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General Joshua L. Chamberlain Chapter



The Companion

The quarterly newsletter of General Chamberlain Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars.

Important Dates

Chapter Luncheon Meeting

Foreside Tavern, Falmouth, Maine
8 Sept. 2007 1130 hrs.

(Directions may be found— last paragraph of Chapter News.)

Guest Speaker

LTC David M. Duehring
USARNG (Ret)

Planning Meeting

Staff Planning

11 Oct.2007, 1130 hrs
Foreside Tavern, Falmouth

Key Chapter Personnel

Commander

Capt. Tim Politis

Key Staff

Listed below

Commander's Message

Having just assumed "The Con" from COL David Schlieper I find myself writing my first Commander's message for "The Companion". I want to thank COL Schlieper for the great job he has done for the Chapter in leadership, organization, procedures and his large role in the Chapters continued fiscal viability. The Navy has a term for a job well done—"Bravo Zulu" and Dave a deserved "Bravo Zulu" to you and thanks.

I have been blessed with a staff that motivates me to action and that follow thru on their assignments and staff responsibilities. For those who have e-mail LTC Amedeo Lauria has put up our own Chapter website, BG Al White has brought our membership data, roster and emergency call list up to date. LTC Duehring as the new Adjutant is working hard to learn the nuances and paper flow that his new position requires him mastering and I am doing the same.

There are several thrusts that I would like to address this year but the most important one is that of obtaining new members and getting them to meetings so they can meet the members and take an active part in the organization to the level that they wish. COL Schlieper started the "Mentor" program where it is expected that a new members sponsor actively bring the new member to his or her first meeting introducing them to the attending members and help to break the ice and bring them into the group. We are in a position where we should be able to swell our membership and better support MOWW's mission both in Maine and nationally as the number of Commissioned Officer's in the State has never been higher. I urge you all to actively recruit 5 new members this year and to be the mentor or guide into the organization for them.

COL Schlieper and his wife Nancy have graciously agreed to continue to put out "The Companion" on a quarterly basis and I hope that between "The Companion" and our new website we will be able to reach our membership with a consistency not possible before.

I am excited about being the new Commander of the General Joshua Chamberlain Chapter and thank you all for giving me the opportunity to do so. I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on 8 September. We have a great speaker on deck with LTC David Duehring and a great new location.

Tim Politis
Capt. USMCR, Chapter Commander

Chapter News

Another year was concluded for Chamberlain Chapter with the Chapter hosting the Region One annual meeting on 2 June at Verillo's Restaurant in Portland. Attendance was excellent. Of the 31 Companions attending 14 represented Chamberlain Chapter. All financial obligations for the event were met with a surplus of some \$300, which was added to the Chapter's treasury. COL Bob Barton was installed as the incoming Region One Commander. MAJ Ray Moreau was appointed the Region's Senior Vice commander as well as continuing as the General Staff Officer. MAJ Dick Joseph was appointed Region One Treasurer and LT Pete Stark, Sgt. At Arms. Chaplain is Gerry Hayes (Mass.) Chamberlain Chapter has the honor of leading Region One this upcoming year. Region One consists of the New England States. At the same time, Chamberlain's Chapter Officers for 2007-2008 were inducted. Commander — CPT Tim Politis, Senior Vice — LTC Amedeo Lauria, Junior Vice — MAJ Mary McGuirk, Treasurer - MAJ Dick Joseph, Adjutant - LTC Dave Duebring, Historian, COL Henry Adams, Program Director - BG Al White. An outstanding Team!!

The June Chapter luncheon meeting was held at BNAS. Our guest speaker, ADM Gregory Johnson USN (Retired) was called to an emergency at the last minute. BG White will try to reschedule Adm. Johnson for our 1 December 2007 Chapter luncheon meeting. The Chapter voted to have our future meetings at the Foreside Tavern in Falmouth, Maine. MAJ Joseph reported that the Eberly Patriotic Fund has reached its \$10,000 goal. COL Dave and Nancy Schlieper were recognized for their outstanding effort on the Companion newsletter.

Our 12 July Staff Planning Meeting was held at the Foreside Tavern in Falmouth. Twelve Companions were in attendance. BG White has developed a comprehensive member roster; he would ask that you provide him with your updated e-mail addresses. We have many new leaders in the Chapter fully familiar with the latest computer capabilities. You can expect to receive updated information of Chapter activities by e-mail or visiting our new website (<http://www.mainemoww.sabattus.net/index.htm>) LTC "Deo" Lauria has developed the website and will talk more about this at our 8 Sept. 2007 meeting.

Congratulations COL Benjamin - new State Commander - MOWW!!

As we embark on new year, the Chapter extends its sincere thanks and deep appreciation to COL Dave Schlieper who has served these past two years as Chapter Commander. Not only has he brought the Chapter's personnel files up to date, but he instituted an emergency call roster, as well as recruiting and welcoming packages for new members. To review the many accomplishments these past two years please request to see a copy of the Chapter's annual report on file with the Adjutant. Let us all resolve to fully support our Region and Chapter officers this coming year.

DIRECTIONS TO THE FORESIDE TAVERN

From 1-295 take the Falmouth exit (Exit 10), turn left at the light, take the next left at the next light. The Tavern is 75 yards on the road on the left. NOTE: *All subsequent meetings will be at the same location.*

Membership

New Members Recognized

The Commander will address his membership goals and plans during the forthcoming staff planning meeting scheduled for 11 October 2007.

Companion of the Quarter

Service and contribution of an established Companion

The Companion wishes to deviate slightly from its normal recognition process of selecting a Companion of the Quarter to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Commander and all Chapter Members, to extend a welcome home to the HQ 240~ Engr. Group MEARNG.

We offer our congratulations for their very successful tour of combat duty in Afghanistan. Well done!! One of our Companions, LTC David Duehring, served on the staff of HQ 240th Engr. Grp. occupying the critical staff position of Forward Tactical Operations Officer.

As indicated in this newsletter, LTC Duehring will be our guest speaker for the 8 September 2007 Chapter Meeting. Don't miss his presentation.

LTC Duehring has since retired and is now also our Chapter Adjutant. He retired following more than thirty dedicated and faithful years of both enlisted and commissioned service. He served both in the United States Navy for three years here in Maine at the Brunswick Naval Air Station and the balance of his career, following OCS, as a commissioned officer in the MEARNG.

His many assignments in both staff and command positions produced an officer of the highest quality. His active service to both the State of Maine and the Nation will be deeply missed. We are fortunate to have him on board as a Companion and as our adjutant.

WELCOME HOME, DAVE, GOD BLESS!!!

KEY CHAPTER STAFF OFFICERS FOR YEARS 2007 2008

Senior Vice Commander
LTC Amedeo Lauria

Junior Vice Commander
MAJ Mary McGuirk

Adjutant
LTC David Duehring

Historian
COL Henry Adams

Program Director
COL Al White

General Joshua L. Chamberlain Chapter MOWW Web Site

Web Site address: <http://www.mainemoww.sabattus.net> Site was established and is maintained by LTC Amedeo Lauria, 1st Vice Commander. Information available: Preamble, list of members, their biographical sketch and record of service, chapter information and schedule of event both special and routine, JROTC support and other links of military interest to be developed.

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