



UPPER POTOMAC CHAPTER

Recipient of the 2018 MOAA 5 Star Level of Excellence Award

September 25, 2018

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...from the President



I was very happy to hear about yet another very successful annual picnic at Bert and Emma Thornton's Shoot Proof Farm. We are indeed lucky to be able to gather at such a beautiful setting, delight in Bert's almost legendary Mint Julep's, enjoy the camaraderie of our membership and a nice summer picnic lunch. We also deeply appreciate our members who helped set up and then helped to clean up after the picnic. We value Emma and Bert Thornton and what they contribute to our chapter.

Our officer and committee chair slate for 2019-2020 is filling up but we still need someone to be our Secretary. Paul Yeun has stepped up and volunteered to serve on our Board of Directors and, once again, Jerry Schumeyer has

volunteered to continue as our Newsletter Editor, Web Master, TOPS Liaison and Membership Liaison - until someone steps forward to take over for him. Additionally, we still have two Director vacancies on the Board of Directors. I strongly encourage everyone to consider volunteering for one of our open positions. Our Board of Directors is an outstanding group. Serving with such a fine group is fun and highly rewarding. Please consider volunteering for one of our open positions.

Our Annual Golf Scramble had to be rescheduled to 12 October due to weather systems associated with Hurricane Florence. Lou Muniz and the Golf Committee quickly adjusted and have continued without missing a step. We owe a particular thank you to Mission BBQ of Hagerstown, MD who volunteered to donate food service support for the scramble. The Mission BBQ staff also adjusted their plans without missing a step. If you happen to be in the neighborhood of the Hagerstown Mall stop in to

Mission BBQ and tell them how much we appreciate their support.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant on 20 October. Joanie Muniz and her helpful volunteer (husband) has put together another terrific event at one of our favorite venues. I hope you can attend.

Never Stop Serving
Warmest Regards,
HMCI

October Membership Meeting

Join us on **Saturday, October 20** at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant, Frederick, MD for our next membership meeting and luncheon. We will be electing our Chapter officers for 2019-2020 and . will recognize our Vietnam era Veterans and surviving spouses with the presentation of the Vietnam War era commemorative pin. **Reservations are due NLT Monday, October 15.** A reservation flyer is provided at the end of the newsletter.

Recruit a New Member for 2018

2019 Annual Dues

It's not too early to pay your Chapter dues for 2019. **All dues are due NLT Dec 15, 2018.** Dues are \$20/year. Our Lifetime Membership option is \$150. If you are a new member who joined after 31 July 2018, you will be credited with 2019 dues. Also, any member who recruited a new member for 2018 will receive a credit for 2019. If you are attending the October luncheon, you can simply include your dues with your reservation; if not just use the coupon for the dues only. **Please send your dues payment to our Treasurer, Bob Fenimore, 8611 Discovery Blvd, Walkersville, MD 21793.** If you have any questions about your dues status, contact Jerry Schumeyer, 301-696-1191, theschumeyers@comcast.net

New Members

Welcome to COL Peter Tan, USA, Ret and his wife Grace from Ijamsville, MD; and CWO3 David Kaye, USA, Ret and his wife Margueritte from Frederick, MD.



- 1- Mary Lee Schumeyer
- 2- Tom Treece
- 3-Ruth Chipley
- 5-Denis Garcia
- 10-Tom Conlon
- 14-Jayne Bongard
- 15-Nettie Arm
- 19-Sandra Reynold
- 23-Herb Arm
- 26-John Aulls
- 30-Jane Hildebrandt
- 31-Paul Augustine

November

- 8-Chip Chipley
- 10- Barbara Bodie
- 11-Gerry Eddy
- 11-Peter Tan
- 15-Pete Kinman
- 18-Paul Hildebrandt
- 21-Jim Mattern
- 24-Maryilyn Harrington
- 27-Clyde Tate
- 29-Timothy Guck
- 30-Bob Fenimore



