



# Stack Arms



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## COMING EVENTS

### HOLIDAY GALA

Friday, December 5, 2014

1130 Hours

- William Penn Inn
- RT 202 & Sumneytown Pike
- Gwynedd, PA 19436

See Page 5 for Menu  
and Reservation Form



### Board Meetings

- 1000, Monday, Nov. 10, 2014
- 1000, Monday, Dec. 8, 2014

- 56<sup>th</sup> Stryker Brigade Combat  
• Team Conference Room

- 5600 Itami Avenue  
Horsham Air Guard Station

### Questions Concerning Events?

- Call Dave Manuel @  
215-540-9809

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## *Message from the President*



MOAA-Willow Grove met at the Vereinigung Erzgebirge, (VE), Club in Warminster for our 18 September 2014 meeting. Benjamin Franklin Chapter No. 16 National Sojourners presented their "9 Flags" program after lunch. The presenters were Len Bezar, USCG; Captain Jerry Eberz, USA, ret.; and CDR Bill Doty, USCG, ret. Len Bezar and Jerry Eberz wore their "Heroes of 76" colonial uniforms. The Heroes of 76 is a sub-group within National Sojourners which makes several different patriotic presentations. The 9 Flags presentation

Willow Grove Chapter

dialogues the development of our Star Spangled Banner from the early days of the republic to our current flag. The chapter made a contribution to the Sojourners which support sending several high school sophomores and juniors to the Freedoms Foundation National Sojourners Spirit of America Youth Leadership Conference. Over one hundred Students from all over the country attend a four day session presented each summer studying government, Americanism, rights and responsibilities of a citizen leader, communication, teamwork, and personalities of a leader. Sojourner chapters fully support these students with scholarships to this conference.

On 16 October, six chapter members visited the personal WWI/WWII museum of Ill. William Kelly, Past Potentate of LuLu Shriners. President Gary Portnoy, Legislative Officer Tom Sadowski, board member Peter Thomson, John Dorosky, Wendell Rich and Jim waters were in attendance.

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The collection includes many one-of-a-kind items representing all sides in these conflicts. The displays resemble bunkers and facility's common to the time period. We were able to handle many of the items including iconic weapons such as the German MG34 machine gun, Thompson machine gun, Mauser K98, Colt 34 ACP and the M1 Garand rifle.

Our government is still trying to balance the budget on the backs of the military, both and retired. The "cost of living" raise for this year is again limited to 1% regardless of the actual cost of living active duty figures. Attacks on Tricare and Tricare for Life continue to attract the attention at the Federal government and the Pentagon for cost savings. MOAA national continues to defend our earned benefits.

As we approach the holiday season we must remember that our troops are still deployed all over the world. Whenever it seems like things are quieting down new requirements present themselves and as always America's military responds. Remember these men and woman as we celebrate here at home.

**Maj. Gary M. Portnoy,**  
**USAFR, Ret.**

## **SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER MEETINGS and LUNCHEONS FOR 2014/2015**

**5 December** –1130 Friday  
MOAA Holiday GALA-Wm.  
Penn Inn, Gwynedd, PA

**17 January** – 0930 Saturday  
Breakfast Meeting  
VE Club, 130 Davisville Rd.  
Warminster, PA 18974-5599

## **SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2014**

**1000, Monday, Nov. 10, 2014**

**1000, Monday, Dec. 8, 2014**

## **In Memoriam**

**CWO August Essman, USN-R**

**MAJ Z. Lutcavage, USA-R**

**Mrs. Irene C. Hewitt**  
(Widow of the late LTC  
Charles Hewitt, USAF-R)





**56<sup>TH</sup> STRYKER BRIGADE, 28<sup>TH</sup> DIV. ANNUAL PICNIC SUPPORT PRESENTATION MOAA-WG PRES. PORTNOY PRESENTING \$300 CK TO SUSAN BRENT.CDR THOMPSON,USN-R**



MOAA-WG VISIT TO A PERSONAL WWII MUSEUM OF BILL KELLY'S IN PHILADELPHIA



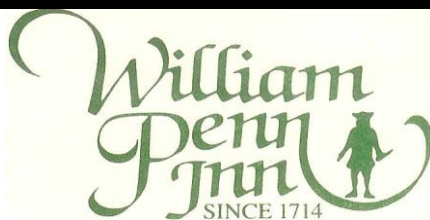


**MOAA PROGRAM 18 SEPTEMBER –NATIONAL SOJOURNERS BENJAMIN FRANKLIN  
CHAPTER 16 PERFORMING THE NINE FLAGS CEREMONY**



**CDR DOTY, USCG-RET NARRATING FOR MILITARY SOJOURNERS EBERZ & BEZAR**





## MOAA HOLIDAY GALA 5 DECEMBER 2014

Route 202 and Sumneytown Pike, Gwynedd, Pa 19436

(USE REAR BANQUET ENTRANCE)

Hors D'oeuvres at 11:30 - Cash Bar 11:30 to 12:30

Luncheon Served at 12:30

Music & Entertainment –Michael Evans at the Keyboard

### *The Menu*

House Salad, Romaine, greens with tomatoes, baby spinach, carrots, tarragon dressing

### *Entrees*

1. Chicken Marsala, Scaloppine of pan-seared chicken with a medley of imported & domestic mushrooms in a savory Marsala wine sauce
2. Tangerine-Grilled Salmon, Fillet of Atlantic salmon brushed with a tangy, tangerine mustard glaze
3. Roasted Loin of Pork, with a stone-ground mustard demi-glace

### *All Served With*

Rice with Fresh Asparagus & Roasted Pine Nuts, Stir-fry Vegetable Medley, Baked Rolls

### *Dessert*

Vanilla ice cream Topped with Grand Marnier-marinated strawberries and a sprig of mint  
Choice of freshly brewed coffee and assorted hot teas.

Remember, the Holiday Awards Program will be conducted at this Gala. First prize will be 2 awards of \$500.00 each, the second prize will be 2 awards of \$200.00 each *and* 6 prizes of \$100.00 each, ONLY FOR PARTICIPANTS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE GALA. In addition, there will be Special Awards of Ten \$100.00 each open to ALL ticket holders present or not.

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### MOAA Holiday Gala at the Wm. Penn Inn 5 December 2014

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Menu Choice (s)	1. Chicken Marsala	How Many?	_____
	2. Grilled Fillet of Salmon	How Many?	_____
	3. Roasted Loin of Pork	How Many?	_____

Make Check Payable to MOAA-WG @ \$35.00 per person..... Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form & Check to Gordon Bell, 723 Spring Lane, Lansdale, PA 19446

For Information: Call Gordon Bell @ 215-393-6195 CUT OFF DATE IS November 28, 2014

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Board Nominations**

**The following nominees will be presented to the general membership on  
December 5, 2014 and sworn in at that time.**

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