



# KEYSTONER

## Keystone Capitol Chapter

"One Powerful Voice"

## MARCH 2013

**The March meeting will be Wednesday, March 20th, 2013** at the Radisson Penn Harris Hotel, Camp Hill. **The social will start at 12:00 PM with lunch at 12:30 PM.** Our speaker will be wine conisseur and educator Alan Gallagher, LTC USA (Ret) a member of the Keystone Capitol Chapter. He is an expert on wine and will be educating us to on how to select the right wine. **We will taste four wines, two red and two white.** We will meet in the Verandah Room, with entrance through the hotel restaurant on the left side of the front desk. Drinks can be ordered from the restaurant wait staff at your table. Lunch will be \$17.00 per individual. **Please RSVP by March 15th.** The Reservation form is the last page of this newsletter.

### Wine Tasting



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Explore a Pennsylvania Wine Trail: <http://www.pennsylvaniawine.com/traveling-a-wine-trail>

# Wine 101

Wine is universal and is enjoyed by people all over the world. It has an ancient history, yet it is timeless. Over the years wine has grown remarkably in popularity and also in sophistication. Long gone are the days of just red and white wine, or burgundy and chablis. Wine experiences are now virtually endless.

Today, each bottle of wine is unique, a true combination of art and science, with subtle characteristics worthy of the experience. And the variety and type of grapes used to create a bottle of wine has expanded around the globe.

Today's winemakers are part chemist and part artist and are producing some of the most unique beverages in the world. Once you have some basic wine knowledge, the way you perceive, taste and purchase wine will change forever.

From [www.Basic-Wine-Knowledge.com](http://www.Basic-Wine-Knowledge.com) Learn more at this link: <http://www.corkquiz.com>

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### **Point of Contact (POC)**

For information or if you need help for the Survivor Benefits Program (SBP) please call 1-800-321-1080

If anyone knows of an ill or sick chapter member please contact D'Arcy Wagonhurst at 717-766-7351. She will send a card from the Chapter.

## BOARD MEETING

### **KEYSTONE CAPITOL CHAPTER**

Meeting Location: Denny's Restaurant, Mechanicsburg, PA

March 12, 2013 at 11:30 AM

The Board of Directors would like to welcome Phyllis Nagel, LTC USAF (Ret) as a new Board member. The personnel vacancy announcement is still open for an additional Board member. At this meeting the Board will be discussing the location of the May Picnic social and determining the menu. A Board member will also be exploring the possibility of holding some functions at the Club on the Mechanicsburg Navy Supply Center. A report will be given to include current security requirements to access the installation.

### **KEYSTONE CAPITOL CHAPTER**

#### **2013 Picnic Social**

**May 22, 2013 at 4:00 PM - Location to be Determined**

# Legion National Commander In Harrisburg

**The American Legion**  
Post 272, Linglestown, PA



**For Immediate Release**

## **The American Legion National Commander Is Coming to Central PA**

LINGLESTOWN, PA, February 19, 2013- American Legion Post 272 announces it is hosting a Reception and Dinner in of Honor James E. Koutz, the National Commander of The American Legion. The event will take place at Post 272 on Tuesday, March 12, 2014; the Reception is at 6 PM, followed by dinner at 7 PM. State Senator Rob Teplitz and State Representative Ron Marisco are among several of the VIPs who are attending; they will present Senate and House Proclamations.

Koutz in his capacity as Commander serves as the chief executive officer and official spokesman of The American Legion, which is the nation's largest and most influential network of U.S. Wartime Veterans, families, and communities. Locally in Cumberland, Dauphin, Lebanon, and Perry Counties there are 57 Posts, with over 15,000 members. People associated with the American Legion in Central Pennsylvania including family members would swell to over 40,000. However, according to Census Bureau statistics for 2012, there were 61,314 veterans in the four-county area. Veterans and family members of all Veterans in Central Pennsylvania number about 150,000 people – that is the reason for the National Commander of the American Legion is visiting Central Pennsylvania – to let those Veterans know that he cares about them and their families, and that he represents their interests!

The American Legion National Commander is the one person most routinely relied upon by the President and the U.S. Congress for guidance on matters relating to veterans. Because The American Legion is federally chartered, it has enabled it to influence considerable social change in America over the years; win hundreds of benefits for veterans, and produce many important programs for children and youth. Following are a just few of the many significant accomplishments in Legion history: Aug. 9, 1921, The Legion's efforts result in the creation of the U.S. Veterans Bureau, forerunner of the Veterans Administration; Dec. 15, 1943, Past National Commander Harry W. Colmery starts to write in longhand the first draft of what will later become the "GI Bill of Rights" – considered the Legion's single greatest legislative achievement; and June 22, 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs into law the original GI Bill.

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The American Legion- was chartered by Congress in 1919 and today it has 2.4 million members.

The Department of Pennsylvania American Legion- which is one of 55 Departments, is headquartered in nearby Wormleysburg, and has the largest membership of all the Departments.

