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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Harold Cooney

Where did the summer go! I hope you had a nice one. We last met for the May golf outing and picnic. We had another good day for golf. See Robert Byrne's notes later on in the newsletter where he gives us a heads up on the Fall Golf Outing in October. We also welcomed one new member to the Chapter in a prestigious pinning ceremony, **CW2 Richard (Dick) Blouch** and his bride **Sharon** who live in Franklinton.



**Dick Blouch welcomed to the Chapter.**

Over the summer, I had the privilege of representing the Chapter and National at the Army War College graduation for the 2014 Resident Class on June 6 to present MOAA writing awards. The Pennsylvania Council of Chapters met on July 19 in State College. On Friday evening before the meeting, we met with 24 or so MOAA National members in the State College area who are interested in creating a new PA Chapter. It was a

great event. Their organizational meeting to elect officers and draft a charter was on August 15. They will be our 15<sup>th</sup> chapter in PA.

On August 6 a number of chapter members welcomed the USAWC Class of 2015 by staffing numerous booths and tables for various organizations at the County Fair on Carlisle Barracks. We will add a number of new members from the staff and facility as a result of our efforts at the MOAA booth.



**Harold Cooney and Dick Potter answer student questions at AWC County Fair.**

We also concluded the ROTC and JROTC award ceremonies at the end of May, skillfully orchestrated by **Gus Gustafson**. Thanks to all who volunteered this summer.

**MOAA Events:** The MOAA Pennsylvania Council of Chapters (PACoC) is holding its biennial convention at the Doubletree Resort and Meadow Casino in Washington, PA on September 12 and 13, 2014. This is a great opportunity to meet MOAA members from the other 13 chapters and learn more

about MOAA in PA. Please see my August email with the registration form or visit the PACoC website at: <http://www.pa-coc.org>

**Chapter Officer and Board Openings:** We're still looking for volunteers to fill the Vice President and the Legislative Affairs and ROTC Support chairs on our Board and relieve **Gus Gustafson** in supporting our ROTC/JROTC program. Please contact Harold Cooney at 240-0428 or [Harold.cooney@gmail.com](mailto:Harold.cooney@gmail.com) if you are interested.

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## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

By Glenn Mitchell

I mentioned in the last chapter newsletter that I would give a few "selling points" for membership in MOAA and our local chapter. We should all have this ammunition when we talk to our fellow officers who are not already members of our chapter. Not everyone has seen the necessity of MOAA's mission nationally or has understood the additional opportunities for service offered by membership locally.

National MOAA is, of course, the largest organizational voice in Washington speaking up to influence legislative decisions affecting military families. That translates into being able to get access to key legislators and to being heard. MOAA has an unsurpassed track record of protecting hard earned active duty and retirement benefits. Many of our fellow officers understand this part of the political process and see the need for a powerful voice such as MOAA. Many of them already belong to our national organization; all of them should be MOAA members.

The challenge for us is that many have not heard about the benefits of local chapter membership. We offer more than informative social get-togethers and a newsletter to keep up with old friends. Continuing our commitment to the active duty mission, we substantially support ROTC and JROTC programs in the area through scholarships and awards; much of your local chapter budget goes to these deserving

students and programs each year. This carries on our legacy.

Next issue, I will talk about our membership and dues structure and processes so we will all understand exactly why and when you receive dues notices as well as be able to explain our very reasonable dues to potential members. See you at our meetings!

Email or call me anytime for assistance with membership questions: [mitchellmd@aol.com](mailto:mitchellmd@aol.com) and 717-323-0012.

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## ROTC/JROTC UPDATE

In April and May, our ROTC Support chairperson, **Gus Gustafson**, coordinated the presentation of AUSA and MOAA certificates and medals at the various ROTC and JROTC programs in our area. Gus represented the local AUSA Chapter at most events while volunteers from the Chapter represented CV-MOAA.



**Dickinson College ROTC Cadet, David Ashbridge, receives MOAA award from Keith Gillespie.**

**Keith Gillespie** assisted with presentations at Dickinson College while **Robert Byrne** accompanied Gus at Cedar Cliff High School. **Harold Cooney** assisted by presenting awards at Gettysburg High School and Shippensburg



University. Thanks to all for representing the Chapter at these important events.

While on the topic of ROTC, I think it is important to recognize the family of **Ron and Jenny Elliott** that continued the decades of support by the Elliott family to the country and their communities.



