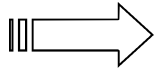


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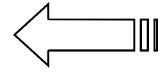
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Renew your dues – please see page 5!



DINNER: HISTORY OF THE PURPLE HEART

WHERE: Dante's Restaurant (Florentine Room)
5510 Rybolt Rd., Cincinnati, OH

WHEN: FRIDAY, 4 August 2006

TIME: 6:30 PM – Social Time

7:30 PM – Dinner Program follows Dinner

Featuring: 1LT JOHN ERBY, USAR

Purple Heart Day is August 7th. Come join us at our next dinner and hear about the history of the Purple Heart from our own 1LT John Erby, who himself earned a Purple Heart when on Jan 10, 1968, ten days after surviving an all night battle, he was wounded at Fire Support Base Burt losing his right leg to a mortar round. You can read 1LT John Erby's full biography on page 4.

We will hear about who created the medal, who were the first 3 recipients (the first a Sgt William Brown, who has a Cincinnati connection), how the medal came into being and the changes over the years for the criteria of receiving this medal. We will also be joined by members of the local Purple Heart Chapter of which 1LT John Erby is a proud member of.

DINNER RESERVATION: Friday, 4 August 2006—Dante's Restaurant—5510 Rybolt Rd, Cincinnati, OH.

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

Entrée choices: (each meal includes vegetable d'jour, tossed salad, and peach cobbler)

VEAL PARMESAN (served on a bed of fettuccine)	_____	\$27.50
FILET OF ICELANDIC COD (served with rice)	_____	\$27.50

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

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 15 (Luncheon), June 2 (lunch/tour of Armor Holding),
Fri. Aug 4 (Dinner), 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, **August 25**, November 3.
Spouses and guests are welcome at all meetings.

NOTE: Our September Board Meeting has been moved to August 25th. We will be spending the entire meeting discussing membership, board members, upcoming elections and member participation. We urge you to come and help make your chapter a stronger one. We want you involved.

NEXT MEETING

We are working on a Joint Dinner Meeting with the Dayton Chapter at the Golden Lamb in Monroe. Please watch our website and next Newsletter for further details.

MOAA UPDATES

VA Takes Heat Over Theft of Veteran's Personal Data (May 25, 2006)- It's been all over the papers and TV this week, so you're likely already aware of the theft of a computer containing 26 million veterans' personal data (including Social Security numbers) from the home of a mid-level VA employee.

Our first reaction was, "What will the government do to protect the people whose data was stolen"? The second was, "What kind of security system could possibly allow any VA employee to take that kind and volume of data home"?

At scathing House and Senate hearings yesterday, legislators took VA Secretary Jim Nicholson to task for a VA data security system that has been criticized for years. They also expressed their unhappiness about the three-week delay between the time the data was stolen and notification to the public. They were clear that the VA's data security program has to be fixed, and fixed fast, and those responsible for the circumstances that allowed this disclosure need to be punished.

Secretary Nicholson expressed his own anger about the situation and vowed to take "decisive action" after a full investigation by the VA Inspector General George Opfer.

Opfer told the Washington Post that the employee in question had been taking the data home since 2003.

"We still hope this was a common theft and that no use of this data will be made," Nicholson said. In the meantime, the VA has placed a variety of notices on its Web site at <http://www1.va.gov/opa/> including a letter of apology from Secretary Nicholson, information about what actions veterans can take, and a list of answers to frequently asked questions. The VA also has a toll-free hot line at 1-800-FED-INFO (1-800-333-4636).

In the meantime, MOAA has endorsed the Veterans Identity Protection Act of 2006, introduced in the Senate as S. 2970 (Kerry, D-MA) and in the House as H.R. 5455 (Salazar, D-CO). This legislation would provide one year of free credit monitoring to veterans whose personal information was stolen in the recent theft, with one free credit report each year for the following two years. To urge your legislators to support these bills, visit <http://capwiz.com/moaa/issues/bills/> and scroll down to "Veterans and Other Issues" to click on S. 2970 and H.R. 5455.