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October 3, 1970

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

October

17

Hugh & Gerry McIlroy

19

Dave & Marguerite Kaye

November

8

Bill & Hettie Ballweber

19

Bill & Barbara Prescott

21

Bob & Lynne Sarvaideo

28

Jim & Joanne Spiller

Taps



CPT Stephen R. Fox, USA (Former Officer) passed away peacefully at home on

August 8, 2018. He joined the Upper Potomac Chapter in September 2016. Stephen was a devoted patriot and after college served our nation as an officer in the United States Army and then through the U.S. Department of Defense.

In Memoriam



Patricia Mae Dahms, 87, of Frederick, Maryland and formerly Riverside, California,

passed away peacefully on September 4, 2018 at Ballenger Creek Center. She was the beloved wife of 68 years of Dean Dahms, a Chapter member.



**US Navy,
October 13, 1775**

Food Pantry Service Project-Thank You

Thank you all for another overwhelming response in support of the Ft Detrick Chapel food bank. At the picnic we again collected enough food to replenish the food locker and monetary donations to purchase a number of commissary gift cards. The food and gift cards will be used to support our active duty, Reserve, and Guard servicemembers and their families in need.

Chapter Receives MOAA 5-Star Excellence Award

The Upper Potomac Chapter was again recognized as a 5-Star chapter under MOAA's annual Levels of Excellence (LOE) awards program. This program recognizes chapters that work hard to help MOAA fulfill its missions. This achievement marks the sixteenth consecutive year that the UPC has received either a 4-Star or 5-Star award. Thanks to the membership who worked hard to help achieve this recognition. Hugh McIlroy will accept the award at the MOAA National Meeting in November. The award will be presented to the Chapter membership at our holiday luncheon on December 15.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day September 21, 2018



Volunteers Still Needed to Fill Chapter Positions!!!!!!

We still need volunteers to fill the positions of Secretary and two Director positions for our upcoming elections. These positions are critical to maintaining a healthy and vibrant Chapter. If you are interested, please contact Hugh McIlroy at 717-785-1059 or germac03@gmail.com.

Chapter Officer/Board Elections for 2019-2020

At our October membership meeting/luncheon, we will elect our Chapter officers and board members for the 2019-2020 term. Here is the slate to be considered. If you have any questions, contact Hugh McIlroy, 717-785-1059, germac03@gmail.com.

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Col Lawra A. Lee, USAF, Ret

CDR Jeff Bodie, USA, Ret

Two (2) positions-Vacant

Donations to the MOAA Scholarship Fund

Last year the Chapter contributed \$678 to the MOAA Scholarship Fund through combined individual and Chapter donations. Again this year we are soliciting your support. If you would like to contribute, Bob Fenimore, our Treasurer, will be accepting donations for the MOAA Scholarship fund until December 15, 2018. You can make your check out to the Upper Potomac Chapter and in the memo area, annotate "for MOAA Scholarship Fund". Bob will send you a receipt. These donations are for a very worthy cause.

Golf Scramble Rescheduled

Hurricane Florence decided to impact the golf scramble scheduled for Sep 13. It has been rescheduled to October 12.



Had a great Chapter night at the Keys game this past August. Here's Jeff Bodie handing out the game tickets at the UPC table.

Surviving Spouses in MOAA

The MOAA Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee and the Board of Directors recommended MOAA's Bylaws be changed this year to delete references to "auxiliary members" and "life auxiliary members." The proposed titles will be "surviving spouses" and "life surviving spouses. The term "surviving spouse" recognizes their unique role in the association.

Holiday Luncheon
December 15, 2018

Our next event will be our Holiday luncheon, December 15, at the Holly Hills Country Club, Ijamsville, MD. Details will be in the November newsletter.

2018 Events Calendar

September 26 – 8th Maryland MOAA Congressional Luncheon, Rayburn Office Building, Washington, DC.

