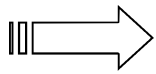


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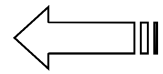
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NEWS

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Renew your dues – please see page 5!



DINNER: TERRORISM

WHERE: Clarion Hotel and Suites—Blue Ash
5901 Pfeiffer Rd, Blue Ash, OH (just west of I-71 at exit 15)

WHEN: SATURDAY, 4 February 2006

TIME: 6:30 PM – Social Time
7:30 PM – Dinner Program follows Dinner

Featuring: Professor Ed Bridgeman, UC/Clermont College, Criminal Justice Dept.

Prof. Bridgeman joined the University of Cincinnati Police in 1970 and served progressively as a Detective, Sergeant and Lieutenant before being appointed Chief in 1977. Prior to this he was a Special Investigator for the Hamilton Co. Juvenile Court.

In addition to graduating from the FBI National Academy, he has attended the US Secret Service Protective Operations Course, the University of Chicago Institute of Social Pathology, the Federal Law Enforcement Advanced Anti-Terrorism Management Course and the FBI's Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar. He has attended and contributed to numerous International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) seminars on protective services and mass violence. Prof. Bridgeman has also served as a consultant to the IACP, the American Red Cross/Disaster Services and the International Assoc. of Bomb Technicians and was Director of the Ohio Hazardous Device Training Project. He is an advisor on Terrorism training and curriculum to the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy and the Hamilton and Clermont County Emergency Management Agencies and a former member of the IACP Committee on Terrorism and the IACP Advisory Committee on International Policy. Prof. Bridgeman has published several articles on Terrorism and Police Administration. In 1998 he was appointed to the US Attorney General's Working Group on Hate Crimes and is one of those representing Clermont County on the Ohio Emergency Management Agency's Domestic Preparedness for Terrorism Program.

A lifelong resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, Prof. Bridgeman is married and has two married daughters.

DINNER RESERVATION: Saturday, 4 February 2006—Clarion Hotel and Suites—Blue Ash, OH.

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

Entrée choices: (Includes rolls, butter, salad or soup, vegetables, dessert and beverage)

ROAST PRIME RIB OF BEEF	_____	\$31.00
CHICKEN SUPREME ALMANDINE	_____	\$25.00
VEGETARIAN PASTA	_____	\$25.00

Total Reservations _____ = Total \$ _____

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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:

- To promote the purposes and objectives of the Military Officers Association of America
- To foster fraternal relations among retired, active and former officers of the uniformed services.
- To protect the rights and interests of personnel of the uniformed services and their dependents and survivors.
- To provide useful services for members and their dependents and survivors.
- 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.

For MOAA National information:

Visit the MOAA Web Site - INTERNET ADDRESS

[HTTP://www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org)

TAPS

LTC Earl Nichols, USAR - Nov 27, 2005

Chapter Goodwill Ambassador

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!

REGULAR MEETINGS FOR 2006

Sat. Feb 4 (Dinner), Sat. Apr 8 (Dinner), Fri. June 2 (lunch), Fri. Aug 4 (lunch), Fri. Oct 6 (lunch),
Fri. Dec 1 (lunch)**

BOARD MEETINGS - Naval Reserve Center - Gilbert Ave & Victory Parkway,
Fridays at 1300 hrs. In 2006: January 6, March 3, May 5, July 7, September 8, November 3.

Spouses and guests are welcome at all meetings.

** Clarion Hotel and Suites—Blue Ash

NEXT MEETING

TBD -

MOAA UPDATES

MOAA, Coalition Protest Retiree and Reserve Health Fee Hikes - The Defense Department has announced its intent to impose an 8.5% premium increase for TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS), the new healthcare option for drilling members of the Guard and Reserve. This increase - imposed even though the program has been offered only for a few months - is almost triple the percentage of the troops' 2006 pay raise (3.1%). Monthly TRS premiums will rise from \$75 to \$81 for single members and \$233 to \$253 for family plans.

If that weren't bad enough, MOAA has learned that Defense leaders are planning to propose shifting a far larger share of healthcare costs to all retirees as part of their budget submission for FY2007 (starting Oct. 1, 2006).