**Newly minted 2LTs, Elizabeth and Christian Elliott.**

In May, Ron and Jenny's grandson, **Christian Elliott**, graduated from George Washington University and was commissioned a 2LT in the Army's Judge Advocate General Corps while their granddaughter, **Elizabeth Elliott**, graduated from Syracuse University and was commissioned a 2LT in the Medical Service Corps.

Also in May, grandson **Kevin Elliott** of Spotsylvania, VA was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout and presented with certificates of achievement from President Obama, The Secretary of Defense and the Governor of Virginia for his contributions to the National Park Service. Congratulations to the Elliott family for their continued service.

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**Eagle Scout, Kevin Elliott.**

## MEMBER NOTES

For the last three years, the Mechanicsburg North and Carlisle Rotary Clubs have joined forces with **Helping a Hero.org**, a 501(c) 3 organization, to construct specially adapted homes in our local communities for severely injured veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan. In the past three years, they have raised more than \$100,000 each year for this purpose.



**Dan Monken auctions items for Helping a Hero event at golf course in July.**

Several of our local CV-MOAA Chapter members served on the local Rotary Club committee that coordinated a golf tournament this last July at the Carlisle Barracks Golf Course to support this year's

effort. These members are **Alden Cunningham, Bill Blankmyer, Bill Harkey** and **Dan Monken**. If you get a chance at one of our meetings, please thank these members for their continued support to the military community.

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## PROGRAM NOTES

### [Your Name Could Appear Here]

Welcome back!!! In May we had another great golf outing. Our September event will be a dinner at the Letort View Community Center on Carlisle Barracks on Wednesday, September 10. Our speaker will be **Major General William E. Rapp**, 50<sup>th</sup> Commandant of the US Army War College.

MG Rapp comes to us from his assignment as Chief, Legislative Affairs on the Army Staff in Washington. MG Rapp is a 1984 West Point graduate (First Captain of the Corps of Cadets), commissioned in the Corps of Engineers and a 2004 graduate of the US Army War College. He has commanded an engineer company and an engineer group in combat and the Northwestern Division of the Corps of Engineers. He has served two follow-on tours at West Point, first as an instructor and assistant professor in the Department of Social Sciences and then as the 72d Commandant of the Corps of Cadets. MG Rapp served a third combat tour as Deputy Commanding General for Support of US Forces, Afghanistan. His civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science degree from USMA, a Masters of Arts in Political Science and a PhD in International Relations from Stanford University. MG Rapp is a licensed professional engineer in the state of Virginia. We look forward to his impressions from his first 90-days as Commandant.

*50/50 winners* at the May Picnic were **Keith Gillespie, Bernie Griffard, Sally Broyles and Sally Chant**. **Congratulations!**

These are the dates for the fall, so mark your calendar now.

## CV-MOAA UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sep 10**, Dinner at Letort View Community Center on Carlisle Barracks

**Sep 12 – 13**, 2014 PA MOAA Convention in Washington, PA

**Oct 8**, Fall Golf Outing and Picnic at the Carlisle Barracks Golf Course

**Nov 12**, Dinner at Letort View Community Center on Carlisle Barracks

**Dec 10**, Our Holiday Musicale at the Letort View Community Center, Carlisle Barracks

## CV-MOAA FALL GOLF OUTING AND PICNIC By Robert Byrne

CV-MOAA will hold its annual Fall Golf Tournament on Wednesday, 8 October 2014 at the Carlisle Barracks Golf Course. The tournament begins at 12:00 noon. All tournament players must be members of CV-MOAA. The tournament will be an 18-hole scramble – there will be no “Special” rules. Players will be grouped into foursomes or threesomes, if necessary, based on handicaps.

**Robert Byrne** is the CINC/tournament director and will provide specific instructions, rules and team composition on the day of the tournament. For those golfing, please be at the golf course NLT 11:30 a.m. on the day of play for starters instructions. The first tee-time will be 12:00 noon.

The picnic social hour starts at 5:30 p.m. with the picnic being served between 6:00 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. The picnic menu will be steak (cooked to order), salad, baked potato with butter and sour cream, and cake for dessert. The price of the picnic will be \$21 per person. More details and RSVP slips for the tournament and picnic will be in next month's newsletter.

