



Vice Admiral Matthew Kohler Commander Naval Info Forces



A native of Erie, Pennsylvania, Vice Adm. Matthew Kohler graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1983 and was commissioned an ensign in 1984 through the Aviation Officer Candidate School, Pensacola, Florida, as a naval intelligence officer. Kohler holds a master's degree from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in computer science and from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in military history. His operational tours include intelligence officer for Fighter Squadron 102 on USS America (CV 66); director of Intelligence (N2) for Commander Amphibious Squadron 1 on USS Peleliu (LHA 5); and N2 for Cruiser Destroyer Group 2, USS George Washington (CVN 73) Battle Group.

His shore tours include intelligence analyst and systems and communications officer for U.S. Naval Forces Europe in London; junior intelligence officer detailer and assistant community manager, Bureau of Naval Personnel in Washington, D.C.; deputy director of intelligence (J2), Joint Warfare Analysis Center in Dahlgren, Virginia; director of intelligence operations, United States Special Operations Command in Tampa, Florida; and director of intelligence (J2) for Joint Interagency Task Force South in Key West, Florida.

He has been the commander of Naval Information Forces in Suffolk, Virginia, since its establishment in October 2014. His other flag assignments include J2, U.S. Africa Command, in Stuttgart, Germany; deputy director of naval intelligence, in Washington D.C.; deputy commander Fleet Cyber Command/U.S. 10th Fleet; and deputy chief of tailored access operations, National Security Agency, in Fort Meade, Maryland.

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Supporting Cast:

President: *Dennis Lagan*

Greeter: *Jaimee Black*

Invocation: *Amanda Ulbrich*

Pianist: *Bruce Gingrich*

Song Leader: *Claudine Thiem*

Sgt at Arms: *James Hynes*

Speaker Intro: *Bob Allshouse*

Program Schedule 12:00 pm Lunch Meeting

at the Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel
Free Parking in the garage!

11:30 am buffet opens | Noon meeting

MAY 16:

Mark Alexa

Community Shelter Services
Lunch Meeting @ Sheraton

MAY 23:

Christine Riehl

Fair Districts PA
Lunch Meeting @ Sheraton

MAY 30:

NO MEETING

in observance of
Memorial Day



Rotary Club of Erie—International Service Project 2018

This year's international service project, approved by the board, is to provide sponsorship for the public lecture by Noble Peace Laureate Jody Williams at the 2018 *Peace Jam Ghana*, June 28-July 1.

Target: Raise \$1000 from donations by club members

This will be matched by \$1000 contributed by the Rotary Club of Erie

These contributions will be matched (up to \$2000) by Joyce Miller*



WEST AFRICA CENTRE FOR PEACE FOUNDATION (WACPF)

LECTURE BY NOBLE PEACE LAUREATE JODY WILLIAMS

On

Finding the Balance: Security and Human Rights in the Contemporary World



1997 Noble Peace Laureate

The 2018 PEACEJAM Ghana is a two-day, residential Youth Conference event with a public lecture featuring the Nobel Peace Laureate from America, Jody Williams - a peace activist and a driving force in the international campaign against landmines. (<http://www.peacejam.org/nobels/Jody-Williams/>)

The lecture will be attended by Rotarians, Rotaracts, government officials, security service personnel, academia, teachers and head teachers, religious groups, chiefs, civil society operatives, the media and other stakeholders, including the general public. The lecture will be on the topic "Finding the Balance: Security and Human Rights in the Contemporary World."

Name: _____

Donation Amount: _____

Contact Gary Flick (agflick1@neo.rr.com) to submit your donation. You can make your check out to the **Scholarship Foundation of the Rotary Club of Erie** (for a tax deductible donation).

* Joyce Miller, a Rotary Peace Fellow in 2012, attended the PEACE JAM GHANA conference in 2017, and saw, firsthand, the power of these conferences for youth in Ghana with respect to their acquiring leadership, as well as peace and conflict resolution skills. The WACPF, which runs these conferences, was founded by Wisdom Addo, a Rotary Peace Fellow who served in the same cohort with Joyce at the Rotary Peace Center in Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand. Wisdom has visited Erie over the past and made presentations to our Rotary club regarding his peace work in Ghana.





Haiti Mission Benefit

**Donations can be made to Karen Burton Horstman
any time until the team leaves on **July 10th****

Checks can be made out to *Villa Maria Mission Club.*

**Questions?
contact Karen:
kbh@burtonfuneralhome.com**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to you!

We want to send lots of birthday wishes to

Elizabeth Monsalve on May 6

Michael McCormick on May 7

Dave Lastowski on May 8

Matt Zonno on May 10

and Betsy Bort on May 11

We hope you enjoy your day!



- MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES -

Member Birthdays

Name	Date
Staab, Caroline	May 02
Monsalve, Elisabeth	May 06
McCormick, Michael A.	May 07
Lastowski, Dave	May 08
Zonno, Matt	May 10
Bort, Betsy	May 11
Jackson, Bill	May 12
McCracken, Phyllis	May 18
Watkins, Lisa	May 21
Murphy, David J	May 23
Sieber, Derek	May 23
Weis Frigon, Susannah	May 23
Briggs Jr., Lewis T.	May 25
Pytlarz, Terry	May 25
Bloomstine, William C.	May 28
Briggs, David T.	May 29
Daneri, Jack	May 29
Louis, F Brady	May 29
Victor, Michael	May 29
Strausbaugh, Roy	May 30
Scott, Nicholas C	May 31



Date Joined Rotary

Name	Years	Date
Flick, Gary	13 years	May 04 2005
Lamb, Rick	7 years	May 04 2011
Staab, Caroline	1 year	May 05 2017
Hattjar, Bernadette	4 years	May 07 2014
Lillis, William L	43 years	May 07 1975
Zonno, Matt	6 years	May 09 2012
Kuvshnikov, Joseph	9 years	May 20 2009
Nietupski, Esq, Gery T	27 years	May 22 1991
Cicchetti, Geri	12 years	May 24 2006
Weis Frigon, Susannah	3 years	May 27 2015
Brinling Jr., John J.	34 years	May 30 1984
Harf, Walter O	23 years	May 31 1995

