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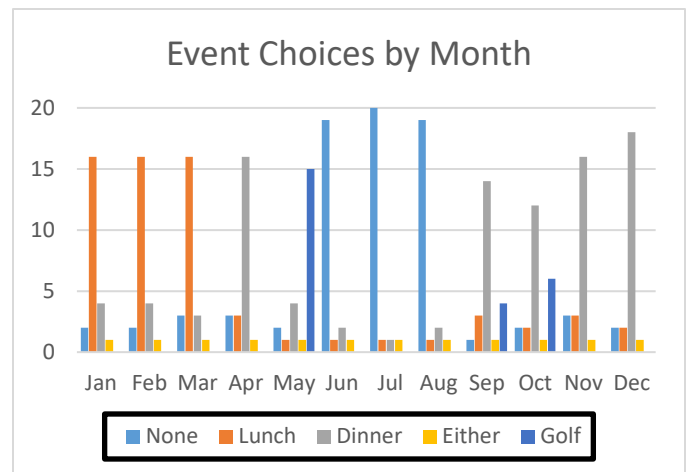
By Glenn Mitchell

It’s been a long, hot summer! I hope your summer was a good one. Jane and I will be glad to see everyone again each month.

The golf course clubhouse remains unfinished and probably will for the entire season according to the current construction schedule. That will challenge us to picnic in unfamiliar surroundings, but Lois is working on that task. She has lined up some good speakers and entertainment for us already, so the year should be a good one.

The important item of business for your Chapter Board is to use the data we collected about your preferences for social events to make decisions about where and when we will meet. That deliberation will take place at our September Board meeting. More to follow. However, I want to share with you the data that you sent us. Most responses were from couples, so the number of responses is less than the number of “votes” recorded. The total number of persons represented by the responses was actually very close to the number of people who regularly attend the social events.

So here is the way you voted on the issue of when to meet:

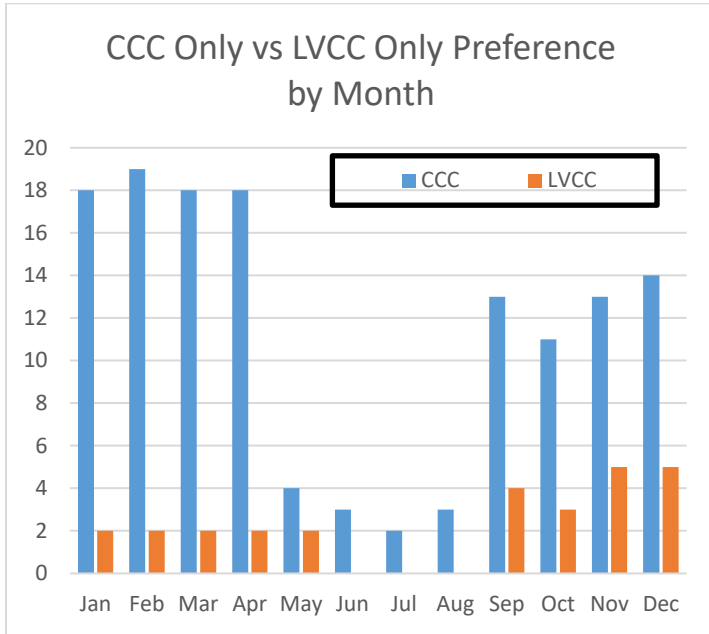


This is pretty much a validation of our current schedule, so I do not think we will have to change much. There was a notable drop off in the folks who want a second golf outing each year. Whitey will make his recommendations on this subject at the Board meeting.

Next, we have the data from the question of where we want to meet. The choices were LVCC only, CCC only and Either One. This graph shows only the data for LVCC only versus CCC only since a vote of either one does not affect the determination of preference. Our respondents preferred the CCC over the LVCC as a standard meeting location by a margin of more than 3 to 1 for the Fall season.



Winter had the CCC preferred by 9 to 1. The Board will take this subject up at its next meeting.



**Our September dinner will be at the LVCC** in any case since the Board had to commit for the location in August, and it has been our meeting place for the first get together of the season for several years now. A Board decision will follow soon.

See you for dinner soon!

**SEPTEMBER PROGRAM**  
**By Lois Cole**

September speaker David Bennett was in Seminar discussing Karl von Clausewitz with his students on the morning of September 11, 2001. David will share his personal thoughts with us on how our nation has changed since that date, how the Army has changed, and how the Army War College has changed. David has remained continuously involved in USAWC activities and education over the past 18 years.

David Bennett was a Marine helicopter pilot and a Veteran of two tours in Vietnam. He served as Foreign Service Officer in the Department of State in U.S. Embassies in the Middle East, Europe, and Africa. David and his family have made Carlisle their home.



If you have a change in your mailing address, telephone number, or email address please notify our membership chair **Jim Simms**. He will make the necessary changes to our roster so that you can continue to receive information from the Chapter.

**CHANGES TO MILITARY HEALTH CARE COMING SOONER THAN YOU THINK**



Photo by Jacob Sippel/Navy



**By: Capt. Kathryn M. Beasley, USN (Ret)** Director of Government Relations, Health Affairs

In baseball, it's good practice to never take your eye off the ball. The same could be said regarding DoD with its efforts to reform military medical care.

MOAA has been the leader focused on holding DoD and the Defense Health Agency (DHA) accountable to provide transparency with its plans to reduce military treatment facility (MTF) capabilities and personnel. Last year's NDAA required the DoD to provide any plans to do so to Congress ahead of time. And we are sorry to report not much has been revealed to date.

However, MOAA has other ways to gather information.

