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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Glenn Mitchell

(Ghost written by immediate past President Michael Zang since COL Mitchell was out of town)

It was a cool, crisp afternoon for our luncheon gathering at Carlisle Country Club this month. We spotlighted the two ROTC and five JROTC programs that we support. In attendance were LTC Chris Morton from Shippensburg, LTC Matt Smith and Cadet Shawn Sutter from Dickinson, LTC (RET) Mike Wertz from Gettysburg, and 1SGT (RET) Mike Sullivan from Cedar Cliff.

Our ROTC/JROTC coordinator, Harold Cooney, made the check presentation to the JROTC programs. Additionally, he presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 to Cadet Shawn Sutter from Dickinson College. Cadet Riley from Shippensburg University was unable to be present since she was attending the George C. Marshall leadership conference. Their respective Professor of Military Science provided a brief summary of their military and academic achievements.

LTC Mike Wertz, the senior military instructor at Gettysburg High School provided some statistics on the Army JROTC program nationwide. Currently, there are 1,709 programs throughout the United States with 30 of these programs being in Pennsylvania. For a school to maintain its program there must be a minimum of 100 students or 10 percent of the school's total enrollment participating in JROTC. Mike then discussed the history of the JROTC program at Gettysburg since its establishment in 2005. There are currently 115 students enrolled. He believes these students benefit greatly from the program due to its emphasis on practical leadership skills and character development. For example, three of their community service projects are a wreath laying at

the Gettysburg National Military Park Cemetery and at Lincoln Cemetery, conducting an afterschool program for middle school students, and participating in the Adopt-a-Position program at the National Park.

PROGRAM NOTES

By Lois Cole, Vice President

March is Women's History Month and once again this year we are featuring a woman for our after-lunch speaker. In fact, this year, we will have two women speak to us: Julie A. Hawkins, a multi-disciplined program and financial analyst with over 30 years' experience and Cynthia Crippen-Cooks, with the same background and longevity. They will present *Women in the Workforce*, addressing career and home life expectations, challenges, and successes. Both are US Army civilians.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the **Carlisle Country Club on March 13th at 1115** for social hour and 1200 for lunch. The RSVP is at the back of this newsletter as always.



If you have a change in your mailing address, telephone number, or email address please notify our membership chair **Jim Simms** (jnpsim@comcast.net). He will make the necessary changes to our roster so that you can continue to receive information from the Chapter.

New Chapter Project:

Photo Poster Update

By Michael Zang

In September 2019, our chapter will celebrate its **60th anniversary**. In recognition of this milestone, your Board is updating our two photograph collages. Of course, we require your assistance to successfully complete this task. We already have access to numerous photographs from our luncheons, dinners, and golf outings. In addition, we would like to continue our tradition of including photographs of our members while they were serving. Therefore, we are asking for your assistance in providing us with these cherished memories. We can use either a printed or digital photograph. Digital photographs can be emailed to Michael Zang at m_zang@comcast.net. If you have a printed photograph to share, either give it to Michael at one of our next three events or mail it to him at 205 Widders Drive Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. He will return all printed photographs. All photographs must be received no later than May 30, 2019, so we can produce the new posters in time for the September 2019 meeting. We hope to see you in our updated Chapter photograph collages!

Legislative News

By Jim Simms

What Would Major Cuts to Military Medical Personnel Mean to Your Care?

In July 2018, MOAA identified four worrisome trends taking place in the military health care system.

- Fewer hospitals
- Centralizing Command and Control
- Air Force Shrinking TRICARE Prime rolls (other than active duty personnel)
- Inpatient Services Closing

A fifth trend is the planned reduction in the number of military medical personnel.

If the numbers are as large as MOAA has been led to believe (approximately 17,000 positions). This will exceed and intensify the impact of the other trends and may have considerable effect on military beneficiaries in significant ways.

MOAA will not be able to assess the impact of these large cuts in the number of practicing military physicians, nurses, medics, and other medical personnel until the President's fiscal year 2020 defense budget is sent to Congress in mid-March. If Congress approves the cuts they would start to take effect in FY 2021 (October 2019).

These proposed personnel reductions will affect military medical training platforms. There are projections of physician shortages: A recent Association of American Medical Colleges study predicts that by 2030, the US will face a shortage of between 42,600 and 121,300 physicians.

- How this will affect the military mission and medical care, and how can leaders expect to have a medically ready force without a ready military medical force?
- What would these cuts mean for beneficiaries? If the plan is only to replace these health care providers with civilians, that's not a reliable strategy. Getting private-sector medical professionals to take jobs near rural bases may not be realistic or feasible.

