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PRESIDENT’S CORNER

By Harold Cooney

Well, winter is here and so far so good. I hope everyone is safe and warm! We had good weather for our January luncheon. At the luncheon, a group of 55+ had a great opportunity to hear **COL Georges Sakr**, International Fellow from Lebanon, discuss the political and military dynamics of the Middle East. While we have been described as the most informed audience many of our speakers present before, it is always interesting to learn from the perspective of those who live it.



COL Sakr speaks about Lebanese Security Issues.

COL Sakr described the history of the region, the threats to Lebanon and the effects of political unrest on the military trying to protect the homeland. His description of how the Israeli-Palestinian discord and the events in Syria impact Lebanese national security was most enlightening. He reiterated that terrorism isn’t based in religion, but in ideology, and that terrorists come from many religions and countries. He candidly answered our questions,

maintaining our attention despite the technical difficulties (always have a Plan B)!

In our business meeting, we installed the 2015-2016 Chapter Officers and Board members. We also pinned two new members **COL Jim DiCrocco**, US Army, USAWC DDE, and **COL Harry Leach**, USAF (Ret), USAWC Foundation.



Harold welcomes and pins Jim DiCrocco.



Harold pinning new member Harry Leach.



Officers and Board Members are sworn in.

Lastly, we welcomed **Mr. Gary Adkisson**, the new publisher of the *Sentinel*. Look for his articles in the *Sentinel* outlining his vision for the newspaper.

Our February 11 luncheon will be at the Carlisle Country Club. See **Vice President Mike Zang's** Program Notes for details! Please make every effort to attend.



Gary Adkisson speaks to the Chapter about his publishing experience.

Associates News

We welcome **Mrs. Patti Leggett** back to the Board as **Chairwoman of the Associates Affairs Committee**. You will begin seeing her articles addressing items of interest to spouses and surviving spouses in the March Newsletter.



Associates Chair, Patti Leggett, is back again.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE by Glenn Mitchell

Almost all chapter members who owed dues for the upcoming year have received notice in either email or letter form. A few, however, have had email changes or simply had incorrect emails in our database. In the coming week, I will be mailing letters to those who may not have received the email notices, and I apologize for the delay in billing you. Those few who have not paid yet will receive one more notice in a week or two.

REMEMBER: dues will become *past due* at the end of February; please do not endanger your continuing membership status.

Again, if there are any changes in email addresses or home addresses, let us know right away so you don't miss a Newsletter or our other mailings. I may be contacted at 323-0012 or email mitchellmd@gmail.com.

Thanks again for another great year for our Chapter!

PROGRAM NOTES

by Michael Zang

Our February event is a luncheon at the Carlisle Country Club. Our speaker is **Lt Col Jocelyn J. Schermerhorn, USAF, USAWC Class of 2015**. She will speak on her experiences in Air Force Special Operations assignments with an emphasis on some novel aspects associated with being a female officer in those environments. Additionally, she'll provide her perspective on how we should lead future generations with respect to integrating females into non-traditional roles. Lt Col Schermerhorn is a master navigator with over 3,500 flight hours, has participated in a number of worldwide contingency operations and is a veteran of Operations ALLIED FORCE, ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. Her presentation will be followed with a few short remarks by **COL Bert Lennon, USA (Ret)**, about the proposed Home Rule Charter for the Borough of Carlisle that will be on the ballot during the Primary Elections in May. Not only is Bert a member of our Board of Directors and Editor of our Chapter Newsletter, but he was also elected by local voters in 2013 to serve as one of nine commissioners on the Carlisle Borough Government Study Commission.

CV-MOAA UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 11, Luncheon at the Carlisle Country Club

Mar 11, Luncheon at the Carlisle Country Club

Apr 8, Dinner at the Carlisle Country Club

May 13, Golf Outing And Picnic at the Carlisle Barracks Golf Course



LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

A good catch phrase to characterize upcoming 2015 legislative activities at the federal level would be: "New Year, New SecDef, New Congress -- Old Problems". Secretary of Defense nominee Ashton Carter awaits confirmation and the congressional leadership positions will be shuffled due to the recent mid-term elections. The new 114th Congress is poised to tackle several serious issues in 2015 that include the highly anticipated report from the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission, the looming return of sequestration, and increased calls for further defense spending reductions. All of these could have serious impacts on the pay and benefits of our membership. An excellent way to stay on top of all of these issues is to go to MOAA national's web site at www.moaa.org and subscribe to their weekly "Legislative Updates" email service. Also, I invite you to consider either mailing in the postcards that MOAA sometimes includes with the monthly Military Officer magazine or the proposed "Take Action" email alerts that address pending legislation that may impact the membership.