The new plan envisions establishing an enrollment fee for TRICARE Standard, which has no enrollment fee at present. It would also double the TRICARE deductible and more than triple the TRICARE Prime enrollment fee over the next three years, and then increase all of these fees annually by the percentage of inflation. Retired officers would be charged about one-third more than enlisted members. At this point, it appears that Medicare-eligibles would be exempt from the fee increases. It's not yet known whether the plan would also apply to survivors under age 65, but that would appear likely. See specifics of the plan, as related to us, at www.moaa.org/PropTricareFeeIncreases (pdf).

MOAA and The Military Coalition have sent letters to every member of the House and Senate Armed Services Committees protesting these plans www.moaa.org/TMCWarnerLtr (pdf).

Guard and Reserve members are already laying their lives on the line and disrupting their families for years at a time. This program was supposed to be a recruiting and retention incentive, but we're going to price the troops out of the market with these kinds of annual increases.

The fundamental issue is that military medical and retirement programs need to be substantially better than civilian programs. They are an essential offset to the extraordinary demands and sacrifices inherent in a military career - sacrifices that civilians don't have to deal with and wouldn't put up with. Jacking up healthcare costs for military retirees to follow corporate trends misses the whole point of why we have a unique military health plan.

Guard, reserve and retired families "already gave" to their country in a multitude of ways that civilians haven't and never will. If we're at all concerned about future recruiting, retention and readiness, we'd best not forget that.

A country that can afford billions for pork, billions to rebuild Iraq, and still cut billions in taxes every year can afford the cost of health coverage for military members and families who spent decades sacrificing their own freedoms to protect freedom for the rest of America.

TRICARE Reserve Select Enrollment is Climbing - The TRICARE Reserve Select program (TRS) is a premium-based TRICARE health plan offered to drilling Guard and Reserve members who were ordered to active duty in support of a contingency operation on or after Sept. 11, 2001 and agree to continue in the Selected Reserve.

After a slow start, signups have averaged more than 1,500 members per week since mid-September. As of last week, more than 31,000 Reserve component members have signed agreements signaling their intent to use TRS, and more than 15,000 members have executed the final contract agreements obtaining TRS coverage. Including family members, more than 24,000 people are now covered under TRS.

MOAA-supported legislation in the FY2006 Defense Authorization Bill - currently awaiting action by the conference committee - would let almost all Selected Reserve members purchase TRS coverage.

Visit <http://capwiz.com/moaa/home/> and click on the "Retain Key Provisions in Defense Bill" link to send your legislators a MOAA-suggested message supporting this and other important provisions.

MOAA UPDATES (continued)

VA Disability Claims Soar - The House Veterans Affairs Committee heard testimony this week from a retired USAF flight surgeon, senior VA officials, and a panel of veterans' service organizations (VSOs) concerning mounting challenges facing the VA claims system.

Dr. William Jones, USAF-Ret. said the VA system was programmed to procrastinate. His claims for service-connected disabilities have been held up for six years.

Since 2000, VA claims for initial disabilities have risen by 36%, from 579,000 to 788,000 in fiscal year 2005. Witnesses testified that the system is plagued with poor quality, inconsistencies between VA offices, mounting demand, and insufficient resources.

A GAO report released at the hearing noted there were 346,000 claims pending decision at the end of FY2005. The GAO said, "VA faces continuing questions about its ability to ensure that veterans get consistent decisions across its 57 regional offices." (View the GAO report at <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d06283t.pdf>.)

The average initial claim takes over six months to complete, and appeals of denied claims can take as long as three years. In addition to rising numbers, quality problems, and increasing claim complexity, the VA is also struggling to accommodate new legislative changes and court decisions.

The problems are compounded by accelerating retirements among experienced VA claims workers. Inexperienced replacements feel more pressed to make productivity goals than meet quality goals. By contrast, service officers with Veterans Service Organizations (DAV, VFW, American Legion, etc.) have a more extensive training program (DAV's entry-level service officer course is 16 months long).

When Rep. Tom Udall (D-NM) asked Deputy Under Secretary for VA Benefits Ron Aument how many additional claims adjudicators it would take to reduce the average claim processing time to three months, Aument declined to answer the question directly. Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs Subcommittee Chairman Jeff Miller (R-FL) said he planned to hold a series of hearings in 2006 to address the problem.

