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PRESIDENT'S CORNER By Michael Zang

We enjoyed a beautiful day for our February luncheon! Fortunately, it concluded hours before the first significant snowfall of the year coated Central Pennsylvania with over 5 inches of snow. Hopefully, everyone listened to their doctors, spouses, and friends and took it easy removing the snow from driveways and sidewalks.

The spotlight was on the ROTC and JROTC programs the Chapter supports throughout the year. Representatives from Dickinson College and Shippensburg University ROTC programs and Carson Long, Cedar Cliff, Chambersburg, Cumberland, Valley, and Gettysburg JROTC programs joined us for the afternoon. LTC Joe Wyszynski, PMS Dickinson College, and LTC Chris Morton, PMS of Shippensburg University, both spoke on the growth and successes of their programs. They introduced Cadet Kirsten Walsh and Cadet Xiomora Esponoza respectively as the 2017 recipients of our annual \$1,000 scholarships. These two Cadets are both currently the Battalion Commanders of their ROTC programs and will be assessed onto Active Duty upon Commissioning this May with Kirsten as an Engineer Officer and Xiomora as a Medical Service Officer. We wish them long and successful military careers.

COL (RET) Frank Hancock spoke on the success of the JROTC program at Cedar Cliff High School. The program began in 2002 and currently has 129 students enrolled. The JROTC program is designed not to be a conduit to the military but to help the students grow up and become valuable citizens. He believes that at least 50% of the curriculum has something to do with leadership that contributes greatly to this goal. At Cedar Cliff, the two significant community projects are the annual blood drive that in 2016 netted 220 pints and the Veterans Day dinner at which over 500 dinners were served.

We also pinned a new member, **COL (RET) Carolyn Kleiner**. She began her military career as an enlisted soldier then later completed OCS. She completed her military career as a member of the USAWC Faculty before returning to SSI as a civilian. She and her husband are retired and are in the process of building a new home in the Carlisle area.

Our March 8 luncheon will be at the Carlisle Country Club. Our speaker is **COL Susan Coyle** of the Australian Army. She is currently a student in the Army War College Class of 2017.

Please come out and support your chapter.

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PROGRAM NOTES By Glenn Mitchell

In March, we will meet at 11:15 am for a social hour and have luncheon at noon at the Carlisle Country Club. Please send in your RSVP NO LATER THAN Wednesday 1 March. The Carlisle Country Club informed us that due to changes in its kitchen staffing and ordering protocols it can no



longer change our meal orders after 11am on the Friday before our gatherings. Thus, we cannot guarantee any refunds, meal selection changes, or additions to our list of attendees after that time. THIS IS A CHANGE IN THE FLEXIBILITY WE HAVE HAD IN THE PAST!

We are celebrating Women's History Month in March. In support of our military's commitment

to full equality, our program for March welcomes **COL Susan M. Coyle** of the Australian Army. She is attending the War College this year, is the leader of the International Students, and has even dined with us recently. She will provide us with information on today's Australian Army and share a little Aussie humor as well. We are looking forward to her remarks.

Just as a reminder, in April we will have dinner at the Carlisle Country Club. Our speakers will be **Dean Christian A. Johnson** and **Associate Professor Adelle R. Zavada**, Col, USAF(Ret), both from Widener Law School. They will explain the Veterans Law Initiative.

I encourage you to join us for lunch in March and I look forward to speaking with you during the social hour!



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 February and all of March is as follows:

February 21: "Pentagon Wars"

February 28: "We Were Soldiers"

March 7: "The Big Short"

March 14: "The Battle of Britain"

March 21: "Merrill's Marauders"

March 28: "The Fog of War"

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:

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



Mar 8, Luncheon at Carlisle Country Club
April 12, <u>Dinner</u> 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.

Legislative News By Jim Simms

<u>Comments by the Nominee for Secretary of</u> <u>Veterans Affairs</u>

Dr. David Shulkin, currently the VA's Under Secretary for Health, was unanimously confirmed by the Senate to become the first non-veteran to lead the department.

The comments below were made by Dr. Shulkin during his nomination hearing before the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee on February 1st. Dr. Shulkin stated that he and President Donald Trump agree that the U.S. has "to do a lot better for our veterans."

Dr. Shulkin does not support privatization of the VA, which has been hinted by President Trump. "What I told him (the President) is that I'm a strong advocate for the VA, that the services available in VA are not available in the private sector. My view of where VA needs to go is an integrated system of care - taking the best of VA and the best of the community, and that's what I would work toward."

Dr. Shulkin pledged to improve two key administrative procedures that have long left veterans frustrated: the process for appeals and scheduling appointments. "There will be far greater accountability, dramatically improved access, responsiveness, and expanded care options."

If confirmed, he intends to build a system that puts veterans first and allows them to get the best possible health care wherever it may be - in VA or with community care.

