



“The best way to predict the future is to invent it.” ... Winston Churchill



Standing: Joal Wolf, Ralph Doeman, Paul McKay, Janice Thomas, Charles Shultz, Richard Stuntz, Granville Goza, Mark Bellini, Bob Heister, Seated: Marc Kirchner, Bill Sleptzoff, Jack Walter, Barbara Goza, Janet Oglesby

Thirteen members of the French Creek Valley Chapter of the Military Officers Association, voted unanimously not to close the chapter at the annual business meeting. Bob Heister from the Pennsylvania Council of Chapters who was present, stated “The spirit of MOAA is alive and well at French Creek. I am glad. Nationally, MOAA is a marvelous group of officers and their surviving spouses, and it is the most effective advocate for service member and veteran issues.” Heister also

offered to be our liaison to MOAA headquarters in addressing the chapter’s needs.

Chapter President Granville Goza spoke that the unanimous vote was the easy part of keeping the chapter going. It was going to take commitment from every member so not to be in the same position a year from now. We know if we fold the chapter will never come back as fewer people serving in the military and our area isn’t growing in population. The pandemic has hurt many organizations ours was no exception.

History of Veterans Day

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Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor the end of World War I, which officially took place on November 11, 1918. In legislation that was passed in 1938, November 11 was “dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as ‘Armistice Day.’” As such, this new legal holiday honored World War I veterans.

In 1954, after having been through both World War II and the Korean War, the 83rd U.S. Congress — at the urging of the veterans’ service organizations — amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word “Armistice” and inserting the word “Veterans.” With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

In 1968, the Uniforms Holiday Bill ensured three-day weekends for federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington’s Birthday, Memorial

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I wish to convey my sincere Congratulations to you and the members of the MOAA French Creek Valley Chapter on its decision to remain a Chapter in the Pennsylvania Council of Chapters, Military Officers Association of America (MOAA).

This is a momentous decision. One that will take the Chapter into the future.

All the best to you and the members of the MOAA French Creek Valley Chapter.

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