
The Western North Carolina Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, Inc.

MOUNTAIN MOAA NEWS

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WNCMOAA, Inc. President's Remarks

By LTC Larry Wilson, USA-Ret

HELP! As I stated previously the WNCMOAA, Inc. Board of Directors is here to serve you, the General Membership. But, we desperately need help. There are several vacant Board positions, two of which are critical. If we are to continue to serve you in a professional manner and provide the services you have grown accustomed to these Board positions must be filled. The time committed to the Board of Directors is minimal as the Board only meets four times a year approximately six weeks prior to the General Membership Meetings.

We must fill the position of Secretary as LTC Howard Lightfoot, USAF, Ret. has undergone heart surgery and can no longer fill that position. As everyone knows, the position of Secretary is essential to the smooth functioning of any organization and is the sole keeper of all membership, policy and historical records.

As you can see, our newsletter is a "plain brown wrapper". Our newsletter Editor, LTC Charles (Chuck) Luce, LTC, USA, Ret. has done a magnificent job for many years. However, he has moved and is not in a position to continue to shoulder that responsibility. We are very fortunate that our Treasurer, LTC Milton (Milt) Thompson, USMC, Ret., with the assistance of LTC Chuck Luce, has assisted us in getting this publication in the mail to you. It is not fancy or polished, nor does it contain the wealth of information that has been presented in the past. We owe a debt of gratitude to both Milt and Chuck for assisting in our time of need. However, we cannot continue to ask Milt, our Treasurer, who already has a critical position on the Board, and Chuck to continue. You cannot ride a "Good Horse" to death by piling more and more responsibility on him. The newsletter goes out but four times a year so as with the position of Secretary it is not a "full-time job."

We owe another debt of gratitude to Cmdr. J. Edward (Ed) Craig, USN, Ret. for volunteering to continue as the Navy Representative to the Board of Directors. Thank you Ed! Col. Otis W. (Hoot) Livingston, USA, Ret., Past President, volunteered to return to the Board as the At-Large Representative. Thank you Hoot! However, that does not get us "off the hook" as we still need a Legislative Affairs Representative and a Legal Affairs Representative.

If you cannot accept a position on the Board of Directors please assist by volunteering to be a member of the Nominating Committee to help us find those who will. Without your help WNCMOAA, Inc. will flounder! (continued on next page)

Another problem we are facing is the payment of dues. At the present we have two hundred and fifty three members, but, only one hundred and ninety three who are currently paid up. Dues, unfortunately, are necessary to pay the expenses of WNCMOAA, Inc. Although no one is reimbursed for their time and travel, we still have the expense of the newsletter, WNCMOAA, Inc. dues to the North Carolina Council of Chapters, recruiting mailings, recruiting brochures, etc. Believe me, the Board of Directors does everything in its power to minimize expenses.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING 17 MAY

So much for the "Doom and Gloom" portion of this publication! Our next General Membership Meeting will be held on 17 May 2008. It will be held at the Hendersonville Country Club with the Social Hour beginning at 11:00 AM and the buffet luncheon at 12:00 PM. We are fortunate to have as our guest speaker Dr. William Forstchen, a professor from Montreat College. He is also the author of 28 novels and more than three dozen short stories in the areas of speculative fiction and science fiction. Among his publications are the volumes of the best-selling science fiction series "The Lost Regiment" which was co-authored by former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich. Dr. Forstchen is well published in the area of the American Civil War and World War II, non-fiction as well as fiction. He will speak to us about Pearl Harbor.

The menu for the General Membership Meeting is: Baked Salmon with Dill Cream Sauce, Herb Roasted Chicken. Mushroom Rice Pilaf, Sugar Snap Peas, Squash Medley, Garden Salad Bowl, Antipasto Salad, Spinach and Mushroom Salad, Carrot Cake with White Chocolate Sauce, Double Chocolate Torte

The cost for the meal is \$18.00 per person. Please have you reservations in not later than Wednesday, 14 May 2008. Complete the form on page 4 and mail it in.

Following the presentation by Dr. Forstchen we will conduct a short business meeting covering the following topics:

1. Voting on new board member
2. Proclamation for the support of the establishment of a JROTC program in Polk County
3. Establishing a position on the Board of Directors for a representative from the Auxiliary Membership
4. Policy regarding Political Activity

The next Board of Director's Meeting will be 12:00 PM, 6 July 2008 at the Hendersonville Country Club. All are welcome to attend the meeting.

Thank you for your support and looking forward to seeing you at our 17 May Membership meeting.

TAPS

COL Cliff Poutre, USA-Ret, died April 10 in Greensboro, NC. He was 103 years old. Burial took place in Hendersonville, NC. He was a former member of the WNC MOAA Chapter. He served in the Army Signal Corps and was thought to be one of the last men to deal with battlefield communications via carrier pigeons

FINANCIAL REPORT

As of March 31, 2008

LT.COL. Milton Thompson, USMC- Ret

Checking Account.....	\$8,817
Scholarship Fund	\$2,002

Hendersonville Country Club

February 16, 2007

Income.....	\$1,368
Expenses.....Meals, Services and Entertainment.....	\$1,281
Profit / (Loss).....	\$87

Total Members on Our Roster 254

As of April 14, 2008

Members with Dues Paid Through 2008: 196 (77%)

Members who have not paid dues for 2008: 58 (23%)

All members who have not paid dues for 2008 will be removed from roster after
May 17, 2008

Notice

If the year on your address label is less than 2008, please pay your dues prior to the Membership Meeting of May 17, 2008

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