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** National 4-Star Chapter 2008 **

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Harold Cooney

On a crisp November evening, 61 members and guests joined us for our meeting at the Letort View Community Center. **Dr. Conrad Crane**, Chief of Historical Services for the Army Heritage and Education Center, provided a thought provoking review of his recently published book, *Cassandra in Oz: Counterinsurgency and Future War*. He was the lead author for the groundbreaking Army-USMC counterinsurgency manual, which was released in December 2006. For that effort he was named one of NEWSWEEK's people to watch in 2007. He visited Iraq in November 2007 at General Petraeus' request to evaluate the new doctrine in action. In November 2008, the Scone Foundation named him the international Archivist of the Year. In 2016, Dr. Crane was awarded the Samuel Eliot Morison Prize by the Society for Military History for lifetime contributions to the field. The book covers lessons that should be gleaned from years of global war and displays the American military as a learning organization at its best. Well done!

Our 50/50 winners were: **Jim Nolan, Del Chastain** and **Bill Harkey**.

Note: The LVCC places orange cones on the parking spaces in front of the Center for the use of our members who need closer access. Please move the cone and park your vehicle there.

Elections 2017-2018: December is elections month and we'll be electing Chapter Officers and Board of Directors at the December Meeting. We are looking for 2 additional nominees for the Board. Please consider spending a total of 9 hours a YEAR, giving

back to your Chapter. Contact **Mike Zang** or me if you are interested.

The proposed slate is:

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2 Vacancies!

Our December 14 dinner will be at the Letort View Community Center. It is our Holiday Musicale with music provided by Messiah College. *Commemorative pins will also be presented to our Viet Nam Veterans!* Please make every effort to attend and kick off the holiday season.

Some key December dates:

Strategic Art Film events begin at 4:30pm in Wil Washcoe Auditorium, Root Hall:

- o December 6 – MacArthur
- o December 13 – Bastogne Band of Brothers
- o December 14 – Breaking Point Band of Brothers

Other dates on the Barracks:

- o Dec 3 – Christkindelmarkt Crafts Bazaar at AHEC 0900-1400
- o Dec 7 – Christmas Tree Lighting/Santa Claus
- o Dec 16 – Winter Recess begins!!
- o Dec 17- AHEC Perspectives in Military History Lecture: American Revolution Abductions, 1400-1700

PROGRAM NOTES

By Michael Zang

Our December event is the annual Holiday Musicale dinner at the Letort View Community Center on **Wednesday, December 14**, 2016. These early festivities help us get in the mood with great food, good friends, and merry music. **The Grantham Brass Project** will provide the musical portion of our program. This is a group of two trumpets, a trombone, a tuba and a French horn. The group operates under the Messiah College Department of Music.

Its members are composed entirely of music majors. They will be playing a program of pieces including traditional Christmas tunes both sacred and secular, and even pieces and themes from our favorite Christmas movies. They will do a few sing-along pieces as well. Please join us for the Musicale and kick off your Holiday Season.

The speaker for January's luncheon meeting is **Mr. Stephen Focht** who will discuss "*Your Heart and You*". During his presentation he will discuss how the heart functions, risk factors for having a heart attack, common symptoms of a heart attack for men and women, protecting your heart, and what to do if you think you're having a heart attack.

I look forward to speaking with you at both events.



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CV-MOAA UPCOMING EVENTS



Dec 14, Dinner and Holiday Musicale at
Letort View Community Center

2017

Jan 11, Luncheon at Carlisle Country Club

Feb 8, Luncheon at Carlisle Country Club

Mar 8, Luncheon at Carlisle Country Club

April 12, Dinner at Carlisle Country Club

May 10, Golf Outing and Picnic at the
Carlisle Barracks Golf Course

Our purpose is to encourage and facilitate camaraderie among active, retired, and former officers of the uniformed services, their spouses and survivors; to provide information to, useful services for, and to protect the interests of, members and their dependents and survivors; to promote the aims of the national MOAA; and to serve the community and the nation.

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The Chaplains Corner by Art Pace



In 1863, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote the Poem **Christmas Bells**. It began:

*I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play
And mild and sweet their songs repeat
Of peace on earth good will to men*

But few think about the context of the poem. It was the height of the bloody U.S. Civil War. In the midst of the chaos of that war, his beloved second wife died tragically in a fire, and his son returned home from the war permanently crippled. So it is easy to understand why he wrote:

*And in despair I bowed my head
There is no peace on earth I said
For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men*

But then something took hold of Longfellow. Somehow he was reminded that no matter how big our fears or problems, God is bigger still. Where there is hope, there is strength. And so he penned this verse:

*Then rang the bells more loud and deep
God is not dead, nor doth He sleep
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail
With peace on earth, good will to men*

In this great season of lights, let us remember that God beckons us out of our darkness and into His light. God indeed is not dead, nor does he sleep. He cares about you!

May this be the year of peace on earth, good will to all.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Good Yule!

