

TriangleGram



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Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, 13 September 2017

Speaker

Dave Milidonis

Dave will give a short presentation on key issues and events of World War One.
See Dave's Bio for more information.

1800 - Social time, Cash Bar

Cheese/fruit platter, registration & raffle ticket sales

1915 Dinner

Printable Reservation Form Inside

Reservations MUST Be Received by Friday, 8 September 2017

The Triangle Chapter and National MOAA are nonpartisan organizations

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CDR Dean Block

The last few weeks have been busy ones and I hope the summer has gone well for all of you. Hard to believe it's almost September! As this is written, we are looking forward to seeing the eclipse next week. It is certainly historic and it looks like millions are traveling to see the full eclipse.

We just got the official word that our Triangle Chapter has received the MOAA 5-star Level of Excellence Award for 2106. This is an important accomplishment and one the entire chapter can take pride in. Special recognition goes to Past-President Matt Segal for his leadership as well as all those who did the work of making the award possible.

At our July meeting, we set aside a special table for single members, especially surviving spouses, and will continue to do so in the future and as long as there is interest. Again, if you would like to be a part of that table, there is a place on the reservation form to so indicate.

As you are planning for the rest of 2017, we have an exciting line-up of speakers. For September, we are welcoming former Army officer and expert on World War I, Mr. Dave Mildonis who will discuss the war, particularly in recognition of the centennial anniversary of the United States entry into the war. You will find more on Dave later in the newsletter.

For 15 November, we will be hearing from Mr. Steve Vollandt. He is vice-president of a cyber-security company and will speak with us on the security of and risks to our electrical grid-something we tend to take for granted-and probably shouldn't!

Finally, in January, Triangle Chapter will be celebrating its 55th anniversary and we are excited and honored to have as our speaker Lt Gen Dana T. Atkins, President and CEO of MOAA. This will truly be a special event. Please be sure to plan to be with us for all these meetings for fellowship and service.

I would like to again invite and urge you both to be a part of the dinners and to bring a prospective member as a guest. We all know the value of MOAA and we know that chapter membership is the bedrock of its continuing success. Thank you all and Never Stop Serving.

September Speaker

Dave Milidonis

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Dave Milidonis, a U.S. Military Academy graduate and retired infantry officer will give a short presentation on key issues and events of World War One. This is an opportune time as this is the 100th Anniversary of America's entry into the "War to end Wars."

Dave enlisted in the U.S. Army following graduation from high school in June 1969. A year later he received an appointment to the United States Military Academy, at West Point, NY. After graduating from West Point in the Class of 1974, Dave began his leadership career as an Infantry Officer in the U.S. Army. He served his country as an Infantry company executive officer, company commander, brigade training operations officer and division operations officer. While in the service, Dave earned his Master of Arts degree in Human Resource Management, from Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA.

Dave volunteers as an instructor for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at NC State. He conducts courses on military history and is currently completing a series on the centennial anniversary of World War I.

Dave is also the founder and managing director for the National Veterans History Archival Institute, a nonprofit organization he developed for the purpose of collecting, preserving and presenting the history of our veterans, from both war and peace time, and actively engaging individual citizens, students and communities as the organization continues to tell the story of the veteran...one veteran...one story at a time. The NVHAI is both an Archiving Partner and a Collecting Partner for the Veterans History Project, sponsored by the Library of Congress.

Scholarship Fund Update (as of 8/15/2017)

Col Bob Penny

Our goals are to grow the fund to \$5000 and continue awarding at least three scholarships annually to deserving JROTC cadets from the twenty high school units we support. After the July scholarship presentations, we now have only **\$963** in the Scholarship Fund. These MOAA scholarships are one of the primary ways we interact with our community and show our support for future military leaders of all Branches. Your board members believe it is imperative to keep this program and make it even stronger. To do that, we need members to continue to contribute. That can easily be done when you sign up for membership meeting attendance and meals.

Scholarships Presented at July Meeting

Col Bob Penny

The 2017 MOAA Triangle Chapter JROTC Scholarships were presented at our 12 July membership meeting. Scholarships were presented to Noah Hammond and Bailey Gregory from Sanderson High School's Air Force JROTC program and Jeffrey Tran from Cary High School's Navy JROTC. Each received a \$1000.00 scholarship. Jeffery was not able to attend because he had begun Plebe Summer at the US Naval Academy.

