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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Michael Zang

Special recognition goes out to **Whitey Schmidt** for organizing a great golf outing. He changed the format of the outing and moved the starting time to the morning. Consequently, there were 24 individuals ready to play. Unfortunately, the weather was uncooperative resulting in only 9 individuals teeing off to play and then they all called it a morning after 9 holes.

The weather did not put a damper on the picnic at the Clubhouse where 54 people enjoyed an evening of great conversation, listening to a few golfing stories from the morning, good food (steaks cooked to order), and plenty to drink.

You may recall that MOAA National dropped its financial support for the Gold Bar program last year. Our chapter was able to continue the program through the generosity of two members who underwrote the cost of the program for our Chapter in 2017. This year we are going to continue to recognize the newly commissioned Second Lieutenants from both Dickinson College and Shippensburg University with our own version of the Gold Bar program. We are in the process of selecting the various types of 2LT insignia that will comprise our presentation package. Our plan to fund the program is to ask for members to sponsor the Gold Bar package for a newly commissioned 2LT. We are estimating the cost to be around \$20 per Lieutenant. Once our program is finalized we will advertise it to the membership and

solicit individuals to sponsor a Gold Bar package for a new 2LT.

Our November meeting is on Wednesday the 8th at Letort View Community Center. **Dr. Glenn Geeting** from Penn State Milton Hershey Medical Center is our speaker. You can read more about our next meeting under Glenn's Program Notes.

I hope you will consider joining us for our next meeting,

Dunham Pharmacy Renovations Reminder

The Dunham U.S. Army Health Clinic Main Pharmacy is currently under renovations. These will continue through December 2017. Currently, all Dunham pharmacy refill prescriptions are dispensed at the PX Pharmacy location. The PX hours of operation are 0730 to 1630 on M-T- W- F and 0730-1200 on Thursday.



We need your help, please!

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

PROGRAM NOTES

By Glenn Mitchell

Jane and I will be happy to see you at the Letort View Community Center on Carlisle Barracks on November 8th. Your RSVP form is at the end of this newsletter as always. Please remember that we must commit to a definite head count by the Friday noon before the event. The good news is that we have been able to continue to keep prices at the same level as last year.

Our speaker at the meeting is **Dr. Glenn Geeting** from the Department of Emergency Medicine at Hershey Medical Center. He will speak on avoiding illness and injury in cold weather. Yes, some days it is hard to believe, but winter is on its way!

Next month we will have our traditional holiday gathering at the LVCC on December 13th featuring a band and the singing of carols.

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The Chambersburg Area Senior High School Naval JROTC was able to purchase this wonderful display case with the funds provided them by our chapter.

CV-MOAA UPCOMING EVENTS



November 8, Dinner at LVCC

December 13, Holiday Dinner and sing along at LVCC

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January 10, Lunch at Carlisle Country Club

February 14, Lunch at CCC

March 14, Lunch at CCC

April 11, Dinner at LVCC

May 9, Golf Outing and Picnic



Legislative News

By Jim Simms

VA and Congress working slowly to End Abuse of Veteran Pensioners

In 2012 the General Accounting Office found more than 200 financial planning firms and estate law offices enticing veterans or their survivors into costly annuities or irrevocable trusts intended to hide or reallocate their assets so they would qualify for VA pensions that claimants wouldn't be eligible for otherwise.

The VA pension program exists to help veterans in financial distress if they served at least a day of wartime service, at least 90 consecutive days on active duty, and earned an honorable or a general discharge. To be eligible for the basic VA pension, veterans also must have only modest annual incomes or not at all.

Veterans can qualify for more VA financial help, however, if they are disabled and unable to leave their homes unassisted, or they have unmet daily living needs or they face exorbitant medical, assisted care, or nursing home costs. The additional financial help is called the VA Aid and Attendance benefit.

The pension is a needs-based benefit and needs are determined using thresholds on annual incomes, assets or net worth.

