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President's Corner

Happy New Year to all of you! First, I want to thank our outgoing President, CDR Warren Prince, USNR (Ret), for his outstanding service these two years as our fearless leader. His dedication leaves big shoes for me to fill! Second, I want to introduce myself. I am CDR Phil Campbell, USN - still active duty, currently serving as Deputy Director for Client Services in the IT Department at the US Naval Academy. I graduated USNA in 1994, drove ships for a few years, then became an intelligence officer and lived overseas for quite a long time before returning to Maryland. I live in the Chesapeake Beach area, and am also serving as President of the Rotary Club of Prince Frederick.

We have lots of plans for the year, but my big theme is engagement. You have all taken the time to join the local MOAA chapter, but I'll be honest: I rarely, if ever, see any of you. Please consider joining us at a chapter meeting this year. I guarantee you won't regret it. Also, if you are on Facebook, take a moment to check out the chapter Facebook page - and give us a like! I repost lots of national MOAA information there, so it is a great way to stay abreast of what is going on.

More to follow. Stay in touch, and reach out if you need something.

Best regards,
CDR Phil Campbell, USN.

January Meeting

Our first Chapter meeting is this Saturday, 24 January 2015 at 1300. The highlight of the meeting will be the installation of our Chapter's 2015 officers. CDR Phil Campbell will be taking over as President.

We are meeting at one of the newer establishments of Southern Maryland, Mission Barbeque. It is located at 22599 MacArthur Boulevard, California, MD in the San Souci Plaza Shopping Center. For those coming from either Route 4 or Route 235, go approximately 2.3 miles south from the Route 235/ Route 4 intersection on Rt 235. The restaurant is on the right. Please notify CDR Greg Dalke know if you plan to attend by Thursday 22 Jan so he can get a headcount (301-373-3889 or dalke@olg.com). Attendees will self-order/pay from the menu prior to the meeting. You can preview their menu at mission-bbq.com/menu.

Annual Chapter Dues

Our annual Membership Renewal Campaign is underway. Membership renewal notes will be sent out to those whose memberships expired at the end of 2014. Dues are still only \$15 for Regular Members (active duty, retired and former officers) and \$5 for Auxiliary Members. We don't have a "Lifetime" membership program like national MOAA does, but if you would like to pay for a year or two in advance, that would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, contact Tony Blankenship at (410) 414-8211 or tonyblank@aol.com.

2015 Board of Directors Recognition

The role of Chapter Treasurer transitions from CDR John Leroy to LtCol Donald Fincham, USMC (ret). John has served the chapter well as treasurer for **20 Years!** and we are very grateful for his contributions. He will continue to serve as an at-large Board Member.

Maj Evelyn DeLuca-Widmer, former Chapter president and current 2nd VP, has here military

history chronicled recently in the Daughters of the American Revolution's January 2015 National newsletter. The newsletter is a second attachment in the newsletter email sent to members who receive it electronically. For those offline, you can download the newsletter at www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/darnet/forms/ND-1501.pdf

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Free Patriotic Film Event Comes to Northern Calvert County: Honor Flight, The Movie

Chesapeake Beach, MD – Thousands of U.S. Veterans across the nation have visited the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. for free, thanks to the leadership of an organization called Honor Flight and its many supporters. Now the inspiring story of Honor Flight has been made into a documentary movie, “Honor Flight, The Movie.” The Stallings-Williams American Legion Post 206 and Calvert Hospice are proud to co-sponsor a screening of the film in Calvert County. This film chronicles the story of four World War II Veterans in Wisconsin who have been touched by Honor Flight. The story of these four men is repeated across the country, as Veterans in their late 80s and 90s overcome obstacles to visit the memorial and volunteers do everything they can to make it happen. “Many veterans say, with the exception of their wedding day and the birth of their children, the trip is the best day of their life,” according to the filmmakers.

The 90-minute film “Honor Flight, The Movie” will be shown Friday, February 6 at 7:00p.m. 3330 Chesapeake Beach Road, Chesapeake Beach at the Stallings-Williams American Legion Post 206. A dinner will be hosted (reservations recommended) at \$10 a plate from 5:30-7:00, prior to the film. The event is open to the general public. Registration for the 7:00pm film-only (FREE) is not required, but encouraged for groups, so adequate accommodations will be provided. This event is not limited to military or Post members. Primary contact is Andy Charland, Post Service Officer, at 301-855-6466 or email achar182@comast.net regarding the meal or bringing a group to the film. Alternate contact is Linzy Laughhunn with Calvert Hospice at 410-535-0892 or email lLaughhunn@calverthospice.org.

“We hope individuals, families, Veteran Service Organizations, nursing homes and long term care providers, Senior Centers, faith communities, scouting groups and others will come out for this heart-warming, inspirational film,” says Calvert Hospice’s Executive Director, Brenda Laughhunn. Laughhunn adds, “America’s Veterans have done everything asked of them in their mission to serve our country, and we believe it is never too late to give them a hero’s welcome home. We are proud to collaborate with the Stallings-Williams American Legion Post 206 in bringing this message to our Calvert County Veterans.” Information about American Legion Post 206 and Calvert Hospice’s “We Honor Veterans” program and other services will be available.