A Message from the Chapter President

Lt Col Jeffrey A. Brock, USAF Ret.

Dear Susquehanna Chapter members,

Unfortunately we had to cancel the June 9th picnic, as fewer than 30 folks had registered to attend. It looks like the weather will be great, but we can’t expend the resources necessary for a smaller crowd. Hopefully next year we’ll be able to make it a go, as we had a great time last year.

There are several upcoming opportunities to enjoy free events, serve the community, and take in a local ballgame.

The Baltimore Chapter of MOAA has scheduled a meeting coincident with a night at the Iron Birds game for the evening of June 18, and they have invited us to participate and meet fellow MOAA members from Baltimore. We will take up one of the party porches at Ripken Stadium as they have arranged to have the catered buffet as part of the package. The cost is $28.50 per person, which includes admission, a ball cap, and the all-you-can-eat buffet. Tickets may be picked up in the name of the person making the reservation at the Will Call Window on June 18. A descriptive flyer with a form to mail to Mike Dehaemer is on page 7. Please email Mike and send your reservation and checks so he has it in hand no later than Wednesday, June 12th. He is happy to answer any questions or make arrangements at the last minute; (443) 695 - 4741 or mike.dehaemer@gmail.com.

Thank you to LTC Monroe Manning, USA Ret., for taking pictures for us at the Bel Air Memorial Day ceremony.

We are working on securing a trip for a dinner cruise on the Lantern Queen on Friday or Saturday, 6 or 7 September. Please save the dates and as soon as we have it firmed up, we will let you know the precise date. It promises to be a great event!

Respectfully,

Jeff

Legislative Update

COL James V. Wasson, USA Ret.

Unfortunately, once again, the Maryland legislature failed to pass legislation providing income tax relief on an additional $5000 of the retirement pensions of the uniformed services’ retirees. House Bill 503 never got the chance for vote on the floor because it died in committee, despite having many legislative co-sponsors and hearing convincing argument for favorable consideration from a number of different veterans’ organizations, including testimony from Susquehanna Chapter’s Annie Brock. Senate Bill 103, amended to pertains only to uniformed services retirees age 65 or older, was passed by the Senate and sent to the House for approval. Unfortunately, that’s as far as it got. The House committee to which it was given had several options, to include passing it to the floor for House vote, but chose to let it die in committee as the legislative session ended for 2013.

Twenty-six states now exempt military pensions from state taxation. Maryland is surrounded by three of them (PA, DE and WVA). Currently, MD exempts only the first $5000 of military pension income from state taxation. Political resistance against further exemption comes primarily from the delegates from Prince George’s and Montgomery counties and Baltimore City. More constituent activity is needed from veterans in those counties but unfortunately that has not been happening.

We will begin our effort for the 2014 legislative session in August. Be on the lookout for further information about how you can help to insure success on this and other issues affecting veterans and military retirees living in Maryland.
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Calendar Of
Local & Chapter Events

June
Sunday, 16 June, 3:00 PM - Concert; 2:00 PM - Prelude. National Flag Day Concert,
Theme: “One NEW Nation Under God” at Friedberg Hall, Peabody Conservatory,
Baltimore, MD. Free - See the flyer on page 8 for details and tickets.

Sunday, 16 June, 7 pm and Monday, 17 June, 11:30 am - US Army Soldier Show at
the APG Post Theater. Open to the public.

Tuesday, 18 June - Baltimore Chapter,
MOAA at the Iron Birds game. See the flyer
on page 7 for details and tickets.

Saturday, 22 June - Airmen of Note, North East, MD. See the flyer on page 10.

July
Saturday, 6 July, 7:30PM - Chesapeake
Silver Cornet Brass Band Concert at Flying
Point Park, Edgewood. This event is FREE!
See the flyer on page 11.

September
Friday, 6 September (tentative) –
Dinner cruise on the Lantern Queen;
departing from Havre de Grace.

Tuesday, 17 September - Maryland
MOAA Legislative Luncheon, Rayburn
House Office Building, Washington, DC.
Cost will be $38; the Board of Directors has
approved a cost deferment of $15 per
Chapter member, reducing your cost to $23.
More details will be forthcoming.

November
Early November – Dinner meeting
COL Jim Wasson, USA Ret., and COL Dick Gilligan, USA Ret., present the Susquehanna Chapter, MOAA wreath at the Bel Air, MD Memorial Day ceremony on 27 May 2013.

Maryland’s Commitment to Veterans (MCV), a program under the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, collaborates with the US Department of Veterans Affairs; Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs; Maryland National Guard; and Maryland Defense Force.

Maryland’s Commitment to Veterans:
- Assists veterans and their families with coordinating behavioral health services, including mental health and substance abuse services- either with the VA or Maryland’s public health system.
- Facilitates and covers transportation costs for veterans and families going to behavioral health appointments.
- Provides information and referrals related to employment, education, housing, and VA benefits.
- Outreach: educate residents, veterans (i.e. Yellow Ribbon Post Deployment briefings) and community groups about MCV.