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Legislative News

By Jim Simms

TRICARE COVERAGE OF HOSPICE CARE FOR CHILDREN

Medicare, the federal health insurance program for America's elderly, is causing problems for military children because TRICARE payments to medical providers are tied to Medicare's.

Medicare's payments are mainly designed for older patients, not for children, as a result TRICARE often doesn't pay for services unique to children. One example is coverage of hospice care for children facing late stage terminal illness.

Normally, when someone has a terminal illness and faces a short prognosis (e.g., less than six months), they can elect to begin hospice care. Hospice provides medical services, like pain and symptom control, and an option to be at home with caregiving assistance. But it also provides emotional support for the ill and their families, with counseling and support in preparing for death.

Under Medicare rules, electing hospice care requires giving up coverage for curative care. TRICARE follows the same rule. That means, when a military family has a child in hospice care and the child has a medical crisis, TRICARE won't cover readmission or treatment in hospital for curative care. The family must make the decision to let the child die, or bear the full cost of any medical treatment.

But a child's body is not like an adult's body. Children are faster healers, and every part of their body is still growing, developing, and renewing, while adults are in a steady state of aging. The health variables are much higher for children, and their quality of life needs are different. Parents shouldn't have to forego all needed curative efforts in order to use hospice programs.

It is unclear whether the Defense Health Agency (DHA) can fix this without legislation. When the policy was identified to DHA, it reached out to families facing this choice with additional options, but it remains unclear what additional services they are receiving and how such flexibility will be applied going forward.

MOAA and the TRICARE for Kids Coalition are committed to making a change to this regulation - and a law change, if necessary - a top priority.

Veterans Memorial

By Carla Fisher

I received this important note from Dave Getz that I want to share with our military community:

I am a board member of the Hampden Township Veterans Recognition Committee, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. I am pleased to let you know that we are getting closer to the construction of a Veterans Memorial that will honor and remember all Veterans. The Memorial will be constructed near the Giant grocery store off Wertzville Road. The access drive to the memorial site is in place. We have made great progress. Now we need your help. Today I have two requests:

1) Please consider investing in the project by purchasing engraved Memorial bricks to remember the important Veterans in your life. I can send you an order form via email. This is also an excellent opportunity for you to recognize your own service to our Nation. The form can be mailed in with a check or you can place your order on-line. dgetz@wwwpalaw.com; www.wwwpalaw.com

2) Please share this message with your friends and family. It is important that we get the word out to the community about this valuable project. The Memorial will not only be a lasting tribute to our Veterans but will also provide a gathering place for our community.

To ensure that bricks will be in place at the time of the Memorial's dedication, they must be purchased

by December 31, 2016. This would make a great Holiday present to remember your favorite Veterans!

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have about HTVRC and our mission to build a memorial for the Veterans in our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

David R. Getz, 508 North Second Street, P.O. Box 845, Harrisburg, PA 17108-0845, (717) 234-4182

Memories of a MOAA evening for which to be thankful!





Outstanding presentation by our speaker Dr. Conrad Crane





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RESERVATIONS FORM
DECEMBER DINNER
Letort View Community Center
December 14, 2016

PLEASE RESPOND BY Thursday, December 8, 2016

Remember, it is very important that you send your reservations in before the cutoff date of **Thursday December 8, 2016**. If an unexpected event surfaces and you must cancel, please contact **Jane Mitchell** at 323-0012 or by e-mail at janehmitchell@gmail.com. Refunds for cancellations received after 4 p.m. December 8 cannot be guaranteed. Also, please see the note at the bottom of this sheet if you have been notified that your dues need to be paid.

The dinner at the Letort View Community Center will begin with a social time at 6:15 p.m. We will assemble at 7:00 p.m. for dinner, followed by a short business meeting and our musical program by the Grantham Brass Project. The group consists of 5 Messiah College students all playing brass instruments. They will entertain us with their playing and lead us in singing a few Christmas Carols. *Special pins will be presented to our Viet Nam Veterans!*

Menu:

- A. Seafood Stuffed Whitefish with Scalloped Potatoes, and Vegetable Medley Blend
- B. 8oz Center Cut Strip Steak, with Scalloped Potatoes, and Vegetable Medley Blend

Cost: \$35.00 per person, which also includes salad, dessert, beverages, tax and gratuity. A cash bar will be available. (For a special dietary meal, please indicate below.)

*****CLIP AND RETURN SHEET*****

NAME: _____ Number to attend: _____

Name of Spouse/Guest(s) if applicable _____

Menu choices: A _____; B _____; Special Dietary Meal _____

Check for dinner to **CV-MOAA** (@\$35): \$_____ enclosed.

Mail to: CV-MOAA, P.O. BOX 278, CARLISLE, PA 17013.

Regular Member dues are being accepted for one year (\$12), three years (\$30), and five years (\$48), and for Associates dues of \$6, \$15, or \$24 for equal periods. In November of each year, those members whose dues will expire will be notified, but payment is welcome any time!

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