

Mountain MOAA News

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A MESSAGE FROM WNCMOAA PRESIDENT LTC LARRY WILSON, US ARMY (Ret)

Statements from the Executive and legislative branches indicate that whatever the "new medical care" bill contains it will not affect TRICARE or MEDICARE. As the bill is not finalized, we can only hold our breath and hope that the statements issued by both branches of government are correct. We have won the fight preventing any increase in TRICARE fees for at least another year. The Department of Defense requested an increase even though they had stated they would not. Congress denied the request. A heartfelt thanks to MOAA for lobbying on our behalf and to those of you who corresponded with our Senators and Representative. Remember, even though we sent in the MOAA cards, personal correspondence still carries a greater weight. We are not out of the woods yet even though a battle has been won. MEDICARE will suffer a mandated cut in January, 2010 if Congress does not act quickly. If this cut is not prevented by Congress the fear is that Doctors will not accept MEDICARE patients and may stop seeing those who they presently serve. Please contact our elected officials and remind them that medical care for us and our families was paid for by great personal sacrifice not only on the service members part; but, the family as well. A promise made is a promise that should be kept!

Our 21 November General Membership Meeting will be held at the Hendersonville Country Club with the social hour beginning at 11:00am and the

luncheon at 12:00 PM. Please have your reservations in no later than 18 November, 2009 to insure that adequate seating and food is available. If you need to add or subtract the number of people attending, please call me at 828 890-8438 so the necessary adjustment can be made. Cost per person is \$18.50. Mail your reservations to the following address:

WNCMOAA, Inc.
PO BOX 1984
Hendersonville, NC 28793

The program will be the election of officers for the next two years. We owe a debt of thanks to those who have volunteered to keep our organization running. Without them we would accomplish little. The list of those who are willing to give their time and effort is on page 3. You will notice that there are two names listed at the Secretary position; therefore, the members must vote on one. The choice is yours.

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It has been a privilege to be your President for the past two years. I hope that the General Membership meetings have been enjoyable for all. Credit for our success belongs to the members of the Board of Directors. They have given freely of their time and effort to ensure WNCMOAA, Inc. has continued to flourish; without them we would be floundering in rough seas. There is not enough that I can say to sing their praises. They all deserve our combined thanks and deep appreciation for their service to our organization. As you see, many of them will continue to serve with our new President. Many thanks to those who continue to serve. I thank all of them for providing guidance and support. I know that I have leaned upon them, perhaps, more than I should have; but, that support and guidance has always been forth coming and was deeply appreciated. I know that the new Board of Directors will continue the good work and continue to improve our WNCMOAA, Inc. Thank You!

In addition, I thank Mr. Gene Hoots and the staff of the Hendersonville Country Club for their outstanding meals and quality service. Job well done!

The last issue that I must address is dues. Dues for the following year are due in December of the preceding year. It does cost money to keep our organization above water and to continue our scholarship and our contribution to worthwhile causes. Your support is necessary! Again, I thank you

House of Flags Museum Announces Fundraising Raffle

By Hoot Livingston

The House of Flags Museum in Polk County has been generously supported by our MOAA chapter in the past. Now the museum has announced plans for a fundraising raffle. The museum will offer a new, 2010 Harley-Davidson Fat Boy motorcycle (or alternatively, \$10,000) in a raffle which officially kicks off in March 2010. Second prize is \$500 and third prize is \$250. The drawing will be held on June 14, 2010, Flag Day, of course. All proceeds will go to the museum to help fund its move into a newly renovated building in Columbus. The tickets cost \$20 and only 2000 will be sold. You can purchase "Early Bird" tickets from one of the following WNC-MOAA Chapter members: Paul Sutherland, Hoot Livingston, Bob Lair or Frank Ortiz. PS. The raffle tickets make a great stocking stuffer for Christmas.

2010-2011 WNCMOAA OFFICER'S SLATE

PRESIDENT -	ROBERT A SMITH, MAJ, USA, Ret.
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT-	DON JACKMAN, LTC, USA, Ret.
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT-	MIKE COVILL, CAPT, USN, Ret.
SECRETARY-	KATHLEEN SPENCER, COL, USAF, Ret.
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2010 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

20 FEBRUARY
15 MAY
21 AUGUST
20 NOVEMBER

MENU

Trout
Beef Stroganoff with Noodles
Green Beans Almandine
Parsley Boiled Potatoes
Chief's Choice Salads
Double Chocolate Torte with
White Chocolate Sauce
Carrot Cake with
White Chocolate Sauce
Ice Cream
Coffee
Tea



Rep. Heath Shuler (D-NC11), JROTC Cadet Col Kayla Ballard, WNCMOAA President LTC US Army (Ret) Larry Wilson and LTC US Army (Ret) Don Jackman at the August 2010 General Membership meeting

FINANCIAL REPORT

As of September 22 , 2009

LtCol Milton Thompson USMC Ret.

Checking Account.....\$9,463

Scholarship Fund\$41

Hendersonville Country Club

August 15, 2009

Income..... \$2,518

Expenses.....Meals, Services and Entertainment.....\$1,1881

Profit / (Loss).....\$637

Dues Status

Total Members on Our Roster 210

As of September 22, 2009

210 Members with Dues Paid Through 2009

NOTICE

Please pay your 2010 dues on receipt of the MOUNTAIN MOAA NEWS
and prior to December 31, 2009.

Annual Member ship dues are \$20 for member and spouse.

Annual Auxiliary Member dues are \$5.

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DEADLINE NLT NOVEMBER 18, 2009
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO WNC MOAA

I, _____ we plan to attend the luncheon on November 21, 2009

Enclosed is my check for _____ meals at \$18.50 per person

My guest(s) will be: _____

This is my first attendance at a WNC MOAA event. ☐

Print Name: _____ Phone Number: _____