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July Picnic Reminder

Our annual picnic luncheon will be held on Tuesday, July 14th (Bastille Day), at 5:30 PM at our usual location, RWC. It will be outdoors or indoors depending on the weather. We will be comfortable - neither sunburned or soaked.

The menu will be buffet style, picnic oriented:

- Assorted Summer Salads*
- BBQ Chicken*
- Grilled Hamburgers and Cheese Burgers*
- ¼ Lb. All Beef Hot Dogs*
- Relish Platter and Condiments*
- Baked Beans*
- Corn on the Cob*
- Potato Salad*
- Cole Slaw*
- Assorted Pies and Brownies*
- Vanilla Ice Cream for a la Mode*
- Coffee, Iced Tea, Decaffeinated Coffee*

Don't forget to make your reservation. The price is \$18 per person, please make your reservation by Friday, July 10th. Details on the reservation form on the last page of the newsletter.

2015 Dues Reminder

Don't forget to renew your membership - it's already Summer, 2015. The renewal form is at the end of the newsletter. Clip it

out, fill it in, write a check for \$20 for members or \$10 for auxiliary members, find an envelope and a stamp and mail it to the NNMOAA address on the form.

May Luncheon Report

The May luncheon was highlighted by a fine speaker with an interesting topic. Our speaker was Brian R. McEnany, author of "FOR BROTHERHOOD AND DUTY: The Civil War History of the West Point Class of 1862" which subject was the centerpiece of his talk.



President Brig. Gen. William Louisell (right) with our speaker, Brian R. McEnany (left) and Maj. Gen. Neil Creighton (center)

Brian is a West Point graduate and historical writer focusing on West Point and the Class of 1862 during the Civil War. His military service

included tours in Germany, Korea and Vietnam, graduate school at RPI, and multiple tours with the U.S. Army and Joint staffs in the Pentagon. He is a long-time member of the Military Operations Research Society and became its president in 1994.

He is a member of the Bull Run Civil War Roundtable, and frequently leads tours to various battlefields and sites in Northern Virginia. He has given presentations about West Point during the Civil War to various Civil War Round Tables, the Army-Navy Club, and various government agencies.

Brian and his wife, Lillian, live in Vienna, Virginia.

In Memoriam

Brig. Gen. Raymond W. Edwards (USMC)

Nov 16, 1931 - May 12, 2015

President, NNMOAA 2015

In service to others to the end

VCOC Prepares for 2016 VA GA Session

On July 8th, the Virginia Council of Chapters (VCOC) will be voting on legislative priorities to recommend to the Joint Leadership Council (JLC) to advocate at the 2016 Virginia General Assembly session.

As you know, the VCOC represents all MOAA chapters in Virginia, and the JLC provides a unified voice for some 26 state veterans organizations including the VCOC to advocate for the issues most important to the participating groups. The JLC will make a final selection and prioritization for all submissions at their meeting on July 15. These will be part of the JLC package to be advocated at the 2016 General Assembly.

The VCOC will be voting on the following legislative initiatives

1. DVS Benefit Services. That the Governor and General Assembly support funds to provide competitive compensation for Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) claims agents in the 2017-2019 biennial budget. Provide sufficient funds to support the hiring and retention of Benefits Services' staff in the Department of Veterans Services, especially in high cost of living areas of Virginia; and to provide continued improvement in their support services. Filing a claim to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is a long, complex process – most Veterans seek assistance to file a claim. The (DVS) operates 23 Benefits Field Offices (growing to 26 in FY16) that provide free assistance to Virginia Veterans in developing and filing claims for compensation and pension benefits with the USDVA. In FY14, DVS filed 23,241 claims for Virginia Veterans, for an estimated \$239 million in disability compensation and pension payments

2. Electronic Return of Ballots by Overseas Military. That the Governor and the General Assembly promote development, approval, and budgeting of secure procedures to permit the electronic return of absentee ballot by overseas uniformed military voters. A similar bill was passed in 2013, but must be reauthorized in 1016 to be effective.

3. Court Dockets for Veterans. allow local jurisdictions to establish veterans

dockets under the supervision of the Virginia Supreme Court to adjudicate cases involving veterans who meet specific criteria. Virginia veterans who may carry invisible wounds of war and come in conflict with the law should be recognized for their situation. Treatment under a specialized court docket allows judicial monitoring of corrective treatment and supervision for those veterans who have special conditions and needs based on military service, mental illness, or difficulty in societal re-entry. Needed is a procedure governing the establishment of such dockets, called "veterans dockets."

4. Virginia War Memorial. That the Governor and General Assembly authorize additional positions for the Virginia War Memorial in the 2017-2019 biennial budget and appropriate the necessary funding for these positions to ensure that the Memorial has the and resources necessary to operate the premier state-level memorial in the nation and accomplish its Code-mandated mission. Visitors to the Memorial increased from 19,000 in 2010 to over 66,000 in 2014, and could grow to over 100,000 per year.