Dr. Shulkin stated, "The appeals process is broken. The system was designed in 1933, every now and then you need to update it, and we're way past that. ... We will not fix this problem without legislation to fix it." When it comes to making some of these improvements, Dr. Shulkin said he will continue to listen to veterans' service organizations, which he called "treasured resources to me as a voice for veterans." "I consider my relationships with them absolutely critical to the success of what I currently do and certainly critical to the success of a secretary." "That commitment is absolutely there. And if we need to do more than what we're doing, then we'll do it."

"I am going to be serious about making these changes and regaining this trust," Dr. Shulkin said. "And if I don't do it, I should be held accountable, and you should replace me."

The Chaplain's Corner By Art Pace



March is often referred to as a military month as it is the only one that contains a command: March fourth (march forth)! It is also noted for its weather extremes, where for centuries folks have said that it comes in like a lion and out like a lamb, or vice versa. Kind of gives new meaning to the phrase "March Madness!" It also makes me think of the quote by the comedian Woody Allen when he quipped, "The lion may lie down with the lamb, but the lamb is not going to get much sleep." That can be true in our lives as well. Each day we struggle with the lion and the lamb in our souls. How do we respond to the people and events in our lives? Often, the more the lion wins, the less peace we enjoy. As we prepare for the advent of Spring, let me offer this prayer by St. Francis of Assisi who suggests some seeds worth sowing:

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

May we march forth, and choose to be peacemakers. This way the lamb can finally get some sleep!



Matching Funds



We have an anonymous donor who has committed to matching donations up to \$400 during the months when we do not have a 50/50 drawing. Luncheon guests in January were generous, donating more than \$150. We received only \$35 in February. If you can come to the meetings in March and April, consider bringing a little extra cash. If you can't come, consider sending a donation to CV-MOAA, PO Box 278, Carlisle, PA 17013.





<u>A Good Time and No Snow at the February</u> <u>Luncheon!</u>



COL (R) Carolyn Kleiner receives her MOAA pin

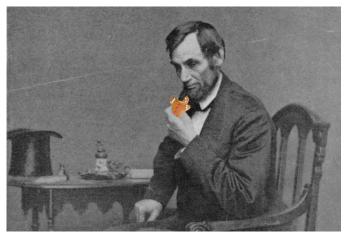


COL Frank Hancock receives a small gift of appreciation for being our guest speaker









You never know who you will meet at a MOAA luncheon!





COL Hancock demonstrating the Texas Two-step (or something)





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<u>Military Medicine: Beyond the Battlefield</u> Documentary Screening and Expert Panel Discussion, U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, 950 Soldiers Drive, Carlisle March 16, 2017. 7:15 PM – Free and Open to the Public.

In Coordination with the Dunham Army Health Clinic at Carlisle Barracks and the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, the Army Heritage Center Foundation presents *Military Medicine: Beyond the Battlefield*, a one-hour documentary that tells the stories of the men and women who are at the forefront of the medical frontier winning victories for military personnel and civilians. The documentary focuses on the doctors and surgeons treating survivors returning home to resume their lives and recover from sometimes critical injuries.

Following the documentary, a panel of individuals who represent organizations leading these medical victories will discuss aspects of the documentary. Panelists include: LTG (R) Eric Schoomaker, 42nd Surgeon General of the United States Army and Professor and Vice-Chair for Leadership, Centers Programs, Department of Military Emergency Medicine, USUHS, Bethesda, MD. COL (R) Paul Pasquina, Chief, Department of Rehabilitation, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and Professor and Chair, Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine - USUHS, Bethesda, MD. Dr. Fabrisia Ambrosio, Director of Rehabilitation for UPMC International and an Associate Professor in the Department of Physical Medicine Rehabilitation at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Rory Cooper, Civilian Aid to the Secretary of the Army, Western PA and Director, Human Engineering Research Laboratories, University of Pittsburgh. Don't miss this incredible opportunity!

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RESERVATIONS FORM March Luncheon Carlisle Country Club March 8, 2017



PLEASE RESPOND BY WEDNESDAY, March 1, 2017

Remember, it is <u>very important</u> that we receive your reservation <u>before</u> the cutoff date of Wednesday, March 1. 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 **11AM March 3** 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 12:00 noon for lunch, followed by a short business meeting and a talk for Women's History Month by **COL Susan Coyle** of the Australian Army.

Menu:

A. Tilapia Teriyaki – Ginger teriyaki glazed tilapia filet with sesame Asian stir-fry vegetable garnish.

B. Flat Iron Steak – Choice quality pan-seared pepper crusted flat iron steak served with brandied cream sauce.

Cost: **\$30.00 per person**, including salad, dessert, beverages, tax and gratuity. A cash bar will also be available. (For a special dietary meal, please indicate below.)

NAME:	_Number to attend:
Name of Spouse/Guest(s) if applicable	
Menu choices: A; B	
Special Dietary Meal	

Check $\underline{\text{for lunch}}$ (@\$30): \$_____ enclosed.

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