



# The Cog

Rotary Club No. 3503  
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November 11, 2015

### Call to Order

President Kathy Sampson opened the meeting and Rita Hilty offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Guests/Song/Birthdays

There were no visiting Rotarians, but we welcomed Fred and Virginia Loyer (parents of Cheryl Beineke who gave today's presentation), Joe and Janet Hilty (guests of Rita), Greg Foxhoven (guest of Susan C.), Kim Ray (guest of Tami S.), and Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim).

Kraig Noble led us in singing "You're a Grand Old Flag", and "Happy Birthday" to Jon Hall, Linda Haines, Frank Klatt, and Julie Kraner.

### Happy Dollars/Fines

President Kathy, Ellen Hunter, Bill Maki, and Kraig Noble were happy to have the Loyers attend the meeting. Kraig also added money for the Nebraska win over MSU. Rita Hilty was happy to have her in-laws attend for Veteran's Day (Joe was a P.O.W. and Rita's 'hero'). Pat Cogan added his dollar for Veteran's Day program at the Middle School, and Tami Sanford gave for her guest, Kim Ray. Frank Klatt came forward to show happiness for his treatment at JTD ICU and Julie Kraner was thankful for the military service of her father and husband, Jon.

Bill Maki levied the fines based upon quiz questions related to Veteran's Day and 'Generals'

### Announcements

- President Kathy asked all veterans to rise to be recognized by the Club.
- Kathy also welcomed DG Gary Newton back to his home club.
- Jeff Squire announced the Rotary Foundation program for 11/18/15; Members are asked to decide what they can give--come next week to learn more re: Paul Harris bonus points.

### Program

We were pleased to have Colonel Cheryl Beineke, a St. Marys native who returned from Colorado to present today's Veteran's Day program, entitled, "Embrace Veterans in Your Community".

After graduating from Memorial High School and a year at OSU, Cheryl headed to the Air Force

Academy to begin a distinguished military career. Since 1990, she's flown over 4,500 hours--C-17's, C-12's-- for a variety of missions. She has also flown a number of government officials and dignitaries around the world, with about four years of command responsibility.



Cheryl proceeded to explain what veterans can bring to our businesses, schools, government, and non-profit organizations. They often develop a very unique set of perspectives, shaped by all that they have experienced. These perspectives can help enrich any organization that they might join in their civilian life.

Veterans are also 'mission-focused'. Despite serious obstacles and 'impossible' tasks, they have the persistence to get the job done. They also have keen sense of the 'bottom-line' and understand well how to accomplish the objective with limited resources--a valuable skill for any civilian organization.

Cheryl went on to tell a couple of stories that demonstrated how difficult circumstances can teach military personnel to be resilient when things don't go as planned. They don't always have the latest

technology, but must find ways to work with what they have, using their creativity to adapt.

Cheryl related additional accounts of officers pitching in to unload planes and carry cargo--assuming more than their normal responsibilities out of a sense of commitment and teamwork.

In conclusion, Cheryl urged us to thank veterans--and their families--for their service and sacrifice. Capitalize on what a veteran can bring to your organization. Make them feel welcome and look for ways to get them involved in your community

### Queen of Hearts

Dick Hudson won \$11, but he could not find the Queen.

### Upcoming Programs

- 11/18/15 Jeff Squire--Rotary Foundation
- 11/25/15 Dru Martin
- 12/2/15 Marsha Fleagle

### Upcoming Greeters

- 11/18/15 Rita Hilty
- 11/25/15 Don Hinckley
- 12/2/15 Chris Honefanger

*\* Please note: All Rotarians scheduled to greet, please be in place by 11:30 a.m.*

The meeting was adjourned after recitation of the "Four Way Test".