Beneficiaries, including active duty families who receive care at military treatment facilities (MTF)s, may be forced to seek medical care in the TRICARE networks. Pediatric and obstetric care - which are now available to these beneficiaries - may vanish from the MTFs. Lab and pharmacy services, along with radiology, may be greatly reduced. We are already starting to see TRICARE Prime retirees being re-enrolled from MTFs into the civilian networks, resulting in them being charged with new, and higher, co-payments.

CV-MOAA UPCOMING EVENTS



March 13 lunch - Carlisle Country Club

Great Decisions

These lectures began on January 18, 2019 and run for 9 of the next 11 Friday afternoons from 1300 to 1500 at AHEC. Please note that there is one Thursday program this year. The remainder of the schedule is as follows:

Friday, Feb 22, Refugees and Global Migration by Mr. Alex Deprez

Thursday, March 07, The Rise of Populism in Europe by Army War College panel members

Friday, March 15, Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics by Col. Mickey Evans

Friday, March 22, Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future? by Mr. Frank Jones

Friday, March 29, The United States and Mexico: Partnership Tested by Dr. Evan Ellis

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

March

4: Strategic Art Film: "War Machine", begins at 1630 in the Wil Wash Auditorium in Root Hall

7: AHEC Great Decisions Lecture Series, "Populism in Europe", 1300-1500

12: Strategic Art Film: "Forgotten Soldiers", begins at 1630 in the Wil Wash Auditorium in Root Hall

15: AHEC Great Decisions Lecture Series, "Cyber conflict and geopolitics", 1300-1500

18: AHEC Discussion in Mil History Roundtable, 1400-1700

20: Strategic Art Film: "Red Cliff", begins at 1630 in the Wil Wash Auditorium in Root Hall

21: AHEC Women's history month presentation, starts at 1200

22: AHEC Great Decisions Lecture Series, "Nuclear negotiations", 1300-1500

26: Strategic Art Film: "Emperor in August", begins at 1630 in the Wil Wash Auditorium in Root Hall

27: AHEC Perspectives in Mil History Lecture, "Smashing Hitler's Panzers", at 1915-2030

29: AHEC Great Decisions Lecture Series, "The US and Mexico," 1300-1500

The Chaplain's Corner

By Art Pace

☐ War

☒ Peace

Happy New Year! At least that is what you would have been saying if you lived in ancient Rome. In the oldest Roman calendar, March was the first month of the year, most likely because it was the first month of Spring. It was named after Mars, the Roman god of war. The reason for this is that wars were not fought during winter. So by edict, war was not allowed until after the vernal equinox. This means that March was an officially divided month, one of mandated peace and one of mandated war. There is a lesson to be learned here. Recently someone complained to me that they despised what they saw as current hateful divisions in our country. I said that I knew the solution. The peace must begin with each of us individually. Mahatma Gandhi said, "If we could change ourselves, the tendencies in the world would also change. As a man changes his own nature, so does the attitude of the world change towards him. ... We need not wait to see what others do." Almost 2000 years before Gandhi, the Apostle Paul commanded, "As long as it depends upon you, live at peace with everyone." As the familiar song says, "Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me." Are we ready to start ending hateful division? Or are we content just complaining? What kind of March are we planning to have? Happy New Year!

January MOAA Meeting Memories



We hope to see all of you at our next MOAA gathering in MARCH!

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**RESERVATIONS FORM
March Luncheon
Carlisle Country Club
March 13, 2019**



PLEASE RESPOND BY Thursday, March 7, 2018

Remember, it is very important that you send your reservations in before the cutoff date of **Thursday March 7, 2018**. If an unexpected event surfaces and you must cancel, please contact Jane Mitchell at 717-323-0012 or by e-mail at janehmitchell@gmail.com. Refunds for cancellations received after noon on March 8th cannot be guaranteed.

The luncheon at the Carlisle Country Club will begin with a social time at **11:15 a.m.** We will assemble at **Noon** for lunch, followed by a short business meeting. Our speakers, Julie A. Hawkins and Cynthia Crippens-Cooks, both multi-disciplined program and financial analysts with over 60 years' combined experience, will present *Women in the Workforce*, addressing career and home life expectations, challenges and successes.

Menu

A. Mahi Mahi

B. Chicken Vermouth

Cost: \$28.00 per person, which also includes salad, a starch, a vegetable, dessert, beverages, tax and gratuity. A cash bar will be available. (For a special dietary meal, please indicate below.)

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Name of Spouse/Guest(s) if applicable _____

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