



COLUMBIA VOYAGER

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Speaker options in October

Our invited speaker for October, Representative "Doc" Hastings, won't have a firm schedule until next week, so he won't be able to confirm his appearance until after the newsletter is printed.

Since 1995, Doc has represented Washington's 4th Congressional District, which includes most of the central part of the state including Yakima, Wenatchee, and the Tri-Cities. He served in the Army Reserve from 1964 to 1969, completing his enlistment as a Spec 4. He studied business administration at CBC and Central Washington University and ran his family-owned business, Columbia Basin Paper and Supply, in Pasco. He and Clair have been married since 1967; they have three children.

We do have an excellent standby speaker, Captain Jeff Sagan, who will be the November speaker if Doc makes our October meeting. Captain Sagan, Washington National Guard, returned home after a tour in Balada, Iraq. He was the executive officer to an infantry company, managed a headquarters platoon, tactical operations center and served as commander when the company commander wasn't available. He planned convoy duty for his unit, going out with every 10th convoy himself. On

one convoy, his truck was hit with an improvised explosive device; he was shaken up but uninjured. Jeff was awarded the Bronze Star for his combat duty.

Jeff returned home to his wife, their two daughters (and one more child due), and his job with the Kennewick Police Department.

The meeting will be at the ever-popular Florentyna's at the Tri-Cities airport. They will serve the buffet menu that we have enjoyed in past years. Free parking at the airport with validation at dinner.

Please have your reservations in to Bob Allen by **Saturday, October 15.**

Retiree COLA in 2012?

As mild inflation continues, we should see a cost of living increase in military retirement (and social security payments) in the 3.4% to 3.7% range. The rate will be based on inflation since 2008, since 2009 and 2010 had negative inflation. Given the nation's financial problems, don't spend that money until it's in your checking account.

TRICARE prescription charges

Copayments for some medications provided through TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery are being reduced to zero. As of Oct. 1, Home Delivery

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beneficiaries may fill generic prescriptions at no cost to themselves. Generic formulary drugs purchased through Home Delivery currently cost \$3 for a 90-day supply.

The following changes to the TRICARE pharmacy copayments went into effect on Oct. 1:

- Generic formulary drugs purchased at retail pharmacies go from \$3 to \$5.
 - Brand name formulary drugs from retail pharmacies go from \$9 to \$12.
 - Non-formulary medications go from \$22 to \$25 in both retail and Home Delivery.
- Brand name formulary drugs purchased through Home Deli-

very will have the same \$9 copayment. Copayments for prescriptions filled through Home Delivery cover a 90-day supply, but only a 30-day supply when purchased at a retail pharmacy.

This is the first change to TRICARE pharmacy copays since 2002.

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Florentyna's
Tri-City Airport
Pasco

Social hour at 6:30
Dinner at 7:00
\$25.00 per person

*A reservation made
is a reservation paid.*

October Meeting

Tuesday, October 18

Reservations by
Saturday, October 15

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Menu

Chicken Parmesan
Tortellini with Proscuitto, Peas
and Mushrooms
Green Salad
Steamed Vegetables
Soft Breadsticks
House cheesecake
Soda, coffee or tea

Open Bar