Annual CDCC 55+ Expo 0900-1500. (FREE admission: see newsletter for more details)

Wednesday, April 29, 2020 Sunset Business Mixer w/ Mini Masters Golf at Tre Sorelle Dolce in Camden, 4-7. See newsletter for details.



BENEFIT FOR THE DELAWARE VETERANS TRUST FUND



TICKETS \$35

www.smyrnaoperahouse.org
302.653.4236
7 West South St. Smyrna, DE

Comedian Zenneth Nevers, a nationally recognized touring comedian and motivational speaker, will entertain audiences at the historic Smyrna Opera House at 7 W. South St., on Friday and Saturday March 6 and 7 at 7:30 p.m. to benefit the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund.

This collaboration is a first for both organizations, according to Dave Skocik president of the Friends of Delaware Veterans, the fundraising arm of the Trust Fund.

"We chose Mr. Nevers because his comedy doesn't include politics or rough language – in other words it's family friendly and the Opera House provides a wonderful venue. The unusual two-night gig was made possible by Managing Director Brian Hill, whose priority is first rate entertainment and community outreach," said Mr. Skocik.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a night out while supporting Delaware's men and women who have served us so well," said Mr. Hill.

This organization is supported, in part, by a grant from the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts. The Division promotes Delaware arts events on www.DelawareScene.com.



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

April 18, 2020— Colonel/Dr. Ron Sarg on Legislative matters presented to our elected officials by the Delaware Veterans Commission (see attached) (10-15 min) AND Major Bill Farley with (tentative) Kent Johnson, the VA Crisis Response Team Coordinator for Delaware (15 min).

In addition to being members of our chapter, Ron and Bill are also Commissioners on the Delaware Veterans Affairs Commission. 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 Col Kenneth Haltom, a traditional citizen/Airman who outside of the uniform is a Deputy Attorney General with the State of Delaware with more than 22 years' experience practicing law.

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 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. Baked Penne - \$23.00; Roma Steak \$27 NOTE: Italian version with chopped beef tips, not a solid steak; Shrimp Scampi \$27; Chicken Picante \$25.

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

November 21, 2020. David Skocik, Lobbyist for Delaware Veterans Coalition. Menu Selection: Stuffed Manicotti with Meatballs \$23; Chicken Parmigiana \$25; Rockfish encrusted with crabmeat in cream tomato sauce \$27; Veal Parmigiana - \$27.00

December—Do we want a sing along? If it ain't broke, don't fix it...unless you guys want a change...let me know.

January—civil war historian, tentative

February—Fundraiser at Outback and BRUNCH at Maple Dale

March—NOTE: yours truly will be speaking at the Archives for first Saturday program.

April 17, 2021 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.
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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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