In the interest of leaving no stone unturned, MOAA President VADM Norb Ryan, Jr. (USN-Ret) has directed a renewed review of MOAA's internal practices to ensure our membership data is protected from disclosure or intrusion.

You can go to MOAA'S [web site](#) or go to [FirstGov's web site](#) for up-to-date information.

VA Medical Facilities Welcome Women Vets (Washington (AFPS)) - There was a time when women veterans didn't feel welcome at VA Medical Facilities, but the situation has changed. Carole L. Turner, Veterans Affairs' National Director for the Women Veterans' Health Program, said VA's health care for women veterans has made dramatic improvements and women should feel welcome.

Turner said VA has a full continuum of comprehensive medical services, including health promotion and disease prevention and primary care. There is also women's gender-specific health care, such as hormone replacement therapy, breast and gynecological care, maternity and limited infertility treatments.

"If a specialty isn't available in-house, VA will contract out with providers in the community," said Turner, a former Air Force nurse who has more than 20 years of VA experience.

VA also works to educate women on ways their health issues differ from men's — for instance how heart disease manifests itself differently in women than men. She said the VA is working with health care providers to ensure they're aware of and looking for signs and symptoms in women that they wouldn't ordinarily think are attributable to heart disease.

VA also has published privacy standards, particularly for treating women.

"We also have waiting areas that are like subunits so women can wait separate and apart from men," Turner said.

Auxiliary Corner

We've Got What It Takes - For years many auxiliary members have viewed themselves as nonparticipating partners in their chapters. Too often they have shied away from taking leadership roles, leaving this to others. To a certain extent, chapters have been complicit in this situation. We would like to see this change!

When given an opportunity, auxiliary members can and do contribute much to their chapters and to MOAA. To illustrate: Where chapter bylaws permit, auxiliary members are frequently elected to leadership roles, and in some instances they have even been chosen as chapter and council presidents. The skills they have acquired over their lifetimes translate easily to chapter activities.

Consider this: When you belonged to and were active in various officer spouses clubs or other organizations, you likely served on different committees, helped organize events, raised funds for charities, ran meetings, helped write a newsletter, or participated in other ways.

In short, auxiliary members have the skills to do what it takes. They have great organizational skills and know how to get things done! There is simply no question that auxiliary members can make a difference in chapters from coast to coast.

If you — and auxiliary — want to become more involved (and we hope you do), we suggest you check your chapter bylaws to see if they allow auxiliary members to hold office. If they do, RUN! If they don't, you might suggest that the bylaws be changed. In addition, you could consider asking to be appointed to a chapter committee. Various committees such as programs, events, personal affairs, publicity, or legislative would be interesting and challenging.

If you have questions or otherwise want to contact the Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee, send an email to auxcomm@moss.org (Anne Patton - Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee)

CHAPTER MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

1LT John Erby - Chapter Past Present, ROTC Coordinator



Growing up in rural area of Fresno, CA., 1LT John Erby attended Washington Union High School where he was active in both school politics and athletics. He earned 3 varsity letters in baseball; 2 years all-league catcher, 3 varsity letters in Football; Team captain and All Northern California Guard.

From High School he attended University of California at Berkeley on a football scholarship. 1960 thru 1962 he earned 3 varsity football letters, voted Most Outstanding Lineman in junior year, Most Inspirational Player senior year; 2nd and 3rd team All Coast senior year. Earned BA degree in Criminology.

1LT John Erby was drafted into U.S. Army in 1964, took basic training at Ft. Ord; went to Ft. Gordon for Military Police School, then returned to Ft. Ord for 6 months before being transferred to Pusan, Korea for 13 months. He volunteered for OCS and was assigned to Infantry School at Ft. Benning, GA. In Feb 1967, he graduated Infantry Officers School as honor grad - # 3 in a class of 157 and assigned executive officer of basic training company at Ft. Gordon, GA.

