



## New River Chapter

E-Newsletter of September 14, 2020

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SEPTEMBER CHAPTER SOCIAL... Tuesday (but not tomorrow), September 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the date for a first of its kind - BOTM!! While our normal meeting date is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, since Doug Ehrhardt "THOUGHT" (wishful thinking) that he was going to be participating in the Inaugural Desmond Doss Memorial Golf Tournament on September 14<sup>th</sup>, there was no way he would be home by September 15<sup>th</sup>. COVID-19, however, derailed his plans to be in upstate NY! So, now he wants to share that our monthly social will be on **Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 11:00 AM and it will be held atop the **Mount Jefferson State Park** (*another failure on my part is that I referred to the site in our newsletter as the New River State Park... mea culpa!!*) Anyway, the picnic pavilion is verboten due to COVID-19 social distance rules, but we plan to assemble around several of the barbeque sites – any gatherings must be limited to 25 or less, so if we congregate across several of the barbeques, no worry!! With that plan, we'll have sausage and eggs being offered at one, regular pancakes at another, and blueberry pancakes at a third! OK, with advance planning necessary, PLEASE RSVP to his e-newsletter and let me hear if you plan to attend – name and # in your party. As I said in the newsletter, there is nothing better than eggs cooked outside, and a brewed pot of coffee is even better! There will be OJ, too!

NOT enough to convince you to join us?? Board Member Charles Knapp recently met the owner of **Hole Lotta Donuts** who wanted to learn more about who/what we are and he wants to show us appreciation for all we do...SO, Butch Phillips and his wife will be joining us for BOTM and will be treating us with donuts and fritters from **Hole Lotta Donuts**.

*Want to rethink your RSVP now?*

Hope to see you on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 AM at the top of the Mount Jefferson State Park! Besides, where else could you possibly be on a Tuesday morning in beautiful Ashe County?

The 2020 edition of the New River Marathon, ½ Marathon and the 4 Mile will be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>...click here to see their website: [New River Marathon](#). Why, you ask, “is that important?” The race sponsor has been a strong supporter of the New River Chapter for our volunteer service to the many runners who come for the race. Our Chapter provides water, GatorAde and some performance gels to the marathon runners. The key word here is “VOLUNTEER!” We need 4 to 6 persons to come out on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at around 7:30 AM to help pass out the needed refreshments at two places along the race course. CAN YOU BE ONE OF THE THEM? Please RSVP to [douglas@ehrhardt.com](mailto:douglas@ehrhardt.com) and say “YES!” Hope to see you there!

Legislative Action Center. This is the time of the year that MOAA always has a full plate with numerous legislative actions. Click on this link - [MOAA Legislative Action Center](#) - to learn the many ways you can stay fully engaged in support to all our military – active, retired, Guard and Reserve, formerly serving and surviving spouses. Remember, “**NEVER STOP SERVING!**”

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The promo on their web site says that “*It is like running through a dream!*”



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