

LOE SUBMISSION ADDENDUM

Susquehanna Chapter Maryland

The Chapter put considerable effort into scheduling informative topics and speakers for our general membership meetings. The Programs Chair enlisted for following speakers and topics, which attracted a significant member and non-member audience:

- February – COL (Ret) Paul Hughes presented an up-close and personal view of his participation in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) process for this Installation of Officers meeting. His discussion opened the eyes of many members to how our national defense authorizations are determined. We had to cut the meeting off because of the number of audience questions to allow COL Hughes to return to his home in DC at a reasonable hour.



Susquehanna Chapter newly installed officers for 2020



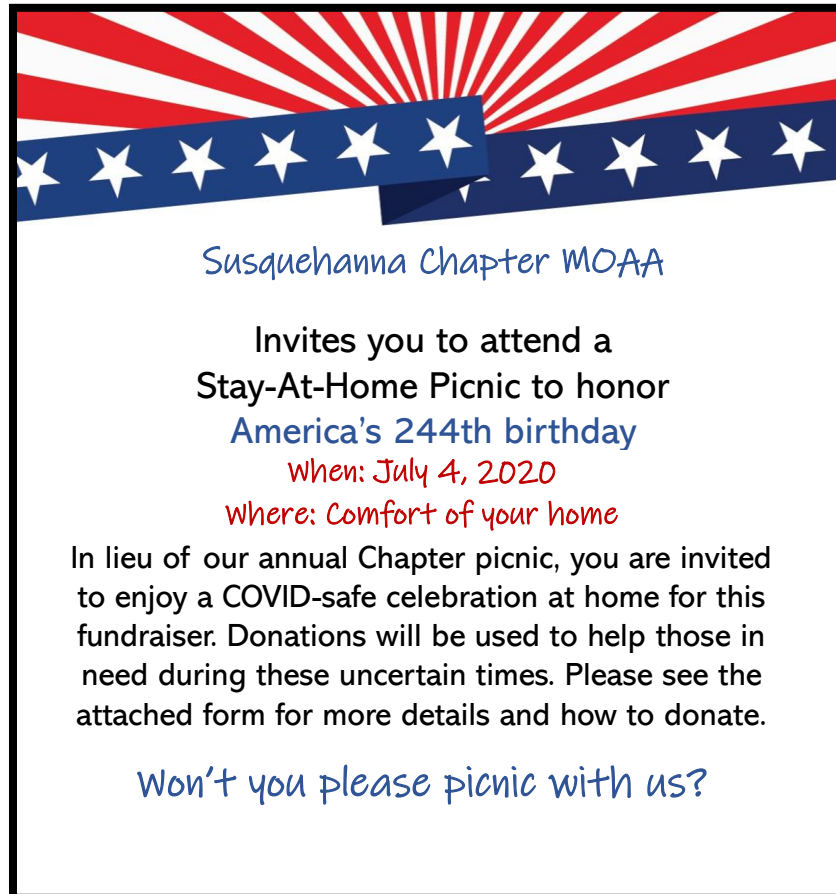
President Bob Hanson (right) presenting Chapter Certificate of Appreciation to guest speaker Paul Hughes

- May – The Chapter hosted a virtual Memorial Day ceremony for members and the community to attend.



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- July – The Chapter hosted a virtual Stay-at-Home Picnic to solicit donations from Chapter members for the local squadron of the Civil Air Patrol Cadets Program. The Chapter donated \$703 to the Squadron.



- September – LTG (Ret) Roger Schultz, President of the Army Historical Foundation, presented an overview of the new National Museum of the United States Army.



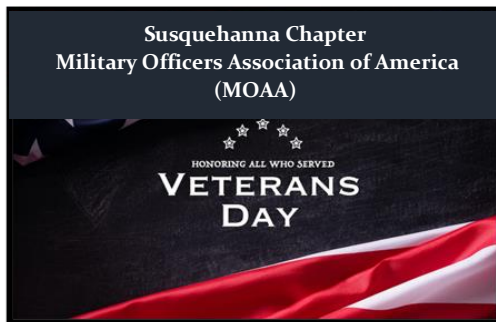
Guest speaker LTG (Ret) Roger Schultz

- October -- Andy Carroll, director of the Center for War Letters at Chapman University, CA, gave a heart-wrenching presentation of war letters sent through the years covering wars and battles back to the American Revolution. A member of the Maryland Council of Chapters participated in this meeting.



Guest speaker Andy Carroll, War Letters Project

- November – Erin Macpherson, a reporter for WMAR TV Baltimore and lead for Voices of Veterans special reports, explained her interest in capturing the highlights and memories of our veterans. She described how the project started and highlighted some of the veterans she has interviewed. Ultimately, her presentation led to an interview with our Community Outreach Chair to explain the MOAA Covid-19 Grant Program. The Chapter also hosted a virtual Veterans Day ceremony for Chapter members and the community unable to attend in person because of the pandemic.



Chapter Website

In late December 2019, the Chapter launched a new website. During the first month, the website consisted of 24 pages and drew 1319-page hits. In December 2020, our website had grown to 82 pages and attracted over 46,500-page hits. The website has been a tremendous resource, especially during the pandemic.

We were able to keep our members informed and up-to-date on issues affecting veterans. Many members who were not tech-savvy used the website to upskill their capabilities and stay active during the past year, a win-win for all.

Check out our website at <https://www.moaasusquehanna.org/Home>