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** National 4-Star Chapter 2008 **

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Harold Cooney

Well, we have survived the Artic Vortex. I hope everyone was safe and warm! We had good weather for our January luncheon. I hope our luck continues.

At the luncheon, more than 50 members had a great opportunity to hear **LTC Kyle Jones**, West Point Class of 1994, an Air Defense Artillery Officer who has transitioned to Career Field 49 (Operations Research Systems Analyst) and a member of the US Army War College class of 2014. Kyle was filling in for his classmate LTC Mike Solis who had an unexpected delay on his return from holiday break. LTC Jones, drawing on his experience in the Pentagon with programming requirements and budgeting, focused on historical trends in budgets and force structure (i.e. history repeats itself...and this is the natural cycle following periods of conflict). He addressed the need for the Army to learn how to say "no" (both analytically and credibly with its stakeholders), offering some personal thoughts on how the Army might avoid an identity crisis in the coming years. We enjoyed Kyle's candid comments.

We're still looking for volunteers to fill the positions of Vice President and Legislative Affairs on our Board. Neither position takes a lot of time and will be personally rewarding. Please contact me if you are interested.

For those who thought they missed a discussion on foreign policy toward Mexico, you're in luck as **LTC Mike Solis** will be the speaker at our February luncheon at the Carlisle Country Club. It's good to see the VUCA environment still exists and that our future military leaders continue to adjust, adapt and overcome!! Please make every effort to attend.



Harold thanks guest speaker, LTC Kyle Jones.

MEMBER NOTES

Chapter member **Gary Sausser** recently retired as chairman of the Carlisle Barracks Retiree Council after over 17 years of service in the position. Thanks to Gary for his many years of service on the council.

Luckily, chapter member **Michael Zang** stepped forward to fill the position. Michael was also nominated by the installation to serve on the Army Chief of Staff's Retiree Council. The CSA Retiree Council is made up of seven retired officers and seven retired enlisted Soldiers and is co-chaired by a retired general officer and a retired senior NCO. At its annual meeting, the CSA Retiree Council reviews issues forwarded by installation councils and determines which should be reported to the

CSA and which can be addressed at the installation level. Good luck to Michael as he assumes the duties of these two advisory councils.



Karen and Michael Zang at the luncheon.

USAWC STRATEGIC ARTS FILM SERIES

History buffs and anyone interested in movies with a military theme are invited to attend the U.S. Army War College's Strategic Arts Film Series. The series is open to the public at no cost at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, 950 Soldiers Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013.

Each film of the series includes an Army War College professor-led discussion that provides insights into the evolution of warfare, highlights strategic and operational themes, and raises issues of strategic leadership. All films begin at 4:30 P.M. For additional information, please contact the Army Heritage Center Foundation at (717) 258-1102 or info@armyheritage.org.

Date	Film	Discussion Leader
Feb 4	Midway	Professor Al Lord
Feb 11	The Gallant Hours	Professor Al Lord
Mar 11	A Bridge Too Far	Professor James Kievit
Mar 18	MacArthur	Dr. Jerry Comello

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

This week's MOAA Legislative Update encourages members to join the fight against the recently passed BBA (Bipartisan Budget Act of December 2013) that institutes COLA cuts that breaks faith with those who have served and damages the morale and welfare of those wearing the uniform.

MOAA's new COLA Fight campaign outlines the impact of the COLA cuts, debunks Pentagon myths used to support the cut, and includes a 3 minute video from MOAA president Vice Adm. Norb Ryan, USN (Ret) calling on members to take action. To view this video and learn about MOAA's campaign, go to www.moa.org/colafight.

PROGRAM NOTES

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Still looking for a volunteer for the position of vice president. Please contact Harold Cooney at 240-0428 or Harold.cooney@gmail.com if you are interested.

Our February 12 luncheon will be at the Carlisle Country Club. Our speaker will be **LTC Mike Solis**, USAWC Class of 2014. Mike is a 1994 graduate of West Point, commissioned in the Air Defense Artillery. He has served at Ft Drum, Korea, Ft Hood, the NTC and Ft Bliss. He will speak to us regarding US Foreign Policy on Mexico.