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## SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT PHOTOS



**Jack Faith warms up on the first tee.**



**Gary Sausser watches his shot down the first fairway.**



**Dick Graf connects on his tee shot.**



**Jo Richards drives straight down the fairway.**



**Ray Porter uses a little body english to keep his tee shot in the fairway.**



## PHOTOS OF GOLF AWARDS



**Harold Cooney and Gus Gustafson take the 1<sup>st</sup> place team prize from Robert Byrne.**



**Robert presents Straightest Drive award to Bob Chaudrue.**



**Dick Baumgartner wins Closest to Pin #4.**

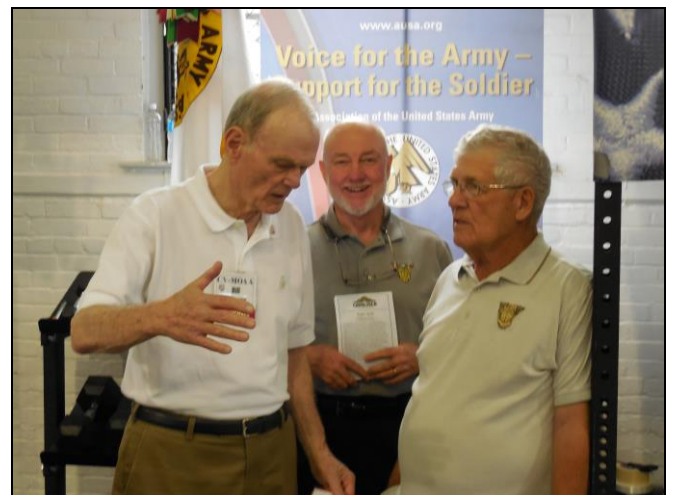
## MORE PHOTOS OF AWC COUNTY FAIR



**Carla Fisher displays Red Cross information.**



**Ed Filiberti, "Mad Jack" and Jerry Comello man the AUSA booth.**



**Bill Solomon, Karl Robinson and Sonny Sloan solve the world's problems between MOAA and AUSA booths.**

## OUR MILITARY SERVING

### ***Daughter of Lance and Laurel Betros:***

2LT Rosemary Betros, USA, Engr Basic, Ft Leonard Wood, MO

### ***Grandson of Don and Lois Bliss:***

2LT Kyle Bliss, USA, Inf Basic, Ft Benning, GA

### ***Family of Dick and Sharon Blouch:***

SPC Emily Blouch, Cryptologic Network Specialist AIT,  
Ft Huachuca, AZ

SPC Matthew Blouch, Cryptologic Linguist AIT,  
Monterrey, CA

PVT Zachary Blouch, 2d Bn, 112<sup>th</sup> Inf, PA ANG

### ***Family of Bill and Peggy Burns:***

COL Mark E. Burns, USAF, NATO-The Hague, Netherlands

CPT Phillip Mauro, USA, 1<sup>st</sup> AD, Ft. Bliss, TX

### ***Great Nephew of Lois Cole:***

JC Whistler, USMC, CA

### ***Son of Jerry and Karen Comello:***

LTC Anthony Comello, USSOCOM, MacDill AFB, FL

### ***Granddaughter of Mike Daley:***

Cadet Brianna Burnstad, US Military Academy

### ***Son and daughter of Jeffrey and Lori Elliott:***

2LT Christian Elliott, USA, JAG, awaiting orders

2LT Elizabeth Elliott, USA, MSC Basic, Ft Sam Houston, TX

### ***Daughter-in-law of Chip and Dee Fenton:***

COL Anne Marie Fenton, USAF, Stuttgart, GE

### ***Son of Fred and Donna Gellert:***

SGT F. John Gellert, III, Co A, 2-1 Inf, Ft Lewis, WA

### ***All family of Bob and Mary Lee Gerard:***

LTC Charles Carlton, USA, Kazakhstan

CPT Sean Snook, USA, SF Group, Ft Bragg, NC

CPT Kyra Snook, USA, 82<sup>nd</sup> Abn, Ft Bragg, NC

CPT Andrew Maisano, USA, Ft Leonard Wood, MO

1LT Megan Maisano, USA, Ft Leonard Wood, MO

2LT Robert Snook, USA, Ft Rucker, AL

### ***Son of Keith and Marilyn Gillespie:***

CPT Stephen Gillespie, USA, Student, NPS, Monterey, CA

### ***Son of John and Penny Hickey:***

COL John Hickey III, National Defense University,  
Washington, DC

### ***Grandson of Jack and Pat Hoefling:***

1LT Jack Ambridge, USAF Special Ops

### ***Son of Lawrence and Maryanne Kastriba:***

SP4 Lawrence Kastriba II, Warrior Ldr Course, Ft. Hood, TX

### ***Son of Charlotte Kinney:***

SGT Jeffrey Geer, USA, HHD, 524<sup>th</sup> MI Bn, Yongsan, Korea

### ***Family of Dutch Kissinger:***

Lt Col Andrew Kissinger, USAFR, IP, 559<sup>th</sup> Flight Trng Sqdn  
Capt Niki Kissinger, USAF, NASA, Los Angeles AFS, CA

