



# York and South Central Pennsylvania Military Officers Association of America

## Chapter Newsletter

July 2014

*Chapter Mission: Maintain an informed and proactive MOAA regional chapter that provides value-added for its membership and the communities of South Central Pennsylvania.*

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## Chapter Newsletter Debuts

York Chapter inaugurates its quarterly newsletter with this issue. Intended to be the keystone means of communication with membership, the newsletter fulfills a major chapter objective—specifically to improve communication with membership and keep them “in the know.” The publication will focus on three items—Chapter affairs—including actions in state and national government affecting

membership, news from other PA chapters and providing Chapter members to use for a resource for presentation of opinions, ideas, suggestions and information that other members might find useful or interesting. It's anticipated the newsletter will become a Two Way Street that provides a platform for both info-out as well as info-in, in terms of feedback and new information from readers.

Last point...in putting this letter together while at the same time working with other community and information outlets such as news and community-focused papers, regional schools, etc., the conclusion reached was York Chapter has come of age and now requires a Communications/Outreach Director to coordinate and direct this function. Anyone wishing to discuss the position should mail [MOAA.York.Pa@gmail.com](mailto:MOAA.York.Pa@gmail.com) Subject: Commo Dir.

## Chapter Finishes Major Stand-up Actions

As the one year anniversary of York Chapter nears, its board elected during the MOAA National-PA Council of Chapters meeting at the York Hotel, last July, completed major actions it undertook that were essential to restart the chapter. The board itself has met eight times in either face-to-face meetings or via conference calls. The board initial objectives were to (1) consolidate itself and get responsibilities parsed-out and working (2) build membership (3) start holding credible general

membership meetings. As modest as these objectives were, it took work and application of a lot of experience and lessons learned to get a chapter posture and momentum developed to sustain member and community-focused core activities. John Antonitis, chapter president characterized process: “...I think the gang on the board would agree its activities geared to get things rolling were/are rewarding and enjoyable. Just the fact that everyone was a retired officer—whose spouses also

pitched-in—allowed folks to interact in a familiar “zone” known to military and their families. Additionally the number of persons who called and volunteered to help underscores the pleasure of working with folks who have ‘been there’ in terms of responsibility and service.” Board minutes, starting with the July meeting will be posted on the chapter website. Comments should be addressed to the attention of the chapter secretary or president at: [MOAA.York.Pa@gmail.com](mailto:MOAA.York.Pa@gmail.com).



Have an idea for website content? A Suggestion?  
Email: [MOAA.York.PA@gmail.com](mailto:MOAA.York.PA@gmail.com),  
Subject: Idea

## Chapter Website Underway

Now Under Construction: [www.sites.google.com/site/yorkpamooa/](http://www.sites.google.com/site/yorkpamooa/)

York Chapter officially has a website—albeit under construction, Using a canned Google format, and now in beta mode, once fully “up” it will be modified and updated on an ongoing basis to provide Chapter members with

useful links to state and national sites, as well as to government, military family and fraternal sites of interest to serving and former military members. We will also post Chapter and other newsletters, bylaws, and notices of

chapter activities. Until full development of the site, it is read-only. Soon the site will allow members to share information and do other practical tasks such as paying dues and facilitating new member application processing.

## PA Veterans Auto License Plates Support PA Vets

*Other Plates Also Available for Residents with Military Credentials*

The Veterans' Trust Fund (VTF) administered by the PA Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA), provides funding to assist and support Pennsylvania veterans and their families. The VTF will issue grants to statewide charitable organizations that assist veterans, veterans service organizations and county directors of veterans affairs. The

fund can assist veterans in need of shelter and with necessities of living

The next time you apply for or renew your Pennsylvania driver's license or photo ID or renew your motor vehicle registration, you will have an opportunity to make a \$3 tax-deductible contribution to the VTF. You don't need to be a veteran to show your support of veterans by purchasing the “Honoring erans” license plate. This plate is available for passenger cars and light

trucks up to 10,000 pounds and costs \$35. Fifteen dollars from the sale of each license plate goes to the VTF. One can also make a tax-deductible grant, gift or donation directly to the Veterans' Trust Fund. More at:

[http://www.dmv.state.pa.us/license\\_plates/special\\_fund.shtml](http://www.dmv.state.pa.us/license_plates/special_fund.shtml). There are 29 other PA plates available for military at: <http://www.dmv.state.pa.us/militaryCenter/licensePlates.shtml>



## How to get Vet Designation on PA Driver's License





Qualified applicants should visit [www.dmv.state.pa.us](http://www.dmv.state.pa.us) and click on the AmericanFlag icon visit the phrase "Veterans Designation" beneath it. Applicants will be given the opportunity to renew or order a duplicate driver's license or identification card which will contain the designation. Your current photo in Penn Dot files will be used for online and mail requests. Veterans must self-certify they are a veteran. Misrepresentation of veteran's status will result in losing one's driver's license or ID card. DMVA will audit submissions to verify veteran status of discharge or separation under conditions other than dishonorable. Those applications not able to be verified will be sent a letter from DMVA requesting a copy of the veteran's DD214. This will actually aid veterans in obtaining a copy if they do not have one and receive assistance in obtaining it. DMVA may not have electronic access to a veteran's records if they have not used the GI Bill or VA services. // Info from DMV Website. Cost was \$30.00 on 30 June 2014.

## Dallastown JROTC Cadet Receives MOAA Medal

### Chapter to Sponsor Dallastown & Wm Penn JROTC Awards



*"Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons."*

— GEN Douglas MacArthur

On 8 May Rich Fousek, Chapter Vice President, presented a Chapter MOAA award to Dallastown Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Program (MCJROTC) cadet Michael Mitchell, next year's student battalion commander. This set in place the Chapter's relationship with Dallastown High School Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Program which will allow for MOAA sponsorship of some JROTC activities and various awards where approved by the Chapter at

Large. Dallastown's MCJROTC is representative of the best in junior officer training educational activities. As an example, in early May eight of its members competed in the National Drill Competition activities in Daytona, Florida, placing 19<sup>th</sup> of 38 schools competing. Dallastown was first JROTC Chapter activity. In late May, a like affiliation with York's William Penn High School JROTC was started. The current issue of MOAA's *Military Office Magazine*

has more perspective on "encouraging young cadets" in an article by Barry Wright, MOAA's chapter affairs director, on pages 42-43. Once these relationships are fully up-and-running the Chapter will explore like opportunities with other schools. Members interested in being a part of awards selection coordination and presentation are invited to contact any Chapter officer at: [MOAA@York.PA@gmail.com](mailto:MOAA@York.PA@gmail.com); Subject: Awards

## MOAA at the Meadowlands 12-13 September

### Chapter--All Military-- Welcome to Attend PA's MOAA Annual Convention

All former or currently serving active, Reserve or Guard commissioned and warrant officers and spouses are cordially invited to attend the MOAA PA Council of Chapters (PACOC)-sponsored annual convention in Washington PA, at Hilton Double Tree. Registration and evening welcome reception Friday, 12 September; programs and events 0730-1700,

Saturday, 13 September, including breakfast and lunch. Register online at [www.pa-coc.org](http://www.pa-coc.org) or download form from that web address and mail with a check to MOAA General Greene, 201 Maple Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601. For more information go to [www.pa-coc.org](http://www.pa-coc.org) or email [admin@pa-coc.org](mailto:admin@pa-coc.org). Double Tree has a special conference rate of

\$129 a night. Phone 724-222-6200 for reservations. Mention you are part of MOAA PACOC Convention. This is a quality event. In addition to interesting and useful subjects by experts in their fields, there are loads to do and visit including Tanger Outlets, Meadowlands Casino and the Trolley Museum to name a few.



