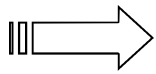


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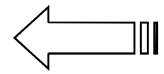
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# NEWS

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*Renew your dues – please see page 5!*



## LUNCHEON: BOB MCDONALD, CEO, PROCTER & GAMBLE

**WHERE:** Highland Country Club  
931 Alexandria Pike, Fort Thomas, KY 41075 (Main Dining Room)  
**WHEN:** Thursday, 4 March 2010  
**TIME:** 11:30 AM – Social Time  
12:00 PM – Luncheon ..... Program follows Luncheon

Featuring: Mr. Bob McDonald, CEO, Procter & Gamble and Graduate of West Point  
(Mr. McDonald will address the impact of his education and military service on his career)



Bob McDonald is the Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of Procter & Gamble. With nearly 30 years of brand-building, market development, global business unit and global operations leadership experience across the Company and throughout the world, he is the most broadly experienced CEO in P&G history.

Bob was born in Gary, Indiana, and raised in the Chicago area. In 1975, he graduated from West Point in the top 2% of his class with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering. After graduation, he served as a Captain in the U.S. Army for five years, before joining Procter & Gamble in 1980, where he began his career working on prominent brands such as Dawn, Cascade and Tide. He spent most of the 1990s leading P&G's businesses in the Philippines, Japan, and Korea, including responsibility for P&G's Hair Care business in Asia and P&G Beauty business in Japan.

In 2007, Bob received the inaugural Leadership Excellence Award from the U.S. Naval Academy and *Harvard Business Review* and has been recognized with the President's Leadership Award from the Far East Council of Boy Scouts. Bob advises Duke University, West Point, Northwestern University, the University of Utah, and St. Petersburg State University in Russia, and is Special Goodwill Envoy of Hyogo Prefecture, Japan.

Bob is a passionate reader and never misses his early morning workouts. He resides in Cincinnati with Diane, his wife of 32 years. They are the parents of two grown children, Jennifer and Robert.

**LUNCH RESERVATION:** Thursday, 4 March 2010—Highland Country Club—Fort Thomas, KY.

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

Entrée choices: (Menu changes daily but always includes a selection of homemade soups, salad, and entree)

Lunch BUFFET \_\_\_\_\_ \$12.00

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. Please make reservations NLT than 25 February. No cancellations after that date.

## 2010 CHAPTER OFFICERS AND BOARD

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

### Executive Committee

|                 |                           |          |
|-----------------|---------------------------|----------|
| President       | LTC Tom Grimes, USA       | 681-8295 |
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| 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                    |          |
| Legislative Ofc | BG Tom O'Brien, USA       | 421-0118 |
| Past Natl Bd    | MAJ Isaac Mincy, USAF     | 542-6145 |

### State Council

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

### Committees

|                  |                      |          |
|------------------|----------------------|----------|
| Program          | CPT Dale Stalf, USA  | 852-6078 |
| Membership       | MAJ Ed Knox, USAF    | 674-7755 |
| Personal Affairs | CWO3 Kym Mader, USN  | 759-0852 |
| Historian        | Vacant               |          |
| Public Affairs   | Vacant               |          |
| TOPS             | LTC Bob Knueven, USA | 875-2299 |
| R.O.T.C.         | CAPT Jack Meyer, USN | 489-7361 |
| CinMoaaNews      | CWO3 Kym Mader, USN  | 759-0852 |

### Service Representatives

|              |                         |              |
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| Army         |                         |              |
| Navy/CG/PHS  | CAPT Jack Meyer, USN    | 489-7361     |
| 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

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.**

**NEXT BOARD MEETING - Feb 5th., Xavier Univ ROTC Gymnasium Time - 1300**

Spouses and guests are welcome at all meetings.

### NEXT MEETING

**May 14th— Manor House Restaurant, Maple Knoll—Financial Planning**

## ***FROM THE PRESIDENT***

We strongly urge your attendance at our March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Chapter is honored that Mr. Bob McDonald, the new Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Procter and Gamble Company, has accepted the invitation of the Chapter to address our association in our membership meeting. The Cincinnati Enquirer, in a front page story on the “New P&G Chief,” while citing his graduation from the US Military Academy and his service in the army, states “—he doesn’t practice a military management style.” We will have the opportunity to hear directly, however, how his military experience has influenced his career on his journey to the leadership of Cincinnati’s famous Fortune 500 world wide company.