October 12 – 7th Annual UPC Golf Scramble, Glade Valley Golf Club

October 16-Ft Detrick Retiree Appreciation Day; See information on page 8.

October 20-Membership meeting/luncheon and Election of Chapter Officers for 2019-2020, Dutch's Daughter, Frederick, MD

October 30-November 2 – MOAA Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ

November 10-Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Ft. Detrick Chapel, Rm 5, Bldg. 1776 Ditto Road, Ft. Detrick

December 15-Holiday luncheon and Installation of Chapter Officers for 2019-2020, Holly Hills Country Club, Ijamsville, MD.

2019 Events Calendar

The Board is putting together the 2019 Chapter events calendar. It will be published in the November edition of the newsletter. If you have any recommendations for guest speakers or luncheon venues, please let Joan Muniz know at 210-722-9354 or popeyemuniz@yahoo.com.

Introducing the Maryland Military Coalition (MMC)

Veterans and military members can accomplish more in the Maryland General Assembly when the military community comes together as one powerful voice. That's the reason for establishment of the Maryland Military Coalition, now preparing for its role in 2019. MMC will work hard to project a clear, united message to Maryland lawmakers. With about 460,000 military-connected people in the State, the need to "speak with one voice" is very clear.

As of September 1, 2018, 13 Charter military, veteran, and uniformed services organizations have joined the MMC, with one core purpose: to protect, defend, and improve benefits earned in military service to our great nation. While every association has its own programs and goals, each year the MMC will forge a common agenda with its member groups, and will testify before the Maryland Legislature on critical issues of interest to Maryland veterans and their families. The Maryland Military Coalition's strength lies in its membership. More than 100,000 Maryland veterans are members of MMC groups. Large numbers provide not only access to Maryland lawmakers but, more importantly, influence. When the MMC is an active participant in the legislative process, the expectation is that members of the Legislature are more likely to listen and act.



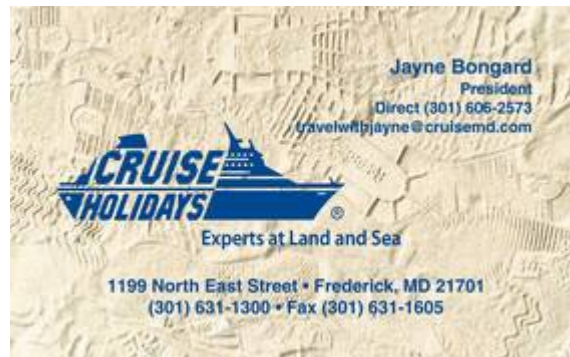
At times, not all of the associations will agree on a position. One of the key strengths of the MMC is the ability to come together to discuss the pros and cons of veteran and military benefits and issues. This delivers a greater understanding of the implications at hand. The MMC will educate the Maryland Legislature and other elements of State Government about the need to improve the health care, benefits, and quality of life programs of the uniformed services community—including family members.

The MMC is modeled on the work of The Military Coalition, a national consortium of military and veterans organizations representing the interests of currently serving members—including the National Guard and Federal Reserves—veterans, survivors, and family members of the seven uniformed services. A number of states also have successfully built effective coalitions, thereby advancing the needs of those who have worn our nation’s uniform. Registered in the State of Maryland, the Maryland Military Coalition operates as a “Social Welfare Organization” under the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Code. Classified as a 501(c)4 tax-exempt entity, it is headquartered in Largo, Maryland.

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Charter Member organizations of the Maryland Military Coalition (as of 1 Sep 18)

- Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA)
- American Military Society (AMS)
- Commissioned Officers Association of the USPHS [U.S. Public Health Service]
- Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
- Jewish War Veterans of the USA (JWV)
- Maryland Air National Guard Retiree’s Association
- Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)
- Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH)
- Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW)
- National Association for Black Veterans (NABVETS)
- NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association]
- The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA)
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Maryland (VFW)



TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) **Transitions to FEDVIP**

If you have TRICARE's Retiree Dental Program and want to maintain dental coverage in 2019, you must take action between Nov. 12 and Dec. 10.

