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** National 4-Star Chapter 2008 **

PRESIDENT'S CORNER By Harold Cooney

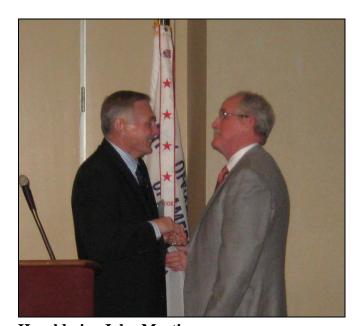
HURRAY!! Spring is here, I know because I've had to cut my grass!! The rain held off for our April dinner at the Carlisle Country Club where 60 members and guests enjoyed an evening of camaraderie. Our speaker, COL Omasanjuwa Bratte, the International Fellow from Nigeria, provided a most enlightening presentation on the challenges faced by his country in face of the existential threat from the terror activities of Islamic extremist sects such as AQIM and Boko Haram.



COL Bratte addresses the chapter members about Nigeria's military challenges.

COL Bratte discussed the history of Nigeria since gaining independence from England in 1960 and the challenges of dealing with US military assistance in terms of training and equipping a national military to defend not only Nigeria, but also Central West Africa in general. His rationale for why US Military Assistance should be revised was most compelling

as was his personal view of how the recent elections would affect the future of Nigeria. This presentation was timely as there are articles regarding Nigeria in the national news almost daily. Those in attendance will certainly view these events, as presented by the media, in a more informed way. We sincerely hope that Nigeria will emerge from this turmoil as a nation rather than a country of tribal factions. This is important for the stability of the region.



Harold pins John Martin.

Lastly, we pinned **COL John R. Martin, US Army** (**Ret**) who was joined by his wife, **Marsha**. John has been a member for a while, but I couldn't remember pinning him!

Our May 13 event is our semi-annual Golf Outing and Picnic. We look forward to great weather and lots of participants.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES by Glenn Mitchell

New Membership Drive Benefits Current

Members! After this year's dues cycle, we found that quite a few members whose dues had been paid for years in advance had moved away or entered assisted living facilities. Because of multiyear dues payments, we cannot accurately predict the change in chapter member numbers each year. Although we are currently in good financial condition, slow and unpredictable loss of current members will eventually interfere with support for desirable programs such as ROTC and JROTC if we do not work to bring new members into our fellowship.

We are embarking on a membership drive during the remainder of CY 2015 that will benefit current members – <u>that's you!</u> The program works as follows:

During 2015, any current member who recruits a new chapter-dues-paying member (who is also a paid-up member of national MOAA) will have their membership renewal date increased by one year.

Rules for the program:

- 1. Multiple recruits by a current member result in multiple years of credit.
- Credit is generated by having the name of the recruiting member written on the new member's CV-MOAA application form at the time of submission.
- 3. Non-dues paying spouses who recruit new members accrue credits to the dues paying family member.
- 4. New members recruited by more than one current member will result in partial credit to each of those current members (but an extra year would not be credited until the partial credits for a current member add to at least one full credit).

Members will be contacted (email preferentially) and notified of their credit(s) as they are recorded on the membership list.

So ask your retired military friends and acquaintances who are not on our roster if they would like to join our chapter and share in our support of local ROTC and JROTC programs and partake in our fellowship. Yes, they have to be current members of National MOAA, too, but there are hundreds of national members in the local area who simply do not know about our local chapter and its activities.

If you need application forms, email or call me. I will send you a PDF form electronically or a paper copy by mail. If you have the contact info for a hot prospect and don't have a form, call or email me and I will send them one (with your name on it!).

COL Glenn Mitchell, USA (ret) 717-323-0012 or mitchellmd@aol.com

PROGRAM NOTES by Michael Zang

The May event is the annual Spring Golf Tournament and Picnic at the Carlisle Barracks Golf Course. Here are the dates for all our events for the remainder of the year so go ahead and mark your calendars now.

CV-MOAA UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 13, Golf Outing and Picnic at the Carlisle Barracks Golf Course
- **Sept 9**, Dinner at Letort View Community Center
- Oct 14, Golf Outing and Picnic at the Carlisle Barracks Golf Course
- Nov 18, Dinner at Letort View Community Center
- **Dec 9**, Dinner and Christmas Musicale at Letort View Community Center



CinC Golf, Robert Byrne goes over the rules prior to the 2014 Spring Golf outing.

SPRING GOLF OUTING by Robert Byrne

CV-MOAA will hold its annual Spring Golf Tournament on Wednesday, 13 May 2015 at the Carlisle Barracks Golf Course. The tournament begins at 12:00 noon; the picnic social hour starts at 5:30 p.m. All tournament players must be members of CV-MOAA.