Calls accepted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
1 - 877 - 770 - 4801

Available for Maryland Businesses to Display

This collaboration between the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs and the Maryland Veterans Commission provides an opportunity for Maryland businesses to show their support for military veterans.

Decals are available for Maryland businesses to show their support for our military veterans. The program and logo were designed in a joint effort between the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) and the Maryland Veterans Commission. The decal can be displayed in a storefront window, or an electronic version can be placed on the company website.

Examples of how businesses might support veterans:
- they employ veterans or are seeking to employ veterans
- they offer a discount on their goods/services to veterans
- they are a veteran-owned business
- they simply would like to show their appreciation for the military service of our veterans.

If your business supports veterans, and you would like a decal for your storefront, or would like an electronic version for your website, please contact Jerry Boden at MDVA, or any member of the Governor’s Maryland Veterans Commission.

In exchange for agreeing to display the decal, each business will be asked to complete an Information Card so MDVA can recognize them. The list of businesses will be posted in the Quick Links section of the MDVA website under the heading “Veteran Friendly Businesses in Maryland.”

Decal/Logo design credit – Kaplan – 2012

Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs:
http://www.mdva.state.md.us
Harford Small Business Training Development Center

3 FREE Training Programs

1. The U.S. Small Business Administration’s Baltimore District Office is holding a free open house to showcase programs and services that can help with the development and growth of your small business. The Maryland Small Business and Technology Development Center (MDSBTDC) and SCORE, along with representatives from Federal, State and Local Government organizations will be present.

- Find out about local small business resources
- Meet with representatives in a friendly environment
- Get connected and grow your business

Wednesday, June 19th; 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Harford Business Innovation Center.

2. Are you interested in doing business with the Federal Government and wondering where to start? If so, please join us and learn about a variety of services available to help you.

Topics will include: government certification program eligibility, registration databases, how to look for government opportunities and finding a business counselor to assist you.

You will also learn about programs and services offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration, Small Business and Technical Development Center (SBTDC), SCORE and the Maryland Procurement and Technical Assistance Program (PTAP).

Wednesday, June 19th; 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Harford Business Innovation Center.

3. Ready, Set, Go! is a training session that helps develop an awareness for the “entrepreneur” of various aspects revolving around the idea of "Are You Ready To Start A Business?" Additional information is shared with the participant on the SBDC, its services, what one can expect when entering the business world, the business plan, finance management, funding sources, marketing, a guide to beginning a successful future in a business world.

Saturday, June 29, 2013: 10 AM - 11 AM
Harford Community College

For registration information and more details for all three of the programs, go to www.harford.edu/sbdc

Army Command Offers Tips to Avoid, Treat Tick Bites
Chanel S. Weaver, U.S. Army Public Health Command

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md., June 6, 2013 – High grass creates an ideal habitat for hungry ticks, and also provides the potential to cause serious human and animal disease. Ticks can thrive in long grasses, according to Ellen Stromdahl, an entomologist with the U.S. Army Public Health Command here.

Stromdahl also manages the Department of Defense’s Human Tick Test Kit Program.

Although most ticks are not infected with human disease, she said, some ticks in the United States can carry Lyme disease, ehrlichiosis, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and viral diseases.

Infected ticks have to attach to a person and remain on that individual for one to three days in order to transmit most diseases, Stromdahl said. One of the first things people can do to prevent a tick bite, she said, is to recognize tick habitat, and avoid it.

“Ticks stay in -- or on the edge of -- shady, brushy areas,” Stromdahl said. “You can find them in tall grass -- especially in wooded areas. They need layered shade and moist air.” Stromdahl also recommends the use of insect repellent to prevent tick bites.

“For maximum protection, use DEET repellent on your skin, and permethrin repellent on your clothing,” she said. “Permethrin-treated clothing is the best defense against tick bites. When ticks touch the treated fabric, they try to get away as quickly as possible. If they stay on the treated fabric, they die.”

Permethrin clothing spray can be found in hunting sections of stores, Stromdahl said, and permethrin-treated clothing is available from major outdoor clothing suppliers.

Another step to preventing tick bites involves checking belongings, she said.

“If you have been in tick habitat, leave your shoes outside and don’t leave your clothes near your bed,” Stromdahl said. “You’ll be giving ticks the whole night to find you. Ticks may survive on clothes in the washing machine, but a hot cycle in the dryer will kill ticks.”

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She also recommends bathing or showering as soon as possible after coming indoors to wash off and more easily find ticks that are crawling on the body. Army preventive medicine experts say that prompt removal of a tick is one way to reduce the risk of disease transmission.

“When patients locate an engorged tick on them, they should not panic and should take their time to remove the tick properly,” said Staff Sgt. Arvey Jones, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the preventive medicine section at the Kirk Army Clinic here.