### ***Family of Patti Leggett:***

CAPT M.A. Yukish, USNR,

ENS Miles Ennis McGee, USN, NAS Pensacola, FL

Midshipman Ryan P. McGee, US Naval Academy

### ***Grandson of Dick and Maxine Littlefield:***

Capt Richard O. Littlefield, USMC, Parris Island, SC

### ***Family of Pat Lunday:***

CAPT Kevin Lunday, USCG, Wash., DC

LTC Brian Lunday, USA, West Point, NY

### ***Nephew of Julie and John Manta:***

1LT Chris Manta, USA, Afghanistan

### ***Son of Ira and Susan Naiditch:***

1LT Aaron Naiditch, USA, Ft. Campbell, KY

### ***Nephew and great-nephews of Mike Pasquarette:***

MG James F. Pasquarette, USA, CofS, USARPAC

2LT Jay Pasquarette, USA, Ft. Benning, GA

PVT Drew Pasquarette, Infantry Basic, Ft. Benning, GA

### ***Son of Bob & Judie Read:***

LTC Mark Read, Cdr., 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 19<sup>th</sup> Inf, Ft. Benning, GA

### ***Daughter of Tom and Mary Rhen:***

LTC Julie K. Rhen, Deputy Cdr, Tng. Bde, Ft Jackson, SC

### ***Grandson of Bill and Pat Solomon:***

1LT Michael Leach, 3<sup>rd</sup> ID, Ft. Stewart, GA

### ***Daughter of D'Arcy Wagonhurst:***

COL Christine Cook, USAR, Ann Arbor, WI

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MAJ William Whitesel, USA, Dhaka, Bangladesh

CPT Thomas Whitesel, USMC, Beaufort, SC

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### ***Son of Allan and Mary Ellen Williams:***

COL Douglas Williams, 193d Spec Ops Grp, PANG

### ***Daughter of David and Trish Willmann:***

LTJG Megan Willmann, USCG, XO, Cutter "Sitkinak",  
homeport Bayonne, NJ

### ***Son and nephew of Mike and Karen Zang:***

CPT Patrick Zang, 2/113 Cav, 4<sup>th</sup> Bde, 1AD Ft. Bliss, TX

1LT David Sieger, 2/3<sup>d</sup> CR, FOB Shank, Afghanistan

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**RESERVATIONS FORM  
September Dinner  
Letort View Community Center  
September 10, 2014**

**PLEASE RESPOND BY *Friday*, Sep 5, 2014**

Remember, it is very important that you get your reservations in before the cutoff date of **Friday**, September 5. If an unexpected event surfaces and you must cancel, please contact Jane Mitchell at 323-0012 or by e-mail at [jhmitchell2002@aol.com](mailto:jhmitchell2002@aol.com). Refunds for cancellations received after 4 p.m. **September 5** cannot be guaranteed. Also, please see the note at the bottom of this sheet about dues if you have been notified that your dues are due!

The dinner at the **Letort View Community Center** will begin with a social hour at 6:15pm. We will assemble at 7:00pm for dinner, followed by a short business meeting and our speaker, MG William E. Rapp, 50<sup>th</sup> Commandant, US Army War College.

**Menu:**

**A.** Bone-in French Pork Chop

**B.** Seafood-stuffed White Fish

**Cost:** \$33.00 per person, which includes salad, dessert, beverages, tax and gratuity. A cash bar will also be available. (For a special dietary meal, please indicate below.)

\*\*\*\*\***TEAR AND RETURN SHEET**\*\*\*\*\*

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number to attend:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Spouse/Guest(s) if applicable** \_\_\_\_\_

**Menu choices:** A \_\_\_\_\_; B \_\_\_\_\_; **Special Dietary Meal** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check for Dinner** (@\$33): \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

**Mail to:** CV-MOAA, P.O. BOX 278, CARLISLE, PA 17013.

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