Committee Chairman Steve Buyer closed the hearing with a promise to push for more VA claims adjudicators in the coming year's budget. "The increase in disability claims can be directly related to the increase in U.S. military operations abroad," Buyer said. "Doing more with less is not a strategy of success. We need to increase the staffing at the regional compensation offices and at the Board of Veterans Appeals to attack this backlog and prepare for the anticipated increases in additional claims."

OPERATION IRAQI CHILDREN (OIC) - UPDATE

Nationally, over 250,000 school supply kits have been distributed by U.S. troops to Iraqi grade school children. We have received four letters. Each reinforces the great value these supplies have in helping the children and building relationships among the troops, children, teachers and parents. The need for more school kits remains very high. Locally, have assembled and shipped nearly 1100 kits and expect to ship 200 more shortly. In January, the Chapter Board discussed the project and unanimously voted to continue the chapter's efforts.

For more info, call CAPT Jack Meyer, 489-7361 or go to www.operationiraqichildren.org.

\$2000 CHALLENGE FOR OPERATION IRAQI CHILDREN PROJECT

An anonymous donor has issued a \$2000 challenge. All donations received up to a total of \$2000 will be matched one for one, so double your money by donating now! Please consider sending a check to (Greater Cincinnati Chapter/MOAA) in any amount to LTC Paul Fellingner, 5493 Delhi Road, Cincinnati, OH 45238 as soon as possible. We want to claim ALL of the \$2000 challenge! Supplies for one kit cost about \$10, so a check for \$10 (or more) will result in two (or more) kits being sent. Please help keep this great project going.

2006 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

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	Regular	Auxiliary
Age up to 55	\$161.25	\$80.00
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Age 71 to 89	\$ 93.75	\$46.90
Age 90 and over	\$ 10.00	\$ 5.00

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"GIVE ME 10"

Are you a member of the chapter, but not National MOAA? Has your National MOAA membership lapsed? Is there someone you know that is an Active, Reserve, Guard, Former, or Retired Officer? Invite them to the luncheons and tell them how they can be a part of MOAA. Contact LTC Paul Fellingner (513 451-9881) or email paulf@shriverco.com for more information.

LAST MEETING

Approximately 48 attended the last meeting to recognize past presidents, install new officers and hear from ROTC/JROTC cadets. Their stories were compelling and they reflect our future military. The following new officers were installed.

President - CWO3 Kym Mader

1st VP - COL Dean Smittle

2nd VP - 1LT John Erby

3rd VP - COL Bob Greene

Secretary - VACANT

Treasurer - LTC Paul Fellingner

We still have vacancies for Secretary, Chaplain, Goodwill, Personal Affairs, and Historian. If you have a lot or a little time please consider joining our board and committees to help make a chapter stronger and better.

CHAPTER MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES



CWO3 Carolyn (Kym) Mader, USN RET - Chapter President

I joined the Navy in 1974 under the delayed entry program and went on active duty in October 1974. After completing boot camp went to Great Lakes, Illinois for Hospital Corpsman School and graduated as an HM3. First command was Bethesda Naval Hospital from 1975 to 1978 and promoted to HM2, then off to Guantanamo Bay (GITMO) Cuba for 9 months then transferred to Bureau of Medicine and Surgery where promoted to HM1 and subsequently changed rate to Data Processing (DP). Attended DP school in San Diego and stationed with the Navy Space and Navy Warfare Systems Command in Washington, DC. Attained the rank of DPC in 1985 and transferred to the Navy Manpower Engineering Center Detachment in Norfolk, Virginia. Subsequently transferred to the Navy and Marine Corps Intelligence Training Command where obtained the commission of CWO2 in 1990. Transferred to the U.S. Navy European Operations Support Activity in London, UK during Desert Shield/Desert Storm. In 1991 transferred to the Bureau of Naval Personnel and promoted to CWO3. In 1994 transferred to the Navy Computer and Telecommunications Command in Washington, DC and subsequently retired in 1996. During my time in the Service I earned my Bachelor of Science Degree in Management/Computer Information Systems. I am married with 6 children, now living in West Chester, OH.



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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