5. Funding for Virginia Veteran and Family Support program. That the Governor and General Assembly provide funding in the FY2017-2019 budget to ensure that veterans and their families, especially those affected by stress related conditions and brain injuries, have access to a network of community-based services for healthcare, behavioral and rehabilitative services and other critical support. Virginia is home to 781,000 veterans and growing. Included are over 300,000 who served since September 11, 2001. Virginia National Guard and Reserve components have been called on as never before to deploy to combat zones. 38% of Soldiers and 31% of Marines report psychological symptoms. Among members of the National Guard, the figure rises to 49%.



From U.S. Air Force Facebook page

Wow, that P-51 is fast

News Items

House Supports Biggest Military Pay Raise in Five Years

Adapted from a June 17, 2015 article by Terry Howell posted on Military.com and a June 19, 2015 article by KarenG posted on moaa.org

The House of Representatives passed their version of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) or 2016 defense budget (H.R. 1735), which includes giving service members a 2.3 percent pay increase for 2016. This would be the largest pay raise since 2010 and a full percentage point higher than the White House's and Senate committee's proposed 1.3 percent increase. The Senate has already passed its version of the NDAA (S. 1376).

The Senate version of the NDAA cuts \$322 million from the commissary budget. A cut this big will lead to increased prices, reduced operating hours and days of operation, and a reduction in store staff. However, the House version rejects the proposed cuts. The Senate Appropriations bill, however, restores the \$322 million. Unchanged, DoD could have the money to spend on commissaries, but not the authorization.

Next a House and Senate conference committee will work to reconcile the two versions of the bill. It is likely both the appropriations and the authorization bills will need to be reconciled.

New IRS Tax Reporting Requirement

People are receiving letters from the IRS reminding them that with their next tax return they must report the health insurance coverage.

Most military retirees are already covered. Here's an excerpt from the IRS web site:

"The individual shared responsibility provision requires you and each member of your family to have qualifying health care coverage (known as minimum essential coverage), qualify for an exemption from the responsibility to have minimum essential coverage, or make an individual shared responsibility payment when you file your federal income tax return. If you are not required to file a tax

return and don't want to file a return, you do not need to file a return solely to report your coverage."

What qualifies as Minimum Essential Coverage? According to the web site:

- Medicare Part A coverage
- Medicare Advantage plans
- Most Medicaid coverage
- Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Most types of TRICARE coverage
- Comprehensive health care programs offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs
- State high-risk health insurance pools (only for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2014, unless recognized as minimum essential coverage by HHS)
- Health coverage provided to Peace Corps volunteers
- Department of Defense Nonappropriated Fund Health Benefits Program
- Refugee Medical Assistance

"Most types of TRICARE?" So, what types of TRICARE don't qualify?

- Space available TRICARE coverage provided under chapter 55 of title 10 of the United States Code for individuals who are not eligible for TRICARE coverage for health services from private sector providers*
- Line of duty TRICARE coverage provided under chapter 55 of title 10 of the United States Code*

For more, go to the web site: <http://www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and-Families/ACA-Individual-Shared-Responsibility-Provision-Minimum-Essential-Coverage>

Draft Minutes of the Board

Board of Directors Meeting, June 16, 2015

Opening.

The President called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present: President pro tem - Bill Louisell, Immediate Past President - Paul Lassanske, Secretary - Edgar Doleman, Director, JROTC Program/Scholarship Fund - Frank Martin, Director Membership - Bill Johnson,

Absent: Treasurer - Bill Spicuzza, Director, Programs - Jack Reavill, Director - Clarence Dameron

Guests: The President introduced Colonel Dan Warren, 2nd Vice President Virginia Council of Chapters of MOAA (VCOO) who described his role and purpose in visiting.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the May meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report

As Bill Spicuzza was absent, no report was available.

Reports of Standing Committees.

Programs. Jack Reavill was not present. The next membership event will be the annual 4th of July picnic - to be held July 14 at RWC. The next membership meeting will be Tuesday, September 8. Tentative guest speaker will be Steve Parker, the Lancaster County Superintendent of Schools. Still need a speaker for the Dining Out scheduled for November 14, and to form a dining out committee.

Personal Affairs. Bill Johnson. Franz Kasteel has agreed to serve as Personal Affairs Director pro tem.

Legislative Affairs. Bill Louisell proposed that he take up the responsibility for the present.

Nominating Committee. Paul Lassanske. A letter seeking nominations must go out by June 25 for nominations to fill the following positions:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Director of Programs.

