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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Harold Cooney

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! I hope everyone is preparing to ring in the New Year in a special way with friends and family!! The weather has turned very winter-like so be careful in all your travels. We had another huge crowd at our December meeting with 97 members and guests attending. We welcomed one new member to the Chapter in a prestigious pinning ceremony: **COL Brian Lauritzen, USA (Ret)** and his wife **Anne**. Brian retired in 2008 after commanding the US Army Garrison at Ft Belvoir. Anne, a former Army officer as well as military spouse, was recently elected to the Carlisle Area School Board.



Welcome to new members Brian and Anne Lauritzen.

Everyone was dressed in his or her finest red and green. The large, festive crowd included a number of members we haven't seen for some time. We were very honored to be joined by the USAWC Class of 2014 International Fellow President **BG Stephen Mundaw** and his wife **Jacqueline** and four other International Fellows from Korea, Poland, Indonesia and Ethiopia. The President of the USAWC US Class of 2014, **COL Ken Kamper**

and his wife **Krista**, also joined us for the holiday festivities.



IF President BG Mundaw and his wife Jacqueline socialize with guests prior to dinner.



AWC 2014 class president, Ken Kamper and wife Krista join our festivities.



International Fellows from Ethiopia, Indonesia, Korea, Poland and Malaysia attend the dinner.

We used the December dinner as an opportunity to conduct some necessary Chapter business and voted on the nominees to fill expiring Board positions. Congratulations to the new Board members elected at the meeting: **COL (Ret) John Brown, COL (Ret) Bert Lennon, Mrs. Jane Mitchell and LtCol (Ret) Richard Parady**. A special thank you to outgoing board and committee members, **LTC (Ret) Ron Elliott, COL (Ret) Gus Gustafson and Mrs. Patti Leggett**, for their many years of service to our Chapter, the community and the military.

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 **Harold Cooney** if you are interested.



The Sounds of Brass Quintet serenade the dinner crowd.

We reveled in the holiday music provided by the **Sounds of Brass Quintet** from the Carlisle Town Band, led by their Vice President **Jim Shufelt**. We closed the evening with Jingle Bells and Deck the Halls led by our own **Bill Seely**. Thanks to everyone for making it a memorable evening!

MEMBERSHIP

As we enter the New Year, we hope one of your New Year resolutions was to renew your local chapter membership if you haven't done so already. Local chapter membership entitles you to 9 issues of our Chapter newsletter with news and announcements of our social activities. Regular and Associate dues rates are listed on the handy-dandy clip and return renewal slip at the bottom of the RSVP sheet at the end of this newsletter. Our current membership total stands at 227 members.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

House and Senate Armed Services Committee leaders have agreed to move forward on a version of the FY 2014 Defense Authorization bill that rejects administration proposals to establish or increase TRICARE fees. However, they are recommending a "REDUX-like" provision that would reduce working age retiree annual cost-of-living adjustment by one percent until they reach the age of 62. For more information on legislation that may affect your hard-earned benefits, go to MOAA's website at www.moaa.org. Here they make it easy for you to let your elected representatives know your views if you click on "Take Action" and then select "Contact Congress" on the drop-down menu.

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 January 8 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. We had a great crowd in December, so

let's carry that enthusiasm into the New Year.

50/50 winners at the December dinner were **Bob Scott, Bob Read, Bob Gerard, and Bernie Griffard**. It almost looked like you needed to be a **'Bob'** to win!! **Jim Dunn** won the special drawing for a copy of the Class Gift History Book donated by the USAWC Foundation and Alumni Affairs presented by **CEO Ruth Collins. Congratulations!**

If you are interested in a copy of the book, you can buy it at the book store in Root Hall or order it online at

<https://secure.usawc.org/shop/proddetail.asp?prod=953> .

CV-MOAA UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 8, Luncheon at the Carlisle Country Club

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

DUNHAM ARMY HEALTH CLINIC UPDATE

As of December 16, the **PX Refill Pharmacy** hours are suspended until further notice. By doing so, the DAHC hopes to maintain full services despite manpower shortages. Dunham Main Pharmacy full-service hours are: Mon, Tues, Wed, and Fridays, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursdays 7:30 a.m. to noon. Holiday closures are Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1.

JROTC NEWS

The D-Day 70th Anniversary Parade Committee has selected the **Gettysburg Area High School JROTC** to represent the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at ceremonies in Normandy France in June of 2014.

The Parade will step off on the actual anniversary day, June 6, 2014 in the French village of Sainte-Mere-Eglise, the first town to be liberated by American troops, and sister city to the Borough of Gettysburg. While JROTC units from all 50 states were invited to participate in commemoration activities, only 13 will make the trip. In addition to the D-Day parade, cadets will participate in official ceremonies at the Saint James and Normandy American Cemeteries.

