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MARCH LUNCHEON MEETING



Our next meeting will be at Berwick Party House on Friday, March 13, 2009 – LT Bob Albright and Auxiliary member Helen will discuss their trip to Russia to include a DVD.

Reservations are needed to COL Tom Farrell no later than MONDAY, March 9.

FEBRUARY MEETING

Al Burzynski, Public Affairs Officer for the Chalmers P. Wylie Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic revealed a strong partnership with Ohio Health in providing near-hospital-type care at the new James Rd. ambulatory care center. Because the center is on a military base, favorable attention will be given during future BRAC considerations. Facilities expansion is in the federal budget approval for 2011.

Attendance At February Meeting:

Army: BGs Abraham (Irene AUX) & Gutzwiller, Bouton (Barbara), Davis, Farrell (Shirley AUX), Hoffman, Kershner (Dorothy), Kramer, Leonard, McFarland (Joyce), Meadows (Linda AUX), Oswald (Hettie),

Radcliff, Stevenson, Waltmam, Watts, Wire (Peggy).

Navy: Barclay, Rey - W & N, Shaw, Williams .

Marine: McCreery, Rentz.

Air Force: Aronovsky, Bower, Cherry, Gray, Kruse (Guest Robert Brown), Love, McCoy, Norris (Betty AUX), Priday (Carol AUX), Tedrick, Thompson (Diana AUX).

Auxiliary: Heffner, Taylor.

NEW MEMBERS:

Lt Col Barbara J Kenworthy USAF RET

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1stLT Jerry D. McCreery USMC

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CW2 Judy Treadway USAR

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DEATHS:

John Horton died in October

Robert White died in January

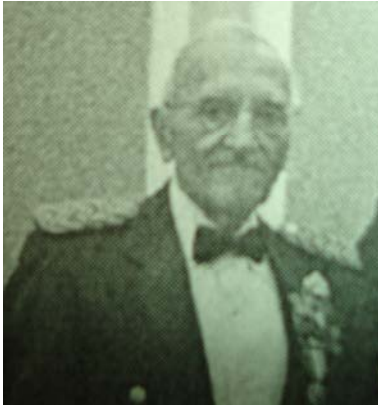
Elizabeth Biggert died January 22

Steadman Overman died per note

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. The convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel near Bush Blvd & Rte 161.

BG JIM ABRAHAM HONORED AT OU



At the Ohio University Army ROTC Military Ball, BG (Ret) James Abraham received the Department of the Army Outstanding Civilian Service Award for his support of the pilot Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) to save ROTC at OU.

COAST GUARD TO THE RESCUE LCDR ROB COOPER NEW 2nd VP



Rob has been promoted since this picture was taken. He is just back from his second deployment in support of the war in IRAQ. Lieutenant Commander Cooper's response to the call has created an opportunity for a legislative chairman in our club. Would you be willing to follow and report on legislation of interest to veterans? **Welcome home, Rob!**

PRIORITY 8 CHANGES

VA has posted the latest update on the Changes to the Priority Group 8 Enrollment Restriction to the web and it is available at this link:

<http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility/eligibility/P8Relaxation.asp>.

You should be aware that new regulations have been proposed to allow VA to enroll certain Priority Group 8 Veterans in the VA health

system. These Veterans would qualify if their household income does not exceed the current VA income thresholds (means test threshold and/or geographic means test threshold) by more than 10%. These proposed regulations should take effect in June 2009.

Veterans who applied for enrollment on or after January 1, 2009 and were denied enrollment because their income exceeded the income thresholds will be automatically reconsidered once the regulations are in place. They will not need to reapply. Those who applied before January 1, 2009 will need to re-apply to be considered based on their 2008 household income.

This site links to an enrollment calculator that helps a Veteran to determine if he or she might be eligible for enrollment under the new rules. VA expects its facilities and programs to mount an aggressive campaign to inform Veterans and our stakeholders of this opportunity for enrollment, and to direct Veterans to this web site for eligibility determination and the latest information on the proposed regulations.

FROM CHAIRMAN BOB FILNER, HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Washington, D.C. House Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Bob Filner (D-CA) states:

"I urge this Congress, House of Representatives and Senate, Democrat and Republican to support reinvestment in America's veterans. After years of funding neglect, the needs of veterans are great. We must work to stabilize the economy, create jobs, and provide economic development in local communities throughout our country. We can accomplish these goals while also honoring our veterans. We can invigorate the economy by modernizing the 153 existing VA medical facilities, repairing veterans' cemeteries, constructing new VA hospitals, addressing the claims backlog, and investing in vocational rehabilitation for our returning combat veterans."

The House of Representatives included \$1 billion in veterans spending in the economic recovery plan. The Senate plan for economic stimulus includes \$3.94 billion in veterans spending. I favor the Senate plan and will continue to work with my House and Senate colleagues as this process moves forward.