The tournament will use the normal scramble format with which everyone is familiar. **Robert Byrne** is the **CinC Golf/tournament director** and will provide specific instructions, rules and team composition on the day of the tournament. For those golfing, please be at the golf course NLT 11:30 a.m. on the day of play for starter's instructions and rules explanation. The first tee-time will be 12:00 noon.

If you want to play in this year's spring tournament, please complete the golf registration form found later in the newsletter and submit it to CV-MOAA as soon as possible, but no later than 8 May 2015.

NOTE: A USGS handicap will be used to create the teams, so please tell us what your handicap is as of the date you submit the registration. The rules of the tournament will be provided just prior to tournament tee time. Each player is asked to contribute \$5.00 toward individual and team awards. DO NOT include the \$5.00 with your reservation check for the picnic. Robert will

collect the \$5.00 when you arrive, so please check in with him as soon as you arrive on the 13th. The top 3 teams will be awarded prizes.

The picnic will be held at the Carlisle Barracks Golf Course clubhouse following the tournament. The picnic will begin with the customary social hour, starting at 5:30 p.m. The picnic buffet will then be served between 6:00 and 6:15 p.m. The menu, costs for the picnic and reservation form (different from the golf registration form) are also found later in the Newsletter. You do not have to be a golfer to attend the picnic. In fact, most who attend are not golfers. In addition to the food, there will be free beer, sodas and water. There will be a limited cash bar available for those who desire stronger spirits. Come join us for an evening of fellowship and fun!

In the event of inclement weather, the tournament director will decide whether to hold the tournament. If weather becomes a factor, golfers should call the club house (243-3262) for information to save an unnecessary trip to the golf course. The picnic will be held regard less of the weather.

ARMY HERITAGE DAYS

The U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center at 950 Soldiers Drive in Carlisle, PA will host Army Heritage Days, May 16th and 17th, from 9am to 5pm.each day. Army Heritage Days is a two-day living history event full of different demonstrations and activities. Hundreds of living history interpreters occupy the Army Heritage Trail and recreate historical military moments throughout history. It includes Soldiers from as far back as the French and Indian War continuing through Current Operations. The building is also open throughout the day hosting lectures and panels, in addition to highlighting the current exhibits.

ROTC AND JROTC NOTES

May is the traditional graduation month for most of our schools and universities and our Chapter ROTC Chair, **BG Dick Potter**, **USA (Ret)**, has been busy coordinating with MOAA national for *Gold Bar Program* packets and MOAA medals and certificates for our supported ROTC and JROTC units. Dick is also coordinating with members of our Chapter to assist in the presentation ceremonies on various dates at our local schools.

We received 30 Gold Bar packets and certificates for presentation to the ROTC cadets from Dickinson College and Shippensburg University. The Dickinson College award ceremony will be 23 April at 1200 hours in Memorial Hall. The Shippensburg University ceremony will be 30 April at 1400 hours in the Ceddia Union building, room 100A. Currently, Dick is scheduled to perform the presentations at these schools.

There are also six JROTC programs where we have Chapter members scheduled to present MOAA medals and certificates to deserving JROTC cadets. The presentation dates, schools and presenters are as follows:

- 17 April Chambersburg HS NJROTC (Potter)
- 24 April Gettysburg HS JROTC (Gillespie)
- 30 April Cumberland Valley HS JROTC (Gustafson)
- 13 May Cedar Cliff HS JROTC (Potter)
- 13 May Red Land HS JROTC (Zang)
- 29 May Carson Long Military School (Potter)

Any member is welcome to attend one of these ceremonies. If you've never attended one of these ceremonies, you are in for a treat as meeting these fine JROTC cadets is always a rewarding and uplifting event. Please contact Dick Potter for details.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

MOAA uses various methods to communicate effectively on various topics of interests to members. Two different types of media are available to all national members whether they belong to a local chapter or not. These are the *Military Officer* magazine and the *Legislative Update* e-newsletter.

Military Officer magazine is MOAA's monthly flagship publication. Premium and Life members receive a hard copy of the magazine by mail, while Basic members receive an electronic version. Legislative Update is a weekly e-newsletter delivered every Friday providing time-sensitive legislative information applicable to all MOAA members and their families. Although these two publications have some overlap, they provide actionable information with different timeframes.

Military Officer is a great publication, but it's a monthly magazine with in-depth legislative coverage focused on the long term. Legislative Update is the most effective venue to keep informed of fast-moving issues on Capitol Hill, in the administration and in the Pentagon.

