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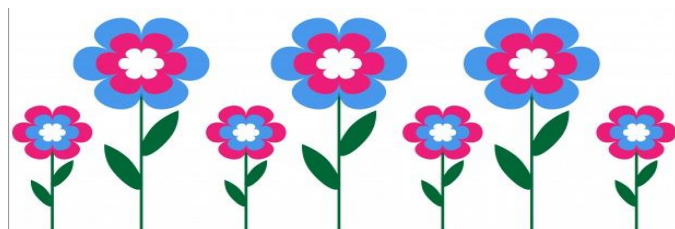
By Glenn Mitchell, COL(Ret), USA

Our April meeting was another very nice dinner at the Carlisle Country Club. Our speaker was Beth Cerbone, a licensed social worker at Thornwald in Carlisle. Her topic was Navigating Medicare with Confidence. She pointed out that less than one out of five of us will need to enter a nursing home setting during our lives, but she provided specific and helpful criteria for evaluating nursing homes if that situation occurs. She gave us a lot more confidence about evaluating the various options and choices involved in this important life transition.

I am sure most of us have heard by now that the Carlisle Barracks Golf Clubhouse building is being replaced with a brand-new facility. That's the good news. The bad news is that it could take up to two years to complete the job and reopen a new clubhouse. We had to find a new place to have our picnics during the construction, and we were able to book the LVCC to hold the same kind of picnic dinner we have been enjoying for years. We will be dining informally inside the LVCC to avoid the rough ground (and insects) around the Pavilion and Tiki Bar outside, so use the same entrance we always have at the LVCC. Dress is very casual. Remember, this is still our Spring picnic!

I mentioned last month that your CV-MOAA Board is concerned about meeting your needs and wants to be sure we are organizing events to benefit the greatest number of members. Thus, we have included a **brief questionnaire in this month's RSVP form** (the last page of this Newsletter). We hope all of you will express your opinions about **when and where we should have our social get togethers in the future. You can respond along with the RSVP by mail (whether or not you are attending the May picnic)**, send your responses to me by email, or even call Jane or me with your input.

Jane and I hope to see you on May 8th for our annual Spring picnic – this time at the LVCC – with social time beginning at 5:30 pm and picnic meal being served at 6:00 pm.



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

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

By Jim Simms

Services Turn Focus to Warfighters as Defense Health Agency (DHA) Takes Over Military Hospitals

The military health system provides medical care to more than 9.6 million beneficiaries, including 1.3 million active duty personnel. The military health system is in the middle of a major transformation, with DHA taking control of the medical facilities operated by the individual services.

By October 2019, roughly half of all military facilities will be under DHA management; the remaining facilities will consolidate under DHA by October 2021.

On April 3rd, the head of the DHA and the Services' Surgeons General outlined their approaches to realigning the military health system, including changes that will have civilians providing the majority of care to beneficiaries and a slimmed-down uniform staff focusing primarily on operational medicine.

The estimated number of uniformed medical billets to be eliminated is [between 15,000 and 17,000 billets](#); roughly 7,300 [Army](#) billets, 5,300 Air Force billets and 3,100 Navy billets. DHA, which manages the TRICARE program, is weighing options for replacing that care, including hiring civilians, using contract staff, entering into "military-civilian partnerships" or using existing [TRICARE](#) networks.

The Air Force has established Operational Medical Readiness Squadrons to treat only active-duty patients and Health Care Operations Squadrons to treat all other beneficiaries.

The Chaplains Corner

By Art Pace



When I was a child, my father would drag me to the local Memorial Day parade. I really did not quite understand why we went. Plus, my father would stand EVERY time an American flag passed in front of us, and he would place his hand over his heart. I knew that he was a proud World War II Veteran and the son of a proud World War I Veteran. But did we have to stand each time the Stars and Stripes went by? Wasn't once enough?

I finally got tired of the up and down and decided that I would just sit out the remaining flags that would go by. As the next one passed, my father stood, and then looked at me sitting.

He did not chastise me. He did not scold me. He did not yell. He just leaned over and whispered: "Son, if you will not stand for the flag, at least stand for the red in the flag."

"The red in the flag, Daddy? I don't understand."

