



Rotary Club of Martinsburg

GRAPEVINE

November 11, 2021

A Veterans Day Special

Today we honored all of our past and present Rotary Veteran's.



167AW HONOR GUARD

"Tracy Regalia started the Program by reading a letter from the Chief of the Air National Guard, Gen. Daniel Hokanson. "Only 1% of the American population serves our nation in uniform. Only 1% leave their families, their homes and the small, daily comforts of their lives to protect our nation to defend her from tyranny. Only 1% knows the sacrifices inherent in our profession of arms, yet fully embraces those sacrifices as necessary to sustain our American way of life. This Veterans Day, we honor that 1% and salute all who have served our nation," the letter read. Next, two members from the 167AW Honor Guard, MSgt Justin Bird and SrA Caley Arndt, performed a flag folding ceremony while Retired MSgt Regalia read the Military 13 Flag Fold script. The script ended with, "The United States flag represents who we are. It stands for the freedom we all share and the pride and patriotism we feel for our country. We cherish its legacy, as a beacon of hope to one and all. Long may it wave." Maya Regalia then lead us all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM

- USAF RET. SMSGT CAROL RHAN, WV AMBASSADOR FOR THE MILITARY WOMEN'S MEMORIAL & ORGANIZER OF VET S.P.E.A.K.
- MARINE VETERAN, GREG EDENS, VET CENTER
- MARINE VETERAN, MIKE CUTTER, BLACKOUT SPOKESMAN
- VIETNAM VETERAN, DAVE RANCK, PRESIDENT OF THE 4-STATE COMMUNITY VETERANS ENGAGEMENT BOARD



USAF Ret. SMSgt Carol Rhan

Carol Rhan began her presentation with a brief personal background, including some of the positions held during her 22-year AF career. She was a Russian Linguist, Special Agent, Counterespionage Case Officer, and Instructor to name a few. In addition, she has traveled the globe, stationed everywhere from California to Turkey to Germany, to DC and the list goes on and on. Rhan's USAF career is impressive to say the least.

S.P.E.A.K.

VET

SERVE-PARTNER-ENGAGE-ADVOCATE-KINDNESS
A MINISTRY OF THE UNITED METHODIST MARTINSBURG COOPERATIVE PARISH

Retired Senior Master Sgt. Carol Rahn, served in the United States Air Force 1973-1996. She is an organizer of the group Vet S.P.E.A.K., standing for serve, partner, engage and advocate with kindness. Additionally, Rahn is a charter member and a West Virginia ambassador for the Military Women's Memorial — the only historical repository documenting all military women's service. "The Military Women's Memorial honors and tells the stories of women, past and present, who serve our nation," Rahn said. "Today, 17% of the U.S. military are women. There are two million women veterans."



VET ★ CENTER



"Greg Edens, Veterans Outreach Program Specialist for the Martinsburg Vet Center and a United States Marine Veteran. "The vet center is a part of the VA center, and vet centers were established back in 1979 by Congress," Edens said. He said that the program started as a small group of Vietnam veterans that got together and did something about the way they felt after returning from deployment in Vietnam.

The Martinsburg Vet Center offers individual and group counseling for veterans, service members and their families, family counseling for military-related issues, bereavement counseling, military sexual trauma counseling and referral, community outreach and education, substance abuse assessment and referral, employment referral and referral of other VA services. "Vet centers are designed to be a welcoming approach to mental health care," he said. "This is one of the only federal entity programs that allows the significant other or the spouse to participate 100% free for life. This program is a hidden gem."

13 Heroes – Blackout Veterans Tribute Tour 2021

STAFF SGT. DARIN T. HOOVER, 31, OF SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.
SGT. JOHANNY ROSARIO PICHARDO, 25, OF LAWRENCE, MASSACHUSETTS.
SGT. NICOLE L. GEE, 23, OF SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA.
CPL. HUNTER LOPEZ, 22, OF INDIO, CALIFORNIA
CPL. DAEGAN W. PAGE, 23, OF OMAHA, NEBRASKA.
CPL. HUMBERTO A. SANCHEZ, 22, OF LOGANSPORT, INDIANA.
LANCE CPL. DAVID L. ESPINOZA, 20, OF RIO BRAVO, TEXAS.
LANCE CPL. JARED M. SCHMITZ, 20, OF ST. CHARLES, MISSOURI.
LANCE CPL. RYLEE J. MCCOLLUM, 20, OF JACKSON, WYOMING.
LANCE CPL. DYLAN R. MEROLA, 20, OF RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CALIFORNIA.
LANCE CPL. KAREEM M. NIKOUI, 20, OF NORCO, CALIFORNIA.
NAVY HOSPITALMAN MAXTON W. SOVIK, 22, OF BERLIN HEIGHTS, OHIO.
ARMY STAFF SGT. RYAN C. KNAUSS, 23, OF CORRYTON, TENNESSEE.



