



Fort George G. Meade Chapter

Officers Call



May/June 2010

Presidents Message:

Greetings all!

Last month chapter members turned out to welcome LTG Austin, Director of the Joint Staff, to Club Meade for a wonderful dinner event. Sponsored by The Military Order of the World Wars, numerous organizations from Ft Meade helped fill the room to hear Gen Austin speak. I want to thank all MOAA members for attending.

In May we have invited Chris Holcomb, a chartered retirement planning specialist for Morgan Stanley to visit with us to discuss current trends and pitfalls in planning and executing retirement plans. This is not a sales pitch but an opportunity to listen and learn then compare ideas with your own advisor or spouse! With so much change in our financial industry and our own lives your board of directors is simply trying to provide education and awareness for better planning. I hope you will attend. Reservation information is attached.

As we approach our 'summer recess' I'd like to remind you that our support to the Wounded Warrior Mentor Program is ongoing. Several of our members are currently working closely with soldiers at Kimbrough. If you think you would like to participate, or need more information please don't hesitate to call me. Training will be provided and the program has the depth required to make a difference in the lives of recuperating soldiers.

Finally, our next board of directors meeting is scheduled for Saturday July 24, 2010 at 10am at the golf course club house. We will plan our fall program and are always looking for new ideas to shape the program for the future. Please plan on attending even if only to share some camaraderie with fellow members.

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House Bill 1 (HB 1) and Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) were introduced at the opening of the legislative session in Annapolis. SB 1 and HB 1 did not make it out of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee or the House Ways and Means Committee when the Maryland Legislature adjourned on April 12th.without action. The bill if passed would have increased the exemption of military retired pay in Maryland from \$5,000 to \$10,000

TOPS Corner LCDR Jason Harris, Chapter TOPS Officer, USNR, JAH100@gmail.com

MOAA/Corporate Gray Career Fair - Tuesday May 11 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. This is Washington, D.C.'s largest military focused career fair. Don't miss it.

Job Fair at Ft Meade is scheduled for Wednesday May 12th at Club Meade from 9AM to 2PM. Have plenty of resumes.

Joint Service Open House - Andrews Air Force Base



The show takes place May 15 and 16 rain or shine. Admission is FREE. Security and parking space prohibit unauthorized vehicle admission to Joint Base Andrews. Guests can park at FedEx Field where shuttle buses will provide transportation to Andrews. Shuttles will also run from the Branch Ave. Metro Station. If you are concerned about inclement weather, please call our information line to check on show delays or cancellations at 301-981-4600 or 301-981-1890.

Happy Birthday U.S. ARMY Saturday June 12th 2010

SAVE THE DATE. Celebrate the ARMY'S 235th Birthday with an elegant evening of dining, dancing and entertainment! Featuring country music star Trace Adkins.



**Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center
201 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, MD**

Why Warriors Unite Contributed by CWO5 Larry Burbank, USA-Retired

I now know why men who have been to war yearn to reunite. Not to tell stories or look at old pictures. Not to laugh or weep. Comrades gather because they long to be with the men who once acted at their best; men who suffered and sacrificed, who were stripped of their humanity.

I did not pick these men. They were delivered by fate and the military. But I know them in a way I know no other men. I have never given anyone such trust. They were willing to guard something more precious than my life. They have carried my reputation and honor, the memory of me. It was a part of the bargain we all made, the reason we were so willing to die for one another.

As long as I have memory, I will think of them all, every day. I am sure that when I leave this world, my last thoughts will be of my family and my comrades...such good men. - Author Unknown

USO Book Drive

The USO book drive continues at BWI airport. So far in 2010 the chapter has donated over 900 paperback books and magazines and nearly \$200 in food/snack donations. Thanks for your support and keep up the good work.

A Reminder – Chapter Dues

Your mailing label has a date in the lower left hand corner. If the date listed is 12/31/2009 or earlier your dues are now payable for the 2010 year. Annual chapter dues are \$12 for one year or 3 years for \$30. Auxiliary dues are \$5 per year.



Sgt. 1st Class James Lee provides aerial security from the rear door of a CH-47 Chinook helicopter over the Khost province in eastern Afghanistan, Feb. 24, 2010. In southern Afghanistan, the focus of American troops and their allies will soon shift to securing Kandahar following an ongoing offensive in the former Taliban stronghold of Marja. Chinook helicopters will likely play a key role as they are one of the primary air platforms for moving troops and supplies throughout Afghanistan. (Photo by U.S. Army)

Notable Quotes

“I never had a policy; I have just tried to do my very best each and everyday.” – Abraham Lincoln

“Paper-work will ruin any Military force.” – Lt Gen Lewis “Chesty” Puller, USMC

FT GEORGE G. MEADE CHAPTER MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (FGGM/MOAA) APPLICATION FORM FOR MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL

Date: _____

____ I am applying as a new member in the FGGM/MOAA Chapter.

____ I am renewing my membership in the FGGM/MOAA Chapter.

I am ____/am not ____ a member of MOAA national. If a MOAA national member, is it a lifetime membership? Yes ____ No ____

MOAA Member Number _____

Member number may be found on magazine mailing label.

NAME _____ Date of Birth _____

Rank ____ Service ____ Status _____

Active, Retired, Former Officer, Reserve, National Guard or

Widower

Mail Address:

NUMBER and STREET

Apartment Number

City

State

Zip Code

Phone/Residence: _____ Work: _____

E-Mail Address _____

Spouses Name: _____ Spouse Date of Birth _____

Enclosed are my chapter dues for: (Make check payable to FGGM/MOAA)

_____ **1 Year: \$12 per year (2010)**

_____ **3 Years: \$30 (2010, 2011, 2012) or (2011, 2012, 2013)**

_____ **1 Year Auxiliary: \$5 (2010)**

Sponsor's Name:

If widower or widow please provide name of deceased spouse, rank and service
(An Auxiliary Member is the surviving spouse of a person who would be eligible for full membership if living; Auxiliary Members have full voting rights.)

FGGM/MOAA C/O Major John T. Whitman, USAF-Ret

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In Memory LTC Chester E. Carpenter, USA-Retired

LTC Chester Carpenter died January 25, 2010 in Fairfax, VA. He served in WWII, Korea, and during the Berlin Wall Crisis. He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years Betty B. Carpenter. He was an active member of the chapter for many years serving in several positions. He moved to Fairfax, VA to be closer to his children in the late 1990s. Burial ceremony will be held at Arlington National Cemetery on Tuesday Apr 27, 2010.

MOAA Luncheon Meeting Thursday 20th Guest Speaker is Chris Holcomb of Morgan Stanley

Bring a friend or prospective member to the meeting!

Cost: \$13.00 per person

Join us at Club Meade Thursday May 20th at 1130 Menu: Chicken Parmesan over a bed of pasta, Italian green beans, salad, and sherbet with wafer. Please make reservations by COB Monday May 17, 2010.

Name(s) _____
Total Reservations _____ Check enclosed for total amount _____

Phone number: _____ e-mail: _____

Please mail reservations and checks payable to FGGM/MOAA, mail to:

Major Jim Shiffrin, USAF-Retired, home phone: (410)-766-5732

7605 Northwood Estates Court

Severn, MD 21144

Note: This is a sit down meal and if you make reservations but are a no-show for the dinner, payment will still be required to MOAA. If you need to cancel your reservation please do so by COB Wednesday March 19, 2010

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