CV-MOAA UPCOMING EVENTS

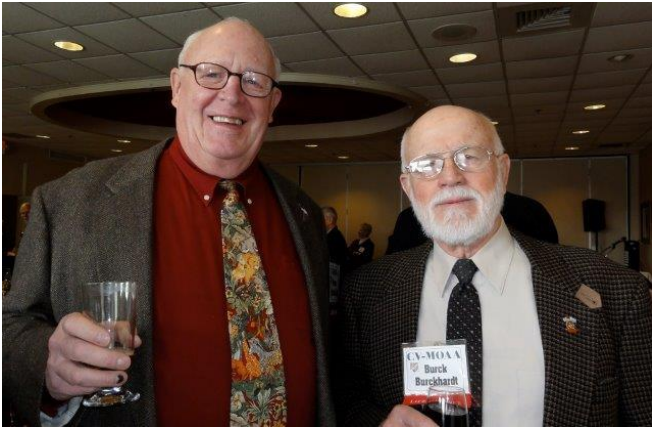
Feb 12, Luncheon at the Carlisle Country Club

Mar 12, Luncheon at the Carlisle Country Club

Apr 9, Dinner at the Carlisle Country Club

May 14, Spring Golf Outing and Picnic at the Carlisle Barracks Golf Course

PHOTOS OF JANUARY LUNCHEON



Werner Schmidt and Burck Burckhardt warming up prior to lunch.



Sally Chant, Bunny Drews and Lois Bliss dazzle us with their beautiful smiles.



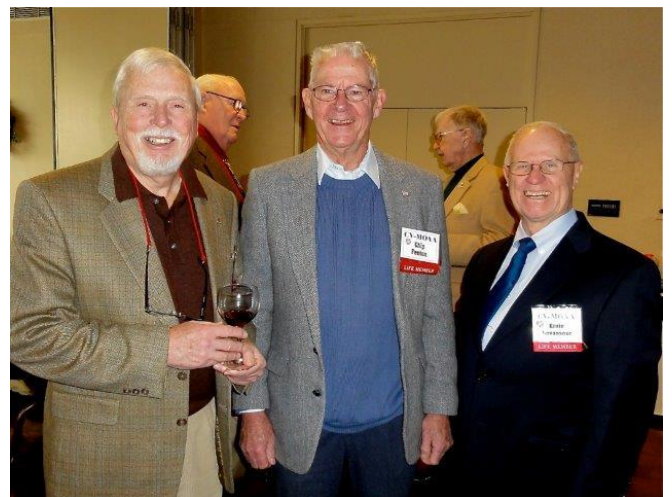
Keith Gillespie poses with Terry and Gus Gustafson.



Hal Nelson, Charlotte Kinney, Glenn and Jane Mitchell enjoy the Social Hour prior to lunch.



Harold Cooney and Don Bliss discuss the Army's future with guest speaker LTC Kyle Jones.



Bob Hervey and Chip Fenton having a good time with our great photographer, Ernie Levasseur.

MORE LUNCHEON PHOTOS



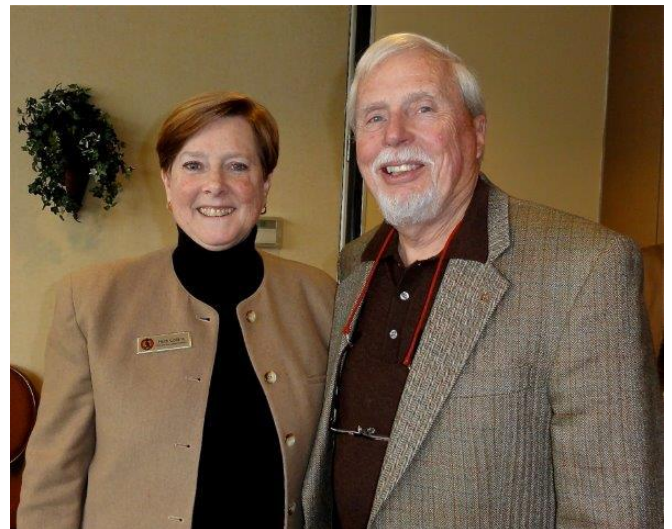
Kay Rodney and Frank Beskid catching up.



Bob Gerard and George Shevlin enjoy socializing prior to lunch.



Mary Rhen, Bill and Laurie Harkey and Carla Fisher discuss recent events.



Ruth Collins and Bob Hervey flash smiles for our cameraman.



Bill Seely enjoys being with two beautiful ladies, Jeanne Shevlin and Sally Broyles.



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**RESERVATIONS FORM
February Luncheon
Carlisle Country Club
February 12, 2014**



PLEASE RESPOND BY *Thursday, Feb 6, 2014*

Remember, it is very important that you get your reservations in before the cutoff date of **Thursday**, February 6. 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. **February 6** cannot be guaranteed. Also, please see the note at the bottom of this sheet about dues if you have been notified that your dues are due!

The luncheon at the *Carlisle Country Club* will begin with a social hour at 11:15 a.m. We will assemble at 12:00 noon for lunch, followed by a short business meeting and our speaker, LTC Mike Solis, US Army War College Class of 2014.

Menu:

A. Chicken Paprika, sautéed with onions, peppers, in a smoked paprika sour cream sauce

B. Honey Glazed Salmon filet roasted with orange blossom honey

Cost: \$25.00 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 lunch (@\$25): \$_____ enclosed.

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