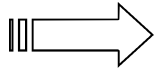


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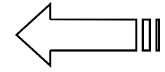
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NEWS

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LUNCHEON: IRAQI EXPERIENCES

WHERE: Vernon Manor Hotel—Avondale
400 Oak St., Cincinnati, OH

WHEN: SATURDAY, 15 April 2006

TIME: 11:30 AM – Social Time

12:00 PM – Luncheon Program follows Luncheon

Featuring: SSG Paul Brondhaver, USA

SSG Paul Brondhaver joined the United States Army at age 17 before graduating from New Richmond High School in May of 1986. He earned his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1991. He has served his community, county, state, and country for over 19 years. He has also been an American Red Cross Instructor in Lifeguarding and Health and Safety for 20 years. SSG Paul Brondhaver is a member of the First Baptist Church of Glen Este. He has traveled all over the world to places such as Honduras, Germany, Panama, Kuwait, and Iraq. His state and country has called on him to serve on active duty on 19 different missions and operations. He has helped with snow emergencies, tornado relief efforts, flood disasters, and prison riot containment. He also served with his 216th Combat Engineer Unit and the 1st Infantry Division in Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003-2005). His tour ended early when his combat patrol was attacked with small arms fire and a rocket propelled grenade that exploded near his Humvee in Sammara, North of Baghdad. Paul credits the Lord, prayer, the soldiers around him, his military and the American Red Cross training with saving his life. Some of SSG Brondhaver's Military awards include: 4 Army Commendation Medals, 3 Army Achievement Medals, Humanitarian Service Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star with Valor. When SSG Brondhaver is not serving in the Army National Guard, he works full time for the Cincinnati Recreation Commission and teaches school part-time. He also has been a Red Cross volunteer and instructor for 22 years. He has worked for the YMCA part time since 1985 as a lifeguard, swim instructor, and building supervisor. In 1991, he married his high school sweetheart, Lisa Calles. Together they have three children, Tanner, Morgan, and Conner. SSG Brondhaver enjoys spending time with his family, serving others and feels it is a true honor to serve his community, state, and his country, the United States of America.

DINNER RESERVATION: Saturday, 15 April 2006—Vernon Manor—400 Oak St. Cincinnati, 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)

NEW ENGLAND POT ROAST _____ \$20.00

ROAST TURKEY BREAST _____ \$19.00

BLACKENED CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD _____ \$16.00

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 John F. Boylan, USA - Aug 13, 2005

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 (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, September 8, November 3.
Spouses and guests are welcome at all meetings.

** Vernon Manor Hotel

NEXT MEETING

In June we are looking to host a box lunch and tour of Armor Holding where our Military Humvees are made.
Please watch our web site and next newsletter for more information.

MOAA UPDATES

What's Your Take On Health Fee Increases? - MOAA President VADM Norb Ryan, Jr. (USN-Ret) will be meeting with Pentagon and Senate leaders next week to discuss DoD-proposed fee increases that would affect retirees under age 65 and pharmacy copay increases that would affect all beneficiaries except active duty members themselves.

If you have time in the next few days, we'd appreciate it if you could take one minute to fill out a three-question survey so we can get a quick pulse of our membership's views on these proposals.

You can review a [summary of the proposed increases](#) and then visit take the three-question [survey](#).

ONE CAUTIONARY NOTE: You may experience some Web site delays in using these two links. We've noticed lately that our 130,000 subscribers are starting to max out our Web site capacity when we put a popular link in the update. We're pursuing a new contract to increase our Web capacity and flexibility, but the full execution of the upgrade may take a few weeks. If that weren't enough, we've just begun executing a long-scheduled database upgrade that may also affect Web performance temporarily (see below). In the meantime, we ask you to bear with us. If it takes too long to load the information when you first try, please try again later after the peak "rush," as your input on this issue will be particularly valuable to us in the weeks ahead.

MOAA Testifies Before Veterans' Affairs Committee - Military and veterans service organizations testified this week before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. MOAA was represented by Deputy Director for Government Relations COL Bob Norton (USA-Ret), who recommended that the Committee:

- *Fully fund the VA health care system for all enrolled veterans to meet the rising demand among Iraq and Afghanistan veterans including more than a half million Guard and Reserve veterans now eligible for VA care.
- *Oppose a proposed \$250 user fee and increased drug copays for certain nondisabled enrolled veterans. Norton recommended that Congress reject these fees, as it has for the past three years.
- *Press the VA and DoD to for timely implementation of a "seamless transition" between military and VA programs, including a jointly usable electronic medical record, a "joint" VA-DoD separation physical, and expanded transition assistance services for separating members.
- *Increase medical research and construction funding for VA polytrauma centers that treat severely wounded veterans.
- *Restore cuts in the VA claims processing system and improve training and technology support to reduce the huge claims backlog and improve decision quality.
- *Enact a "total force Montgomery GI Bill" that matches education benefit rates to service performed by combining active duty and reserve GI bill programs under one law.

Norton also publicly thanked retiring Subcommittee Vice Chairman Mike Bilirakis (R-FL) for his many years of dedicated service and for his leadership and tenacity in championing elimination of the unfair "disability tax" on earned military retired pay.

VA Hosts Surviving Spouse Web Site. - The VA now has a Web Site for surviving spouses and military dependents of veterans who died on active duty and surviving spouses of veterans who died after serving their country. The site (www.vba.va.gov/survivors) answers many frequently asked questions and links to other federal agencies and organizations that offer benefits and services to survivors and dependents, including relief societies, support organizations, and the casualty assistance offices for each of the armed forces.

