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PRESIDENT'S CORNER: . Our board has been discussing the Porter and Woods Scholarship fund and whether or not we should continue to restrict it to Arkansas State University attendees only. There are various opinions within the Board and Staff as to the purpose of the scholarship and who we should be supporting, so we will be discussing this subject, possibly in detail, at the September General Meeting on the 19th. I request that you give it some thought and come ready to share your opinions and concerns about the scholarship fund.

Also, with Veterans Day coming up the board decided that it would be a good idea for our MOAA Chapter to have a presence in the Veterans Day Parade. We are currently looking for a military or "military like" vehicle in which we could ride during the parade to show our colors so to speak. If you know of someone who would like to drive us in their vehicle or loan us their vehicle for our use during the parade please let us know.

SEPTEMBER MEETING ON 19th

The September general meeting will be held at Western Sizziln' in Jonesboro on 19 September at 1900 hrs. Our Speaker will be Dr. Ed Salo. His project, the Veterans History Project, is an ongoing undertaking that is aimed at getting the oral histories of as many veteran's experiences while in the military as possible. He will relate his methods and experiences he has had while interviewing veterans. Many of our vets experiences are lost to history and only a relative few have been recorded for posterity in novels and historical records. This project attempts to start remedying this malady. He would truly appreciate the vets in our chapter assisting him with this project. We have some valuable stories of our experiences during our wartime years and during active, reserve and guard duty.

Elements of the 39th Inf Bde Deployed

Support/supply elements of the 39th Inf Bde have been deployed to Texas assisting in the recovery of the Houston and Beaumont areas from Hurricane Harvey. Presently some are gradually being released for return to their home station.

Chapter Awarding Vietnam Vet Lapel Pins

The MOAA NEA Chapter's program for the US Congressionally mandated commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam Conflict is continuing. During our May meeting Veterans Service Officer Mark Frank awarded 50th Anniversary Lapel Pins and Presidential Certificates to those of our chapter who were present and qualified to receive them. Our chapter plans more such activities and is planning two similar events for next year and one more local event for this year. Please share this information for all who are Vietnam and Vietnam Era Veterans. For more details contact LTC Rich Burns at 870-974-2391.

SCHOLARSHIP MONTH IS SEPTEMBER

September is the month during which we ask members to make donations to our scholarship fund. Please mail your checks to the address below or bring them to our September 19th meeting. They should be made out to the ASU Foundation with MOAA Scholarship Fund on the bottom left *FOR* line.

The Chapter Board and Staff held its monthly meeting on 06 Sept 2017 at 0800 at Front Page Café. Present were CPT Hank Germer, LTC Rich Burns, CPT Rich Hartness, CWO5 Steve Campbell, CWO3 Howard Dunn, COL Jerry Bowen, 1LT Dennis Hill and LTC Ed Mason. Next meeting will be on 04 October. **CHAPLAIN:** If you would like to assist GW Henson in the activities of the chapter's chaplain, please contact Hank Germer at the phone number listed on the front page. GW has been stalwart in fulfilling his duties but he now would appreciate some assistance. **Dues fund our scholarship activities so please be generous in paying your dues and in giving a little something extra to the scholarship fund if you can.**

2017 Dues (\$20) for Northeast Arkansas Chapter, PO Box 718, Jonesboro, AR 72403

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