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Looking Good

The February 15 meeting will feature Dr. Jerry Wodtli as the speaker. Dr. Wodtli is a local optometrist.

He has done many overseas missions for eye care in places such as Ethiopia, Vietnam, Jamaica, and several times in Mexico. He was an Air Force officer and served as the only doctor of optometry at Grand Forks in North Dakota for several years. He returned from Ethiopia last year after working there in a remote village to assist in the removal of cataracts among the Ethiopians. He returned from Viet Nam this year where he again worked in vision improvement.

Jerry Wodtli attended the University of Oregon in pre med then went to Pacific University in Hillsboro, Oregon, for optometry studies. Following that he was named the Young Doctor Of the Year for Optometry in the State of Washington; later he was named a fellow in the College of Optometry in the Division of Vision Development.

The meeting will be at Florentyna's at the Tri Cities Airport in Pasco. We have enjoyed the food there many times in the past; the menu for this month is

up to the same standards. Reservations to Bob Allen by

Sunday, February 13.

Membership renewals

Have you remembered to renew your membership? Membership dues for 2011 are \$15. Bring your dues to the February meeting or send your check made out to "Lewis & Clark Chapter," to:

Paul Seipt
232 Somerset Street
Richland WA 99354-1964

From HQ MOAA . . .

Relief from death recoupment?

Military retirement checks come on the first of the month; in effect, we are paid in advance. Under current law, when a military retiree dies, the pension for the remaining part of the month is recouped by the military. If you have direct deposit, the money is withdrawn from your checking account. Relief from this practice may be on the way. H.R. 493 (Rep. Jones, R-NC) would authorize survivors of retired service members to keep the full retired pay amount for the month in which the member died. If you feel strongly about this, a note to Doc Hastings would be a good idea.

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Military ID cards at age 65

ID cards for retired military members have an “indefinite” expiration date on the front of the card. On the back of the card is an expiration date for medical benefits that expires the month prior to you turning age 65. While your entitlement and access to medical benefits do not end after the expiration date, it could cause problems if you don’t update your card.

We recently received an email from a member who told us of his trip to the base pharmacy. He still used his original retired ID card with an expired medical date on the back. His card was confiscated by the pharmacy. Turns out, the base hospital implemented a local policy to confiscate cards in an effort to get cards updated for those over 65 years old.

In this fast paced, ever changing world, military ID cards have undergone several updates over the years, photos get old, and some service providers won’t understand the date on the back doesn’t render the card expired. People aren’t ID card experts. An expired date means one thing to most: game over. Save yourself the potential grief and get a new card when you turn 65.

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Florentyna’s
Tri Cities Airport
Pasco

Social hour at 6:30
Dinner at 7:00
\$25 per person

***A reservation made
is a reservation paid.***

February Meeting

Tuesday, February 15

Reservations by
Sunday, February 13

Bob Allen
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Menu

Chicken Parmesan
Tortellini Florentyna
Steamed Vegetables
Caesar Salad
Breadsticks
Cheesecake with assorted
toppings
Soda, coffee or tea