

RECALL



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NEXT MEETING FRIDAY, MARCH 12



Our March luncheon speaker will be Columbus Mayor Coleman’s Veterans Affairs Coordinator, Mr. Rick Isbell. Rick served in the Air Force from 1986-1993, was part of Operation Desert Storm. Rick is a disabled veteran. As usual, we will meet at the Berwick Party House on Refugee Road. Social begins at 11:30 AM. Formal proceedings & meal start at 12 Noon. Please send your reservations to COL Tom Farrell by Monday, March 8.

February Meeting

A sparse crowd, willing to fight the snow, greeted Mr. James McLaugherty, Deputy Commander, DSCC. His remarks were pertinent and his mood optimistic for the economic future of DSCC.

Those in Attendance . . .

Air Force: Maj Gen Meyer, Albright (Helen AUX), Cherry, Gemienhardt (Patricia AUX), Georgeff (Dolly), Love, McCoy, Merchant

(Jackie AUX), Norris (Betty AUX), Priddy (Carol AUX), Rogers (Mary AUX), Stires, Tedrick, Van Kirk, Wilkinson.

Army: Everhardt, Farrell (Shirley AUX), Forestiere, Kershner, Meadows, (Linda AUX), Radcliff, Seitz, Stevenson and guest, Wire (Peggy AUX).

Navy: Feuillerat, W & N Rey, Shaw.

Marine: Klatt, Rentz

Coast Guard: Cooper (Susan AUX).

Auxiliary: Gloria Taylor .

NEW MEMBERS

Bernie D. Urbina II WO1 ARNG

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Patricia Gemienhardt

Shelba Jeffreys

Jackie Sedlacko

Victoria Rue, wife of Gregory Simmons

Ardis Thomas

Peggy Wire

DIRECTORY UPDATES

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Robert Joseph new address:

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ADOPT-A-SOLDIER PROJECT

Sailor, MC1 Elizabeth Allen from the Navy Operational Support Center in Columbus and Marine, CWO2 Adam Tilley from a North Carolina unit were recipients of your Adopt-A-Soldier packages for February. CWO2 Tilley is tenting it in Afghanistan, and his possible return to the US is July 2010. These and all our military personnel need our prayers. The donation box will be at the March luncheon. Our March recipient will be a female sailor from the Columbus unit. CDR Mike Varias, USN supplied me with her name. Don't forget personal messages of support. Those that are deployed really enjoy words of encouragement. Thank you for your response. If you know of a deployed soldier, sailor, airman, marine, or coast guardsman, please email me at zemzem1@aol.com. -Dorothy Williams

RETAILER EXPANDS MIL DISC.

Lowes expanded its 10 percent military discount to all day, everyday, for active-duty, National Guard and reserve, retiree and disabled service members, and their families. Those who want to receive the discount must present a valid military ID card. All other military veterans will receive the 10 percent discount on the holiday weekends of Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Veterans Day.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Does your spouse or next of kin know your service number? Some of us had service numbers before the military commonly used social security numbers. In the event of your death, your loved one should be provided your service number – by you. Please share.

DUES STILL ONLY \$15 – SPOUSES \$7

COL Tom Farrell recently sent all members a dues notice. Please send your dues NOW. If you do not send your dues by March, 20 . . . this newsletter will be your last RECALL.

CHAPTER RECRUITING GEARS UP

A record 6,010 members were recruited or converted their annual membership to a life membership during the 2009 Give Me 10! Campaign. This year's Give Me 10! incentives are geared toward recruiting paid members -- those former and retired officers and surviving spouses who have the best chance of becoming chapter members. You bump into former officers in your community every day. More than a few of them would like to reconnect with the military, and they can do that by joining your chapter. Lapsed MOAA members also are eligible for paid memberships under the Give Me 10! program, paying just \$28 for a two-year MOAA membership.

MEDICARE/TRICARE CUT LOOMS

Unless Congress changes something in February, current law will force a whopping 21% cut in Medicare and TRICARE payments to doctors as of March 1. Two weeks ago, Congress whipped through a piece of legislation that would let Congress fix that problem for the next five years without requiring budget offsets. Logically, that would portend another immediate piece of legislation to actually change the law to prevent the cuts. . . . Roger Metz called this to our attention.

2010 COLA FOR RETIRED PAY

Each year military retirement pay is adjusted to meet the increased cost of living. This Cost-of-Living-Adjustment (COLA) varies from year to year based on the previous year's Consumer Price Index (CPI). Here's 2010 Update: The CPI dipped below 4 percent in the first two quarters of FY2009 and was still in negative numbers at the end of the fiscal year. Due to the negative CPI in FY2009 there will be no COLA increase for retirees in 2010.

NAME CHANGE - BOARD APPROVED

Your board approved a change in our club's name to: "Central Ohio Chapter, MOAA" – NOT AS FEBRUARY RECALL LISTED. This is subject to members' approval. If there is little or no objection, the "Change of Name" is scheduled to become official on May 1st, 2010. Please let Chapter Secretary, Nancy Rey know your support and/or your concerns by emailing her at MOCCO@columbus.rr.com or using the reservation slip (enclosed with this RECALL).