Robert H. Hoke, Post 272, Linglestown- is one of the largest American Legion Posts in Central Pennsylvania, with approximately 800 active members.

**Media Coverage Opportunity:** Commander Koutz will be available to the media for interviews and photos immediately prior to the Reception (5:30 PM). Media staff are also invited to attend the VIP Reception at no charge; dinner is by reservation only and at a cost of \$30 per person.

### **For Additional Information Contact:**

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Attachments: Commander James E. Koutz Bio



# New President Installed



COL Joe Gottwald, left, was sworn in as the new President of the Keystone Capitol Chapter at the January meeting.



Right photo-, from left, Secretary Fred Lovelace, 1<sup>st</sup> VP D'Arcy Wagonhurst, Pres. Joe Gottwald and Past President Bob Gray. Not present, Treasurer Warren Heidelbaugh

(Photos by Alan Gallagher)

New members Keith and Jan Beebe

Mary Duggan wishes Happy Birthday to Leo McMahon, on left





# NEW RECRUITING PROGRAM

January 1<sup>st</sup> began a new National Chapter Recruiting Campaign aimed at getting more National members into MOAA's chapter system. National will pay chapters \$10.00 for each new chapter member recruited from MOAA National members living in our chapter area. **Plus** Recruit new National/Chapter members using the **Free Basic Electronic Membership** form included below. Complete **Both** applications.



## SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that works to support military officers and their families at every stage of life. MOAA plays an active role with Congress on behalf of the military community on issues that affect the career force, the retired community, and veterans of the uniformed services. We also offer a range of personal and financial services exclusive to MOAA membership.

As America's largest and most influential association of military officers, MOAA is the leading voice on Capitol Hill on compensation and benefits matters for all members of the military community.

We provide expert advice and guidance to our members through a wide array of informational tools, both online and off.

With more than 380,000 members from every branch of service – including active duty, National Guard, Reserve, retired, and former officers and their families – we are a powerful force speaking for a strong national defense and representing the interests of military officers at every stage of their careers.

## TWO MEMBERSHIP LEVELS TO MEET YOUR NEEDS

**BASIC** The MOAA **BASIC Membership** gives busy officers the opportunity to experience what we have to offer before making a full commitment. BASIC Members get electronic access to several of MOAA's legislative advocacy publications and news updates and are able to participate in our grassroots activism efforts. As a BASIC Member, you can get digital access to *Military Officer* magazine and timely legislative news. You'll also have the opportunity to attend our career fairs, networking events, and classes and to take advantage of valuable discounts on products and services.

**PREMIUM** You can get full access to everything MOAA has to offer with our **PREMIUM Membership**. This includes access to the full spectrum of our career resources, countless discounts on products and travel, and access to all MOAA exclusive publications and news updates. As a PREMIUM Member, you'll be able to tap into MOAA's financial assistance programs, college scholarships and funding, investment and estate planning, and much more. That's on top of all the benefits you receive at the BASIC Membership level.

Local Networking Opportunities

Expert Financial Advice

Legislative Alerts

Advocacy At Your Local Level

There's only one thing  
missing from this fight.  
Your voice.

Career Transition Consulting

Community Service

Member Discounts

One Powerful Voice.®

MOAA needs your support in order to continue our vital work: advocating for the rights of our members. It's only with a strong, united voice that we are able to fight for the needs of military members and their families. And with all the benefits you'll receive as a MOAA member, you'll start seeing your involvement pay off right away.

In addition to representing your interests before Congress, MOAA offers a wide range of member services, from financial planning tools and college funding resources, to insurance and risk management, and much more. MOAA also can help you navigate your TRICARE benefits and provide you with affordable insurance products.

In this economic climate, our career consulting services are invaluable to our members. MOAA members have access to exclusive networking events, résumé critiquing, an expansive jobs board, and career transition assistance. Everything you need to advance your career is at your fingertips with MOAA.

Complete the enrollment form in this brochure or call (800) 234-MOAA (6622) to start your membership today. Or to learn more about MOAA and our membership options, visit [www.moaa.org/join](http://www.moaa.org/join).

Add your own voice to the fight.

## FREE

### BASIC MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT

YES! Sign me up as a FREE BASIC MOAA Member

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Retired ☐ Active ☐ Former

☐ Reserve ☐ National Guard ☐ Auxiliary\*

☐ Graduation Year (Cadet/Midshipmen) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

*To ensure deliverability of MOAA communications, please provide a personal email without a ".mil" domain if available.*

*We value your privacy. MOAA does not rent or sell its members' emails to third parties. If you include your email address, you will receive e-communications from MOAA as a member benefit. Visit [www.moaa.org/email](http://www.moaa.org/email) for details.*

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

*Your spouse has access to all of your MOAA member benefits.*

\*Surviving spouse of eligible officer

\*\*Email address required for BASIC Membership

Chapter Name: **Keystone Capitol Chapter**

Send to:

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Merrifield, VA 22116-9820

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or visit [www.moaa.org/join](http://www.moaa.org/join).