In June 1967 he received orders for Vietnam and was assigned to 25th Infantry Div. 3rd Bn. 22nd Regiment taking over "mortar platoon" (4th) of Alpha Co. This was somewhat of a problem in that the CO didn't use the 4th as a mortar platoon but as a "rifle platoon" even though all the men were trained as mortar men. Needless to say they had to do a lot of OJT. They operated in the Iron Triangle, the Hobo Woods, Michelin Rubber Plantation and along the Cambodian Border. On Jan 1, 1968 the 3rd Battalion was involved in one of the 25th Div. biggest battles – Battle for Fire Support Base Burt (Sui Kut). One Inf. and one Mech. Bn., supported by an Artillery unit was attacked by an NVA Regiment and a VC Reinforced Company. He survived an all night battle but ten days after the battle, Jan 10, 1968, he was wounded at FSB Burt losing his right leg to a mortar round. After rehabilitating at Letterman Hospital for 2 months and 2 weeks, he left the hospital for good.

In the Summer of 1968 he was hired by the Univ. of California as the first Black Football Coach in the Pac- 8 and coached interior line, guards and centers, for 4+ years as well as being in charge of scouting reports. Ending his coaching career in 1972 he began work for Levi Strauss & Co. as a sales executive. 1LT John Erby retired in 1997 after 25 years of service and currently lives in Cincinnati with his wife Delores and has two daughters.

GOLF OUTING

Our Cincinnati Chapter is hosting a golf outing for members and spouses of the Dayton and Columbus MOAA Chapters on Wednesday, July 26, 10 a.m., at Walden Ponds Golf Course. Cost is \$40. Reservations must be received by July 19th, earlier would be appreciated.

Dayton hosted this in the past, but is unable to do it this year because of renovations to the golf course at Wright Patterson AFB. (It started as a follow on to our "Little Brown Jug" competition, but with less competition and more fun.) How you play is not as important as that you play with MOAA members from the area.

If you have questions or are interested in playing, please contact Paul Fellingner, (513) 241-1149 (office) or (513) 451-9881 (home), or email at paulf@shriverco.com.



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

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

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(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

Make check payable to: Greater Cincinnati Chapter / MOAA

Mail Renewal form and check to:

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“MEMBERSHIP”

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. See our website (www.cincymoaa.org) for more information on who we are and what we have to offer. Also check out our Calendar of events for upcoming meetings and other events.

LAST MEETING

With about 20 members, spouses and guests present, we enjoyed a very good box lunch and even better presentation and tour of Armor Holdings. We got to walk through the whole process of what is done to take a basic Humvee vehicle and make it up-armored, from the making of the glass to the armor plating. It was certainly an eye-opener on how they build these Humvee's to protect our troops. They even had one there that had been hit by a IED and how it saved the lives of the soldier's who were in it.

(OIC) - UPDATE - NEWS FROM OUR MAN IN IRAQ

In the last newsletter we announced that we were shipping 306 school kits that were being sent directly to a Cincinnati serving in Iraq. CPT Jeffrey Brewster is a graduate of Roger Bacon and of U.C.'s ROTC program. Here is his latest e-mail:

Ladies and Gentlemen: I received the first shipment of 15 boxes of school kits. I am sure the other 2 will arrive any day. I have them stacked in my room right now. I am amazed, once again, at everyone's generosity. I can't wait to get the chance to visit one of the schools to deliver the supplies. As soon as I do I will send digital pictures. Thanks again for all your help, support, thoughts and prayers. I look forward to thanking everyone in person upon our return to the states later this year! Jeff

JEFFREY BREWSTER, CPT, AR, 1-10 CAV, 2 BCT, 4 ID(M)

Supplies for our next shipment (306 kits) have been ordered. When assembled, they will also be shipped to CPT Brewster or other Cincinnati's we've located. Please continue to help this project. Make out checks to MOAA, write OIC on the "for:" line and mail to LTC Paul Fellingner, 5493 Delhi Road, Cincinnati, OH 45238.

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



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- 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