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** National 4-Star Chapter 2008 **

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Harold Cooney

We began our luncheon meeting by welcoming two new members to the Chapter in a prestigious pinning ceremony. **David Thompson**, COL USA (Ret) and his bride **Peggy** have returned to the area after a stint in California. **Frank Beskid**, CDR USN (Ret) is joining us from the Keystone Chapter. We welcome them all and hope to get to know them better in the coming months.



Harold welcomes David and Peggy Thompson.



Harold welcoming Frank Beskid.

For the March 13th luncheon program, our own **Ruth Collins**, COL USA (Ret) treated 59 members and guests to a wonderful presentation on the Army War College Foundation. Ruth is the CEO and Alumni Director for the Army War College Foundation, Inc. In addition to a spectacular slideshow tribute to women in the military during lunch, Ruth shared the latest information on the Foundation and how it continues to support the mission of the War College by enhancing the Academic environment, encouraging excellence in the faculty and students and fostering fraternity among alumni.



Harold thanks Ruth Collins for her presentation.

In AY2013, the Foundation has proffered \$665,000 to support the mission of the War College. This is up from \$145,000 just 10 years ago. Membership on the Board of Directors is now a mix of graduates and business leaders, maintaining at least 30 percent AWC graduates. Foundation contributions come

from a number of sources. The widow of Anton Myrer, author of *Once an Eagle*, has donated the royalties from the book to the Foundation. Ruth presented copies of the book to several members of the audience. The Foundation will also provide copies for the Chapter to present to the Distinguished Military Graduates of the Dickinson and Shippensburg ROTC programs as well as the five JROTC programs we support - a very generous offer. The Foundation is also supporting some new publication efforts.

Chapter member, Dr. Doug Johnson is updating, *Of Responsible Command: A History of the US Army War College*. And the Foundation has been researching a book on the history of class gifts from 1956 to the present. It contains the 'truth' behind the process each class went through in determining their legacy gift to the College. It will offer some humorous anecdotes behind some interesting gifts! Where did those French mortars come from and whose idea was the sundial? This will be published soon and available for purchase.

Red Tags are coming: No not a sale, but Life Member tapes for your name tags. We have procured a new vendor and will have them in hand by the April meeting.

Pennsylvania Women Veterans Symposium: The PA Women Veteran's sponsored a large and very successful symposium over the weekend of 9-10 March in Gettysburg, PA. Our own **Mike Gould**, PA Deputy AG for Veteran's, and I were able to attend this great event. Other dignitaries at the symposium were **Dr. Linda Schwartz**, COL USAF (Ret), Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of the VA and **Nancy Anderson**, COL USMC (Ret) from the MOAA PA Council of Chapters.



Mike Gould, Linda Schwartz, Nancy Anderson and Harold Cooney at the PA Women Vets Symposium.

Also, big thanks to **Julie Manta**, COL USA (Ret) who helped with the MOAA table on Saturday. It was a wonderful event and I was privileged to spend all day in a hotel with over 250 women veterans!



Julie Manta, Harold and Nancy Anderson at MOAA table.

In keeping with March being National Women's Month and the PA Women Vets Symposium, our former Chapter President, **Charlotte Kinney**, LTC USA (Ret), attended the 40th Anniversary of women chaplains in the military the previous week. During her Pentagon tour in 1975, Charlotte performed the ground-breaking task of rewriting the regulations to allow women to become military chaplains.



Charlotte receiving thanks from currently serving female chaplains.





Charlotte Kinney with Chaplain (CPT) Alfeia Goodwin, the only woman chaplain in PA.

Legislative Affairs: We're still looking for a volunteer to fill the Legislative Affairs position on our Board. Please contact Harold Cooney at 240-0428 or Harold.cooney@gmail.com if you are interested.

PROGRAM NOTES

By (Your Name Could Appear Here)

We are still looking for a volunteer for the position of vice president. It really isn't that hard as I have put together a continuity file that will ease your transition. The position truly takes less than 4 hours a month, including attending the monthly Board and Chapter meetings. Please contact Harold Cooney at 240-0428 or Harold.cooney@gmail.com if you are interested.

