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**This interactive newsletter is about upcoming dinner meeting honoring our JROTC Scholarship Winners and nominations for officers. It also announces two Communications Awards we won.**



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THIS WEEK'S MEETING:

Speaker: Member of the Delaware National Guard, TBD

Meal Selection:

- Chicken Cacciatore - \$27
- Eggplant Parmigiana - \$23
- Spaghetti and Meatballs - \$23
- Caesar Salad with Grilled Chicken - \$26

Please call or email Tom at Tom Smith [rotorhead65@aol.com](mailto:rotorhead65@aol.com) with your menu selections as soon as you can.

Program: Honoring our Scholarship Winners:

**Findlay \$2,500 Award**

Cadet Juliana Diaz, CR

**Chapter \$1,500 Awards**

- Cadet Kyndall Wyngaard, 1st State
- Cadet Roberto Santan-Cintron, 1stState
- Cadet Harleigh-Lynn Rust, CR
- Cadet Rocco Alessandro, CR
- Cadet Cheyenne R Hill Smyrna



Chapter news:

We are proud to announce that **our chapter won** not one, but **TWO prestigious communications awards from our national headquarters.**



"Congratulations to **webmaster Kerry Peterson Brooks** and members of the Dover Chapter for earning the MOAA 5-Star Col. Marvin J. Harris Communications Award for your **Website**. We at national MOAA are extremely proud of all our affiliates who were able to keep their members connected and informed through print and electronic media during 2021. The number of nominations submitted for this award has continued to grow each year; this year we received 227 nominations." Only the very best websites receive 5-star designations! Well done!

Congratulations to the Dover Chapter for earning the MOAA 4 Star Col. Marvin J. Harris Communications Award for your **Print/E-Newsletter**. There were 227 nominations. Only above-average submissions received the 4-Star designation.



It was our first time entering this competition, and I am very proud of how well we did. Kerry Books will join us at our meeting to receive the website award she worked so hard to produce.

If you have not looked at our Website or Facebook page, please do so, there are links to them both at the top of this newsletter. If you are on FB, please like our page!

**Chapter Elections:** This is our second notice to the chapter that we have formed a nominations committee for chapter officers: **Bill Abernathy** is the nominations committee chair.

President: Currently filled by Gene Thornton

1<sup>st</sup> VP (Membership): Currently served by Greg Haven

2d VP (Programs): I recently appointed Ann Devers to this vacant position, which will require a vote in November

Secretary: currently filled by Gene Thornton (acting due to it being vacant) need an elected official here, please

Treasurer: Currently filled by Tom Smith

MOAA National dictates no term limits, but they recommend periodic elections.

If anyone wishes to fill a vacant position or challenge a serving elected official, please contact Bill. [billabernathy91@aol.com](mailto:billabernathy91@aol.com) or call 302-632-0629. We will advertise this one more time, then Bill will present the slate in Oct: we will vote in November, and the induction of new officers—if there are any--will be in January.

In addition: we have the following critical non-elected roles. :

Surviving Spouse Liaison: NOT AN ELECTED POSITION, but we are looking for someone to take over this role after Lucy Findlay's death

Legislative Liaison: NOT AN ELECTED POSITION Filled by Ron Sarg, who is willing to continue, but we are looking for an "understudy" to work with Ron, perhaps fill in should Ron not be able to attend certain events, such as "Storm the Hill," a physically demanding (walking on Capitol Hill) activity which is currently done by Zoom, but may resume in person in the future. (MOAA funds the hotel and food; members provide their transportation. Spouses are included.)

JROTC Coordinator: NOT AN ELECTED POSITION Filled by John Jackson

Newsletter/Press LNO: NOT AN ELECTED POSITION Filled by Gene Thornton but looking for volunteers to take it over!

WEBMASTER/FB: NOT AN ELECTED POSITION Filled by Kerry Brooks

*Please note: for all elected and appointed positions, members, spouses and surviving spouses may apply. Surviving Spouse LNO does not have to be a surviving spouse.*

**JROTC: John Jackson** has done a superb job. We will honor our scholarship winners at this meeting. Other leadership awards are being handed out in person at local schools where ceremonies are held. If anyone wants to help do this next year, don't hesitate to get in touch with John at 302-424-1940

Newly appointed **Program Director Ann Devers** is always looking for great speakers. Please call Ann at 303-909-8708 or email her at [joeanndevers@icloud.com](mailto:joeanndevers@icloud.com)

Veterans Community Support: **Pat Cerchio** has resumed meetings at the Office of Delaware Veterans Assistance conference room with the State Military Women's Group she leads. Please contact Pat at [pat@NavyWN.com](mailto:pat@NavyWN.com) or call 302-387-1309 if you want to become involved.

Out and About:

**Community Relations:** Dover MOAA sponsored a tee for the Blue Suiters Golf Tourney sponsored by the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce. For other Chamber events, such as the Senior Expo and What do Women Want (recently held), please look at the chamber website: <https://www.cdcc.net/>. Remember, our chapter belongs to the Chamber, and you are eligible to attend any event you like. It's a great way to get to know your community, wear your MOAA name tag proudly, and tell them what we are all about (while soliciting JROTC scholarship funds from local businesses, hint hint! Wink wink!)

**Memorial Day Ceremony** will be at Veterans Park, near the Levy Court Building on Bay Road (113) in Dover. Always a great ceremony well done by our friends in VVA Post 850. Council President **Ron Sarg** will represent us in the VIP Section in Dover and at the Memorial Bridge earlier that morning.

Still Serving,

*Gene*

Eugenia Thornton, Dover Chapter President