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Next Dinner Meeting – Saturday May 16, 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: JROTC Banquet---CANCELLED DUE TO COVID 19

Dinner Menu Selections & Cost Please consider doing a takeout meal from Roma's on this day or near to this day. We want them to stay afloat so we can resume our association with them when this is over.

HOWEVER: If you are craving a speaker, here is Greg Fontenot on CSPAN discussing his book about the First Infantry Division from 1970 to Desert Storm.

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?443479-1/1st-infantry-operation-desert-storm>

It takes an hour...but to make it more interesting....I have some questions for you. The first person to email me with all correctly answered, will win the COVETED Dover MOAA mug!

1. *Who is the author's favorite one legged cavalry officer? And when did Fontenot claim he entered the Army?*
2. *What is meant by echelons?*

- 3. Does the author believe Saddam Husain was rational or irrational?*
- 4. What does the author say is the most important lesson of Desert Storm?*
- 5. What two members of Dover MOAA are specifically mentioned? (one by name, the other by inference.)*
- 6. Who "screwed up the end of the war," according to the author? What is given as proof/example of how the war ended was "hosed"?*
- 7. "Never go anywhere without the _____"*
- 8. Why was it hard to use GPS in the desert?*
- 9. Did Strategic lift using Civil Reserve Air Fleet and Ready Reserve Fleet play a role on Desert Storm?*
- 10. Did the Iraqi Army soldiers fight as hard as those who were at Waterloo?*
- 11. How much does water weigh?*
- 12. What is the author's screen saver and why does it matter so much to him?*
- 13. Victory is always total. True or False?*
- 14. How many naval vessels almost sunk in the Persian Gulf?*
- 15. How many years of Regan's Administration was the military budget plumped up?*

Extra Credit: What Dover MOAA member was instrumental in the manufacture of the Bradley fighting Vehicle mentioned in this briefing? (Hint: the person is retired Navy)

Send your answers to me at genethornton@comcast.net. Most correct answers with the earliest time wins the mug!

Did you have fun with this? Learn something new? Do you want to do it again? Do you have a lecture or film to recommend?

Chapter Notes:

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. We will do this when we get back together.

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_\(or if nothing has changed, just mail the check to Tom\)](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=CjwKCAiA7t3yBRADEiwA4GFIi4VAZDFECKrFoa3ItEF0ZiCftpqogtFSQtt3rbuSgIGpJr7V11zbvhoCskgQAvD_BwE

Please note: MOAA gives us FREE MONEY if 80% of our members renew...so let's get those membership dues to Tom Smith so we can collect our money. Helps with our Five Star rating, too.

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 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.

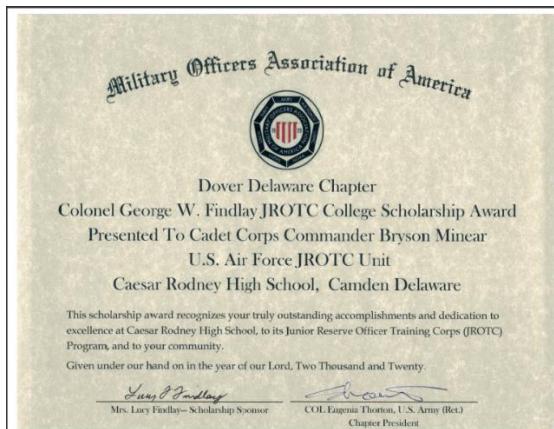
Update from JROTC Coordinator, John Jackson:

We had a good turnout at our Outback fundraiser earning a total of XXXX for our scholarship fund. Once again there was a large contingent from First State Military Academy (FSMA) – USMC in attendance.

Thanks to FSMA, all our members and their friends that attended to event. Next fundraiser will be the 2d Tuesday in February. (9 Feb 2021)

We awarded three scholarships this year:

- Findlay \$2500 Scholarship: Cadet Corps Commander Bryson Minear, Caesar Rodney High School - USAF
- Chapter \$1500 Scholarship: Cadet Captain Isabella R. Dunning, First State Military Academy – USMC
- Chapter \$1500 Scholarship: Cadet First Sergeant Sarah P. Houqentoqler, First State Military Academy – USMC



This year we added an award certificate for each awardee. To the left, please see a sample of what they look like. This one is for the Findlay awardee. Award letters and certificates were mailed by USPS Tracking to and received by each awardee.

All JROTC unit award banquets were cancelled this year because of the Coronavirus Disease. Each unit was notified that if they sent us the name of their Leadership Awardee, we would send the Unit Senior Instructor the award medal and

certificate. Two units provided awardee names. Award medals and certificates were mailed by USPS Tracking to and received by each awardee Senior Instructor for the awardees listed below:

- Cadet Captain Ethan Tackett, First State Military Academy – USMC
- Cadet Captain Danny Brown, Smyrna High School – USAF

I want to commend John Jackson for the great job he did with this program. Many innovations and improvements were made to what was already a great initiative.

How to best receive this newsletter. Are you okay with receiving this as a PDF attached to an email? As an alternative, we could post this on the Dover MOAA website, then I would send you an email with the link to the website. You could access from there. It's an extra step but it would not clog your email server. Also, it would be a repository for the newsletters so you could check back without having to save them on your own computer. Please let me know if you would prefer to do it the way we are currently doing it (via email) or change it so that the email send you a link to our dover MOAA website and you view it there.

Notes from MOAA & Legislative Happenings: Please refer to the list of items attached to our March newsletter. These were provided to our elected officials by our Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs. Ron Sarg will brief us on these and also keep us informed in the event we need to call or email our elected officials. .

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

NONE. Stay safe and don't forget to limit your trips and wear a mask when you go out.

Some excitement about the commissary and pharmacy hours....effect April 26, we are back to normal. MUST WEAR MASK on base.

To find out the latest about Delaware and COVID 19, check this link frequently:

<https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/>

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

June, July, Aug No meeting – enjoy your summer! Stay safe.

Sept 19, 2020 Jewell Robinson, Ms. Veteran Delmarva to speak about Diversity training.



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.

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

Community

camaraderie

Advocacy

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—will try to reschedule speaker from VA and Bill Farley on Veterans Crisis.

February 9, 2021—Fundraiser at Outback

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

Never Stop Serving!

Gene

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

