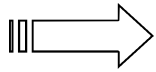


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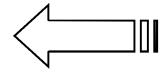
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# NEWS

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*Renew your dues – please see page 5!*



## LUNCHEON: ROTC/JROTC APPRECIATION DAY

**WHERE:** Manor House Restaurant  
600 Maple Trace Dr., Springdale, OH (Gathering Room)

**WHEN:** FRIDAY, 9 January 2009

**TIME:** 11:30 AM – Social Time  
12:00 PM – Luncheon ..... Program follows Luncheon

Please join us in recognizing the ROTC and JROTC units that we support. This year we have Xavier and UC ROTC, and Live Oaks and Hamilton JROTC.

Due to the sudden passing of Chapter President John Erby, it has caused the Board to assess the Chapter's immediate future, as well as its plan for the long term. To those ends, Tom Grimes, a former Chapter President, has agreed to serve as Chapter President through 2009 and to lead the Board in the development of the Chapter's future. Several members have stepped forward and agreed to fill vacant positions on the Board, but there is a need to fill more positions. Job descriptions have been posted on the Chapter web page [www.cincymoaa.org](http://www.cincymoaa.org). The 2009 Board is expected to be in place in April 2009, and the Board will be soliciting new Board members until then. Remember the board meetings are open to everyone and we want everyone's input. Send email to [chmader@fuse.net](mailto:chmader@fuse.net) if you want to nominate yourself or someone else.

**LUNCH RESERVATION:** Friday, 9 January 2009—Manor House Restaurant—Springdale, OH.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Rank & Service:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Spouse/Guests:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(ARE YOU A NEW MEMBER, OR FIRST TIME OUT? \_\_\_\_\_)

Entrée choices: (each meal includes Salad, Rolls & Butter & Iced Tea or Coffee)

Lunch BUFFET \_\_\_\_\_ \$12.00  
(Menu changes daily but always includes a selection of homemade soups, 3 salad selections, three entrees, two vegetable dishes and a side dish and includes Manor House bread pudding for dessert )

Total Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks payable to GREATER CINCINNATI CHAPTER/MOAA and mail to **LTC PAUL FELLINGER, 5493 Delhi Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45238-5139**, (Phone (513) 451-9881) or email: [paulf@shriverco.com](mailto:paulf@shriverco.com). Please make reservations NLT than 7 January. No cancellations after that date.

## 2008 CHAPTER OFFICERS AND BOARD

(phone #'s are area code 513 unless noted)

### Executive Committee

President	1LT John Erby, USAR	777-1538
Immed PP	CWO3 Kym Mader, USN	759-0852
1st VP	CWO3 Kym Mader, USN	759-0852
2nd VP	LTC James Hoeh, USAR	481-4045
Secretary	MAJ Ed Knox, USAF	674-7755
Treasurer	LTC Paul Fellingner, USAR	451-9881
Chaplain	Vacant	
Dir Govt Rel	CAPT Clyde Middleton, USN	859 331-1879
Past Natl Bd	MAJ Isaac Mincy, USAF	542-6145

### State Council

Delegate	CAPT Jack Meyer, USN	489-7361
Alt Delegate	LTC James Hoeh, USAR	481-4045

### Committees

Program	COL Dean Smittle, USAF	922-6018
Arrangements	LTC Paul Fellingner, USAR	451-9881
Membership	CWO3 Kym Mader, USN	759-0852
Goodwill	Vacant	
Personal Affairs	Vacant	
Historian	Vacant	
Public Affairs	COL Dean Smittle, USAF	922-6018
R.O.T.C.	1LT John Erby, USAR	777-1538
CinMoaaNews	CWO3 Kym Mader, USN	759-0852

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Air Force	LTC Jim Sholar, USAF	859 384-2922
Marine Corps	MAJ Parker Lillie, USMC	281-5807

## PURPOSES OF THE GREATER CINCINNATI MOAA CHAPTER

*The purposes of Military Officers Association of America as stated by national are printed on the outside of each Newsletter. The corresponding purposes of our Chapter as stated in our BYLAWS, Article II are:*

- (a) To promote the purposes and objectives of the Military Officers Association of America
- (b) To foster fraternal relations among retired, active and former officers of the uniformed services.
- (c) To protect the rights and interests of personnel of the uniformed services and their dependents and survivors.
- (d) To provide useful services for members and their dependents and survivors.
- (e) To serve the community and the nation.

*Your officers and Board members welcome your comments and suggestions on steps that may be taken to strengthen our Chapter and its benefits to all members.*

### LOCAL Chapter:

*CinMoaa News is published to arrive at your home 10 days before each meeting. Articles and corrections for the News must be in the hands of editor 4 weeks before each meeting date. – Mail to CinMoaa News, 8099 Pepper Pike, West Chester, OH 45069. Or E-mail [chmader@fuse.net](mailto:chmader@fuse.net).*

### For MOAA National information:

Visit the MOAA Web Site - INTERNET ADDRESS  
[HTTP://www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org)

### TAPS

**CAPT Charlotte Smith, US Public Health - Aug 18, 2008**  
**1LT John Erby, US Army - Nov 9, 2008**  
**COL Erwin Zimov, US Army - Nov 10, 2008**

If you know a member of MOAA who has past away, please let us know so we may pass it on.

