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OCRA's District C CEU and Social Event

***** The social event is full, please indicate during your online registration if you would like to be on cancellation list *****

Saturday, February 8, 2020

.3 CEU
(NCRA approved)

CEU and Educational Event

Motts Military Museum
5075 South Hamilton Road
Groveport, Ohio 43125

Social Event

Glass Axis
614 West Town Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215 *(Franklinton)*

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Registration *(Onsite registration available with added \$15 convenience charge)*

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Motts Military Museum
Personal walking tour and CEU/educational session
Richard Coots

Rich Coots, brother to OCRA District C Director Susan Coots, will provide a personalized educational tour of the Motts Military Museum. Motts Military Museum was founded in 1987 by Warren E. Motts of Groveport, Ohio, who established the museum as a 501(C)3 not-for-profit, tax exempt educational organization. The mission of Motts Military Museum is: *"To educate the public on the importance of America's military past through the documentation, collection, interpretation, and preservation of tangible artifacts and personal stories of the men and women who served and are serving in the United States Armed Forces."*

Originally established in the Motts family's 1870 residence, the museum moved in 1999 to a more modern 5,100 square foot facility with nearly four acres of land. The new building and grounds were given to the Museum through the generosity of Columbus Attorney Robert R. Richards who was a former special agent of the War Department during World War II. Over the next several years the museum grew in leaps and bounds. Donations poured in from veterans and their families. The museum secured many vehicles, military aircraft, and a Higgins Boat from World War II. In 2001, the museum broke ground for a new wing and as funds were available the museum's volunteer crew, many of whom were professional carpenters, electricians and other skilled tradesmen, worked on the 5,200 square foot area. By 2006, the entire structure was completed and paid in full. On May 23, 2015 the new wing was dedicated.

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Lunch on your own and travel to social event

2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Pre-Glass Blowing Check In and Networking

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Glass Axis
Glass Blowing Social Event

The glass blowing social event has sold out. Please indicate if you would like to be added to the cancellation list and notified if an opening occurs.

Alexandra Chew

Alexandra Chew, daughter of OCRA Past President Marie Fresch, will bring out our inner artist to allow each attendee to create their own glass-blown masterpiece.

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Richard Coots

Rich joined the Air Force in 1977 and was stationed at Davis Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona, where he worked on A-7 and A-10 aircraft, hospital rescue missions, and escorted out-of-commission aircraft to famous "Boneyard."

After an Honorable Discharge, he joined the Air Force Reserve worked on C-130 cargo planes while waiting for a job opening at Rickenbacker Air Force Base in Columbus, Ohio.

Once joining the 121st Air Refueling Wing at Rickenbacker, he was deployed to Panama and Guam, along with serving in an on-the-ground support role in Italy and France during the Balkan War; Saudia Arabia in 1997 in Operation Southern Watch; Turkey during Operation Northern Watch; Afghanistan during the Global War on Terror, and was a supervisor in the 145th Wing serving as a trainer in Chemical Warfare and Life Support.

The 121st Wing provided support during a hostage rescue mission in Curaçao and also provided a support role flying over New York and Washington, D.C. after 9/11.

Rich retired in 2008 after 31 years of service with many awards and recognition.

Rich has volunteered with Motts Military Museum since 1997 and, as part of that volunteer service, has enjoyed watching the museum continue to grow. One of the things of which he is most proud is escorting Prisoners of War during the Red, White and Boom! parade in downtown Columbus and 4th of July and Veteran's Day parades in other suburbs each year.