



York and South Central Pennsylvania Chapter

Chapter News

1 May 2015

Items

1. Board notes – April Meeting
2. Events– JROTC, Memorial Day, Prospect Hill
3. General –PSU Football Tickets, MOAA New England Cruise
4. Other business – Rundown of MOAA National, PA State and Chapter priorities

Board notes

- Membership dues cover the calendar year (January 1 – December 31).
- John summarized the 25 April Pennsylvania Council of Chapters meeting. Topics covered included: legislative issues, 2 new chapters (State College & Erie (revitalized)) and common challenges among all 16 MOAA chapters in PA.
- General Meeting and Dinner. Set for July 28th at Heritage Hills Resort. Topic will be “*What you don’t know (or should know) about veteran’s benefits.*” Mr. Phil Palandro, Dir, York County Veterans Affairs, has tentatively accepted our invitation to attend and speak. A representative from MOAA’s Transition Office has also been invited to attend the dinner meeting.
- Treasurer Bob O’Connell reported \$2591 in Chapter account. A motion was made and approved to allocate \$200 to sponsor a horseshoe pit at the June 13th Horseshoes for Heroes event in York. Bob O’Connell to cut and forward the check on receipt of the sponsorship form.
- Chapter Governance. According to chapter bylaws the president must change every two years, which will be August 2015. At June board meeting the upcoming board nominations and election process will be discussed.
- Next meeting to be “open” board-membership afternoon meet **23 June, 1300-1430**, at Never Forgotten BBQ, 2582 Kingston Blvd (Kingston Plaza) York, about 3-4 minutes off I-83 Market St Exit. This is an informal business meeting with open agenda including discussion and decision on 28 July general membership meeting, new members initiative and election of board president and discussion on existing, including unfilled (Communications Dir & Counsel) board positions Members welcome and if attending please confirm by Email to MOAA.York.PA@Gmail.com or phone 717.747.1047.

Events – Awards

Chapter JROTC Medal Award - Chapter VP Rich Fousek presents MOAA JROTC medal to Dallastown High School (USMCJROTC cadet Brandon Nadeau at Dallastown HS, 7 May.



Veterans' Expo & Job Fair - The chapter participated in the April 15 Veterans' Expo and Job Fair, April 15 at the York Expo Center. The Veterans' Expo's aim was to connect active and retired military members with the benefits and resources available to them through local businesses and organizations. Exhibitors represented included community service providers, healthcare professionals, VA benefits counselors, education/training providers, and business startup assistance, as well as businesses covering everything from home improvement, legal services, and finance to retirement living and insurance. The take-away by the members attending was that the event was an excellent venue for networking, job search education and employment opportunities for all veterans. Overall impressive show of community support for military. Pictured at the chapter Job Fair table is, from left to right, John Riggs, John Johnston, Gordon Weith and John Antonitis.

General

Horseshoe Pitching Tournament – York County Veterans Outreach, an all-volunteer group dedicated to assisting veterans and their families is hosting horseshoe pitching at Prospect Hill Cemetery, 700 N George St, York, on 13 June. To compete costs \$20. Register from 0800-1000; tournament begins 1030. The organizers promise food, fun –and prizes! York Chapter MOAA is sponsoring a horseshoe pit at the event. Come on by!

Vietnam Veterans of America, York White Rose Chapter hosts Memorial Day Ceremony -May 25 at 9am, York Fair grounds by the Vietnam Memorial. Plenty of seating and timed to allow attendance for those attending the York County Memorial Service.

York Cty Vet Affairs Veterans Day Ceremony –Takes place at Veterans Memorial Park located across the street from the York Ice Skating Rink, and adjacent to the Gold Star Healing and Peace Garden. The date is May 25TH 2015, at 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Affairs cordially invites all to attend.

Penn State University Hosts Veterans and families at Military Appreciation Day Game - PSU versus Army, 3 Oct 2015. Tickets are free to Vets. Penn State will put out more information later on how to get tickets and will be forwarded as soon as received. Feedback from last year's event was universally positive. Background video at: <https://vimeo.com/125190019>.

Federal Retiree ID Card – Office of Personnel Management (OPM) recently added a service to their website; permits federal retirees to print a Retirement Services Reference Card which can be used as a federal annuitant ID card. At OPM Services website (have claim #)

MOAA Seven Night New England-Canada "Signature Cruise" - 3-10 October. Departs & returns New York City. Comes w/ perks and MOAA pricing. More info at MOAA Travel (866)724-4462.

Chapter Focuses - The following are chapter major 2015 focuses:

- ✓ Affiliation w/ York County veterans outreach groups
- ✓ Support of state & MOAA legislative agenda
- ✓ Support of PA Wounded Warriors
- ✓ Jobs-career Vet coaching (including resume writing)

- Comments or questions? MOAA.York.PA@Gmail.com or Box 3563 York, PA 17402 -

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Chartered in November 1989, membership in York Chapter of MOAA is open to active duty, former, retired, Reserve and National Guard commissioned and warrant officers and cadets and midshipmen of the uniformed services—Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration—and their surviving spouses. Dues cover a calendar year, ie, Jan-Dec 2015.

NAME _____

E-Mail Address _____

Street Address _____ **City** _____ **STATE** _____ **Zip** _____

Service _____ **Component** _____ **Rank** _____

Active _____ **Reserve** _____ **Retired** _____ **Surviving Spouse** _____

Signature _____

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

Mail to: Membership, York Chapter MOAA, Box 3563, York, PA 17402