**MEETINGS - Mark your Calendars NOW! Watch [www.cincymoaa.org](http://www.cincymoaa.org) for updates.**

### REGULAR MEETINGS FOR 2009

Fri. Jan 9 (Lunch)

**2009 Ohio State Council State Convention — September 18-20 at the Crown Plaza in Columbus**

### BOARD MEETINGS - TBD.

Spouses and guests are welcome at all meetings.

### NEXT MEETING

**TBD**

## *Remembering 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. John W. Erby*



John W. Erby was born May 7, 1940 in Rosston Arkansas to Mary T. Harvey and John Erby and was the oldest of six children. He grew up in Fresno, CA under the care of his grandparents, Willie and Ida Harvey, where he learned to play baseball and football. His talent on the field developed at the University of California Berkeley and he later became the first black football coach in the Pac-8 [now the Pac-10] and the first NCAA football coach with a leg amputation. He received his B.A. degree in Criminology.

He enlisted in the army and served in Korea as a sergeant & Vietnam as a lieutenant. He lost part of his right leg to a mortar round in the 25<sup>th</sup> Division's biggest battle, Battle at Fire Support Base Burt (Sui Kut), and received the Purple Heart Medal. Many who know him may not have known that he was an amputee.

His additional military awards include: Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, RVN Wound Metal, Army Service Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, Valorous Unit Citation, RVN Gallantry Cross, RVN Civic Action Honor Medal, and an inductee into Ohio's Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2005.

John also participated in several other organizations: 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment Society, Charlie Company Association, Military Officers Association, American Legion Post 513, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4075, Disabled American Veterans, and served as president of Military Officers of America.

He was an untiring advocate for veterans and veteran's affairs for many years, including membership on the Governor's Board of Veteran's Affairs; was president of the Board of Directors for Joseph House for homeless vets; president of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 10. He also served as Chapter Adjutant for the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and was instrumental in re-activating one of the oldest chapters in Ohio that had been inactive for over 10 years.

John was especially proud to work with young people in a variety of activities such as ROTC, classroom presentations at several local schools, and tours with groups of students at four "moving wall" presentations of the Vietnam Memorial.

Those who knew John loved him. He never met a stranger who didn't become his friend. When he was not working, he spent time listening to jazz, reading mystery novels, watching football (Go Bears!), golfing, and cooking – he was a great cook.

He leaves to cherish his memory: beloved wife of 39 years Delores, daughters Kimberly and Shannon; brothers Terrell Thomas (Glenda), Bruce Thomas, Bill Self (Patricia), Dolphus Trotter (Shirley), Bill Gray (Ella); sisters Wilma Francis (Charles), Gwen Williams (Michael), Bennie Lee, Chrystal Headlam and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who loved him dearly.

We will forever miss his smile, his encouragement, his friendship, and his love.

# Auxiliary Corner

Violet Smith, cochair, Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee

To all the military members (surviving spouses) of MOAA, get moving and get busy! And you don't need to put on your sweats or get ready to do push-ups. We — MOAA's Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee — want you to do another type of exercise for us. This is the Year of the Chapter, and it will continue on into 2009, so we all need to get busy, get moving, and get working to find new members for national MOAA and your local MOAA Chapter.

Here is the plan in two steps. It might sound challenging, but we're sure it will work, and we're confident you can do it.

**Step No. 1:** Talk with your neighbors and people you meet in church, in the post office, or even at the grocery store. Find out who's eligible to be a MOAA member. Put on your MOAA pin, and you can be sure when people see it, more than a few will ask you about it.

**Step No. 2:** Explain what MOAA is, why you're a member, and what MOAA has done for you. If you show enthusiasm, you are going to start winning people over. Be positive, and let them know, by joining our association, they can discover so many things MOAA does to help them. There are a lot of folks out there who do not know about MOAA, and you certainly can help by getting the work out and encouraging them to join national MOAA and your Chapter.

Think of what you used to do with a hula hoop. (Do you remember them?) It was a hilarious game in which you had to swivel your hips to keep the hoop going around your waist, and periodically you had to lean in the correct direction to keep it going. So let's swivel a bit and get in the direction of the many folks who are eligible to become a member of MOAA and your local chapter. It can be a great deal of fun to invite a newcomer to your MOAA meetings. In fact, word might spread among your friends and your community about how active you are because of your involvement in a MOAA chapter. The next thing you know, they will want to join you in the chapter. It just requires a little work on your part.

This plan is designed to add fun to your daily exercise routine — “stretch out, catch a new member,” and keep the hula hoop going in the direction of helping national MOAA and your local chapter.

Auxiliary members make great MOAA members. They have a lot to offer and are dedicated. So let the exercise begin. Get out there, and bring in new members.

The surviving spouses of MOAA are the heart behind One Powerful Voice.