## Found On Post

*Tips, Bargains, Recommendations, Things for Sale From Members...*



*This feature will be a regular part of the Newsletter. It is intended to be a place for readers to input things that other members might find useful or noteworthy— like the time someone told you that Lowes gave a 10 percent discount to military year round and not just on Memorial day... We're not looking to*

*make this an "Angies List" but that said, if a person has a tip on saving money or identifying a discount, activity or fact that active or retired military might find useful, here is a place to share it. Policy is non attribution other than first name. Full name is required for submission to MOAA York who also reserves the right to*

*Publish and is not responsible for accuracy of the item. Send to [MOAA.York.PA@gmail.com](mailto:MOAA.York.PA@gmail.com); Subject: FOP*

ITEM- Boscov's gives 15% discount to active & retired military any day. To get the discount, one goes to customer service and requests a military discount coupon. It is good for that day only. (From Judy)

## General Membership Meeting Tuesday, Aug 26, 7PM

*Mark the Date--Formal Invitations With Final Program Due End of July*



While the speakers have not been confirmed yet, the menu has and will headline with chicken saltimbocca and roast prime rib! The theme—the Pol-Mil State of Mind-- will look at the climate of change surrounding military pay, allowances, retirement and medical elements. Chapter pins for new members and spouses will also be presented. The exact program will accompany the forthcoming "formal" invite. Save the date!

## 2014 Pennsylvania Women Veterans Symposium Held

*Pennsylvania takes a back seat to no state in the union where it comes to its veterans and providing a positive climate for recognition, care and opportunity, Information below is from the PA state Women Vets Symposium portal and is provided for information of those who may be unaware of this or like events.*



Pennsylvania female service members and veterans of all military branches and components were invited to attend the PA Women Veterans Symposium held June 6-8, 2014, at the Wyndham Grand Hotel, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County. This event, co-hosted by the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare's Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the Governor's Advisory Council on Veterans Services, and Journey to Normal, featured informative general and breakout sessions, a health and wellness fair, and an opportunity to meet and network with fellow female veterans affairs portal. It's provided for those who may be unaware of these or like events for Vets. More information such as the events schedule and descriptions of presentations is available at:

[http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/pa\\_women\\_vets\\_symposium/21702](http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/pa_women_vets_symposium/21702)



# President's Corner

## *Congratulations!*

### *York and South Central PA*



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First wanted to acknowledge and thank all those who have joined and supported this organization over the past ten months. York Chapter has succeeded in key, initial efforts to modernize and provide a venue to support both active and former military and community-focused efforts through leverage of membership and MOAA state and national capabilities. Approaching the Chapter's first year anniversary since its restart, it continues to grow—from twelve members last September to mid- sixty at this writing. We have reached the critical mass required to engage with and support activities that the membership feel are important. This month MOAA National recognized York Chapter as the leader in membership growth of the 15 other PA MOAA chapters. This recognition translates into monetary incentives from MOAA National for Chapter activities. Thanks to all for the efforts and support making this possible. The next phase of will be Chapter action focused on providing

Members increased opportunity to impact Chapter initiatives and participate in Chapter activities.

Our general membership meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 26 August, at Heritage Hills. Please mark the date; formal invitations will go out in two weeks. The August meeting will allow us to discuss our future, get key speakers lined-up and allow for a full turnout. The August meeting will provide a venue for membership discussion of Chapter future direction. Dinner theme is the Pol-Mil State of Mind. State and federal legislation impacting Chapter members' military interests to be discussed.

Lastly, on behalf of us all I thank Bill Beazley for his service to the organization as its first general counsel. Bill was key in renovating and updating the Chapter by-laws/charter. Bill and Mary are going to start sharing residencies between PA and Texas, causing Bill to tender his resignation from the board. All our best and thank you Bill./john a

## **Chapter Membership Form** --*Suitable for Passing to a Friend, Relative or Colleague!*

### **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse Name** (Used on invitations, greeting and place cards; not mandatory) \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Service** \_\_\_\_\_ **Component** \_\_\_\_\_ **Rank** \_\_\_\_\_ **MOAA Member #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Active** \_\_\_\_\_ **Reserve** \_\_\_\_\_ **Retired** \_\_\_\_\_ **Surviving Spouse** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclose: \$20.00 Check Payable to York PA Chapter, MOAA**

**Clip-off and mail to: Membership, York Chapter MOAA, Box 3563, York, PA 17402**

Email York Chapter at: [MOAA.York.Pa@gmail.com](mailto:MOAA.York.Pa@gmail.com)

York MOAA Form 2.1 Rev–Jun 2014

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\*New position

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Events  
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