



**MOAA**  
Military Officers Association of America

# KEYSTONER

**Keystone Capitol Chapter**  
“One Powerful Voice”

## MARCH 2014

**The March meeting will be Thursday, March 20th, 2014 at the Park Inn Hotel on the Carlisle Pike.** The social will start at 11:00 AM with lunch served at 12:00 Noon. This is a great opportunity for all members to bring a friend that supports our troops and veterans. Our social time begins in the Legends Bar before we move up to the meeting room. Enter the restaurant on the right as you enter the hotel then turn left to enter the bar. **Our speaker is local historian Sheldon Munn presenting the life of H. J. Heinz in a slide presentation covering his start in business at age 8 to founding Heinz 57 Verities.** The Reservation form is the last page of this newsletter.  
**Please RSVP by March 15th.**

### **H. J. Heinz Businessman – Philanthropist**



Source: Wikipedia

The company's world headquarters are in [Pittsburgh](#), Pennsylvania, where the company has been located since 1890, and the company's "keystone" logo is based on that of [Pennsylvania](#), the "[keystone](#) state".

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A majority of its ketchup is produced in [Fremont](#), Ohio. Heinz opened a pickle factory in [Holland](#), Michigan, in 1897, and it is the largest such facility in the world. [Heinz Field](#) was named after the Heinz Company in 2001.



<http://www.heinz.com/our-company/about-heinz/history.aspx>

# 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 recuperating chapter member please contact D'Arcy Wagonhurst at 717-766-7351. She will send a card from the Chapter.

## BOARD MEETING

### **KEYSTONE CAPITAL CHAPTER**

Meeting Location: Park Inn – Legends Restaurant, Mechanicsburg, PA

February 11<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 11:30 AM

At this meeting the board voted to accept the contract terms negotiated by the three board members and the Park Inn sales manager covering the remaining meetings in 2014 and January 2015. While the contracts have minimums they were set very low for the size of our meetings. The move to the Park Inn affords the chapter back up meeting rooms if needed and different venues for the picnic on a covered patio with adjoining room in case of bad weather and a room on the main floor with a working fireplace for the holiday dinner. Members will have a larger choice of meals at different prices for meetings and a large bar that is staffed at lunch for the social hour. Two dollars is added per person to cover our speaker's meal.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,861.77 as of February 11, 2014. **Dues payments are due by the end of February.**

All members are welcome to attend the board meetings on the second Tuesday of the month, 11:30 am at the Park Inn Legends restaurant on the Carlisle Pike. Regular membership meetings will be held on the **third Thursday** with the meeting location at the Park Inn Hotel on the Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg.

Contact Bob Gray at 623-8715 for additional information.

## **Next Meeting – Thursday May 29th at 5PM**

Patio Courtyard, at rear of Park Inn Hotel, Carlisle Pike



### **2014- 2015 Meeting Dates**

**March 20<sup>th</sup> Lunch Meeting**

**May 29<sup>th</sup> (5PM Picnic on the Patio)**

**Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> (5PM Terrace Ballroom)**

**Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> Lunch Meeting (Elections)**

**Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> (5 PM Holliday Party in  
Terrace Ballroom)**

**Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> 2015 Lunch Meeting (Swearing In)**

# PA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

## Pay Day Lending

The Coalition is watching the shadows to see if the sponsors will move the bill in March. You will be contacted by email if Senate Bill 975 is moving in the senate so you can contact your state legislators to voice your opposition to pay day lending. The coalition to Stop Predatory Pay Day Loans in PA has a web site for more information on pay day lending. [www.stoppaydayloanspa.com/](http://www.stoppaydayloanspa.com/) and Face book page [www.facebook.com/StopPayDayLoansPA](http://www.facebook.com/StopPayDayLoansPA).

## State Veterans Legislation

The Pennsylvania War Veteran's Council Legislative Committee has scheduled a legislative breakfast for March 11<sup>th</sup> at the state capital to meet with legislators to discuss the four main goals for 2014. There are four goals. Continued and increased funding for the Act 66 Service Officer Program and the DAV Transportation Program to transport veterans to VA facilities for appointments. Two pieces of pending legislation are priorities. Senate Bill 1129 to amend the current state Paralyzed Veterans Pension program to limit eligibility to only severely disabled veterans in the future and passage of House Bill 1205 for a Veterans Lottery Ticket to fund the Veterans Trust Fund that provides grants to veteran and nonprofit groups to help veterans around the state. Visits to legislator's staffs will be scheduled for later in the morning and afternoon.

Budget hearings are ongoing in both the House and Senate for the month of February and regular sessions will not begin until March. Then legislation should start to move through committees. Hearings are broadcast on the PCN network.

**HB 1205/Barrar** - Veterans Lottery Ticket. Suggesting amendment for three or four times a year to lessen objections to using lottery funds.

**Status:** Voted out of House Veterans Affairs Committee Oct 21, 2013

Bill has been laid on the table for action on the floor of the House.

Leadership has to agree to assign it to another committee, such as gaming oversight or appropriations. Not moving for now.

# The Bottom Line – What’s on the Chopping Block?

February 12, 2014

By Col. Mike Hayden, USAF (Ret) MOAA Government Relations

During a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on the COLA cuts for working-age military retirees established in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 (BBA), Pentagon witnesses repeatedly talked about curbing military personnel costs. It became crystal clear the Pentagon does not intend to wait until the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission’s (MCRMC) completes its review in February 2015 to start adjusting currently serving compensation and benefit programs.

Although the hearing focused on the COLA-cutting provision, committee members also discussed the rate of personnel cost growth, which Pentagon witnesses characterize as unsustainable.

