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***** **January 2021** *****



The popular Barbershop singers, Sarpy Serenaders, were scheduled to **perform at 7 pm**, December 16th, but, due to electronic problems, was delayed 30 min. and many members missed the performance

Next Dinner Meeting ???

Maybe February at Anthony's Steak House, 72nd & F St.

Our January Board meeting will consider options-

(see inside back cover for details)

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Because of the COVID-19 restrictions, we decided to make our December meeting a Zoom meeting. Many of us had previously participated in a Zoom meeting and I thought we could do it. I wish I could say it went perfectly but that would not be accurate. I prepared to host this meeting by going through the Zoom tutorials several times in the past two weeks. We managed to get the invitation sent and to send the link to get on the call. Pat Jones had told me that we need to have “Screen Sharing” enabled to see the Sarpy Serenaders and I found the correct setting. We started the call at 7:00 pm with approximately 18 members when I received a call from Pat saying his internet was inoperative. Our agenda called for the Sarpy Serenaders to begin the meeting, then the oath of office to our three Board members who are extending for two more years, and then results and updates from key Board members.

Since the Serenaders were not yet available, we went ahead with the installation of officers by Brig Gen Paul Cohen. Gen Cohen called on Terri Lehigh, Pat Jones, and Mark Olson who had agreed to a two-year extension on the Chapter Board. I knew Mark would be absent; Doug Pikop volunteered to represent him; and the general called on me to represent Pat. After repeating the oath, there was a round of applause. With the “screen sharing” on, the Sarpy Serenaders began their performance that lasted 15 minutes. It was then that I realized I, as the host, had no access to the screen controls. I could not admit any late invitees to our Zoom call during that 15 minutes. At least two Board Members, Ron Russell and Jeff Mikesell, were unable to get into the meeting during this time. The Serenaders delivered an enjoyable and professional presentation. There were some minor issues with the sound and the screen was a little “jerky.”

With Jeff Mikesell unable to be in the meeting, I gave a very brief legislative update and Dean Kenkel discussed items of interest in the new State legislature that begins next month. I introduced Jack Nelson who has taken on the growing role of Transition Manager. Assuming that the pandemic is over and we can return to in-

person meetings in February or March (no meeting is scheduled in January), our January 14th Board Meeting will focus on program options for February through June.

We concluded the meeting after I showed the 5-star badge and certificate for the Harris Communications Award recognizing Pat Jones for his excellent newsletter and website. I also showed the 5-star Level of Excellence badge and certificate for our Chapter members' involvement in volunteer and in legislative support activities. We plan to affix the badges to our MOAA flag when we return to Anthony's.

At our last Board meeting, we received pamphlets describing the new Fischer House located on the VA medical campus. We also received a request from the Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, for donations. The pandemic has had an adverse impact on admissions. We have a close relationship with the Museum as we had a luncheon meeting there and three of our members spent many volunteer hours restoring the EC-135 aircraft. We voted to donate \$200 from the chapter.

We ended the Zoom attendees meeting with members sharing a hearty Happy Holidays. I wish all Chapter members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dan Donovan

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The Navy is Growing

(The Early Bird Brief – 31 Dec)

(Editor's note: This article by Geoff Ziezulewicz originally appeared in Navy Times a leading source of news for the military and veteran community.)

The U.S. Navy will commission seven ships in 2021 and christen another eight, according to data provided by Naval Sea Systems Command. The guided-missile destroyer fleet will welcome DDG-118, Daniel Inouye, named after the late U.S. senator from Hawaii, while the littoral combat ships Oakland, Minneapolis-St. Paul and Mobile are expected to join the LCS community.

The expeditionary mobile base Miguel Keith will be commissioned, named in honor of the late Marine Corps lance corporal who received a posthumous Medal of Honor for heroism during the Vietnam War.

Undersea, the fast-attack submarines Oregon and Montana will also enter the fleet, according to NAVSEA.

Scheduled for christening in 2021 are three destroyers, Lenah H. Sutcliffe Higbee, Carl M. Levin and Jack Lucas.

The expeditionary fast transport Apalachicola and the amphibious transport dock Fort Lauderdale will also be commissioned.

Replenishment oilers John Lewis and Harvey V. Milk will also be christened, as will the fast-attack sub Rickover.

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Hopefully, they will also pledge to do their part to keep it so. – PLj

Wandering Mind of An Old Retired Guy



As I've aged, I think about things like where clichés and old sayings come from... In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are 'limbs,' therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, 'Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg.' (Artists know hands and arms are more difficult to paint)

But, life is Good!

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And SMILE.... IT'S CONTAGIOUS !!!

Board Meeting INFO for January 14th

At 1145 at the Special, on Fort Crook in Belleue

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**STAY SAFE, STAY HEALTHY,
THREE CHEERS TO YOU ALL,**

(Our Next Dinner Meeting is Scheduled for February)

***However, our Board is meeting on January 14th
To discuss potential events, dinners, activities, etc.***

This would be a great time for your ideas and suggestions !!!

Call or email Dan or any Board member with your input !!!

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