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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Michael Zang

There was a very nice turnout for the first luncheon event of 2017. Sixty-one members and guests joined us for our meeting at Carlisle Country Club. Mr. **Stephen Focht** provided very relevant and critical information on “*Your Heart and You*.” He reviewed the common heart risk factors of being overweight, stress, not exercising, high cholesterol, and high blood pressure before discussing some of the heart attack symptoms for both men and women. Stephen strongly recommended that everyone should be aware of these symptoms and not ignore any of them.

He emphasized that if you suspect you are having a heart attack to follow these basic steps:

1. Stop doing whatever you are doing.
2. CALL 911.
3. Take any heart medication you may have. If you have none then chew an uncoated aspirin.
4. Unlock any doors to your home, as EMTs are not allowed to break down doors.
5. Loosen any tight clothing.
6. Get into a more comfortable position so you can breathe more easily.

Stephen's presentation was a good reminder to all of us on how to take care of our heart and what to do if we suspect we are having heart trouble.

I want to personally thank both the former and new officers, members of the Board, and committee representatives for agreeing to serve in these

positions. It is these individuals who make my job as President easy and enable your Chapter to provide great support to Dickinson College and Shippensburg University's ROTC programs and to the six JROTC programs (Carson Long, Cedar Cliff, Chambersburg, Cumberland Valley, Gettysburg, and Red Land). See **Glenn Mitchell's** Program Notes for information on our February Luncheon and our ROTC/JROTC program for it.

Please make every effort to attend and mingle with your fellow Chapter members.

PROGRAM NOTES

By Glenn Mitchell

In February, we meet at 11:15 am for social hour and a luncheon at noon at the Carlisle Country Club. Please help us by sending in your RSVP NO LATER THAN 2 February. The program for February centers on Dickinson College's and Shippensburg University's ROTC programs and the six high school JROTC programs our Chapter supports. This includes the presentation of two ROTC scholarships and hearing the ROTC Professors of Military Science discuss the status of their respective programs. In addition, we will hear an update on Cedar Cliff's JROTC program from our own **COL (R) Frank Hancock**. The financial support of these programs is our Chapter's central mission and is dependent on our dues.

I encourage you to join us for lunch and I look forward to speaking with you during social hour.



NOW HEAR THIS!

The **Strategic Art Film Series** continues Tuesdays in the Wil Washcoe Auditorium in Root Hall at 4:30 pm.

The schedule for the remainder of January and all of February is as follows:

January 24: "Teahouse of the August Moon"

January 31: "Tora, Tora, Tora"

February 7: "Midway"

February 14: "A Bridge Too Far"

February 21: "Pentagon Wars"

February 28: "We Were Soldiers"

The **Great Decisions lecture series** will be conducted in the multipurpose room of the Army Heritage and Education Center at 1:00 pm on the following dates:

January 20: "Saudi Arabia in Transition"

January 27: "Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan"

February 3: "U.S. Foreign Policy and Petroleum"

February 10: "Nuclear Security"

February 17: "Future of Europe"

February 24: "Trade and Politics"

March 10: "Conflict in the South China Sea"

March 17: "Latin America's Political Pendulum"

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CV-MOAA UPCOMING EVENTS



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

Legislative News

By Jim Simms

VA Claims Connected to Camp Lejeune, Water Contamination:

A new VA regulation will grant disability compensation to veterans suffering from conditions caused by exposure to contaminated water in Camp Lejeune, N.C., between Aug. 1, 1953, and Dec. 31, 1987.

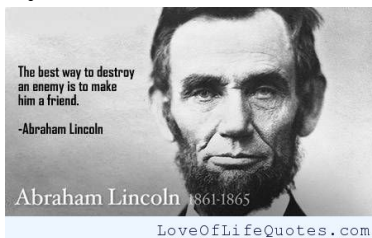
The new regulation takes effect March 14, 2017 and presumes the following conditions were caused by the contaminated water exposure for people who served there: kidney cancer, liver cancer, Non-Hodgkin lymphoma, adult leukemia, multiple myeloma, Parkinson's disease, aplastic anemia and other myelodysplastic syndromes, and bladder cancer.

Veterans who were at Camp Lejeune for at least 30 days (consecutively or non-consecutively) between Aug. 1953 and Dec. 1987, and who have been diagnosed with one or more of the above conditions may receive presumptive service connection for their disability. Veterans must file a VA disability claim in order to receive the benefits. The new rule will also be applied to any claims currently pending before the VA.