TRICARE's Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) will cease coverage Dec. 31, and you will not be automatically enrolled in a new dental plan. However, if you were covered under TRDP, you are eligible to enroll in dental coverage through the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP). FEDVIP also welcomes TRICARE retirees and families who are not currently enrolled in TRDP.

If you have TRDP and wish to maintain dental coverage in 2019, you must take action between Nov. 12 and Dec. 10. That four-week window from November to December, known as Open Season, gives you the opportunity to enroll in the dental plan that will meet your needs in 2019. Additionally, retirees and their families who are currently covered by a TRICARE health plan are eligible to enroll in vision coverage through FEDVIP.

Visit the BENEFEDS website <https://www.tricare.benefeds.com/InfoPortal/indexAction> to explore your options for selecting dental and vision plans. MOAA recommends you start researching the numerous options for dental and vision plans you can enroll in during Open Season. Don't miss this opportunity to start deciding what will benefit you in 2019!

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) sponsors the FEDVIP program and has offered dental and vision benefits since 2006. For the first time, retirees will have a choice of dental plans in which to enroll and cover family members. FEDVIP offers a choice of ten dental carriers, with standard and high option plans, so that you can choose the right coverage option for you and your family. You can learn more and sign up for email updates at TRICARE.benefeds.com. BENEFEDS is the government-authorized and OPM-contracted enrollment portal that eligible participants use to enroll, and manage their family members' coverage in a FEDVIP plan. FEDVIP is popular among Federal civilian employees. More than 1.9 million people already enrolled in FEDVIP dental coverage give the program high marks for quality and value. The coverage offered by FEDVIP's dental plans is generally comparable to the coverage offered through TRDP. There are some differences under FEDVIP from plan to plan. Some FEDVIP dental plans offer richer coverage with lower premiums than the TRDP dental plan. In most circumstances, you can get the dental work you need as soon as your FEDVIP coverage begins. In-network preventive services are covered 100%, and there are no deductibles when using in-network dentists. Major services such as crowns, bridges, dentures, and implants do not have a waiting period; however, there are plan specific limitations and restrictions. Some FEDVIP plans offer orthodontic coverage without a waiting period, and without an age limit. © MOAA 2018

Thank you For Your Service

(Documentary Screening and Panel Discussion of Community Mental Health Resources...presented in partnership with Hospice Frederick County)

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 17, 2018

6 TO 8 P.M. *Doors open at 5:30 P.M.*

J.B. KUSSMAUL THEATER,

FREDERICK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

7932 OPOSSUMTOWN PIKE, FREDERICK MD 21702

Join the Hospice Frederick County for a screening of *Thank You For Your Service*, a powerful 2015 documentary by Tom Donahue that takes aim at the flawed mental health policies within the U.S. military, their consequences for four veterans involved in an "incident" in Iraq, and its impact on their lives following their discharge and return home. The film should not be confused with a 2017 Hollywood movie by the same name. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion of community mental health resources. A community resource table will be available. **This film contains graphic images and language and is not suitable for children under 17.** Space is limited. Register today for this free event by emailing communityevent@fmh.org or by calling 240-566-4055. Walk-ins are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

"Why MOAA?" Video

National MOAA recently updated its "Why MOAA?" video — a tool designed to help you easily share with colleagues and prospective members the value of MOAA membership. Visit www.moaa.org/whymoaa to view and share the video.