The following positions will remain filled through 2016:

- Membership - Bill Johnson
- Personal Affairs - Franz Kasteel
- Legislative Affairs - Bill Johnson

Current board staffing status:

- President - Bill Louisell
- Vice President - vacant
- Secretary - Edgar Doleman
- Treasurer - Bill Spicuzza
- Personal Affairs - Franz Kasteel (pro tem)
- Membership - Bill Johnson
- Programs - Jack Reavill
- Legislative Affairs - Bill Louisell
- JROTC - Frank Martin

Membership. Bill Johnson reported on the status of the Recruitment drive. Two rosters were distributed for review. One, an updated roster of current members and lapsed (dues not paid through 2015) chapter members. The second was a combined roster of MOAA Potentials, MOAA Members and Chapter members (sorted by name to show duplicates). Bill presented a draft recruitment letter for approval.

The motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the recruitment letter for distribution by postal mail. Distribution will be to persons on the Potentials Roster and MOAA Members roster that are not duplicated on the current chapter roster.

The motion was made, seconded and passed that persons recruited into the chapter in 2015 would pay no dues until 2016.

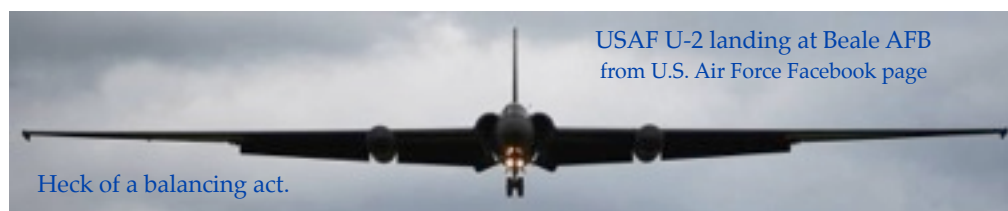
Unfinished Business. None.

New Business.

The President noted that the IRS has sent out letters informing taxpayers they will have to certify on their 2015 tax returns that they have health insurance. However, persons on Medicare and Tricare are already covered.

Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30. Edgar Doleman, Secretary



USAF U-2 landing at Beale AFB from U.S. Air Force Facebook page

Heck of a balancing act.

2015

Calendar

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday, MARCH 10 - 11:30 AM	Luncheon, RWC
Friday, APRIL 8 - 10:00 AM	2nd Quarter VCOC Meeting at the Virginia War Memorial
Tuesday, APRIL 14 - 10:00 AM	Board of Directors meeting, RWC
Tuesday, MAY 12 - 11:30 AM	Luncheon, RWC
Tuesday, JUNE 16 - 10:00 AM	Board of Directors meeting, RWC
Friday, JULY 8 - 10:00 AM	3rd Quarter VCOC Meeting at the Virginia War Memorial
Tuesday, JULY 14 - 5:30 PM	Annual Picnic, RWC
Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 8 - 11:30 AM	Luncheon & Annual Meeting, RWC
Saturday, NOVEMBER 14 - 5:30 PM	Annual Dining Out
Tuesday, DECEMBER 8 - 10:00 AM	Board of Directors meeting, RWC

2016

Calendar

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday, JANUARY 12 - 11:30 AM	Luncheon, RWC
Tuesday, FEBRUARY 9 - 10:00 AM	Board of Directors meeting, RWC
Tuesday, MARCH 8 - 11:30 AM	Luncheon, RWC
Tuesday, APRIL 12 - 10:00 AM	Board of Directors meeting, RWC
Tuesday, MAY 10 - 11:30 AM	Luncheon, RWC
Monday, May 30	Memorial Day Ceremony, Christ Church
Tuesday, JUNE 14 - 10:00 AM	Board of Directors meeting, RWC
Tuesday, JULY 12 - 5:30 PM	Annual Picnic, RWC

RESERVATION FOR JULY PICNIC

1730 Hours (5:30 PM), July 14th, 2015
 Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury

Member Name _____

Number Attending _____ Guest Name _____


My check for \$ _____ (\$18 per person)

Reservation forms are due by noon Friday, July 10th

Mail check to:

NNMOAA P.O. Box 786, Kilmarnock, VA 22482

or call or email Major Edgar Doleman at ecdoleman@gmail.com | (804) 580-3888




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Membership Form

NEW MEMBER JOINING

CURRENT MEMBER RENEWING (Only fill in name and any changes)

Current Member Changing Data



Preferred means of Communication – please check one: E-mail Postal mail

Name		Rank	Service	Component	Status
Nickname	Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)				
Address		Phone H	Served During War Years		
		Cell	<input type="checkbox"/> 12/7/41 – 12/31/46		
		Phone W	<input type="checkbox"/> 7/27/50 – 1/31/55		
City	State	Zip	Email	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/28/61 – 5/7/75	
				<input type="checkbox"/> 8/2/90 – Present	
Spouse: Name		Nickname			
				National MOAA Member <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Willing to Serve (Check All Applicable)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Officer or Director		<input type="checkbox"/> Activity Lead			
<input type="checkbox"/> Committee Chair or Backup		<input type="checkbox"/> Activity Participant			
<input type="checkbox"/> Committee Member					

Mail this form with \$20 annual dues (\$10 Auxiliary Members) to NNMOAA, PO Box 786, Kilmarnock, VA 22482



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