Auxiliary Corner

Dancing Alone - The music has stopped, the dance has ended, your partner has left! What happens next? You want to keep dancing, but you think you cannot dance alone ... or can you?

There is another person inside you, one you didn't know even existed, so bring that other person out into the open, put on your dancing shoes, and take the first steps forward. The new steps may be difficult; they are not the same as the ones you and your partner danced to. The tempo will be different, not the same as when you danced with that partner of so many years. However, you can still take the first steps, even on your own.

You will learn to take those first new steps one at a time, and the first big step will be getting out with friends — and organizations that you and your partner enjoyed belonging to — for example, your local MOAA chapter. So get out there yourself and join the MOAA family. They are there for you, and you can help them by offering your services, talents, and skills. You have more time now, so go forth (if that local chapter has not called you, forgive them for not doing so), call them and volunteer your time and services. Let them know you want to be involved.

You are now an auxiliary and not a spouse, but it doesn't matter what you're called. You are now a different you, but nevertheless you can keep on dancing. That is the secret. The music will start again — at a slower pace perhaps — but it will pick up with every new step you take.

Auxiliaries, you can do the dance right along with other members; you'll find you enjoy the new steps you're taking. It will take time and isn't easy at first. But each step you take will bring you closer to being able to "dance alone." (*Violet Smith - Auxiliary Advisory Committee*)

CHAPTER MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

1LT Saul Marmer - Chapter Member

Saul enlisted in the "Enlisted Reserve Corps" and "ROTC" at the University of Cincinnati in September 1942. He was called to active duty in May of 1943 in the Coast Artillery, taking basic training at Ft. Eustis, VA. He was then sent to Camp Davis, N.C. where he was given training in Field Communications. From there Saul was sent to Ft. Bliss, TX for field training and then assigned to a Searchlight Section out side of Apopka, FL.

Saul applied for Officers Candidate School in September 1944 and was accepted in Infantry OCS at Ft. Benning, GA. He graduated and received his commission as 2nd LT in February 1945. His first assignment was of 200 transfers into the infantry from the Air Force with the responsibility to accompany them aboard ship from Camp Kilmer, NJ to Le Harve, France, and train them in Infantry procedures, weapon care, etc. Upon arrival in Le Havre he accompanied the transfers to Etretat, a Replacement Depot. Then he was transferred to the Replacement Depot in Bonn, Germany.

On March 8, 1945 Saul was assigned 3 returning enlisted men and a Jeep and was to proceed to Remagen, cross the Luddendorf Bridge and join the 78th Division, 310th Regiment, 1st Battalion, Company "C" at a spot on the map indicated to him. When arriving at that spot, the company was no where to be found. They proceeded into a valley and noted German Troops resting in the field but continued into town where he noted a German Staff car parked in front of a Bar. Entering they took 3 German Officers into custody and positioned them on the hood and side of the Jeep and drove back up the hill with the troops not challenging them. Shortly Company "C" arrived, he presented his prisoners and was assigned Platoon Leader of the 1st Platoon.

One Incident of noteworthiness was the battle in which his platoon was engaged in the capture of the town Bromskirchen where there seemingly was no reason why the Germans were protecting it so fiercely. They continued on and scouted the area and found railroad tracks leading out of a tunnel in a large hill back of the town. In it was found several stored V-2 Rockets on railroad flat cars ready for transport to where they would be launched at England.

His proudest incident was the time his platoon saw across a field and saw what appeared to be a German Army Camp. They proceeded expecting heavy fire... but not a shot was fired. Upon arrival the Germans saw them and abandoned the camp which was discovered to be a Russian Prisoner of War Camp. As he was about to pull out, one Russian POW, who spoke and wrote English very well, handed him this note: "To the Lieutenant of the American Troops. Sir, On the first of May you have made us who live like slaves since three years in the damned Nazi Germany the greatest joy. All the night we did not sleep to hear without pause the warm words of our native country. We say many thanks to you Sir, and also to the American soldiers who liberated us from the Nazi Germany. With greetings of the 1 May the liberated Russian Prisoners of War." He then walked half way across Germany ending up outside of Kassel in central Germany when the war in Europe ended. He immediately began training for transfer to the Pacific Theater of Operations and in October 1945 the 78th Division was transferred to Berlin for Occupation Duty and last assigned as Commandant of the Berlin Redeployment Center. Later he was deployed to the US and discharged in July 1946.

In July 1946 he enlisted in the Officers Reserves as a 1LT and served until August of 1953 when he was discharged.

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.)

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

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

If you didn't attend the last Dinner meeting, you missed a great briefing on Terrorism by Professor Ed Bridgeman. We had 25 members, spouses, and guests attend. You also missed a great meal and valentine surprise. The briefing on Terrorism was very informative and gave us a lot of insight on what we are up against in today's world. We hope to see more of you at our next luncheon in April.

SCHOOL KITS UPDATE – AND A \$2000 CHALLENGE

Our sixth assembly activity, this time by members of the Fairfield High Interact Club, saw 306 more school kits sent to Iraq for distribution by our troops to grateful Iraqi children. They and earlier crews are grateful for the chance to help the troops and are eager to assemble more school kits. Our total to date is nearly 1400 school kits.

The need is great, but the "coffers" are nearly empty. A donor has issued a \$2000 challenge, so donate now and make your money work twice as hard! Make out checks to MOAA, write OIC on the "for:" and mail to LTC Paul Fellingner, 5493 Delhi Road, Cincinnati, OH 45238. Questions? Jack Meyer 489-7361

We have been told that, due to the continuing nature of our project, we are the largest local supporter of this project in the entire United States. Like the USO, our project motto is: **"Until they all come home"**. Please help and contribute now.



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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