All three cadets served as leaders of their respective high school JROTC units. Each earned a grade point average of over 4.0 weighted (includes Honors and Advanced Placement (college-level) courses). All three volunteered thousands of hours serving their school and local community.

Bailey Gregory will attend the University of Alabama – Huntsville and be a cadet in their Army ROTC program. Bailey has also been selected for the Univ. of Alabama's Charter Scholar Scholarship which covers 67% of her tuition all four years. Noah Hammond will attend The Citadel on an Air Force ROTC Scholarship. Jeffery Tran, as mentioned above, earned an appointment to the US Naval Academy.

Shown below, Bailey and Noah received their scholarships from our Chapter President, CDR Dean Block, USNR and Wake County School Superintendent, Dr. James Merrill.



It's Time for a Vacation

Col Bob Penny

The *Military Vacations for Families from Armed Forces Vacation Club*® (AFVC) is a "Space Available" program that offers military and other Department of Defense-affiliated personnel the opportunity to enjoy vacations at popular destinations around the world - for the incredibly low price of just \$349 to \$369 USD per unit, per week. **Membership is free!** Those eligible and their family and friends have access to spacious accommodations at more than 4,000 resorts, apartments, condominiums and homes in more than 100 countries.

Who Qualifies? The program is available to all active and retired members of the Armed Forces, Department of Defense employees and select civilian employees in military support roles.

Availability varies but frequently includes destinations in the United States, Mexico, South America and Europe. The condominium-style accommodations typically include a full kitchen with refrigerator, stove, dishwasher and microwave. Many AFVC accommodations also include washers and dryers, balconies or patios, access to pools and gyms plus many other comforts of home. Golfing and skiing are available on-site at some resorts, as well. Add in exciting area attractions, and you have an exceptional vacation for far less than you would normally expect to pay!

Always Low Fees, Never Any Pressure. While accommodations are mostly at timeshare resorts, you will not be required to attend a timeshare presentation.

Visit their Web site at: <http://www.afvclub.com/>



Business Support for the Triangle Chapter

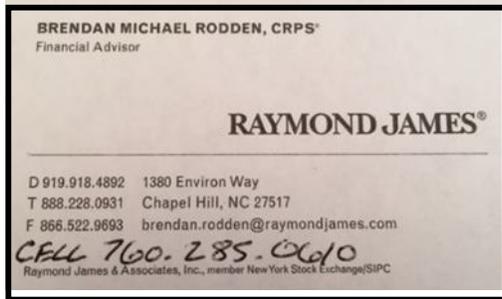
COL Matt Segal

As you know, members continue reaching out to local businesses and ask them to support our scholarship fund making a contribution of \$100 or more. In return, we will post their business cards in the TriangleGram for a calendar year.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Support the businesses that support our chapter's scholarship fund so they can continue to support us while you enjoy their products or services!
- Tell your friends and family to support those businesses. When you or someone you have told about the businesses visits them, thank them for their support of our chapter!

If you know of a business that might want to support us in this way for an annual donation of \$100, please encourage them to do so. Print off a color copy of the TriangleGram and show it to the potential sponsor or have them check our chapter website ("Google" Triangle MOAA) to view recent TriangleGram issues. Once they have accepted, just let me know and we can take it from there!



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RESERVATION FORM

LTC Harrington must receive your reservation by Friday, 8 September 2017

Entrees: Grilled Atlantic Salmon _____ or Old Fashion Meatloaf _____

**Entrees will be served with Classic Caesar Salad, Buttered New Potatoes, Fresh Green Beans,
rolls and butter, Carrot Cake, iced tea and coffee.**

During the social hour (1800-1855) there will be a fruit and cheese platter.

Please Reserve _____ Meals at \$30.00 each

DUES

Active Duty, Former, or Retired Officer \$25.00; Widow \$5.00; Dues Amount \$_____

Contribution to the JROTC Fund: \$_____

TOTAL REMITTED \$_____

Member's Name _____ **Please check here if you are a**
surviving spouse and would like to sit at a reserved table for surviving spouses.

Name(s) of Spouse and/or Guest(s) _____

E-Mail address _____

Make checks payable to MOAA/TRIANGLE CHAPTER

Mail to LTC JoAnn Harrington, 4000 Winston Hill Drive, #108, Cary, NC 27513

QUESTIONS: Please call LTC JoAnn Harrington at 919-274-3202