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LTC Thomas Crea

PittsburghMOAA March
2013

APRIL Guest Speaker

Pittsburgh MOAA has looked inward for our guest speaker for our 14 April meeting. CW2 Morris E. Ragus, USA-Retired will present an informative look at the controversial investigative tool -The Polygraph. He will answer the question: Does it Work? The presentation will include a brief explanation of what kinds of things affect the reliability of a polygraph test such as fatigue, medication, memory impairment and how the examiner evaluates a person's cognitive process when considering such variables. The presentation will conclude with live demonstration of a Pre-Evaluation "Baseline" Test to one of our members.

CW2 Ragus has over 35 years of experience in polygraph.and 20 years as a member of the U.S. Army Intelligence from 1955 -1975. His years as a Special Agent included Polygraph Advisor/Technician to the Iranian Imperial Army (1973-1975). Since 1980 his experience has included positions with the Office of the Inspector General, Commonwealth of PA, Pennsylvania State Police/Northeast Counter Drug Training Center Polygraph School, and as Special Investigator (Independent Contractor) with the FBI. Since 1990 he has been an Independent Polygraph Examiner.

His education and training includes Computerized Polygraph Training at the Dept of Defense Polygraph Institute, Ft. McClellan, Alabama -1994; BA in Criminal Justice, Alvernia College -1979; MA in Criminal Justice with emphasis in Physiological and Psychological Behavior, Vermont College/Norwich University -1984.

The presentation will include visual aids, and we will need a volunteer for the demonstration. Please join us on 14 April for our first meeting of 2013.

ROTC Awards Update

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2013 Meeting Dates

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April 14 1 PM Luncheon

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June 9 1 PM Luncheon

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August 11 1 PM Luncheon

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October 13 1 PM Luncheon

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December 8 6 PM Dinner

Speaker for June 2013

Our guest speaker for our 9 June meeting will be CDR Lindsay Weaver-Marcenelle, Commanding Officer, USCG MSU Pittsburgh. Please mark your calendar and plan to be there.

Over the next several weeks area Junior and Senior ROTC programs will be having their awards ceremonies. A special thanks to Dave Erdodi, Jack Eckenrode, Richard DiGiacomo, Pete Bellisario, Alan Smith and Alan R. Smith for participating in the presentation of these awards to our future leaders. Tom Crea reports that he still needs presenters for Penn Hills High School, Plum High School, Perry High School, Ambridge High School and Seneca Valley High School. LTC Tom Crea can be reached at 412-347-6151.

The Army Strong Community Center

Location: 99 Soldiers Lane
Coraopolis, PA (Moon Township) 15108
Telephone: 412-507-3813
Hours of operation: 8AM-5 PM weekdays

In addition to issuing ID cards, they provide assistance and information on Benefits & Entitlements, VA Benefits (GI Bill), Financial Matters, and Survivor Outreach Services. If you plan on visiting the Army Strong Community Center it is suggested you call for an appointment.

They are currently looking for volunteers to assist the full time staff. If you have a few hours, one day a week. you are qualified to volunteer.

Menu for April Luncheon

For the main course, you will have a choice of either:

Broiled Filet of Salmon with White Wine and Dill Sauce

Roasted Rosemary Crusted Pork Tenderloin with Natural Pan Gravy

Chocolate Cream Pie for Dessert

Please complete the form below and return it with payment to Julio before April 11, 2013.

If you have any questions, or if you would like to make a reservation by phone, please call Julio or Pat at 412-372-4363. You can also make an email reservation at julio.moaa@comcast.net.

Reservation Form

NAME: _____ RANK: _____

SPOUSE/GUESTS: _____

PRICE: \$ 24 per person

ENCLOSED: \$ _____ FOR _____
MEALS

Filet of Salmon _____ Pork Tenderloin _____

Please make checks payable to MOAA Pittsburgh Chapter and return
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