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## TRICARE Premium Cuts Coming for Reserves

The Defense Department has announced significant premium reductions for Guard and Reserve personnel participating in the TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS) program, beginning Jan. 1, 2009. For a single member the monthly premiums will drop to \$47.51 monthly (vs. the current \$81). For family coverage, the premium will drop to \$180.17 monthly (vs. the current \$253).

MOAA and The Military Coalition have asserted for years that the Defense Department was overcharging beneficiaries for their TRS coverage by inappropriately basing premiums on federal civilian health insurance costs. Earlier this year, the Government Accountability Office confirmed that TRS participants were being overcharged significantly, based on the costs of actually delivering TRS care. (By law, TRS premiums are supposed to cover 28% of the cost.) The Defense Department acknowledged the truth of the GAO assessment, but declined to exercise its authority to reduce the premiums.

MOAA and others then successfully petitioned Congress to mandate a premium reduction, which was included in the FY2009 Defense Authorization Act signed into law in October.

MOAA regrets that the law didn't also require retroactive refunds for past overcharges, but a prospective change still provides much-needed relief.

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## New Rules Ease Job Woes for Military Spouses

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) recently announced new proposed rules that would make it easier for spouses of military members to get jobs with the federal government. The new rules will allow federal agency managers to hire military spouses non-competitively - and skip the normal requirement to advertise a federal opening.

The new rules apply only to spouses who follow their military member on a military directed move and spouses of members seriously disabled or killed by service. The change will be retroactive for spouses who moved within one year of when the regulation takes effect.

OPM posted the new regulations on the Federal Register for a 30-day public comment period on December 5. After the public comment period and any subsequent revisions by OPM, the new rules will go into effect.

## 2008 DUES ARE DUE! Please pay now- IF you haven't done so.

To determine whether your dues are paid, please check your address sticker on the other side of this form. **The year is shown for the latest year for which your dues are paid.** (Life members show LIFE). If your number is (2005) or lower, please return this form (with your name sticker on reverse) along with a check for your dues to bring you up to current year. Please mark your selection of dues (one year, multi-year or life). For those of you who receive your newsletter by email, your dues date is located in the TO line of your email after your name. If you are moving out of state and don't want to continue your chapter membership or have any other status change, please let us know. Also please indicate on your check the year(s) your dues are for.

Membership Renewal. Your email address please: \_\_\_\_\_

**Regular Member** \_\_\_\$28 for three years \_\_\_\$19 for two years \_\_\_\$10.00 for one year

**Auxiliary Member** (as the surviving spouse of a deceased officer)

\_\_\_\$14 for three years \_\_\_\$9.50 for two years \_\_\_\$5.00 for one year

Please renew as a LIFE member. \_\_\_\_ (Please circle amount in fee schedule.)

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(Fee is based on your age, nearest birthday)		
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Age 56 to 70	\$127.50	\$63.75
Age 71 to 89	\$ 93.75	\$46.90
Age 90 and over	\$ 10.00	\$ 5.00

Make check payable to: Greater Cincinnati Chapter / MOAA

Mail Renewal form and check to:

LTC Paul Fellingner, 5493 Delhi Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45238-5139

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### NOT A MEMBER OF YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER YET? Join Today on Us

Don't miss your one-time opportunity to join a chapter now through MOAA's **complimentary** one-year chapter membership offer. You'll find details in your **October 2008 Military Officer** magazine with an easy to mail postcard. With more than 400 MOAA chapters nationwide, there's sure to be a chapter near you that provides opportunities to meet and network with people who share your values of patriotism, honor, and selflessness.

## 2009 BOARD NOMINATIONS

Due to the recent loss of our President, the elections for the 2009 Board has been postponed. Here are the current nominees for the 2009 Board. We have seen an increased interest in members to serve on the board and committees, but we are still in need of nominees. Submit your nominees or let us know if you are interested in being on the board. Email me [chmader@fuse.net](mailto:chmader@fuse.net). Committee positions will be assigned by the President as needed.

### Elected Positions

**President - LTC Tom Grimes**

**Secretary - MAJ Ed Knox**

**1st VP - CWO3 Kym Mader**

**Treasurer - LTC Paul Fellingner**

**2nd VP - LTC Jim Hoeh**

**Chaplain - OPEN FOR NOMINATION**

**Legislative Officer - OPEN FOR NOMINATION**

### Appointed Positions

**Membership - OPEN**

**Newsletter Editor - CWO3 Kym Mader**

**Program Chair - OPEN**

**Personal Affairs - OPEN**

**ROTC Liaison - OPEN**



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 OF AMERICA***

- TO inculcate and stimulate love of country and flag;
- TO defend the honor, integrity, and supremacy of our National Government and the Constitution of the United States;
- TO advocate military forces adequate to the defense of our country;
- TO foster fraternal relations between all branches of the various services from which our members are drawn;
- TO further the education of children of service personnel;
- TO aid active and retired personnel of the various services from which our members are drawn and their dependents and survivors, in every proper and legitimate manner;
- TO present their rights and interests when service matters are under consideration; and
- TO foster the integrity and prestige of uniformed service.

—*from the Preamble to the Association's Bylaws*