A key purpose of regulatory reforms aimed at VA pension benefits is to ensure they are used by low-income veterans or those facing exorbitant medical expenses they cannot pay, rather than be used as a tool to serve family wealth.

Representative Matthew Cartwright (D-PA) introduced bill HR 3122. The bill would direct the VA and other federal agencies to work with state officials and outside experts to establish state and federal standards to end “dishonest, predatory, or otherwise unlawful practices” targeting VA Aid and Attendance pension dollars.

“Unscrupulous actors are increasingly exploiting this assistance program by preying on our older veterans’ “vulnerability” to waste federal dollars and turn “this well-served benefit into a financial nightmare for those who can least afford (the cost),” said Cartwright.

In this way, Rep. Cartwright explained, financial planners gain control of the veteran’s assets and “move them into an irrevocable trust or annuity which the elderly veterans often cannot access for many years.”

Veterans and survivors who believe they might qualify should contact the veterans service office for their county to fill out required forms and obtain more program information.

The Chaplain’s Corner

By Art Pace

I could not say this any better than did President Reagan in his 1987 address to the nation:

“Thanksgiving Day is one of our most beloved holidays, an occasion set aside by Americans from earliest times to thank our Maker prayerfully and humbly for the blessings and the care He bestows on us and on our beautiful, bountiful land. Through the decades, through the centuries, in log cabins, country churches, cathedrals, homes, and halls, the American people have paused to give thanks to God, in times of peace and plenty or of danger and distress.

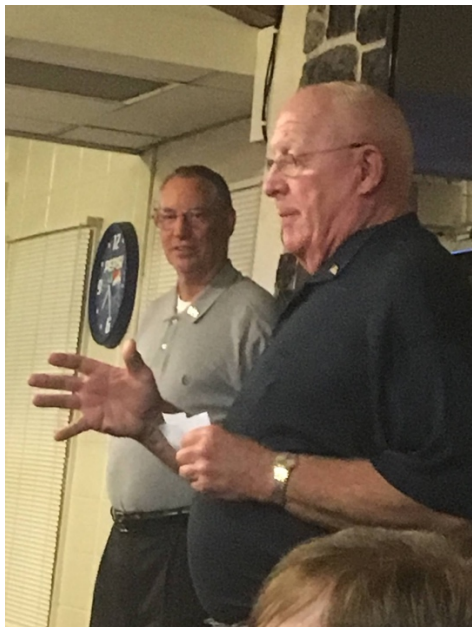
Acknowledgement of dependence on God's favor was, in fact, our fledgling nation's very first order of business. When the delegates to the First Continental Congress met in Philadelphia in 1774, they overcame discord by uniting in prayer for our country. Despite the differences among them as they began their work, they found common votes in the 35th Psalm, which concludes with a verse of joyous gratitude, "And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long."

On Thanksgiving Day let us, in this unbroken chain of observance, dedicate ourselves to honor anew the Author of Liberty and to publicly acknowledge our debt to all those who have sacrificed so much in our behalf. May our gratitude always be coupled with petitions for divine guidance and protection for our nation and with ready help for our neighbors in time of need.” To that I add, ‘AMEN!’

October MOAA Meeting Memories



"IF IT DOESN'T LET UP A LITTLE BY THE TIME WE GET ON THE BACK NINE, LET'S CALL IT A DAY."



Whitey Schmidt describes the golf in the rain





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November Dinner
Letort View Community Center
November 8, 2017

PLEASE RESPOND BY Thursday, November 2, 2017

Remember, it is very important that you send your reservations in before the cutoff date of **Thursday November 2, 2017**. 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 noon on November 3rd cannot be guaranteed.

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 speaker, **Dr Glenn Geeting**, from Hershey Medical Center who will educate us about avoiding illness and injury in cold weather.

Menu:

- A. Pork Filet wrapped in bacon, a starch, and a vegetable
- B. Chicken Breast stuffed with mozzarella, a starch, and a vegetable

Cost: \$28.00 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(@\$28): \$_____ enclosed.

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