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JULY LUNCHEON AT BERWICK PARTY HOUSE - FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2009



Lieutenant Colonel Robert Bramlish, ARNG, Ohio serves as State Family Program Director in the Service Member Support Services Program for the Ohio National Guard - the 5th largest National Guard in the US. He has been in the Ohio Guard for four and a half years after a rewarding experience as an eighth-grade Science Teacher at Pickerington Junior High School. Photo is courtesy of LTC Dick Hoffman. Send your reservations to COL Tom Farrell by **Monday, July 6, 2009.**

JUNE MEETING

Dick Curtis, Executive Director of the Ohio Highway Patrol Retirement System provided an insightful view into benefits and decision making for retirees of Ohio's Highway Patrol. His handout had much useful information.

Attendance At The June Meeting:

Army: MG Stilson & spouse, BG Gutzwiller, Bender, Bianco, Davis, Farrell (Shirley AUX), Forestiere, Hoffman, Kershner, Kramer, Meadows (Linda AUX), Nilsen, Radcliff, Stevenson, Watts, Wire (Peggy).

Navy: Dill, Eckfeld, Rey - W & N, Roberts, Thomas (Ardis).

Marine: Mc Cherry Rentz.

Coast Guard: Cooper (Susan AUX).

Air Force: Albright (Helen AUX), Bower, Cherry, Ford, Kruse, Lane (Alice), McCoy, Merchant (Jackie AUX, Norris (Betty AUX), Friday (Carol AUX), Rogers (Mary AUX), Stires, Tedrick.

Auxiliary: Lord, Taylor (guest Mary Jo Belk).

NEW MEMBERS:

Bibbee, Shannon 1st LT USAR

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Demme, Philip CPT USA

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Hess, John L., CAPT, USN

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Thomas, Michael D Maj USAF

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HOMELESS VETS STAND-DOWN DAY

Last October the 21st, the eighth annual Central Ohio Homeless Veterans Stand Down Day was held at Veterans' Memorial; 476 veterans were served. These veterans were provided with medical and legal assistance, haircuts, etc. They were, also, provided with clothing appropriate for the upcoming winter cold, hats, coats, gloves, underwear, socks, toiletries, etc.

On October 20th, this year's stand down will be held at Veterans' Memorial. This one day event is conducted under the auspices of those organizations that are part of the Mayor's Veterans Advisory Board which includes The Military Officers Club of Central Ohio. For those interested in supporting this worthwhile endeavor, please send a check to our Treasurer, Col Tom Farrell or place your donation in our Secretary's donation jar at the luncheon. Also, you can call Rick Isbell, Mayor Coleman's Veterans' Affairs Coordinator at (614)645-6504 and volunteer to help that day.

MOAA OHIO CONVENTION SEPT 2009

The Military Officers Club of Central Ohio will host the 2009 Ohio Council of Chapters Convention in Columbus September 18th -20th. New developments: The US Army's Spirit of America Tour is coming to Nationwide Arena – Bus transportation will be provided to all registrants. Col Lee Lange will be the national MOAA representative. **Agenda & Registration form are provided on the next two (2) pages.**

ADDRESS CHANGES

CAPT Ted Barclay USN

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(also recuperating from surgery)

Mrs Mary Ann Mutchler

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WO1 Anthony Phillips

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Lt Col Thomas Phillips USAF

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TAPS

CW3 Johnny A Barker, USA died March 15, 2009

June Aiken, Auxiliary member, died June 1, 2009

- wife of Lt Col Warren Aiken

Death of a Spouse Affects SBP

Spouse's death affects Survivor Benefit Plan coverage – retirees are advised to send a certified copy of their spouse's death certificate, along with a brief letter or completed DD Form 2656-6 (SBP Election Change Certificate), to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. The mailing address is: DFAS, U.S. Military Retirement Pay, PO Box 7130 London, KY 40742-7130; or via fax to (800) 469-6559. Premiums are suspended effective the first day of the month following the month the spouse dies. SBP spouse coverage is not terminated when a spouse dies. Coverage is placed in a suspended status pending a possible future marriage

DOD HEARING AID PROGRAM

The Retiree-At-Cost Hearing Aid Program (RACHAP) provides retired service members the opportunity to buy hearing aids at government COST.. The hearing aids are purchased directly from the manufacturer at a substantial savings over the cost for the same hearing aids sold and fitted in the civilian community. Unfortunately, RACHAP is not available to family members. Retirees are encouraged to call and ask about the availability of RACHAP at the nearest Military Treatment Facility (MTF). If RACHAP is available, the retiree will be instructed on how to get an appointment in the Audiology Clinic. At the appointment, a complete diagnostic evaluation will be performed by the MTF audiologist, along with any necessary medical referrals. If it's determined that the retiree may benefit from the use of amplification, the audiologist will recommend a specific hearing aid(s) and prescription, along with the total cost. At most MTF's the retiree will be asked to provide payment at the time the hearing aid(s) is ordered. Upon receipt, the retiree will be scheduled for a hearing aid fitting appointment. Prior to calling the clinic, you will need a referral signed by a medical provider, explaining the need for an evaluation For Wright Patterson Air Force Base; the telephone number to call for an appointment is 937.522.2778.