April is our return to the dinner schedule at the Carlisle Country Club. We look forward to hearing from our speaker, LTC Spero Gouchola, the first US Army War College International Fellow from Benin.

LTC Gouchola, who is the son of an Army Colonel and elementary school teacher, entered the Army in 1994. After completing the cadet course at the Armed Forces Academy of the Ivory Coast in 1995, he applied for the Gendarmerie Army Course where he became an officer of the Gendarmerie in 1998.

He has served in Platoon, Company and Battalion Command positions in the Gendarmerie where he was responsible for Public Security, Military Police and Criminal Investigations with the mission of protecting the population and national territory by preventing criminality and transnational organized crimes.

LTC Gouchola holds a degree in English Studies from the National University of Benin and earned a master's degree in English, with a specialty in American studies in 2005. He completed his Command and Staff College Course in the Army Senior National School in 2007. With a government scholarship, he received a master's degree in Strategic Studies and Defense Policies and pursued post-graduate studies in Senior Diplomatic Studies at the Strategic and Diplomatic Studies Center (CEDS) in Paris in 2008. In 2009, his experience and education helped him become the assistant to the Benin Army Chief of Defense Staff and in that capacity he participated in many national and international meetings and seminars in the USA, Europe, West Africa and Central Africa. He and his wife Carolle have been married for 20 years and have three children ages 3 to 9.

We look forward to his remarks regarding the Army of Benin.

After our April dinner at the Carlisle Country Club, there is only one more meeting in the first half of the year, so mark your calendar now.

CV-MOAA UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 10, dinner at the Carlisle Country Club, our speaker will be Lieutenant Colonel Spero L. Gouchola, International Fellow from Benin.

May 8, Spring Golf Outing and Picnic at the Carlisle Barracks Golf Course.

CV-MOAA SPRING GOLF OUTING AND PICNIC

Consider this as a heads up announcement for all the duffers in the Chapter. CV-MOAA will hold its annual Spring Golf Tournament on **Wednesday, 8 May 2013** at the Carlisle Barracks Golf Course. The tournament begins at 12:00 noon and the picnic social hour starts at 5:30 p.m. with the picnic being served between 6:00 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.

All tournament players must be members of CV-MOAA. The tournament will be an 18-hole scramble with one Special Rule -- players will be grouped into foursomes or threesomes, if necessary, based on handicaps. **Robert Byrne** is the CINC/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 starters instructions. The first tee-time will be 12:00 noon.

More details and a RSVP sheet will be in next month's Chapter Newsletter

MEMBERSHIP

As all of you know, our Chapter is always on the lookout for new members. MOAA national has started a new program that has the potential for supporting our local recruitment efforts. This new program is called: **Chapter Recruiting 2013©**.

The focus of Chapter Recruiting 2013 is on recruiting new chapter members using the potential-members lists provided by MOAA national. These lists were updated and sent to chapters in February of 2013 and included all current non-chapter MOAA members in our chapter's ZIP code (catchment) area. Quarterly updates, which contain the names of MOAA national members who move into our chapter's catchment area, are also programmed to be provided.

In accordance with separate security guidance from MOAA on the use of this improved information on national members in our area, our Chapter will sort through this data and develop potential-members lists. Our new Membership Chair, **Glenn Mitchell**, is currently winnowing through these lists and

refining them for our use. Armed with these lists, we will plan a strategy for working these potential-members lists and inviting these individuals to join our Chapter.

This is where you come in -- you may be asked to assist in local recruiting efforts by contacting potential members in your area or through your contacts in business and social organizations. Anyone wishing to assist in these efforts may contact **Glenn Mitchell** at mithcellmd@aol.com or phone number (717) 323-0012.



FEBRUARY LUNCHEON PHOTOS



Bill and Patt Seely, Frank Richwine and Doug Johnson socializing.



Woodie Collins and Rude DeFrance smile for the cameraman.

MORE LUNCHEON PHOTOS



Betty Bowes and Peggy Thompson catching up.



Our photographer, Ernie Levasseur, is trapped for a photo by James Simms on the left and Bob Broyles on the right.