Fort Detrick Retiree Appreciation Day

Veteran's shadowbox presented to family



Courtesy photo

Joe Allen, left, Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 3285, Frederick, presents Dave and Lori Burch with a shadowbox displaying the medals, awards and keepsakes from the career of Lori's father, Charles L. Chipley Jr. Cdr. Chipley (retired) U.S. Navy not only served as a naval officer but spent several years as an enlisted man in the U.S. Navy. His distinguished career is highlighted by his being awarded the Meritorious Service Medal with two stars, the Joint Commendation Medal and the Navy Expeditionary Medal. He was also awarded several medals from Korea and Vietnam. Included in his memory box are several Military Payment Currency certificates that he was issued to replace U.S. currency in a combat zone. Anyone that would like a shadowbox designed and built for a veteran can contact the VFW at 301-663-3372.

Photo courtesy of Frederick News-Post

Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) will be held on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at the Community Activities Center (CAC), 1529 Freedman Drive, Fort Detrick. The keynote speaker is Mr. William Hursh, from the DA Retiree Services Directorate. Mr. Hursh is the Army's Subject Matter Expert (SME) on survivor benefits and related issues. The RAD is open to all retired military veterans and families. The RAD will offer the latest information for Retirees and family members and also provide opportunities to renew acquaintances and listen to guest speakers.

RAD AGENDA

- 0830 – Doors open for registration; coffee and pastries will be provided
 - 0900-0930 – Program Introduction
 - 0930-0945 – Barquist Army Health Clinic Update
 - 0945-1000 – Break
 - 1000-1100 – Update from Army Retirement Services on Survivor Benefits – Mr. William Hursh
 - 1100-1130 – Questions & Answers; Closing
 - 1145-1300 – Lunch
- Reservations must be made for the luncheon. The cost is \$15 per person. Please complete the form and mail it along with your check made payable to IMWRF to Betty Bennett, 7006 Sundays Lane, Frederick, MD 21702 by October 1, 2018.**

Please email detrickretmilcouncil@gmail.com with any questions.

Reservation Request

-----CLIP AND MAIL-----

Yes, I will attend the Retiree Appreciation Day Luncheon at the Community Activities Center, 1529 Freedman Drive, Fort Detrick on October 16, 2018. Please make _____ reservation(s) in my name. I have enclosed my check made payable to IMWRF in the amount of \$ _____ (\$15.00 per person).

Name(s) _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone number _____
 Email Address _____
 Branch of Service _____ Rank _____

**Membership Meeting/Luncheon
Saturday, October 20, 2018
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Dutch's Daughter Restaurant
581 Himes Avenue
Frederick, MD
301-668-9500
www.dutchdaughter.com**

Join us on Saturday, October 20 at Dutch's Daughter, Frederick, MD for our October membership meeting/luncheon. We will be electing our Chapter officers for 2019-2020, and recognizing our Vietnam era Veterans and surviving spouses with the presentation of the Vietnam War era commemorative pin.

Menu

Sauteed Beef Tenderloin w/ Mushrooms and Onions in Brown Sauce; Dutch's Chicken (Boneless Chicken Tenderloins Topped w/ Ham, Asparagus, and Cheese); Lasagna (Meat Style), Tossed Garden Salad; Rolls; Pice Pilaf; Chocolate Mousse Pie; Coffee, Tea, Soda. Cash Bar

If anyone requires assistance with transportation, please contact one of the Officers or Board members and we will help coordinate.

**REFUNDS WILL BE PROVIDED ONLY IF CANCELLATIONS ARE MADE
PRIOR TO OCTOBER 15, 2018.**

-----Detach and Return-----

Name _____

Name(s) of Guests _____

___ Number of Reservations@ \$28/person _____

2019 Chapter Dues (\$20/yr. or \$150 Lifetime) _____

TOTAL Remittance _____

Make checks payable to: Upper Potomac Chapter, MOAA

Return **NLT Monday, October 15, 2018** to:

Bob Fenimore, 8611 Discovery Blvd, Walkersville, MD 21793
301-845-0042; rkfen111@gmail.com

SEE YOU THERE AND BRING A GUEST OR PROSPECTIVE MEMBER!