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February Luncheon

Date: February 26, 2010

Time: Mingle 11:00 AM
Lunch 12:00 PM

Where: Bremerton Elks Lodge

Menu: Baked Pit Ham; Au gratin Potatoes; Vegetable; Green Salad & Rolls

Cost: \$14.00

Program: LTCOL Zachary M. White Sr., USMC, Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Security Force Battalion Bangor

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT TIMELY RESERVATIONS BE MADE FOR ALL FUNCTIONS SO THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF MEALS CAN BE ORDERED.

TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION CALL ONE OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH.

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360 377-3353

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360 779-2946

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360 769-2412

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360 598-6950

Gig Harbor: CDR Jerry Home
253 851-7057

Bainbridge Is. CDR Jerry Turner
360 779-2946

Members taking reservations please call Larry Gudbranson at (360) 871-3159 by 6:00 PM Sunday, February 21st.

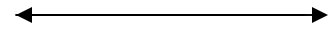


At our last social, Jennifer Heinzelman, Collections and Museum Specialist at Naval Undersea Museum gave us a tremendous talk on how to care for our military treasures and artifacts. After thirty years collecting much in the Navy, I've accumulated many valuable artifacts and mementos. After hearing her interesting talk, I realized how much I had abused them by not providing the proper care for them. I hung my head in shame and vowed to better care for those valuable things for the use of the next generation. Those artifacts and pictures you have in our storage spaces are of most value for those who come after us. History will be looking for information on our times in the military. So, look through your collection and see if the museums could possibly use them and contact Jennifer for further information. I know, I will for sure.

National MOAA has a Chapter membership drive in full progress. For every new complimentary member, our chapter between 1 Jan and 31 December, will receive \$10.00. For each new life member, we'll receive \$20.00 plus a \$100 bonus for every 10 new paid members. If we are the top recruiting chapter in our size, we'll receive a \$1000 prize. Where will we find these new members? Our retired officers and surviving spouses might want to reconnect and join and help us out. There are many out there and the harvest is plentiful. There are those who might have let their membership lapse for various reasons and are a real potential. What an opportunity to get

them back into the fold. So "Give Me 10" campaign is well underway and deserves our support. The end result is that we all benefit from our combined efforts.

Ted Watson and his nominating committee is working on filling our
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Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Security Force Battalion Bangor Is February Guest Speaker

The guest speaker at the Chapter's February luncheon will be Lieutenant



LTCOL Zachary M. White Sr., USMC

Colonel Zachary M. White Sr., USMC, Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Security Force Battalion at Naval Base Kitsap, Bangor. He enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserves in December 1987

and deployed during Operations Desert Storm and Shield. He graduated from the University of Northern Colorado and commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1992.

LTCOL White has served in many positions of increasing responsibility both in the United States and overseas. He was assigned to the Joint Staff just prior to assuming command of the Marine Corps Force Security Battalion Bangor last summer.

The battalion has been augmented with U.S. Navy Master-at-Arms personnel. This will be an interesting program as LTCOL White discusses what it is like commanding a dual service security battalion. Be sure to make your reservation and attend on Friday, February 26th.

Mark your calendar now for the Armed Forces Day luncheon on Friday, May 14th.

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officer/Director positions. Contact him if you are interested in serving our MOAA Kitsap Chapter family. Cheers and thanks for all your support and interest.

Jerry

A penny saved is a government oversight.

Medicare Reimbursement Rates 2010 Update

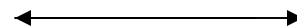
It appears that, once again, Congress will act at virtually the last minute to stop a 21% cut in Medicare and Tricare payments to doctors scheduled to take effect on 1 MAR. On 28 JAN the Senate amended and passed by a vote of 60-40, H. J. Res. 45, which would raise the debt ceiling by \$1.9 Trillion to a total of \$14.3 Trillion. Senators adopted an amendment by Sen. Reid that would codify the PAYGO principle. This amendment would allow:

- Permanent extension without offsets of the middle class tax cuts enacted in 2001 and 2003.
- A two year extension of current estate tax law, and
- A two year extension of current Alternative Minimum Tax.
- Most important to military retirees and Medicare beneficiaries is that Reid's amendment would extend by five years, the soon-to-expire moratorium on the Sustained Growth Rate (SGR) mandated cuts of 21 percent to Medicare/Tricare physician reimbursements which will otherwise take effect on 1 MAR 2010.