Thanks to everyone who demonstrated their support for Junior ROTC in Ohio, especially Representative Danny Bulp, a retired US Marine colonel from West Union, who co-sponsored the bill in the Ohio legislature that provided continuation of graduation credit for JROTC toward graduation. His bill was signed into law by Ohio Governor Strickland this January. Representative Bulp represents the 88th House District, which includes Brown County and parts of Adams and Clermont counties. The “One Powerful Voice” slogan of the Military Officers Association is a clear statement that all who support the military must work together to meet our common objectives, as expressed in the “Purposes” statements of both the Chapter and the National organization that are listed in all our newsletters. We recommend that you review these statements periodically. We need to remain ready to urgently contact our elected representatives to support military related legislation. The impact of the present economy and other potential redirection in our government portend change. I see our organization as a coiled spring ready to release energy to be spent in support of our military when needed most.

Thanks also to the members of the Board of this organization who work tirelessly to further the objectives of this organization.

Tom Grimes. LTC, USA, ret, President.

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## **MOAA GOALS FOR VETERANS**

House Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Bob Filner (D-CA) and Ranking Member Steve Buyer (R-IN) welcomed MOAA and other military and veterans groups Wednesday for a wide-ranging discussion on 2010 legislative priorities for veterans. MOAA Deputy Director Bob Norton, USA-Ret. testified for the Association.

More than a dozen legislators participated in the session.

MOAA-cited goals included:

- VA caregiver compensation and benefits legislation
- Readjustment of wounded warriors - 'seamless transition', with priority attention for veterans with PTSD/TBI, women veterans and those at risk of becoming homeless. A separate joint DoD-VA agency should be created to oversee multiple initiatives
- Overhaul of the VA claims system. MOAA recommends moving to a paperless, integrated system as quickly as possible to address a backlog expected to approach a million claims
- Survivors' benefits upgrades, including increased dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC), allowing DIC retention for survivors who remarry after age 55, and creating a housing allowance for survivors who use survivor educational benefits
- GI Bill Upgrades, including coverage for full-time National Guard servicemembers on state active duty orders, allowing NOAA and USPHS officers to transfer benefits to family members, and streamline the rate mechanism for the cost of attending a public college.

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## **OIC—Another big challenge Your HELP needed! And a new name!**

We have received a \$2,000 challenge from a non-member supporter of Operation Iraqi Children—the school kits project. Since November 2004, we have made 20 shipments totaling 2478 school kits to be distributed to school children by U. S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. All new donations will be matched dollar for dollar until the entire amount is matched. A major packing effort is planned for February 20, and we still need more money to pay for the supplies. With a full match, we will get very close to the 3,000 kit mark—not bad when our initial goal set in 2004 was 30 kits! We recognize there are increasing demands for our contributions everywhere – not least for Haiti – yet our troops still need our help with this great project

Please send checks marked OIC to LTC Paul Fellingner, 5493 Delhi Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45238-5139.

It’s still OIC, but the full name has changed to Operation INTERNATIONAL Children to recognize the broader engagement in U.S. troops.

## AUXILIARY CORNER

### New Leaders Join Team

Ana Smythe, MOAA Staff Advisor, Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee

MOAA's Annual Meeting in San Diego Oct 22-24 was the occasion for significant changes in the association's Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee (AMAC). The most difficult change for staff and committee members was saying goodbye to two plank holders who have served the auxiliary members of MOAA for six years.

Carolyn Epling was a member of the task force that recommended establishing the AMAC and became the first chair. Her grassroots legislative involvement gained her respect from the government relations team, and her leadership spurred the AMAC to establish and achieve many goals.

Charter member Violet Smith became cochair several years into her tenure, and together, Epling and Smith worked to highlight the importance of auxiliary members for MOAA. Smith also made significant contributions to the Council and Chapter Affairs Committee. Their dedication and commitment to the goals of both MOAA and auxiliary members make this loss even more difficult.

Joanne Steen and Karin Manning have been elected as the new AMAC cochairs. They bring wealth of knowledge and experience to the table, ensuring the superb leadership of the AMAC will continue as they develop new goals for the year ahead.

As is the policy, when two members step down, two new members are selected. The new members are Pat Schechter, from Tucson, Ariz., and Joyce Harte, from Bradenton, Fla. Both of these women have a wealth of talent and a strong commitment to MOAA. Schechter, who currently is serving as secretary of MOAA's Tucson (Ariz.) Chapter, is past national president of the Society of Military Widows. Harte is the MOAA-Bradenton (Fla.) Chapter's auxiliary liaison and brings knowledge from a career in teaching and school administration. Impressive resumes, a desire to serve, and a history of working on a team ensure each will make valuable contributions as the AMAC looks for new ways to serve MOAA's 60,000 auxiliary members.

