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RETURN TO FRIDAY IN OCTOBER



Lt Col (Ret.) Barry Bridger

Lt Col Bridger will be our speaker following a Noon Luncheon on Friday, October 9, 2009 at the Berwick Party House on Refugee Road. He is a highly decorated Air Force veteran who survived six (6) years in Vietnam’s “Hanoi Hilton” prison camp. He flew the F-4 Phantom while assigned to MacDill AFB, Florida. Send your **reservation** to COL Farrell **NLT OCT 5**.

SEPTEMBER CONVENTION A SUCCESS

The committee pulled off a monumental success with a spectacular Friday night Spirit of America show, great speakers, and an in-depth tour of Ohio’s State House. **A special Thank You to Lt Bob and Helen Albright.** Patrons from our club were COL Tom Farrell, Maj Lee & Patricia Gemeinhardt, Capt Homer Rentz, Lt Col Dow Rogers, Lt Col Martin & Emma

Stires, and Lt Col Robert Tedrick. Other advertisers from your club were Col John McCoy, COL Bob Labadie, and LTC Tom Cunningham. Club attendees were:

BG Lawson, COL Bender, LCDR Cooper (Susan AUX), LTC Cunningham (Sue Ann AUX), CAPT Eckfeld, COL Farrell (Shirley AUX), COL Fisher (Jan Widdows), LTC Forestiere (Judie Hays), Lt Col Georgeff (Dotie AUX), Lt Col Kruse, COL Labadie, Col McCoy (Marilyn AUX), LTC Meadows (Linda AUX), CDR & LCDR Rey, Col Rogers, LTC Seitz (Lisa AUX), Lt Col Stires (Emma AUX), LCDR Thickstun (Glenda), and CAPT Williams (Dorothy AUX).

RETURNING MEMBERS – Directory add

Lennon, CAPT Tom USN

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O’Rourke, LCDR Michael USN

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NEW MEMBER

FOSNAUGH, Carl J. III (Fozz)

COL, USMC

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Mrs. Ursula WHITT
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JROTC IN TROUBLE

JROTC has been an elective since its inception in 63 high schools throughout the State of Ohio. When the number of electives was reduced by Ohio Law from 6 to 5, JROTC was left out. Please call your state representative and ask support for the "Bubp bill" to correct this oversight. Here are the Co-sponsors so far.

Adams	John
Adams	Richard
Balderson	Troy
Blair	Terry
Daniels	Dave
Derickson	Tim
Domenick	John
Fende	Loraine
Grossman	Cheryl
Hackett	Bob
Huffman	Matt
Jordan	Kris
Lehner	Peggy
Letson	Tom
Luckie	Clayton
Maag	Ron
Martin	Jarrood
Mecklenborg	Robert
Morgan	Seth
Pillich	Connie
Ruhl	Margaret
Stebelton	Gerald
Uecker	Joe
Wagner	Jeff
Yuko	Kenny

MEMBER TO OHIO MILITARY VETERANS HALL OF FAME

COL Cyril (CY) Sedlacko, AUS will be among the 2009 class of 20 to be inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame on November 6, 2009. The ceremony will begin with a reception at Vets Memorial at 2 PM. Induction ceremony follows at 3 PM. Congratulations to Cy.

LEGISLATIVE ALERT

Congress has now returned from its August recess. A number of bills important to veterans and their families have been approved and reported at the Committee level but are waiting for a full vote and final Congressional passage. One extremely important measure in the U.S. Senate is S. 252, the Veterans Health Care Authorization Act of 2009. This bill was sponsored by Senator Daniel Akaka (HI), Chairman of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and is co-sponsored by Senator Richard Burr (NC), the Committee's Ranking Member, as well as seven other Senators. This comprehensive bill includes provisions to improve Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) personnel programs; improvements in VA health care services; enhancements in women veterans' care; expansion of mental health services, new programs in traumatic brain injury (TBI) and expansions in VA programs for homeless veterans.

VA has testified on many of the provisions incorporated into this bill. In fact Congress considered many of these provisions in 2008, but they were not passed due to disagreements over unrelated issues. Veterans and their families need your help to get this bill enacted into law this year. VA urges you to contact your two U.S. Senators to request their support for passage of S. 252, the Veterans Health Care Authorization Act of 2009.

ALSO, Contact your senators on the early retirement issue. Ask them to cosponsor S.831. You can learn more at:

http://www.roa.org/site/PageServer?pagename=aaSen_earlyretire_FSheet

To take action on this issue, use the link below:

https://secure2.convio.net/roa/site/Advocacy?s_oo=c80QDHjaPptQd4TEYJ8nKQ..&id=145

HOMELESS VETS STAND-DOWN DAY

On October 20th, this year's stand down will be held at Veterans' Memorial. Individual contributions and matching funds from the club totaled \$1,000. A check for that amount was presented at the Saturday luncheon to Rick Isbell, Mayor Coleman's Coordinator of Veterans Affairs.