On the Commonwealth legislative front, 2014 ended on somewhat of a good note when veterans groups and AARP were successful in applying enough pressure to cause the Senate to shelve a proposed Pay Day Lending bill. This was Senate Bill 975 which would have legalized 300% interest, two week pay day loans. But, don't assume that this issue won't resurface this year as the bill's proponents are in leadership positions and may make another attempt to move the bill forward. The new Governor Elect, Tom Wolf, is opposed to the Pay Day Lending bill and hopefully he will exercise his veto if it gets through the legislature. So far, 2014 has only seen two new bills concerning military or veterans issues being introduced to the legislature's Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness committee.

On Jan 14th, Senate Bill 56 which establishes a National Guard youth challenge program was introduced to the committee. The youth challenge program shall include at least a 22-week residential program and a 12-month post-residential mentoring period. The program seeks to improve the life skills and employment potential of youths who are 16 through 18 years of age by providing structured military-based training and supervised work experience, together with the program's core components of assisting participants with earning a high school diploma or its equivalent, leadership development, promoting fellowship and community service, developing life-coping skills and job skills and improving physical fitness and health and hygiene.

Senator Lisa Baker introduced Senate Bill 285 to the committee. This bill would authorize an "Honoring Our Veterans" license plate for motorcycles. This bill is similar to the bill that has already passed authorizing an "Honoring Our Veterans" license plate for passenger cars or trucks for \$35. \$15 of that \$35 is then donated to the Veterans Trust Fund. Veterans can obtain the plate for only \$20. Money in the Trust Fund is dedicated to helping needy veterans with food, utilities, mortgage or rent payments, health care and other necessities of life.

A handy, dandy way to stay informed about these and other legislative matters is to go to the PA General Assembly website and sign up for email alerts on items of interest. The sign up page is at www.legis.state.pa.us/login/Form.cfm and allows you to specify which events and committee reports you would like to receive.



PHOTOS FROM JANUARY 2015 LUNCHEON



Gus Gustafson, Gary Adkisson and Dick Rodney pose for 'Camel Club' photo.



Patti Leggett and Scotty Roberge catch up during social hour.



Charlotte Kinney introduces Gary Adkisson to Mike Daley and Todd Starbuck.



Bill Solomon, Fred Gellert and Lois Cole discuss latest events.



Pat Seeley, Susan and Ed Skender mingle with our Protocol Lady, Jane Mitchell.



Karen and Mike Zang socialize with Rita and Dick Parady.



Chaplain George Shevlin leads us in prayer.



Walter and Wendy Tibbets, Bob and Sally Broyles and Ruth Collins pose for the camera.



Harold determines it's time for Plan 'B'.



Mike Daley poses question to guest speaker.



The head table is an attentive audience.



Bob Gerard questions COL Sakr.



Mike Zang thanks COL Sakr for his informative presentation to the Chapter.



Dick Rodney shares his concerns.



A good time was enjoyed by all.

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**RESERVATIONS FORM
February Luncheon
Carlisle Country Club
February 11, 2015**

PLEASE RESPOND BY Thursday, February 5, 2015

Remember, it is very important that you send your reservations in before the cutoff date of Thursday February 5, 2015. 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 5** cannot be guaranteed. Also, please see the note at the bottom of this sheet if you have been notified that your dues need to be paid.

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 speakers, LTC Jocelyn Schermerhorn, USAF, who will speak on her experiences in Air Force Special Operations assignments with an emphasis on novelties associated with being a female officer in these environments. COL (Ret) Bert Lennon, a member of our Chapter, will also speak on the proposed Home Rule Charter for Carlisle.

Menu:

A. Chicken Milanese sautéed in Olive Oil and served with a Tomato Bruschetta Relish and White Balsamic Drizzle.

B. Tilapia Teriyaki, a Ginger Teriyaki Glazed filet with Sesame Asian Stir fry vegetable garnish

Cost: \$27.00 per person, which also includes salad, dessert, beverages, tax and gratuity. A cash bar will 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 (@\$27): \$ _____ enclosed.

Mail to: CV-MOAA, P.O. BOX 278, CARLISLE, PA 17013.

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