Since the Gettysburg contingent will miss their high school graduation ceremony at home, upon arrival in Paris on 3 June they will travel directly to Sainte Mere Eglise to conduct a Graduation Ceremony for the seniors, film the event and upload video to the web for display during Gettysburg's official ceremony that evening.

Funding for the trip is being raised through cadet and chaperon payments, school fundraisers, and donations from veterans' and civic organizations. If you would like to make a donation to assist in their effort, please send it to **GASD Activities Fund – JROTC, 1130 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325**.

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
Jan 21	The Battle of Britain	COL Brown
Feb 4	Midway	Professor Al Lord
Feb 11	The Gallant Hours	Professor Al Lord

PHOTOS OF HOLIDAY DINNER



Bob Scott wins first 50/50 drawing.



Bernie Griffard is happy 50/50 winner.



Jim Dunn has Bob Read select next ticket after collecting his 50/50 winnings.



Jim congratulates Bob Gerard on winning 50/50.



Mary Lee Gerard and rest of table seem shocked at Bob Gerard's luck.



Ruth Collins presents Jim Dunn with Class Gift History book.



Ernie Levasseur gets early present from wife Shirley.



David and Wiebke Jablonsky socialize with Betty and Monk Hilliard.



Bob Gerard, Bob and Ruth Kee and Mary Lee Gerard catch up prior to dinner.



Fred and Donna Gellert share American Holiday customs with International Fellows.



Karl Robinson trying to convince Shirley Levasseur and Wiebke Jablonsky that he is Santa.



Charlotte Kinney shares Holiday Spirit with COL Oug Sang Yoo and Gin Hee Kim of Korea and Tina and Troy Fluss of Carlisle.



Glenn Mitchell, Karen Kaiser, Robert Byrne and Morrie Hooper share holiday cheer.



Our First Couple, Monica and Harold Cooney.



Bill Bamber and Woodie Collins pose for us.



Bob and Judie Read share beautiful holiday smiles in front of the tree.



Bill Doll and Burck Burckhardt appear ready for caroling.



Bob and Sally Broyles lift spirits with their holiday smiles.

OUR MILITARY SERVING

Daughter of Lance and Laurel Betros:

Cadet Rosemary Betros, US Military Academy

Family of Bill and Peggy Burns:

COL Mark E. Burns, USAF, NATO-The Hague, Netherlands
CPT Phillip Mauro, 1st AD, Ft. Bliss, TX

Nephews of Lois Cole:

Brock Gerhart, USA, Afghanistan
JC Whistler, USMC, Africa

Son of Jerry and Karen Comello:

LTC Anthony Comello, Ofc of J6, USSOCOM, MacDill AFB,
Tampa, FL

Granddaughter of Mike Daley:

Cadet Brianna Burnstad, US Military Academy

Daughter-in-law of Chip and Dee Fenton:

COL Anne Marie Fenton, USAF, Stuttgart, GE

Son of Fred and Donna Gellert:

SPC F. John Gellert, III, Co A, 2-1 Inf, Ft Lewis, WA

All family of Bob and Mary Lee Gerard:

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2LT Megan Snook, 2d ACR, Afghanistan
Cadet Robert Snook, US Military Academy

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CPT Stephen Gillespie, 4th ID, Ft Carson, CO

Son of John and Penny Hickey:

COL John Hickey III, National Defense University,
Washington, DC

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1LT Jack Ambridge, USAF Special Ops

Grandchildren of Ruth Jones:

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CPT Stephen Jones, Cdr, HHC, 242nd EOD, Ft Carson, CO
1LT Daniel Jones, 701st BSB, 4th Bde, 1st ID, Ft Riley, KS

Son of Lawrence and Maryanne Kastriba:

SP4 Lawrence Kastriba II, Warrior Ldr Course, Ft. Hood, TX

Son of Charlotte Kinney:

SGT Jeffrey Geer, USA, Graduate, Univ. of North Dakota
Law School, awaiting orders to Korea

Family of Dutch Kissinger:

Lt Col Andrew Kissinger, USAFR,
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Family of Patti Leggett:

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CPT Andrew Pfeiffer, USA, Ft. Carson, CO
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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, Cutter "Decisive"

Son and nephew of Mike and Karen Zang:

CPT Patrick Zang, Career Crse., Ft. Benning, GA
1LT David Serger, 3rd Cav Regt, Ft Hood, TX

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RESERVATIONS FORM
January Luncheon
Carlisle Country Club
January 8, 2014

PLEASE RESPOND BY FRIDAY, Jan 3, 2014

Remember, it is very important that you get your reservations in before the cutoff date of Friday, January 3. 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. **January 3** 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 Vermouth, sautéed with wild mushrooms, artichoke hearts and roasted red peppers, in fresh thyme, vermouth butter sauce

B. Jamaican Pork Tenderloin with fresh fruit salsa and dark rum sauce

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