See more at: http://www.moaa.org/Content/Take-Action/Top-Issues/Former-Officers/Camp-Lejeune,-Water-Contamination,-and-VA-Benefits.aspx?utm_source=legis&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=CampLejeune#sthash.fehbHOyG.dpuf

The Chaplain's Corner

By Art Pace



We are in a time of some strong reactions to a presidential election that seems to be further dividing our nation. It is fitting therefore that we are now approaching February, the birth month of President Abraham Lincoln. Faced with a nation at war with itself, Lincoln feared the destruction of his once great country. He spent much time on his knees, praying to the Almighty to save America. When he was re-elected to a second term, Lincoln gave what I believe is one of the most important speeches ever spoken in America. So important was this speech that it was carved into the marble of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC. He concluded his second inaugural address with these words:

With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who

shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.

In the 152 years since this address, we can still learn from this great and humble man. It is time to reset our azimuths, to remember our duty and devotion as veterans, and to seek that which heals the nation and makes us stronger. Above all, we are reminded to pray for the health of our nation, and for divine guidance needed by our elected officials. Let there be peace on earth, and may it begin with each of us.

Is that too much to ask? Honest Abe did not believe it was!

Errata:

In the last newsletter, this photo was labeled as Dick Potter when it was actually Alden Cunningham.

We apologize for any confusion.



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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A Great Way to Begin the New Year:
A MOAA Luncheon!



Change of Command as Harold Cooney passes the gavel to Michael Zang



The new officers are sworn in



JANUARY



Our speaker, Stephen Focht



Stephen Focht receives a much-earned token of appreciation from Dr. Glenn Mitchell.

Our POWs and MIAs are never forgotten at MOAA

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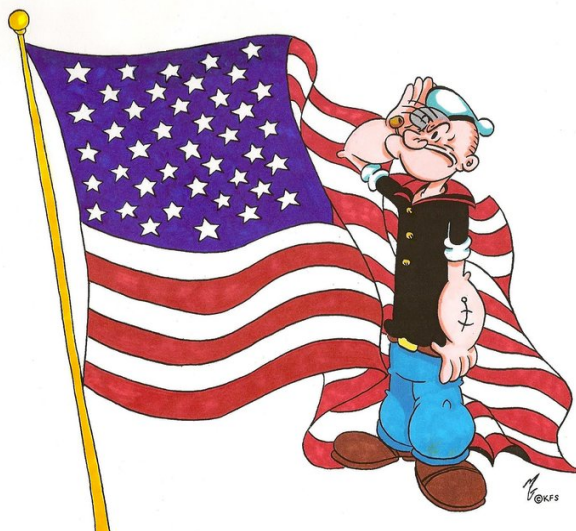
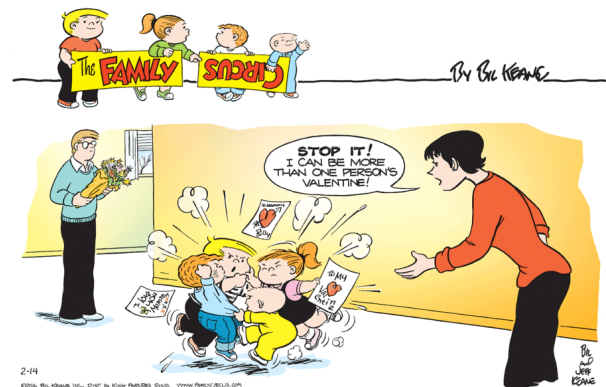
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RESERVATIONS FORM

**February Luncheon
Carlisle Country Club
February 8, 2017**



PLEASE RESPOND BY THURSDAY, February 2, 2017

Remember, it is very important that we receive your reservation before the cutoff date of **Thursday, February 2**. 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. February 2 cannot be guaranteed. Also, please see the note at the bottom of this sheet about dues if you have been notified that it is time to pay your dues.

The luncheon at the Carlisle Country Club will begin with a social time at **11:15 a.m.** We will assemble at **12:00** noon for lunch, followed by a short business meeting, the awarding of our two annual ROTC scholarships to cadets from Dickinson College and Shippensburg University, information on the status of the ROTC programs, and an update on Cedar Cliff's JROTC program from **COL (R) Frank Hancock**.

Menu:

A. Apple and Smoked Chicken Salad – Fruitwood smoked chicken breast with honey roasted apples, golden raisins, dried cranberries, fresh grapes, hickory bacon, pecans, and smoked gouda cheese over mixed baby greens with cider vinaigrette.

B. Deli Board Sandwich – Your selection of smoked turkey or roast beef on whole-wheat bread with lettuce, tomato, pickle and chips.

Cost: \$25.00 per person, which includes a hot soup, dessert, beverages, tax and gratuity. A cash bar will also 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 _____; Smoked Turkey _____; Roast Beef _____

Special Dietary Meal _____

Check for lunch (@\$25): \$ _____ enclosed.

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