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## January MOAA Dinner

When: Thursday, 12 January 2017

Where: Crown Plaza Hotel

925 South Creyts Road, Lansing, Michigan (at I-496)

**SOCIAL HOUR: 6:00 PM**

**DINNER: 6:30 PM**

**PROGRAM: 7:30 PM**

**ADJOURN: 9:00 PM**

### Menu Selections:

#1 **Ham- Maple Glazed Ham Steak**  
served with whipped potatoes and carrots

#2 **Broiled Tilapia with lemon dill sauce**  
served with rice pilaf and carrots.  
**German Chocolate Cake**

Make your reservations by **SUNDAY, 8 January 2017**

On line at [www.cacmoaa.org](http://www.cacmoaa.org)

or contact CW3 Tony Kruckeberg, [armyblkhawk@yahoo.com](mailto:armyblkhawk@yahoo.com), or [517-575-9386](tel:517-575-9386)

Include # of attendees. Cost is \$25.00.

Make checks payable to 'Capitol Area Chapter MOAA.'

## January Program

### War Stories from WWII WWII Army Sergeant Don Jacot

We are pleased to welcome WWII Army Sergeant Don Jacot, a local veteran and decorated soldier, who will share some of his many WWII War Stories. Don's combat service began with the invasion of Africa and included a parachute jump into Sicily, two more invasions, and eight major battles in Europe. Don received a Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts, two US Presidential Citations, and the French Croix de Guerre. Last year he received the French Legion of Honor, the highest French honor for military and civil merit. Don was honored as Mason's Citizen of the Year in 2007. This will be another interesting program with a chance to hear from someone who was on the front lines of WWII. You will not want to miss this month's speaker.

### . 2016 Chapter Charitable Donations

Our Chapter annually makes charitable donations to local organizations. \$500 was set aside from our general fund for these donations in 2016. All donations were \$100 each. Donations were made to the Freedom Center (Detroit Airport, Troy and Lansing MEPS), VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids, East Lansing Veterans Memorial, Toys for Tots, and Okemos Someko Singers.

## Taps

**William Mark "Bill" Dietrich Jr.** passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 7th, at the Hospice of Lansing, Stoneleigh Residence. Bill was a 1951 graduate of East Lansing High School, 1955 graduate of MSU, served as a captain in the Army during the Korean Conflict. Bill was very active years ago in the Capitol Area Chapter, MOAA.

**Craig Hummel**, Major U.S Army, Retired, 51, of DeWitt Township died September 23, 2016. Craig had recently joined our Chapter.

## [The MOAA Channel](#) on YouTube

Follow MOAA on YouTube. You can subscribe so you get notified of new videos as they are released.

1. MOAA YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/TheMOAACChannel>

2. Longer Video of the Annual Meeting for those who want to catch up on all the business details of MOAA:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1gBmLfO5laY>

## Battle Creek VA Medical Center Extends Hours

Did you know we provide extended hours for Primary Care and Mental Health? We provide these times to make it easier for Veterans who may have difficulty making our regular appointment times. Here are the extended hours at the Battle Creek VA Medical Center and Wyoming Health Care Center:

**Wednesdays 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Saturdays 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

These times are for scheduled appointments only. Please call for an appointment today, [1-888-838-6446](tel:1-888-838-6446).

## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

To all Chapter Members from your Chapter Executive Board, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Our December Dinner was a great celebration. We were wonderfully entertained by the very distinguished Okemos HS Someko singers. Our special guests were three Marines representing the local Recruiting Command. They were presented with the toys we collected for Toys-for-Tots.



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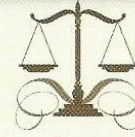


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5 January 2017, 1130 hours at  
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### LTC Charles Kettles, USA (Ret)

As the notice of Our February 2017 Guest Speaker was being printed in the November Newsletter, LTC Kettles suffered a small stroke following a knee replacement operation which affected his vision. He will be unable to attend our February Meeting. Please join our Chapter in praying for his recovery.

### Army vs Air Force vs MSU Tennis

The men's tennis teams of the U.S. Military Academy and the U.S. Air Force Academy will be in East Lansing, MI for the first time to play each other and the Michigan State Spartans over the weekend of February 17-19, 2017. MSU tennis coach, Gene Orlando, arranged this event to recognize the contribution of the Armed Services to our country, and will have Army and Air Force Color Guard participation at the opening match.

This is an opportunity to watch some top flight tennis and to root for the Army and Air Force cadets as they take on a Big Ten opponent and also fight for bragging rights between academies. Instead of high priced tickets, admission is FREE and sometimes pizza is provided.

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## **ANOTHER YEAR, ANOTHER ADVENTURE**

Every year brings a new challenge. 2016 has certainly been full of adventure, but let's close it out with some information to help you start 2017 off right!

Military life is never predictable, and neither are politics. We've finally seen the National Defense Authorization Act pass both chambers, and last week, Congress also managed to narrowly avoid a government shutdown. It was a nail-biter! Here at MOAA, we have a team of people dedicated to following those issues on the Hill, keeping you informed, and acting as your voice to prevent legislative actions that can negatively impact your family, along with achieving ones that help you thrive. This team also benefits from hearing directly from those impacted by legislation, YOU! So, if you're concerned about an issue, please bring it to our attention! You can always submit your thoughts to [moaspouse@moaa.org](mailto:moaspouse@moaa.org).

## **WHY MOAA?**

If you've ever found yourself at a loss for words when a potential new member asks, "Why should I join MOAA?" then you're not alone. That's why national MOAA created a new tool to help you spread the word about all the great work MOAA does for the military community. The new "Why MOAA?" video is designed to help you easily share with colleagues and prospective members the value of MOAA membership. You can view the video and share it with up to five of your friends at a time. We've provided a suggested message to include when sharing, or you can include a personal message.

<https://www.moaa.org/whyMOAA/>