“If you remove attached ticks promptly, you can prevent tick-borne disease,” Jones said.

Stromdahl recommends certain guidelines when removing a tick.

“Remove the tick with tweezers,” she said. “Do not burn it or use soap, gasoline, Vaseline or other chemicals. Once the tick is removed, thoroughly cleanse the bite with alcohol and apply antibiotic ointment to the bite.”

Most tick bites will cause irritation and itching immediately, but this does not indicate disease transmission, Stromdahl said. Ticks that have been removed from people should be saved for identification and testing, she said, and military personnel and DOD civilians should place the tick in a jar or zip-lock bag, and take it to the local military medical treatment facility. The facility will forward the tick to the U.S. Army Public Health Command here.

The Health Command will identify the tick and then perform disease testing of the insect through the DOD Human Tick Test Kit Program, Stromdahl said. The results of identification will be reported to the submitting military treatment facility upon receipt of the tick, and test results -- negative and positive -- will be reported within a week.

The U.S. Army Public Health Command focuses on promoting health and preventing disease, injury and disability in soldiers and military retirees, their families and Army civilian employees.

The command also is responsible for effective execution of full-spectrum veterinary services throughout the DOD.


Keys to Success:
A Career Development Workshop for Aspiring Young Professionals

The Military Officers Association of America is expanding their services to include “Keys to Success: A Career Development Workshop for Aspiring Young Professionals,” to assist the children and grandchildren of MOAA LIFE Members. The workshop is designed exclusively for recent college graduates looking to secure success in their future careers.

The Keys to Success program is a half-day seminar that will focus on:

- Résumé, interview, career fair, and networking skills and best practices.
- Building a strong networking base.
- How to navigate online job searches.
- How social media affects your job search.
- Key lessons designed to promote success.
- A moderated lunch panel of successful young professionals in different career fields.

When: July 10, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
Where: The Westin Alexandria, 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, VA 22314

Registration: Email tops@moaa.org with “Keys to Success Registration” in the subject line.

Cost: Free for the children and grandchildren of MOAA LIFE Members, a $249 value.

Parking and lunch are included in the registration fee. Business attire recommended.
In a continuing effort to serve and honor veterans and military families, Habitat for Humanity hosted a Build on the Mall event June 2-5, where seven houses were framed on the National Mall in Washington, D.C, representing each branch of the military and national service programs.

Three of the seven frames will be given to Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna. One of the frames will be for Heroes Build. The Heroes Build frame will be transported to 750 Battle Avenue in Aberdeen to be completed by volunteers and the military community.

Construction will begin on Wednesday, June 12 in Aberdeen. The work schedule is every Wednesday - Saturday, from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm, and you are free to join them at any time! If you want to bring a group with you to build, you will need to reserve a date in advance. There are openings through September for volunteers to help with the home– just indicate if a weekday or weekend is preferable. Before you can join them on site, there is an online registration at [www.habitatsusq.org/volunteer/construction-volunteers](http://www.habitatsusq.org/volunteer/construction-volunteers) that includes a waiver of liability and safety training. Only after you complete this registration will you have access to their online calendar. If you have questions, or want to donate or serve,

To volunteer to build on the site, contact Abrielle at awillis@habitatsusq.org

To make a donations to purchase materials to complete the project, contact Tara at thyde@habitatsusq.org

JUNE 18 MEETING & NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

We will be at Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen to enjoy a summer evening with Orioles’ farm team. Guests of members are welcome to this event in a special section along the left field line.

Gates Open: 6.05 pm
Short Business Meeting: 6.30 pm
Buffet Tent open: 6.30 to 8.00 pm
Games Starts: 7.05 pm
Vs Hudson Valley Renegades

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Ticket price is $28.50 per person, which includes:

- Admission to our reserved section
- An Ironbirds baseball cap
- All-you-can-eat service at a catering tent:
  Italian sausage w peppers & marinara, hamburgers, Hotdogs, baked beans, coleslaw, cookies, melon,
  Chips and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Parking is free.

Picking up tickets. Your tickets will be at the box office Will Call Window under individual names of our chapter members. You may pick up your tickets immediately before the gates open if you wish.

Ticket Ordering Deadline: Please mail your order to arrive by June 12. Please call CAPT Mike DeHaemer, 443 695-4741, if you need to make a late decision. Ordering for the catering is cause for the deadline.

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June 18, 2013: Star Spangled Banner Chapter Night at the Ball Park

Clip and Mail
Please reserve ___ (nr) seats under my name _______________________________ to be picked up at WILL CALL WINDOW on evening of June 18. Email to acknowledge order ___________________________
My guests names are: __________________________________________________________
My check is enclosed for $_____. ($28.50 per person)

PLEASE MAKE CHECK TO: “BAMOA”

MAIL CHECK TO:
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347 Warren Avenue
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Chesapeake Silver Cornet Brass Band