"Son," he said, "the red reminds me of the blood that was shed so that our nation can be free. From the time of George Washington, when our country was in danger, brave Americans risked their lives to keep our liberty. You see, I got to come home from the second World War. So many of my friends did not. I stand to honor them, and to honor all those who gave their lives for our country throughout our history. Will you stand with me and remember them too?"

I meekly stood with my father. I put my hand over my heart. I saw the flag in a whole new way. I still do. I continue to stand when it passes, though many others do not. I stand to honor those who serve, those who have served, and those who gave their last full measure of devotion. Will you join me this Memorial Day? You can't miss me. I will be the one standing when each flag goes by, with my hand over my heart, a small tear in my eye, and my father's words in my ear.

CV-MOAA UPCOMING EVENTS



May 8 – Golf Tournament and Picnic

GOLF TOURNAMENT

By Whitey Schmidt

The annual MOAA Spring Golf Outing - Tournament will be held on Wednesday, 8 May.

Since past outings have shown that most players have come from the ranks of the famous/infamous “Monday, Wednesday, Friday Golf Group”, we will be joining them for our outing. Participants should arrive early enough to pay greens fee/cart fee and be ready for **short meeting at 0810** to receive team composition and rules.

Entry fee will again be **the huge sum of \$2.00** (payable at the start of play). Very large monetary prizes will be awarded at the social. Hope everyone who participates in the golf will also join other MOAA members in the social activities that evening. Tee times will start at 0832. Seven tee times have been reserved.

Whitey Schmidt will serve as CINC GOLF. Notify him at wgs779@aol.com if you intend to play. He needs to know who intends to play **NLT 2 May**. Early responses very much appreciated!

Letter from CDR (R) Bruce Apgar

Thanks to the generous support of individual CV-MOAA members, Chambersburg NJROTC was able to conduct a first-ever Basic Leadership Training resident camp at Ft Indiantown Gap in 2018. The program is co-sponsored by the Harrisburg NJROTC and the PA National Guard. Building on their initial success, they are planning to repeat the event and invite additional JROTC's from South Central Pennsylvania.

The program will offer selected students a 4day/3night immersive leadership training experience. Many of the services and facilities are provided to us at no-cost by the PA National Guard. Remaining costs include meals, transportations and some instructional expenses. Many of the CASHS Cadets are below the poverty level and Commander Bruce Apgar (the Senior Naval Science Instructor) would like to find sponsors for these Cadets to cover the cost of attending.

With an expanded participation of 12-15 Cadets, the total cost for the event is projected to be about \$1500. The projected cost is \$100.00/Cadet. If anyone has an interest in helping out by sponsoring one or more of these Cadets, please contact Bruce directly to make arrangements. Checks should be made payable to “Venture Crew 46,” but PLEASE contact Bruce for details prior to sending any support.

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RESERVATIONS FORM May Golf Outing & Picnic Letort View Community Center May 8, 2019

PLEASE RESPOND BY Thursday, May 2, 2019



Remember, it is very important that you send your reservations in before the cutoff date of **Thursday May 2, 2019**. 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 May 3rd cannot be guaranteed.

The indoor picnic at the **LVCC** will begin with a social time at **5:30 p.m.** We will assemble at **6:00 p.m.** for our picnic, followed by a short business meeting and announcement of the golf outing winners.

Menu:

Old Fashioned BBQ: Garden Salad, Slow Roasted Pulled Pork, BBQ Sauce on the Side, Country Rolls, Baked Beans, Creamy Coleslaw, Fresh Baked Cookies, Iced Tea and Draft Beer

Cost: \$27.00 per person

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Please put an "x" in each box under events you would like to attend and the location for each month you would like to have us meet. You may put x-es in more than 1 box if you would attend either choice. Leave the line blank for any month you do not want to have a social meeting.						
	Event			Location		
MONTH	LUNCH	DINNER	PICNIC	CCC	LVCC	USAWC-Golf
January						
February						
March						
April						
May						
June						
July						
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November						
December						

NAME: _____ Number to attend: _____

Name of Spouse/Guest(s) if applicable _____

Check for picnic to CV-MOAA(@\$27): \$_____ enclosed.

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