Regarding the FY 2015 budget submission, acting Deputy Secretary of Defense Christine Fox said, “We are seriously considering proposing additional changes to compensation, not retirement ... but modest proposals on other parts of compensation.”

Fox outlined in her statement that “Secretary [Chuck] Hagel, the Joint Chiefs, and the service secretaries agree that we cannot afford to sustain the rate of growth in military compensation that we’ve experienced over the last decade.”

The witnesses further outlined that much of the rate of growth since the early 2000s “reflects the convergence of multiple motivations, all of them well-intentioned,” such as eliminating the pay gap and zeroing out out-of-pocket housing expenses.

Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs Adm. James Winnefeld Jr., USN, warned, “Demanding at this point that our compensation not only remain at its currently high relative level but that it continue to rise faster than that of the average American is simply not sustainable.”

Fox went on to say, “The one-third of the defense budget consumed by military compensation cannot be exempt as an area of defense savings. We must find ways to slow the rate of growth.”

Instead of acknowledging that in the late 1990s retention and recruiting were on the ropes and subsequent plus-ups in personnel costs were needed corrections to keep the previous years of cutbacks from breaking the career force, it appears the Pentagon now uses the steep growth rate over the past decade to forecast the future personnel cost growth glide path — a glide path that's much more horizontal since 2010.

Military members will not see pay increases that exceed private-sector pay by 11.5 percent over the next two decades, and they won't have their out-of-pocket housing expenses zeroed out — again.

But the writing on the wall is clear. The gains over the past 13 years are now targets for cuts.

So what's on the chopping block? We don't have a crystal ball, but the following forms of pay and benefits have emerged as leading candidates:

- capping pay raises or even freezing pay;
- making additional end-strength cuts;
- changing basic allowance for housing to make servicemembers assume more of the costs;
- reducing the commissary benefit savings; and
- means-testing TRICARE fees and establishing TRICARE For Life/TRICARE Standard enrollment fees.

These and maybe more are facing the chopping block. More clarity will surface once the budget rolls out March 4.

**The bottom line:** The Pentagon will push pay and benefit cuts, and they will be more than “tweaks.” These proposed changes will definitely impact the purchasing power of military families.

- See more at:

<http://www.moaa.org/MRFebBottomLine/#sthash.Aw2vhfDt.dpuf>



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**Join Today! FREE for 2014 (New members only)**

**Regular officer dues \$18, Auxiliary \$12**

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# KEYSTONE CAPITAL CHAPTER

## 2014 DUES RENEWAL NOTICE

February 19, 2014

Keystone Capital Chapter Members,

### REVISED INFORMATION

Enclosed find your chapter renewal form to update your address and email information for 2014 and return with your check to the Treasurer. The chapter dues for officers are \$18.00 and Auxiliary members (widow/widower) are \$12.00.

**Please return by February 28, 2014.**

Postage has increased three cents to forty nine cents for first class mail and the board decided not to mail newsletters to members with email addresses unless they request a hard copy mailed. After February 28<sup>th</sup> only dues paying members will be mailed a hard copy of the newsletter, with the exception of home bound members that can no longer attend meetings and are not charged dues. Email copies will still be sent to the current list of addresses to keep updated on the chapter and everyone can participate in contacting state legislators on matters that involve the state's active military and fellow veterans in Pennsylvania. That also includes the PA Council of Chapters Eagle newsletter.

Membership Chair D'Arcy Wagonhurst has mailed out 100 membership letters to MOAA national members in the Camp Hill and Mechanicsburg area. Recruiting more members will create more opportunities to help organizations like the three Junior ROTC programs the chapter currently provides with the free awards from national but could be making cash donations to help their programs. The units in Pine Grove, Shikalemy (Sunbury) and Harrisburg high schools are working hard to stay in existence and have many fund raisers to travel to competitions.

Under the new contracts with the Park Inn we have a minimum of \$100.00 for the lunch meetings (at least 10 attending) and \$400.00 for the larger rooms for evening meetings (at least 23 attending). The Park Inn has given us a large discount from their normal rates to support the veterans in our chapter.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Gray LTC USA (Ret)

Chapter President

Keystone Capital Chapter

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# MOAA KEYSTONE CAPITAL CHAPTER

THURSDAY March 20<sup>th</sup>

Park Inn Hotel – Meeting Room  
Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg

**SOCIAL - 11 AM (Legends Bar) LUNCH – 12:00 Noon**

## Speaker

**Sheldon Munn, local historian**

## **The Life of Henry John Heinz**

### Menu:

1. Chef Salad of mixed greens, turkey, ham American cheese, Swiss cheese, eggs, tomatoes and cucumbers with choice of dressing **\$18.00**
2. Chicken Strawberry Salad of grilled chicken, spinach, blue cheese crumble, candied walnuts, dried cranberries, sliced strawberries served with poppy seed dressing **\$21.00**
3. Turkey Club Sandwich with chips and pickle **\$20.00**
4. Ruben Sandwich with chips and pickle **\$18.00**    5. Crock of Chili & Tortilla chips **\$13.00**
6. Deluxe ½ lb Berger of ground Angus steak with chips and pickle  
(or substitute Boneless Chicken Breast- please note it below) **\$15.00**

Includes coffee, ice tea and water (you may end up taking some home)

- - CASH BAR - -

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### Event Invitation

**MARCH 20<sup>th</sup> Park Inn Hotel 11 AM Social Lunch 12:00 Noon**

Enter menu number & price per person: # \_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check out to: Keystone Capital Chapter**

**Names of Members and Guests attending:**

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**\*\*Please Reply NLT Saturday, March 15th to Host:**

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