After reading this, pause and ask yourself if you would like to also receive the e-newsletter to stay abreast of quickly moving legislative issues that may impact active and retired service members. If the answer is yes, you can logon to www.moaa.org/email or call (800) 234-6622 to sign up for the weekly *Legislative Update*.



PHOTOS FROM APRIL 2015 DINNER



Marsha and John Martin are welcomed by Monica and Harold Cooney.



Dick Rodney, Dutch and Susan Kissinger and Kay Rodney enjoy social hour.



Pat Solomon and Sally Broyles pose for the photographer – Bob Broyles.



Jack Faith, Hal Nelson and Dave Jablonsky catch up during social hour.



A brain trust of five past Chapter presidents was ready in case Harold needed any advice.



Bob Hervey, Susan and Frank Meehan enjoying the evening.



A good time is had by Glenn Mitchell, Dave Jablonsky, Hal Nelson and Wiebke Jablonsky.



Mary Ellen and Allan Williams arrive.



Bill Solomon, Ed Skender and Walter Tibbets are happy.



Charlotte Kinney, George Shevlin and Bill Bolen catch up on current events.



James Simms enjoys his conversation with Carla Fisher and Pat Solomon.



James Simms, Barbara and Bill Blankmeyer and Bob Gerard enjoy the fellowship.

OUR MILITARY SERVING

Daughter of Lance and Laurel Betros:

2LT Rosemary Betros, USA, Engr Basic, Ft Leonard Wood, MO

Grandson of Don and Lois Bliss:

2LT Kyle Bliss, USA, 82nd Abn Div, Ft. Bragg, NC

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JC Whistler, USMC, CA

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LTC Anthony Comello, USSOCOM, MacDill AFB, FL

Granddaughter of Mike Daley:

Cadet Brianna Burnstad, US Military Academy

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Son of Allan and Mary Ellen Williams:

COL Douglas Williams, 193d Spec Ops Grp, PANG

Daughter of David and Trish Willmann:

LTJG Megan Willmann, USCG, XO, Cutter "Sitkinak", homeport Bayonne, NJ

Son and nephew of Mike and Karen Zang:

CPT Patrick Zang, 2/113 Cav, 4th Bde, 1AD Ft. Bliss, TX 1LT David Sieger, 2/3^d CR, Ft Hood, TX



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.

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Jane Mitchell, Protocol Chair, and Keith Gillespie, Chapter Secretary, welcome members to the April Dinner.

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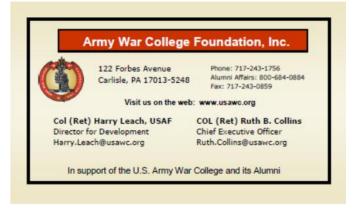




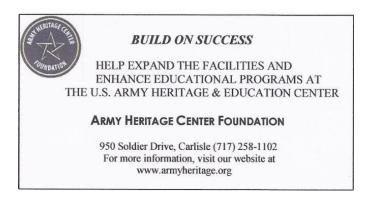
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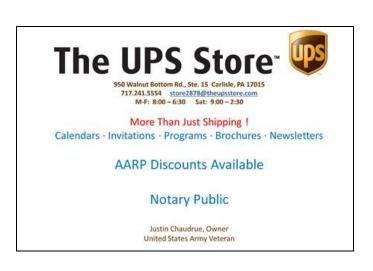
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RESERVATIONS FORM Golf Tournament and Picnic Carlisle Barracks Golf Course May 13, 2015



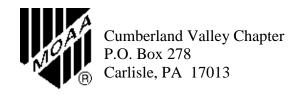
PLEASE RESPOND BY FRIDAY, May 8, 2015

If you desire to participate in the golf tournament and/or the picnic social, please complete and send in the appropriate reservation form(s) below, with a check <u>only for the picnic social</u>. Send all responses to CV-MOAA, P.O. Box 278, Carlisle, PA 17013. Late reservations *may not* be accepted as there is limited capacity at the club house. If an unexpected event surfaces and you must cancel, please contact Jane Mitchell at 323-0012 or e-mail at <u>jhmitchell2002@aol.com</u>. Refunds for cancellations received after 4 p.m., 8 May, cannot be guaranteed.

Menu: Pork Bar-B-Q or Chicken Breast. The buffet also includes hot dogs, condiments (with lettuce, tomato, and onion tray), coleslaw, baked beans and cake for dessert. Sodas, water, tea, coffee, and draft beer are included. A cash bar will also be available. All for only \$15.00 per person pre-paid by reservation below. To assist the staff in planning and preparation please indicate on your reservation your preferred main entrée:

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