



# Stack Arms



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Military Officers Association

Willow Grove Chapter

MOAA – WG Website:  
<https://sites.google.com/site/moaawg/>

## COMING EVENTS

### September Luncheon

Thursday, Sept. 17, 2015

1200-1500 Hours

Vereinigung Erzgebirge Club

- 130 Davisville Road
- Warminster, PA 189

See Back Page for Menu  
and Reservation Form



### Board Meetings

1000, Monday, Sept. 14, 2015

1000, Monday, Oct. 12, 2015

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

## *Message from the President*



MOAA-Willow Grove met at the Vereinigung Erzgebirge Club, (VE Club), in Warminster for our 21 May 2015 meeting. Our speaker was Bill Hyndman USAF, Strategic Air Command, (SAC), veteran. At an early age Bill saw his neighbors go off to World War II and after seeing many of them never come home, decided to honor their sacrifice. Bill, while pursuing a career as a banking executive, became a part time military historian.

He developed an extensive museum in his home with uniforms and memorabilia remembering specific service people. He learned intimate details of their lives and their sacrifices. He started with his friend and neighbor Mark Miller who was killed during the last week of WWII in the last B29 shot down on Wednesday, August 8, 1945. He learned and documented every detail of their lives and deaths. His collection includes genuine items worn by such men as Major Audie Murphy, MOH recipient, MSGT Roy Benavidez MOH recipient, and General Norman Schwarzkopf, Jr. His collection contains a number of genuine Medal of Honors. Some of these items were displayed during the meeting and explained during his presentation. For more information please visit Bill's website:

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<http://hyndmanmilitaryhistory.com/introduction.html>

Our annual picnic was held at the president's home for the second year. Around two dozen people enjoyed the good food, libations and above all the comradery that all service people feel towards others who served, regardless of which service they belonged. A special thanks to all those who brought additional items, helped setup and helped clean up.

Thursday 17 September 2015 will be our next MOAA-WG luncheon. MG Wes Craig MOAA-WG member and former Pennsylvania Adjutant General under Governor Corbett will be our guest speaker. General Craig will discuss the Pennsylvania Air and Army Guard participation in the War on Terror and how extensively this states nineteen thousand guard troops have been deployed in recent years. This is a luncheon you don't want to miss.

Remember that the dues notices found in the Stack Arms are our primary way of contacting the members regarding dues. There are also dues forms available for download from our web site on the Membership Page:

<https://sites.google.com/site/moaawg/membership>

Note: MOAA National Life Memberships do not cover chapter dues. The WG Chapter does NOT have life memberships. Thank You.

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

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

**17 Sept – 1200 VE Club-**  
MG Wesley Craig. USA-Ret.  
Former PA Adjutant General  
Presentation

**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 -Warminster  
CAPT Ralph Galati, USAF-Ret.  
POW Vietnam -Speaker

## **SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2015**

14 September Monday 1000

5 October Monday 1000

9 November Monday 1000

## **Welcome New Member**

**LTC Patty McFarland, ANG-**  
Ret

## **In Memoriam**

**COL Julia B. Paparella,**  
USAR- Ret.

## **MAJOR GENERAL WESLEY E. CRAIG**



### **The Adjutant General, Pennsylvania**

Major General Wesley E. Craig - The Adjutant General, Pennsylvania. He assumed the duties as the 51st Adjutant General of Pennsylvania and Commander, Pennsylvania National Guard on February 14, 2011, and was confirmed on May 3, 2011. In this state cabinet-level position headquartered at Fort Indiantown Gap, General Craig was responsible for command, control and supervision of National Guard units - Army and Air - allocated to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, six state-owned veterans' homes and programs for Pennsylvania's one million veterans.

General Craig graduated from Temple University Army Reserve Officer Training Corps program as a Distinguished Military Graduate in June 1968. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Transportation Corps and spent the next two years on active duty stationed in Virginia and Georgia. He joined the Pennsylvania Army National

Guard in 1971 and branch transferred to Armor and served for twenty of the next twenty two years in the 1st Squadron, 104th Armored Cavalry, ending his last four years with that unit as the Squadron Commander. General Craig transferred to the Headquarters of the 56th Mechanized Infantry Brigade, where he served for four years as Executive Officer and four years as Commanding Officer. The 56th Brigade received the Pennsylvania Governor's Meritorious Unit Citation during his time in command. The 56th Brigade was rated as the best in the entire Army National Guard and was selected as the only Stryker Brigade Combat Team in the entire National Guard. General Craig was transferred to the Headquarters of the 28th Infantry Division, (Mechanized). He served three years as Assistant Division Commander followed by three years as Commander. During his time as Commander, 28th Division mobilized and deployed over 8,000 Soldiers to the peacekeeping mission in Kosovo and to combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Division Headquarters deployed to a multi-national training mission in Egypt known as "Bright Star" where General Craig commanded 14,000 troops from eight nations in this highly visible exercise. He also conducted command visitations to forces forward deployed in Kosovo, Iraq, and Afghanistan in 2003-2005.

