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Luncheon

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11:30 AM

Old Natchez Country Club
115 Gardengate Dr
Franklin TN 37069

CPT (P) Matt Smith

TN ARNG

Preparation for the 278th
Armored Cavalry Regi-
ment's 2nd Deployment to
Iraq.

CPT Smith was commissioned in 1992, through Army ROTC at Elon College, Elon, NC. He joined the TN ARNG soon after and was assigned to the 278 Armored Cavalry Regiment. We last heard CPT Smith speak to our chapter in October 2006 following his return from a year long deployment to Iraq as Commander, L Troop 3rd Squadron/278th Brigade Combat Team. (You will remember that the 278th ACR transformed to a BCT for that deployment). Now CPT (P) Smith is preparing for another deployment with the 278th ACR, and yes once again the Combatant Commander is having the ACR transform for it's mission. CPT Smith is currently serving as the S4 for the 2nd Squadron/278 ACR; however following his upcoming promotion to MAJOR he will be assigned as the Air Defense Officer for the Regiment. And yes, CPT Smith is a reservist and is still employed by the Middle TN District of the Boy Scouts of America.

Come hear CPT Smith explain the upcoming mission as well as the Regiment's transformation, and get an update on how his current status effects his civilian employment.

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TN Council of Chapters Meeting

The TN Council of MOAA Chapters will hold its next meeting on Wednesday July 29th at 11:00 AM at John Ohlinger's lake house in Mt. Juliet. The speaker for the upcoming meeting will be COL Barry Wright from National HQ, so this should be a meeting well worth attending. Potential subjects to be briefed should include ongoing legislative issues, upcoming regional seminars, and council and chapter affairs from the National perspective. In addition Council President LTC Greer Ruble will be reporting back the details of his successes, "Storming the Hill", with our congressmen on Capitol Hill for 2009. Anticipate further discussion regarding the next TN COC State Convention scheduled for the fall of 2010 including the site location and Chapter responsibilities. If you are interested in attending, and all Chapter members are always welcome, please contact John Ohlinger at 615-594-7628 or by email at johlinger@worldnet.att.net.

MTC Board Notes

We continued our international theme in June as Lt Gen Garry Trexler, USAF Retired shared his insights on the perplexing state of affairs in North Korea. His reflections on what has transpired in the last year coupled with his thoughts on what may be in store on the North Korean horizon helped create a somewhat clearer picture of the environment in which Kim Jong-il finds himself trying to survive. Unfortunately, as Lt Gen Trexler pointed out, we will have to wait and see how this one plays out.

COL John Lloyd, President of the Andrew Jackson Chapter (and former President of MTC) made a cameo appearance at our meeting to provide an update on their efforts to support a Service-member's Lounge at the Nashville International Airport. Our members may remember the May 2007 presentation by Ms. Cathy Holland of the Airport Authority who said a USO presence at the airport was all but assured. Unfortunately, the USO fell out of the picture, but the Andrew Jackson Chapter has continued to press for action. More details will be forthcoming on volunteer opportunities in support of this effort.

Congratulations are in order for **CDR Mike Neuser** who will assume command of the Navy Recruiting District Nashville from CDR Clint Vollono at the Armed Forces Reserve Center in Smyrna on Friday, 7 August, 2009.

Our Annual Joint ROTC Picnic continues in the planning phase, with a date and venue to be published soon!

Welcome new members:

Maj Jerold Wiley
MAJ Justice Hyde
1LT James Hogg
CW4 Pat Shepard

See you at the July meeting!

Doug Minton, President, MTC

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Upcoming MTC Programs

August 25

Col Gus Schettler, TN ANG*

TN Air National Guard Roles & Missions

September 22

Annual Military Recruiting Meeting

October 27

Tour of Arnold AFB

(More Information at the July Meeting)

November 24

Col Jackie Nave, TN ANG

Aeromedical Evacuation

* Current Middle TN Chapter Members.

Change Your Email Recently?

We are working on an email distribution list, so send your name and new address to info@mtcmoaa.org

This is the first step in being able to reduce our monthly mailing costs by offering the newsletter and other relevant items via email for those who have email addresses. Our next step will be to validate the addresses that we have now to see how many are still good. But don't worry if you don't use email, we will give you the option to choose which delivery method is best for you, and we will continue mailing newsletters to members where that is the option of choice.

Legislative News

As we go to press, the House has passed its version of the FY2010 Defense Authorization Bill and now the Senate is scheduled to discuss floor amendments to the FY2010 Defense Authorization Bill (S. 1390). MOAA is actively engaged in attempting to assist the Senate to amend several of the provisions in its Bill to more closely align with the House version, but at this point only time will tell on the outcome.

Chapter Auxiliary Liaison

Auxiliary Members comprise nearly 20% of the National MOAA Organization, and nearly 10% of our local chapter membership. In 2004 MOAA National established the Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee to provide a focal point to address the needs of our surviving spouses and to provide a means for them to play a larger role in both national and local chapter affairs. It is now time for our chapter to take action to fill the position of Auxiliary Liaison; in fact it is probably long over due. If you have interest in taking on this role, please contact Doug Minton at (615) 415-6816 so that he can provide more information concerning roles and responsibilities.

Save Money on Your Auto Insurance?

AARP offers a Driver Safety Program designed especially for motorists age 55 and older, but others may participate. The eight hour course covers normal changes in vision, hearing and reaction time and provides practical techniques to compensate for these changes. Successful completion of the program may enable each participant to receive an appropriate discount on their auto insurance from their carrier. The course is available to AARP members for a fee of \$12 and to non-members for \$14. Course dates and locations can be found on the web site AARP.org/driver or by calling our LCDR Gus Gustafson at (615) 373-0455.