## **Keystone Capital Chapter    “First Chapter on the Site”**

### **MOAA Connect interactive website established for Keystone Capital Chapter**

The Keystone Capital Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America now has an interactive website established for its chapter members.

The website is designed to provide an interactive means to communicate among and provide information to chapter members. It contains the ability to establish member profiles and several means to stay in touch including a Communities section for those with similar interests; a Contacts section where you can invite individual members to become a part of your contacts list; a Subscriptions section for news from the Communities; and a Favorites section to establish a list of documents.

The Discussions section of the website provides a means to post on topics of interest, give comments, ask questions, reply to the sender directly, views the threads of the discussion or forward a message.

The Blogs section is a way to post your individual expressions of opinion on military topics of concern. It is your “voice”, out front, on the issues that affect us.

The Library section gives you the ability to share a file of a document, photo, or even a YouTube video of interest to chapter members.

There is a Directory section of chapter members. The section includes an Advanced Search to detail specific areas such as by location, status, rank, or military service.

The Events section provides a listing of upcoming events such as chapter meetings.

The site can be viewed at:

<http://connect.moaa.org/KeystoneCapitalChapter/ChapterHome>

Then go to **Connect Home** (upper right) for training videos, logging in and your profile.

Login must be established to view member content. Use or establish your MOAA login for the national web site. You must be a member of MOAA national to establish a login and listed as a Keystone Capitol Chapter member in national’s data base.





## KEYSTONE CAPITOL CHAPTER

### Join Today! FREE for 2013

Regular officer dues \$18, Auxiliary \$12

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print clearly May use for Renewal Notice

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Check your status: \_\_\_\_\_ Retired Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Regular Active Duty  
\_\_\_\_\_ Former Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Currently Serving National Guard  
\_\_\_\_\_ Currently Serving Reserves  
\_\_\_\_\_ Widow (er)\* of an officer (Auxiliary Member)

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I am a member of MOAA National \_\_\_\_ I am not a member of MOAA National

MOAA# (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in your own name, address, etc. and show deceased spouse's rank and service.

Mail to: Mrs. Darcy Wagonhurst, 10 Red Bud Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

## **DIRECTIONS TO THE RADISSON HOTEL, CAMP HILL**

**I I50 Camp Hill Bypass  
Camp Hill, PA 17011**

**The meeting is inside the Main Hotel, which is the lower building.  
You may park in the parking spots in front of the main hotel.**

**Do not go into the Convention Center at the top of the property.**

From the East Shore: Take I-83 South straight onto PA Route 581 then exit right onto Route 15 North. Follow route 15 through Camp Hill to the traffic light by Holy Spirit Hospital. Keep to the Right after the intersection to go to the hotel, it is on the left at the top of the hill. (The main bypass goes to the left and down the hill into Harrisburg, stay right.)

\*\*\* If you do go down the hill take the first right and it will bring you to Erford Road, turn right and take first right into Hotel parking lot. Go to lower building, that is the hotel entrance.

From the East Shore: Take I-81 across the Susquehanna and take the first exit to Route 15 South. Travel to Wormlesburg and follow the right turn sign for Route 15 at the light, then proceed up the hill and the Radisson will be on your right. You can turn right at the light by the IHOP restaurant or continue to the next light at the top of the hill and turn right into the hotel. You can drive down to the lower hotel building to park.

From Harrisburg: Cross the Harvey Taylor Bridge and continue up the hill on the Camp Hill Bypass. Take the first exit onto Erford Road, turn left and the hotel will be on your right.

From the West Shore: Drive to Route 15 North, Camp Hill. Follow Route 15 through Camp Hill to the traffic light by Holy Spirit Hospital. Keep to the Right after the intersection to go to the hotel, it is on the left at the top of the hill. (The main bypass goes to the left and down the hill into Harrisburg, stay right.) \*\*\*\* See asterisks Above



**KEYSTONE CAPITOL CHAPTER**

**WEDNESDAY - - MARCH 20th**

**Radisson Hotel, Camp Hill**

**12:00 PM SOCIAL \* \* 12:30PM Lunch**

**Plus 50/50 drawing**

**Entrees:**    **A. Bridge's Salad** – grilled chicken breast, raisins, almonds, tomato and cheddar cheese served over mixed greens. Served with honey mustard dressing and fresh rolls

**B. Chef's choice of Soup with Roast Beef and Provolone**  
cheese on wheat bread with Pickle spear and Potato chips.

**B-1. (Substitute Vegetable Wrap for Vegetarian option)**

**Chef's Desert Selection**

**Coffee, Iced Tea, and selection of hot teas**

**Cash Bar**

**Reply by March 15<sup>th</sup>**

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**MOAA MARCH 20<sup>th</sup> MEETING RESERVATION**

**Cost: \$17.00 per person    Make check payable to: Keystone Capitol Chapter**

**NAMES OF ALL MEMBERS & GUESTS ATTENDING:**

**Please print clearly    Number of Entrées: A \_\_    B. \_\_    B-1 \_\_**

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