General Craig retired in 2006, and continued to support the military services as a civilian. He served as Pennsylvania's State Chairman for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve for three years, Chairman for the Liberty USO of Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey for four years, and a member of the United States Army War College Foundation Board of Directors for six years. General Craig was recalled to active service as the Adjutant General of Pennsylvania in February 2011.

General Craig served as the Adjutant General of Pennsylvania under Governor Tom Corbett until February 2015 when Governor Tom Wolf presided over the "Change of Responsibility" to MG James Joseph at Fort Indiantown Gap in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania.



# FORE THE TROOPS

## 2015 - HONORING FALLEN WARRIORS



### LT. TRAVIS MANION & LT. BRENDAN LOONEY

2015 Fore the Troops honored Fallen Warriors 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Travis Manion, USMC (right) from Doylestown, PA and Lt. Brendan Looney, USN, Navy Seal. They were best friends and Naval Academy roommates and are buried side by side in Arlington. "If Not Me, Then Who"..... Travis' words prior to his second deployment have inspired thousands to continue their service to community and country.



Fore the Troops is a Golf outing that raises money for Main Line Troop Support – Philadelphia Treats for Troops. Treat for Troops uses these funds to send care packages to deployed Service men and women serving our country. .

*MOAA-WG sponsored the 14th hole for \$150. The golf outing raised \$6800 for Main Line Troop Support.*

(L-R) Skip Croushore, served in the Navy; Col Bill Cole; Hilton Klein; and Col Dale Martin.

## ***IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR 2015 ANNUAL DUES - NOTICE FORM***

### **MOAA WILLOW GROVE CHAPTER ● 2015 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**

***These annual dues support your local chapter and are separate from National MOAA Life Memberships***

If you have not renewed your MOAA WG Chapter Dues, please do so now. Also consider an additional donation to our Military Charity Assistance Funds to support our many military organizations and families. THANK YOU

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Service \_\_\_\_\_

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**\$15 (\$10 for surviving spouses) for MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL ONLY.**

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Please mail this form, with your check **PAYABLE TO: MOAA-WG**

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smart phone QR  
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Please pay your dues promptly.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR QUICK RESPONSE!!!**

### ***LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE BY: MAJ Thomas Sadowski, USAF-R***

On July 25, 2015, Pete Thomson and I attended the PA Council Meeting Conference held at the Carlisle Country Club, Carlisle, PA. During this conference the following information was shared:

#### **MOAA's Aspiration Goals:**

- Achieve chapter influence in every congressional district (435).
- Links chapter mission to national MOAA priorities.
- Personalizes chapter / legislator relationship.
- Provides single focal point

#### **Congressional Legislative Updates**

The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2016 reached a stalemate in Congress before they departed Washington DC for a month long summer recess. House and Senate lawmakers will return to the negotiation process in September. Here is where the House and Senate stand:

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Final</b>
Retirement reform	Yes	Yes	Yes
TRICARE consolidation	No	No	No
Means testing TRICARE fees	No	No	No
Active duty pay raise	2.3%	1.3%	TBD
Cuts to housing allowances	No	Yes	TBD
Cuts to commissaries	No	Yes	TBD
TRICARE Rx fee increases	No	Yes	TBD

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**September Luncheon  
Thursday, 17 September 2015  
1200 Hours**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Amount of check enclosed:  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(At \$18.00 per person)**

**Make check Payable to: MOAA-WG  
Mail check and this form to:**

**Dave Manuel  
501 N. Bethlehem Pike Unit 1C  
Ambler, PA 19002**

**Reservations must be made by  
11 September 2015**



**September Luncheon  
Thursday, 17 September 2015  
1200-1500**

**Vereinigung Erzgebrige Club  
130 Davisville Road, Warminster, PA 18974-5599**

**Pot Roast of Beef  
Served with two Vegetables  
Salad and Dessert, Coffee, Tea and Decaf**

**Come and enjoy a pleasant luncheon with your  
fellow MOAA members.**

**PROGRAM**

**MG Wesley Craig, USA-Ret. Former PA Adjutant General  
Speaking on the PANG Army and Air - " War on Terror"**

**Cost per person: \$18.00  
Reservation form to the left of this menu.**