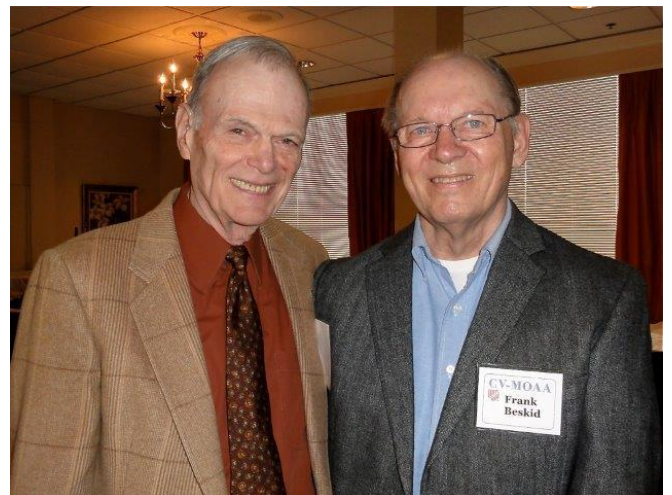
Bob Chant, Maude DeFrance and Tom Rhen enjoying the social hour.



Peggy Thompson catches up with Jeanne Shevlin and Mary Lee Gerard.

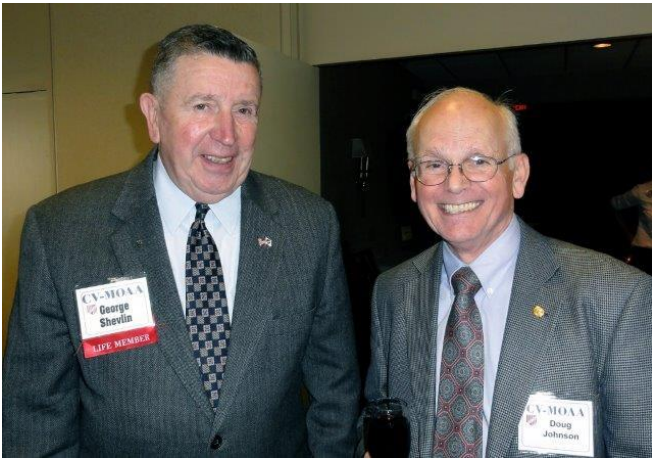


Ed Skender, Leo McMahon, Frank Richwine, and Terry Walker share a cup of cheer.



Bill Solomon welcomes Frank Beskid.

MORE LUNCHEON PHOTOS



George Shevlin and Doug Johnson are happy to be here.



Don and Lois Bliss are always a photogenic couple.



Ruth Collins is greeted by Barbara Burckhardt after Ruth's terrific talk to the membership.



Bernie Griffard and Charlotte Kinney discussing War College information.



David Thompson and Tom Bowes enjoying social hour.



As we said, get ready for the Spring Golf Tourney.

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RESERVATIONS FORM

April Dinner

Carlisle Country Club

April 10, 2013

PLEASE RESPOND BY FRIDAY, Apr 5, 2013

Remember, it is very important that you get your reservations in before the cutoff date of Friday, April 5. If an unexpected event surfaces and you must cancel, please contact Jane Mitchell at 323-0012 or by e-mail at jhmitchell2002@aol.com. Refunds for cancellations received after 4 p.m. **April 5** cannot be guaranteed. Also, please see the note at the bottom of this sheet about dues!

The Dinner at the *Carlisle Country Club* will begin with a social hour at 6:15pm. We will assemble at 7:00pm for dinner, followed by a short business meeting and our speaker, LTC Spero L. Gouchola, US Army War College International Fellow from Benin.

Menu:

A: Apricot Pork Loin - Stuffed with Spinach and Apricots and a Orange Marmalade Glaze

B: Maryland Crab Cake - Jumbo Lump Crab Meat served with Tarragon Caper Tartar Sauce

Cost: \$32.00 per person, which includes salad, dessert, beverages, tax and gratuity. A cash bar will also 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 (@\$32): \$ _____ enclosed.

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Separate check for dues enclosed: \$ _____ for _____ years. Member _____ Associate _____