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Keystone Capitol Chapter
 “One Powerful Voice”

DECEMBER 2013

The December Christmas dinner meeting will be Wednesday, December 4th, 2013 at the Flagship Catering Center, the former Officer’s Club, Mechanicsburg Naval Support Activity, on Rt. 11 on the Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg. **The social will start at 05:00 PM with dinner served at 6:00 PM.** This is a great opportunity for all members to bring a friend that supports our troops and veterans. Our entertainment is pianist and singer Giovanni Triano of Harrisburg. Drinks can be ordered at the cash bar and from the waitress. The cost of the dinner is \$25.00 per person. **Please RSVP by November 27 th.** The Reservation form is the last page of this newsletter.

Wreaths Across America Remembrance Ceremony
December 14th at noon, Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery



Punch Bowl, National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii

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Assassination of President Abraham Lincoln

November 20th Meeting Topic



The [Philadelphia Derringer](#) pistol Booth used to murder Lincoln, on display at the museum in Ford's Theatre (Wikipedia)

Speaker will be Mr. Willis Kocher, past president of the Harrisburg Civil War Roundtable and former US Navy veteran. Mr. Kocher is well versed on Civil War history and is scheduled to present at the Civil War Roundtable meeting January 24th on the topic "Brevet Major General Joshua L. Chambers, US Volunteers". The meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel at 11 AM with lunch at noon in the **Bridges Lounge** in the hotel. This is a different room than we have used previously. It is in the same general area of the hotel.

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](tel:717-766-7351). She will send a card from the Chapter.

BOARD MEETING

KEYSTONE CAPITOL CHAPTER

Meeting Location: Denny's Restaurant, Mechanicsburg, PA

November 12th, 2013 at 11:30 AM

Due to many conflicting schedules the meeting was canceled and the next board meeting is tentatively set for Tuesday December 3rd. The November meeting room at the Radisson has been changed to the **Bridges Lounge** in the hotel and

is in the general area of the dining room. Dave White has finalized plans for the Christmas dinner to be held at the Flagship Catering Center, formerly the O Club, on the Mechanicsburg Naval Support Activity base Wednesday evening December 4th beginning at 5 PM. The entertainer is Giovanni Triono, a pianist and singer, who will provide music during dinner.

Board member Gordon Macdonald has been working to establish a satellite group of chapter members to meet on the east shore but interest was not there at this time.

The slate of officers will be announced at the November meeting and a motion for nomination of any additional candidates. The election will be held and new officers and board members will be sworn in at the January meeting for 2014.

The slate of officers will be: President - Bob Gray, First Vice President – Keith Beebe, Second Vice President - D’Arcy Wagonhurst, Secretary – Fred Lovelace, Treasurer – Warren Heidelbaugh. Joe Gottwald will be the Past President.

Board member Gordon Macdonald will continue for a second year. Additional board members are needed to assist in guiding the chapter into the future.

Contact past president Bob Gray at 623-8715 for more information.

PA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Pay Day Lending

Recent intel from the capitol reveals that some legislators will try again to move the pay day lending bill, SB 975 r another bill. No action has been taken yet but we are planning to return to the capitol shortly to lobby the senators again to ensure they do not have enough votes to move it. On the last visit to the capitol October 24th team MOAA distributed materials to House Representatives on the Veterans Affairs Committee and House members that veterans.

The PA War Veterans Council sent a letter opposing any change of the state usury laws to the governor and leadership of the House and senate. The War Council received two letters in reply stating they were opposed to pay day lending. Rep. Katherine Watson, 144th District and Senator Rob Teplitz, 15th District.

The coalition to Stop Predatory Pay Day Loans in PA has a web site

www.stoppaydayloanspa.com/ and Face book

page www.facebook.com/StopPayDayLoansPA. The web site providers an updated one page summary you can download to provide legislators and for information.

The site also has a link to send a suggested email to your state legislator or add your own words. The link is at the bottom of the web page, TAKE ACTION NOW by clicking here



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

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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.

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Chapter Name: **Keystone Capitol Chapter**

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or visit **www.moaa.org/join**.

(Chapter application is also required for chapter membership)

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In Washington and Harrisburg

PA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Veteran Legislation

Governor Corbett is holding a press conference in State College on Veterans Day at the 112th Air Operations Squadron, PA Air National Guard. He will be highlighting enacted veterans legislation and as well as legislation that remains in focus in the fall agenda.

Some of the legislation that could be included is:

House Bill 107/Heffley - Considering military education and training to satisfy licensing or certification requirements. Passed the House and in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Senate Bill 923/ Baker – Extending and expanding the Military Family Relief Assistance program beyond January 2014. The program gives grants up to \$3,500 to needy PA active duty service members and their families. Referred to the House Appropriations Committee.