This extended moratorium of SGR mandated cuts should allow continued access to health care for military retirees and Medicare beneficiaries. If approved by the House of Representatives as expected next week, it would put an end (for a while, anyway) to annual threats that big Medicare/Tricare payment cuts would cause doctors to drop those programs' beneficiaries as patients. Previously, legislators had been considering yet another one-year "patch". But because the payment cuts compound each year, a one-year fix would have meant facing an even larger 26% cut for January 2011. The new legislation would buy Congress five years to come up with a permanent fix. Members who would like to ensure their representatives vote favorably on this legislation are encouraged to go to [http://capwiz.com/usdr/issues/alert/?alertid=14630896&queueid=\[capwiz:queue_id\]](http://capwiz.com/usdr/issues/alert/?alertid=14630896&queueid=[capwiz:queue_id]) to review an edit-

able message for forwarding to their legislators requesting their support

From RAO Bulletin 1 Feb 2010



Eye Glasses for Retirees

All retirees, even TRICARE for Life recipients, may receive one pair of standard issue glasses each year from the Naval Ophthalmic Support and Training Activity. Visit the Naval Ophthalmic Support and Training Activity web site at www.med.navy.mil/sites/nostra/Pages/default.aspx and select the "How to Order: Retirees" link for more information. Family members and surviving spouses are not entitled to NOSTRA support.



New Members

The Chapter extends a warm welcome to the following new members whose membership applications were recently approved by the Board of Directors.

LT David E. Alfrey, USAR, Ret. He resides in Silverdale with his wife **PAT**.

CAPT Robert A. Aronson, USN Ret. Captain Aronson lives in Poulsbo.

CAPT Gregory E. Bajuk, USN Ret. He lives in Silverdale with his spouse **Marcia**.

CAPT Mark E. Brouker, USN Ret. who resides in Silverdale.

CWO3 Robert A. Jungst, USNR Ret He lives in Kingston with his wife **Elaine**.

1stLT Edmond M. Ryan, USA. He resides in Seabeck with his spouse **Karen**.

Look for these new members at an upcoming meeting and extend your personal welcome to them.

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment

March Tours

By John Stokes

This month the ITT has had a major breakdown of their computer system which is affecting the scheduling and sign up for events. Still, there are a couple of exciting events planned for the month of March.

March 13 a whale watching tour will head to Long Beach. There they will tour the North Head Lighthouse. Later a walk to the top of the bluff overlooking the ocean will give a spectacular view of the ocean during the height of the whale migration. Tourists are advised to bring warm clothes and their own binoculars. The tour will depart from the HRSC lot behind Olive Garden in Silverdale at 0630 on the 13th and return by 2130 that night. You may bring your own cooler, although two stops are planned for meals. Call 360-535-5918 for costs and reservations.

Later on March 20, 2010, the group heads for Port Townsend to the 14th Annual Victorian Festival and Air Museum. Several Victorian homes will be opened to us on a guided bus tour of old Port Townsend. Later we are invited to the newest addition to Port Townsend, the "Port Townsend Air Museum" where you will see the best collection of antique and classic airplanes in the western United States. There are over 31 planes dating from 1922. This tour also departs from the HRSC lot behind Olive Garden in Silverdale. It leaves at 0730 and will return by 1900. One meal break is scheduled. Call 360-535-5918 for costs and reservations.

January Luncheon Photos



1) Ed Ryan, Carol Meteney & Betty Freiwald; 2) Mike & Karin Burke; 3) Robert Jungst & Greg Bajuk; 4) Larry Gudbranson & Jennifer Heinzelman; 5) John Albright & John Gilman; 6) Greg Bajuk & Carl Callender; 7) Joe Sommer & Karen Watson; 8) John Stokes, Jerry Turner & John Albright; 9) Georgie Bunte; 10) Beatrice Burch & Beverly Good; 11) Rita Keating & Myra Lovejoy



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Calendar of Events

Feb 2 Board of Directors - Yacht Club Broiler
Feb 14 Happy Valentine's Day
Feb 26 Monthly Luncheon - Bremerton Elks Club

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Mar 17 Erin Go Bragh
Mar 26 Monthly Luncheon - Bremerton Elks Club



Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Caleb Medders, assigned to Battalion Landing Team, 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, provides medical treatment during a site assessment in Grand Saline, Haiti.

Official USMC Photo by Sgt Andrew J. Carlson

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