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## COMING EVENTS

**HOLIDAY GALA** 

Friday, December 4, 2015

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

See Page 3 for Menu and Reservation Form



#### Board Meetings

1000, Monday, Nov. 9, 2015 1000, Monday, Jan. 11, 2016

56<sup>th</sup> 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 held our 9/17/15 meeting at the VE Club, Warminster. We had over thirty MOAA member attendees and guests at our luncheon. We were also honored to welcome two new MOAA Willow Grove members: Maj. Robert J. Berger, USAF, ret. and LTC Robert R. Bugge, USA, ret. We hope to see you at all of our upcoming events.

MG Wes Craig MOAA-WG member and former Pennsylvania Adjutant General under Governor Corbett was our guest

#### Willow Grove Chapter

speaker. General Craia discussed the PA Air and Army Guards participation in the War on Terror. Gen. Craig commanded over 15,000 Army National Guard troops, who have had over 21,000 individual deployments since 9/11/01. The Air National Guard component staffed with almost 4,000 airmen. The Pennsylvania Army and Air National Guard are also responsible to the governor and are frequently mobilized for state emergences such as floods, and other natural as well as manmade disasters and most recently for the Pope's visit.

Marguerite, (Meg), Graf has volunteered to serve as our Surviving Spouse Liaison, sometimes called the Auxiliary Liaison by MOAA. We welcome her input, her support and expertise. The positions responsibilities include: retention of surviving spouses for the chapter;

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primary point of contact on legislation and

benefits-information issues surviving spouses; for represent MOAA-WG with the national's **Auxiliary** Member Advisory Committee: appraise MOAA-WG board when Contact appropriate. Meg with any questions might VOU have concerning support and benefits available for survivina Her spouses. email:

#### <u>Sew3gems@gmail.com</u>

MOAA Willow Grove will supporting the be Veterans Recognition Service at Christ's Lutheran Church, 700 Pennsylvania Ave, Oreland, PA. Various veterans' groups like the Legion, American the VFW, MOAA and the Legion of Honor are invited to participate. The service will be held 11/07/15 at 1000 hours.

On 12/04/15 MOAA-WG will hold our annual Holiday Gala at the William Penn Inn. Please come out and support your chapter at this terrific event. We will have Mike Evans on keyboard for entertainment and Joe Brooks, CEO of the Liberty USO, guest. as our Remember everyone present with award tickets has the opportunity to win nice cash awards. A total \$3000.00 will of be

awarded which includes \$2000.00 for which you must be present to win and \$1000.00 for ticket holders who are not able Additional to attend. tickets will be available at the door. In addition, you will have chances to win prizes from our basket of cheer. Almost everyone present goes home with something. Go to page 3 and fill out your coupon ASAP and mail in with your Thank Youcheck!!!! See You There !!!!

Maj. Gary M. Portnoy USAFR-Ret.

## SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER MEETINGS and LUNCHEONS FOR 2015/2016

15 October –Visit Wings of Freedom Aviation Museum. Meet at Lancers Diner, RT 611 Horsham 1130 hrs.

4 December –1130 Friday MOAA Holiday GALA-Wm. Penn Inn, Gwynedd, PA

16 January -0930 Saturday Anne's Choice -Warminister CAPT Ralph Galati, USAF-Ret. POW Vietnam -Speaker

#### SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2015/2016

9 November Monday 1000

11 January Monday 1000

#### **Welcome New Members**

LTC Robert R. Bugge, USA-R MAJ Robert J. Berger, USAF-R





### MOAA HOLIDAY GALA 4 DECEMBER 2015

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 4 December 2015	
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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 @ \$38.00 per person Total \$	
Mail this form & Check to Gary Portnoy, 116 Saddlebrook Dr., Dublin, PA 18917-2124	
For Information: Call Gary Portnoy-215-249-1305 CUT OFF DATE IS November 29, 2015	

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#### **2016 WG MOAA**

#### **Board Nominations**

The following nominees will be presented to the general membership on December 4, 2015 and sworn in at that time.

#### **Chapter Officers**

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