Senate Bill 1102/Scarnati - Reduced hunting license and Fishing licenses for disabled veterans. Passed the Senate, in the House Game and Fisheries committee.

SB 1090/ Baker – Extending Free hunting and fishing to disabled veterans paid at the 100 percent disabled rate. Passed the Senate, in the House Game and Fisheries Committee.

Senate Bill 1004 / Baker - Developing Opportunities in Veterans Education. Requires institutions of higher education to designate a single point of contact for Veterans where they can receive academic and financial assistance. Sill in the Education Committee since May 2013.

House Bill 472/ Barrar – Military Residency for Colleges provides an exception to residency requirements for in-state tuition to the Commonwealth's colleges and universities. It will also require that the sponsor rate for each community college be extended to the non-resident Veterans, their spouse and dependent children. Passed the House and is in the Senate Education Committee

House Bill 43/ Harper – “Give an Hour” to our Veterans – legislation would change current language to allow psychiatrists, psychologists and counselors the ability to obtain a volunteer license so that they may provide free mental health services via “Give an Hour”. Passed the House, is in the Senate Consumer Protections and Professional Licensure Committee.

House Bill 1205 – Veterans Lottery Ticket. Passed Veterans Affairs Committee. Bill is tabled at present. Governor is against it.

Bob Gray, Chair, PA Council of Chapters Legislative Committee



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

Newport News, VA: New Class of Aircraft Carrier

by [KRIS OSBORN](#) on NOVEMBER 7, 2013 From Militarytimes.com

As the Navy prepares for the Nov. 9 christening of the USS Gerald R. Ford aircraft carrier, the service is getting ready for 27-months of rigorous, integrated testing of the ship's new systems and technologies. As the first in a new class of higher-tech aircraft carriers, the USS Ford represents an ambitious Navy effort to integrate a suite of new technologies onto a single platform.

The innovations built into the first ever Ford-class carrier include a larger flight deck designed to increase the sortie rate as well as more powerful nuclear reactor cores, advanced arresting gear, dual-band radar, computer automation, turbine generators and an Electro-magnetic Aircraft Launching System, or EMALS.. The new ship is slated for commissioning in 2016, following the test period.

Military.com attended a media round table with Rear Adm. Tom Moore, the program executive officer for aircraft carriers. Check out the full story [here](#) about the ramp up for the USS Gerald R. Ford.

The concept with the Ford-class carriers, which will serve for a life-span of 50 years each, is to methodically replace the existing Nimitz-class carriers which were introduced in the 1970s, Navy officials said. While nearly complete, construction of the Ford has drawn criticisms from lawmakers and congressional watchdog groups for its escalating costs; at \$12.9 billion, the Ford is more than \$2 billion over budget.

The Navy says it is working vigorously to contain and reduce costs, adding that some of cost growth was due to what they called "first-in-class" costs, meaning non-recurring engineering and development dollars which will inform the entire class of carriers. The Navy is optimistic it can control cost growth on the second Ford-class carrier, the USS Kennedy, now also under construction.

The USS Ford's larger flight deck is intended to provide the Navy with an improved ability to project and sustain power by allowing for more flight missions.

In fact, the new carrier will be able to generate 33-percent more sorties than Nimitz-class carriers can. That translates into 160 sorties per day, officials said. Navy leaders have also indicated that the USS Ford's flight deck and electronic systems were designed to accommodate unmanned systems as well, something which appears likely to factor prominently in the future. Red more at link:

<http://defensetech.org/2013/11/07/uss-gerald-r-ford-carrier-set-for-friday-christening/#ixzz2k5kNKkhV>



MOAA KEYSTONE CAPITAL CHAPTER

WEDNESDAY December 4 th
Flagship Catering Center/O Club
Naval Supply Activity, Mechainsburg

Christmas Dinner Meeting

Social 05:00 PM Dinner 6:00 PM

Dinner Entertainment: Giovanni Triano

Pianist/Singer

Menu:

Pitt Baked Ham Slice or Broiled Salmon

Mashed potatoes, Green beans almandine and Carrot Cake

Coffee, Hot Tea and Iced Tea

- - CASH BAR - -

Event Invitation

December 4 th Flagship Catering Center / O Club Mechanicsburg

Price per person: \$25.00 Choose #: ____ Baked Ham ____ Broiled Salmon

Make check out to: Keystone Capitol Chapter

Names of Members and Guests attending:

****Please Reply NLT Friday, November 27th to Host:**

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