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December 2023

MOAA is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization open to officers and former officers of the Uniformed Services.

Dinner Meeting Dec 21

(Please bring unwrapped toys—John will bring box we will carry to his car for delivery)



Figure 1 Santa at Roma's last year

Menu:

Linguini with white clam sauce. \$31

Spaghetti with meatballs -\$28

Chicken Parm - \$30 i

Above meals includes salad, bread, tip but not dessert.

Bar not extensive, wine and beer easiest. Wine by bottle, can take home what you don't consume.

Call or email to Tom Smith by noon 20 Dec (note sooner than for Green Turtle).

Location: Franco's Dover

<https://francospizzadover.com/>

Address, directions, menu on website.

Please suggest menu items for future meetings.

Agenda:

- 5-6 social hour
- 6-7 dinner
- 7-7:20 program (auction, maybe singing a few carols if people know all the words!)
- 7:30 to 8:00 business meeting (discuss venue, help John to his car with toys)

Program

- **SANTA!** (former Marine Sgt **Dietmar Panzig**, Vietnam vet)
- Donation of **toys** from us to children's charity. (Toys for Tots not in Kent anymore)
- Donation from **Vera Bradley** estimated value \$150 (donation to JROTC Fund)
- Donations from **Joyce Yaiser** of **Vera Bradley** items estimated value \$500 (general fund)

As you know, these items are sold at higher prices, but they are silent auction for us, so they will go at what the highest bidder is willing to pay.

No entertainment, per vote at the last meeting. Just fellowship.

Community News:

Some of our members were featured in the Delaware State News supporting the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund (see pdf, attached)....Best of all, **Doug Hudson** and **Tom Smith** both got promotions! Well done, gentlemen! When is the promotion party?

Chamber of Commerce Upcoming Events:

- **Economic Forecast Breakfast: Register Today! (Register by Jan. 4th)**
- **Member 2 Member Expo, CDCC Showcase, & Mixer! (Jan. 31)**
- **Save the Date - Home & Garden Expo! (Feb. 23 & 24)**
- **Executive Office for Rent - Contact the CDCC today**
- **Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings: Adecco Staffing (Dec. 18), Dover Jazzercise (Jan. 3)**

Remember we belong to the Chamber! Register for events via Chamber Website.



Photos from the State of the Base Breakfast.

This is an annual event, always well attended and a chance to mingle with our elected officials. This is one of the CDCC events that costs a bit of money to attend, but you get breakfast and learn what is going on at the base. Highly recommend that you try to attend at

least of on them. Always the Tues before Thanksgiving and you register through the CDCC website.

Senator Carper is the last Vietnam Vet serving in the US Congress, when he retires soon, there will be none.

Chapter News:

DUES! It's PAST that time of year again....We are holding our rate to \$15.00

Make your tax deductible donation to our general fund or to the JRTOC Fund (or both!) by Dec 31.

While you are in a giving mood, don't forget to [click this link](#) to donate to Wreaths Across America. The chapter receives \$5 for every wreath you buy if you use this link. Consider donations of Wreaths for Christmas gifts for folks who don't want any more "stuff" in their homes!

Member **Marv Skeath** presented a heartwarming video to the Westminster Village Community of what his Marine Company did at Christmas in Korea.



Member **Randy Morgan** and wife Ouzana presented wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery along with other West Point Graduates, photo left, featuring **Ouzana** in the front row.

Member **Jason Slavoski** got selected for promoted to Lieutenant (O-3) in the Public Health Service. Congrats! Based on input from Jason, Col Dan Merry is working on some Public Health promotion and compensation issues. More to follow.

Member Hon. **Eugenia Thornton**, Kent County Recorder of Deeds reports more than 1500 folks have signed up for [the Property Fraud Alert program](#) offered by Kent County. She will brief the program at the Modern Maturity Center on January 17, 2024 starting about noon, after lunch. You are welcome to attend.

She is available to do a presentation at your civic, social, or church group. To find out what your recorded property records contain, visit www.uslandrecords.com, click De, click Kent. To register for free property fraud alerts via email (or any property transaction additions in your name), see hyperlink on right side of page, directly across from KENT COUNTY over Gene's picture.



Member **Doug Hudson** found this (left) on linked in, featuring our repeat speaker Dr. Reba Hollingsworth. I guess we should have picked her brain about how to raise money for our JROTC Scholarships while she was our guest!

Advocacy:

Click [HERE](#) to learn about MOAA’s top 7 priorities with “how to help” links embedded.

Click [HERE](#) to see what is in the National Defense Authorization Budget...including the largest pay raise in two decades.

Our TERRIFIC guest speaker last month, **Bill Welser**, provided copies of the PowerPoint slides he used. They are attached to this email. Now everyone can read them, even those who were not there. Great presentation, Bill. Let’s not forget to support this project in any way we can.

Veterans Affairs Update. **Commissioner Doug Hudson** provided the power point side show attached to this email about the Wilmington VA.

Future Meetings:

Jan 18

State Senator Eric Buckson, member of the Veterans Committee

Feb 15 (JROTC Fundraiser) – no program, order from menu, INVITE GUESTS!!!! Franco’s. Will need to show proof you are there for fundraiser, not just word of mouth.

March 21: Cdr. **Pat Cerchio** “History of Women in the US Military and Accomplishments of Delaware Women”

April 18 – Gene Thornton and **Dolly** will present “The Magic of a Therapy Dog”

May 16 – JROTC Awards Banquet

Photos of our last meeting:

New faces: **Rat Ott** (not “new” but first meeting back for a while); **Mark Campbell** (not a new member, but first meeting); and arrived after I put the camera away, actual new member and first meeting attendee **Ted Williams** (recruited from the dentist waiting room). **Frank’s** Guest **Jane**, a waitress at the Frederica Pizza and Pasta House who is an Army Reservist, MP.







Help us Grow & Stay Informed!

Why not share the news of membership in our great chapter with your friends and with any eligible military folks with whom you come into contact? Here’s the link to our membership form: <https://dovermoaa.org/chapter-membership> .

To keep up to date between monthly newsletters and meetings, don’t forget to check out our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/850935569172190>

I hope everyone has a chance to see friends and family over the Holidays.

Never Stop Serving,

Gene

Eugenia "Gene" Thornton
Dover Chapter President

Respectfully submitted,



JB

Newsletter Editor