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COMING EVENTS

HOLIDAY GALA

Friday, December 5, 2014

1130 Hours
. William Penn Inn
. RT 202 & Sumneytown Pike
. Gwynedd, PA 19436

See Page 5 for Menu and Reservation Form



Board Meetings

1000, Monday, Nov. 10, 2014 1000, Monday, Dec. 8, 2014

56th Stryker Brigade Combat . Team Conference Room

. 5600 Itami Avenue Horsham Air Guard Station

Questions Concerning

Events?

. Call Dave Manuel @

215-540-9809

Military Officers Association

Message from the *President*



MOAA-Willow Grove met at the Vereinigung Erzgebrige, (VE), Club in Warminster for our 18 September 2014 Benjamin Franklin meeting. Chapter No. 16 National Sojourners presented their "9 Flags" program after lunch. The presenters were Len Bezar, USCG; Captain Jerry Eberz, USA, ret.; and CDR Bill Doty, USCG, ret. Len Bezar and Jerry Eberz wore their "Heroes of 76'' colonial uniforms. The Heroes of 76 is a sub- group within National Sojourners which makes different several patriotic presentations. The 9 Flags presentation

Willow Grove Chapter

dialogues the development of our Star Spanaled Banner from the early days of the republic to our current flag. The chapter made a contribution to the Sojourners which support sending several high school sophomores and juniors to the Freedoms Foundation National Sojourners Spirit of America Youth Leadership Conference. Over one hundred Students from all over the country attend a four day session presented each summer studying government, Americanism, rights and responsibilities of a citizen leader. communication, teamwork, and personalities of a leader.

communication, teamwork, and personalities of a leader Sojourner chapters fully support these students with scholarships to this conference.

On 16 October, six chapter members visited the personal WWI/WWII museum of III. William Kelly, Past Potentate of LuLu Shriners. President Gary Portnoy, Legislative Officer Tom Sadowski, board member Peter Thomson, John Dorosky, Wendell Rich and Jim waters were in attendance.

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The collection includes many one-of-a-kind items representing all sides in these conflicts. The displays resemble bunkers and facility's common to the time period. We were able to handle many of the items including iconic weapons such as the German MG34 machine gun, Thompson machine gun, Mauser K98, Colt 34 ACP and the M1 Garand rifle.

Our government is still trying to balance the budget on the backs of the military, both and retired. The "cost of living" raise for this year is again limited to 1% regardless of the actual cost of living active duty figures. Attacks on Tricare and Tricare for Life continue to attract the attention at the Federal government and the Pentagon for cost savings. MOAA national continues to defend our earned benefits.

As we approach the holiday season we must remember that our troops are still deployed all over the world. Whenever it seems like things are quieting down new requirements present themselves and as always America's military responds. Remember these men and woman as we celebrate here at home.

Maj. Gary M. Portnoy,
. USAFR, Ret.

SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER MEETINGS and LUNCHEONS FOR 2014/2015

<u>5 December</u> –1130 Friday MOAA Holiday GALA-Wm. Penn Inn, Gwynedd, PA

17 January – 0930 Saturday
. Breakfast Meeting
VE Club,130 Davisville Rd.
Warminster, PA 18974-5599

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2014

1000, Monday, Nov. 10, 2014

1000, Monday, Dec. 8, 2014

In Memoriam

CWO August Essman, USN-R

MAJ Z. Lutcavage, USA-R

Mrs. Irene C. Hewitt (Widow of the late LTC Charles Hewitt, USAF-R)



56TH STRYKER BRIGADE, 28TH DIV. ANNUAL PICNIC SUPPORT PRESENTATION MOAAWG PRES. PORTNOY PRESENTING \$300 CK TO SUSAN BRENT.CDR THOMPSON,USN-R



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MOAA PROGRAM 18 SEPTEMBER –NATIONAL SOJOURNERS BENJAMIN FRANKLIN . CHAPTER 16 PERFORMING THE NINE FLAGS CEREMONY



CDR DOTY, USCG-RET NARRATING FOR MILITARY SOJOURNERS EBERZ & BEZAR





MOAA HOLIDAY GALA 5 DECEMBER 2014

Route 202 and Sumneytown Pike, Gwynedd, Pa 19436 (USE REAR BANOUET ENTRANCE)

Hors D'oeuvres at 11:30 - Cash Bar 11:30 to 12:30 Luncheon Served at 12:30 Music & Entertainment –Michael Evans at the Keyboard

The Menu

House Salad, Romaine, greens with tomatoes, baby spinach, carrots, tarragon dressing *Entrees*

- 1. Chicken Marsala, Scaloppine of pan-seared chicken with a medley of imported & domestic mushrooms in a savory Marsala wine sauce
- 2. Tangerine-Grilled Salmon, Fillet of Atlantic salmon brushed with a tangy, tangerine mustard glaze
- 3. Roasted Loin of Pork, with a stone-ground mustard demi-glace

All Served With

Rice with Fresh Asparagus & Roasted Pine Nuts, Stir-fry Vegetable Medley, Baked Rolls

Vanilla ice cream Topped with Grand Marnier-marinated strawberries and a sprig of mint

Choice of freshly brewed coffee and assorted hot teas.

Remember, the Holiday Awards Program will be conducted at this Gala. First prize will be 2 awards of \$500.00 each, the second prize will be 2 awards of \$200.00 each and 6 prizes of \$100.00 each, <u>ONLY FOR PARTICIPANTS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE GALA</u>. In addition, there will be Special Awards of Ten \$100.00 each open to ALL ticket holders present or not.

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MOAA Holiday Gala at the Wm. Penn Inn 5 December 2014	
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Name:	
Guest (s):	
Menu Choice (s) 1. Chicken Marsala	How Many?
2. Grilled Fillet of Salmon	How Many?
3. Roasted Loin of Pork	How Many?
Make Check Payable to MOAA-WG @ \$35.00 per person Total \$	
Mail this form & Check to Gordon Bell, 723 Spring Lane, Lansdale, PA 19446	
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