A real highlight of the annual meeting was the presentation of MOAA's first Auxiliary Liaison of the Year Award. This year, the AMAC selected Bernice Wilson, an outstanding auxiliary liaison from the Kings-Tulare Counties (Calif.) Chapter. Wilson has done a remarkable job, staying in close touch with her chapter auxiliary membership, reporting on AMAC activities and efforts, and frequently contributing content to MOAA's Web site for surviving spouses, [www.moaa.org/survivors](http://www.moaa.org/survivors). MOAA Chair Gen. Richard I. Neal, USMC-Ret., presented the award. What a fitting culmination to this significant event for our auxiliary members!

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## DID YOUR NET RETIREMENT PAY DROP IN JANUARY?

Federal income tax withholdings increased slightly in January, yielding a net reduction in most members' military retired pay checks.

But the withholdings adjustment wasn't some new tax increase. It occurred because last year's economic stimulus package provided extra money in retirees' checks for the last eight months of 2009.

For 2009 and 2010, last year's Making Work Pay provision of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act authorized a refundable tax credit of up to \$400 for working individuals and up to \$800 for married taxpayers filing joint returns. The law was enacted in February 2009 and the IRS needed additional time to adjust tax withholding tables. Because of that delay, the \$400/\$800 tax reduction for calendar year 2009 had to be packed into the May-December paychecks rather than equally spread over the January-December checks.

In 2010, by contrast, the \$400/\$800 withholding reduction could be spread over the full 12 months of the year.

An example will illustrate. Reducing withholding by \$400 over 8 months of 2009 meant a single person's taxes went down \$50 a month for May thru Dec of 2009. In 2010, that same \$400 withholding reduction will be spread over 12 months...meaning their taxes are reduced by \$33.33 a month for 2010.

So between Dec 2009 and Jan 2010, they'll see their withholding increase (and take-home pay go down) by \$16.67.

So there was no new law or tax change. It's just that the two-year stimulus withholding initiative could not be implemented until the spring of 2009, so the tax withholding schedule had to be different for 2009 and 2010 in order to give people full \$400 tax credit each year.

If there had been a COLA for 2010, most people probably wouldn't have noticed this unusual withholding issue.

But the absence of any COLA made the change obvious – far more obvious than the explanation is!

## 2010 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.)

Make check payable to: Greater Cincinnati Chapter / MOAA

Mail Renewal form and check to:

MAJ Ed Knox, 881 Yorkhaven Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45240-1254

| LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES                         |          |           |
|--|----------|-----------|
| (Fee is based on your age, nearest birthday) |          |           |
|  | Regular  | Auxiliary |
| Age up to 55                                 | \$161.25 | \$80.00   |
| Age 56 to 70                                 | \$127.50 | \$63.75   |
| Age 71 to 89                                 | \$ 93.75 | \$46.90   |
| Age 90 and over                              | \$ 10.00 | \$ 5.00   |

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### WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

- LTC Robert C. Pearson, USAF, Ret
- Rev (LTC) William C. Wagner, USAR
- LTC Randy Judd, USA
- COL Elizabeth Bowers-Klaine, USAF, Ret
- CAPT William Lotz, USPHS
- ENS Marguerita Lightfoot, USNR
- LCDR Robert Tanis, USN
- Phyllisanne Horne, AUX

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Your recently arrived February issue of *Military Officer* magazine includes four tear-out letters to key congressional leaders (two on page 36 and two on page 48), urging them to sustain needed defense budget funding and protect military health care.

Please sign, stamp, and mail these letters. We have also [posted the letters](#) on our website so you can print additional copies for family members and friends to sign.

If you don't get the *Military Officer* magazine, go to [MOAA](#) today and sign up to receive it. It is free with your MOAA Membership.

### BILLS OF INTEREST

The following is a selection of bills recently introduced in support of members of the military community.

- H.R. 4427 - Rep Joe Wilson (R-SC): Authorize a pay increase of 1.9 percent for members of the uniformed services for fiscal year 2011 (vs. the 1.4% expected in the defense budget)
- HR 4043 - Rep Carol Shea-Porter (D-NH): Recognize spouses of members of the Armed Forces who are serving in combat or have served in combat through the presentation of an official lapel button
- H.R. 4469 – Rep. Michael Turner (R-OH): Prevent revocation of child custody arrangements based upon the deployment of a military parent in support of a contingency operation



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***PURPOSES OF  
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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*