First, from members who live, work, and get care on military installations. Reports of reduced health care services at MTFs and unofficial referrals to civilian providers are trickling in already. Last week, MOAA received an email from an active duty Navy spouse who reported that enrolled beneficiaries — including military families with children — are being told to seek civilian providers outside the MTF and few in her area accept TRICARE, the email says. Beneficiaries with special needs who use the system most have been targeted first. This has resulted in military families being placed on long wait lists.

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This is happening at the peak of school physicals and immunization season. This is the first glimpse into the new world of military medicine, and we want to know if it is happening elsewhere.

MOAA continues to tell Congress — office by office — that DHA has failed to address how these medical reductions will be carried out in a way that ensures services are not disrupted, wait times are not exacerbated, and access to subspecialty care is not crippled.

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Second, the study cited in [this article by \*Military Times\*](#) echoes much of what we've been hearing: While medical needs are greater in the military community than other demographics, access to high-quality care doesn't match up. The short version: Experts and advocates agree that the Military Health System (MHS) already has room for improvement when it comes to dealing with anything beyond routine care for military dependents, and MHS reforms designed to streamline the system could come at the expense of

some of the most vulnerable members of the military community.

This aligns with what MOAA is hearing from other associations, another way MOAA receives information.

At a recent MOAA-hosted Facebook Live Town Hall with a panel of military family members and other health care stakeholders, the panel discussed how the planned reductions in military medical providers would affect all categories of beneficiaries — especially military families.

**[RELATED: [What Medical Cuts Could Mean for You: Watch MOAA's Town Hall](#)]**

During the discussion, panel experts noted there is already insufficient medical workforce capacity to handle many of the basic health needs of our military personnel and their families. Reports and studies continue to point to long wait times for many civilian care providers, as well as significant geographic disparities in care. A group of 17 professional medical organizations are equally concerned and have let Congress know; read their letter to key House and Senate leaders [here](#).

We need to keep the heat on Congress, and early indications show it is working. MOAA members do make a difference as we need to let Congress know what is happening in military communities across the U.S. and overseas. Thank you to our members and the other military beneficiaries who have sent thousands of emails and letters and made phone calls to legislators in every state. We are being heard – but we need to keep our eye on the ball to knock this out of the park in the home stretch of the FY 2020 NDAA process.

Let Congress hear your voice! Write a letter to your lawmakers [here](#), and learn more about this and other MOAA advocacy priorities during the Summer Storm [here](#).

## The Chaplains Corner

By Art Pace



We all remember where we were on Sept. 11, 2001, the day a group of murderers attacked America.

Although they managed to find a weakness in our nation, they exposed a strength. They bent us, but they did not break us. They killed our citizens, but not our spirits. They targeted our buildings but missed our hearts.

They wanted to bring America to its knees. In that, they were successful. America did indeed go to its knees, but not in defeatist submission. It was in prayer. A spiritual vitality that had not been seen in a long time was reborn. Americans were reminded that we are indeed one nation under God.

In the aftermath of the attacks, I provided chaplain coverage to the burned survivors of the Pentagon in the local hospitals in Washington, DC. I visited with patients, eventually focusing exclusively on eight, who were in the intensive care burn ward of the Washington Hospital Center.

Where was God when America was attacked? I was asked this question repeatedly. My answer was straightforward. Besides holding up the twin towers for 45 minutes and raising up heroes, God was touching the lives of all of us.

Including me.

One evening, I was driving home after my shift ended. Despite my bold declarations that God was present during the attacks, I felt tired, weepy and, frankly, angry with him. I had spent the entire day with my eight patients, and I worried about their survival.

As I drove the Beltway, I asked God why he allowed this atrocity to happen. It was then that I noticed activity on a bridge over the highway. A few college-age men and women had gathered,

facing the Pentagon, and had draped a flag over the bridge railing.

As I got closer, I could see that each held candles, and with heads bowed, appeared to be praying. It occurred to me that just a few days ago, they probably wouldn't have given the Pentagon a second thought. But tonight, they had gathered to pray for those who had suffered great loss.

As I passed beneath the bridge, I heard the voice of God clearly: "The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it." ([John 1:5](#)).

Clarity came.

Those young people gathered to pray for people they did not know. But especially, they gathered to pray for a lone chaplain whose faith was sagging.

Yes, God was there. I not only heard him. I saw him in action. My faith was lifted and my hope rekindled.

This 9/11, let our thoughts turn to our heavenly Father who promised he would never leave us or forsake us.

He kept his word. He always does.



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**RESERVATIONS FORM**  
**September Dinner**  
**Letort View Community Center**  
**September 11, 2019**



***PLEASE RESPOND BY Thursday, September 5, 2019***

Remember, it is very important that you send your reservations in before the cutoff date of **Thursday September 5, 2019**. If an unexpected event surfaces and you must cancel, please contact Jane Mitchell at 717-323-0012 or by e-mail at janehmitchell@gmail.com. Refunds for cancellations received after 4 p.m. September 6<sup>th</sup> cannot be guaranteed.

The dinner at the Letort View Community Center will begin with a social time at **6:15 p.m.** We will assemble at **7:00 p.m.** for dinner, followed by a short business meeting and our speaker, Mr. David Bennett, Army War College Adjunct Professor, who will share his thoughts on AWC changes and worldwide changes after 9-11.

**Menu:**

- Stuffed Chicken Breast
- Vegetable Lasagna

**Cost: \$ 35 per person**, which also includes salad, a starch, a vegetable, dessert, beverages, tax and gratuity. A cash bar will be available.

(For a special dietary meal, please indicate below.)

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