JOANNA BARD NEWTON’S CENTENNIAL YEAR CELEBRATION: MARCH, 2017

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PROGRAM/QUARTERLY DINNER 2016

DINNER DATE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016
TIME: SOCIAL HOUR, 5:30; DINNER, 6:30
PRICE: $40, ACTIVE MILITARY, $15
ACTIVE MILITARY SPOUSE, $15
RESERVATION MUST BE IN BY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2016

Please go to the FOB website www.bardmansion.org for dinner reservation & and security forms or see newsletter insert.
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Jim Daniels, Master Chief; Captain Bill Hodge; Larry Downing; Sergeant David Wilson 101st Airborne; Corporal Ron Monteau USMC; Captain Bob Quinn

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Our holiday tradition continues this year, with an encore performance of the wonderful Boys and Girls Club Choir. A new director, J.C. Frederickson, will lead the always captivating children in their repertoire of old and new songs of the season. Don’t miss their delightful performance!

Our festival of lights and decorations will also return to the Mansion, and play their smooth jazzy seasonal music, as we dine on a traditional dinner of turkey and all the trimmings, surrounded by beautiful lights and decorations, celebrating this special time of the year.

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