"Veteran Mike Cutter was at the event and was one of the presenters, representing the Black Out Veterans Memorial Truck, the Black Out Café for veterans near Reed's Pharmacy in Spring Mills and also the Black Out Veterans Stop.

"Some of you are probably familiar with the 13-state tour we just did. It just came back a couple of days ago, and there was a flag planted in 13 states for the 13 soldiers that never made it back from Afghanistan that we just recently lost," Cutter said. "I stayed at the store, but I was lucky enough, because we still had to plant a flag in Hagerstown, Chambersburg and the one in front of our new memorial. When we were in Chambersburg, the mayor introduced an older couple sitting next to us. It turns out that these were the parents of one of the men that never made it back from Afghanistan. We not only presented the City of Chambersburg with a flag, but we presented one to the mother and the father, too."



"Dave Ranck, with the Four State Community Veterans Engagement Board, wrapped up the program. The CVEB was developed based on some guidance issues by the VA center due to some controversy as to how well the veteran population was being treated in the public and to make sure the veterans had a voice within the community. "In West Virginia, there is a total of 167,365 veterans and that is the latest formation changing daily, and 123,797 are wartime veterans," Ranck said. "The CVEB started in 2016, and the goal of the Four State CVEB is to give veterans, their families, caregivers, and community stakeholders a voice in issues that impact veterans.""

Club Business/Announcements:

- Pete has put together a Nominating Committee in accordance with our bylaws. They have already put together some exciting candidates for Rotary offices for next year. In accordance with our bylaws, I am announcing that on Dec 9th we will hold elections and will either present multiple candidates for election to the open offices or will present a slate of candidates to be voted on. The bylaws are detailed, and we can make this as simple or complicated as we want. Please do think of ways you are willing to serve.
- Do remember that we have moved our lunch meeting on Thanksgiving week to Wednesday, November 24th, and Sandie at the Holiday Inn has approved that. We have told the Holiday Inn that we are having Christmas dinner December 16th, and hold our regular lunch meetings on probably canceling our meetings on Thursday, December 23rd and Thursday, December 30th.

Upcoming Programs:

- Nov 18 - High School Basketball Coaches
- Nov 24 – Salvation Army, Joshua Webb - This is a Wednesday***
- Dec 2 – Danny Staggers, Elder Law Attorney
- Dec 7 – Bord Meeting
- Dec 9 – Mark Baldwin, City Planner

50/50

Steve Cox sold tickets this week. Pam Wagoner's ticket number was drawn by Maya Regalia (the most innocent looking in the room). Chris Johnson drew a card for her and it was not the winning card.

November Wedding Anniversaries:

Wedding Anniversaries	Anniversary	Years
Fausey, Lisa & Brian	7-Nov	23
Roberts, Scott & Shannon	16-Nov	8

November Birthdays:

Member Birthdays	Birthday
Seibert, James M.	3-Nov
Curtis, E. Ross	10-Nov
Manley, Gary E.	20-Nov
Sink, Amanda	24-Nov
Sloan, Sara	24-Nov



November Member Anniversaries:

Member Anniversaries	Years
Carpenter, Jim	6
Curtis, Pamela	11
McCune, Wm. Richard Jr	47
Ouellet, Jim	3
Russell, Dean	33
Shull, Carol	1
Sloan, Sara	1
Smith, Wesley	1

Martinsburg Rotary Club – A Look Back in Time

The Life of Marshall Jones Beverley
 Banker, Mayor, Naval Officer, Community Leader,
 Fire Chief & Historian

Marshall Beverley's Memories of The Past
 1911 to 1996

GERALD R. FORD

February 29, 1996

Dear Marshall:

It was most enjoyable to receive your inscribed copy of *The Life of Marshall Jones Beverley*, which I have read with great interest. Your hand written comments plus the document brought back great memories of our wonderful friendship. I am grateful for your loyal support.

Congratulations on your outstanding career in business and public service. You and your family should be very proud of your lifetime of achievements.

Warmest, best wishes,

Mr. Marshall J. Beverley, Sr.
 Orchard View Estates
 Martinsburg, WV 25401

Some of you may remember Marshall Beverley, long time Rotarian. He wrote a book about his life and sent it to the President at the time, Gerald Ford (see above letter).

