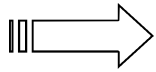


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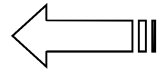
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Renew your dues – please see page 5!



BRUNCH WITH GUEST SPEAKER

WHERE: Manor House Restaurant
600 Maple Trace Dr., Springdale, OH (Gathering Room)
WHEN: Sunday, 20 March 2011
TIME: 11:30 AM – Social Time
12:00 PM – Brunch Program follows Luncheon

Featuring: LTC Paul Fellingner, Jr.



LTC Paul Fellingner, Jr. was commissioned into the Infantry from Xavier University in 1990. His first duty assignment was as a Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer in the 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry (Mechanized) at Fort Stewart, Georgia. Following the Infantry Advanced Course, he was assigned to the 2d Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg North Carolina where he served an assistant S3 and Company Commander for 25 months. During command he deployed the company to Haiti in support of the United States Support Group – Haiti. Following command LTC Fellingner was assigned as a Small Group Instructor at the US Army Infantry School, Fort Benning Georgia and then as an Assignment Officer at the Human Resources Command, Alexandria, Virginia. After attending CGSC he was assigned to the 82d Airborne Division where he served as a Battalion Operations Officer and Executive

Officer during Operation Iraqi Freedom I. He was then assigned to the newly formed Asymmetric Warfare Group, Fort Meade, Maryland where he served as a Troop Commander for 2 years deploying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom VI - VIII. In 2008 he assumed command of 1st Squadron (Airborne), 91st Cavalry, Schweinfurt, Germany. In 2009 he deployed the Squadron to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom X.

LTC Fellingner, Jr. is currently a member of the Greater Cincinnati MOAA Chapter and is the son of LTC Paul Fellingner, MOAA Chapter Treasurer.



BRUNCH RESERVATION: Sunday, 20 March 2011—Manor House Restaurant—Springdale, OH.

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

Entrée choices:

Brunch BUFFET _____ \$17.00
(Eggs Benedict, Omelettes to order, waffles, chicken a la Manor, carved prime rib, bacon, quiche, French toast—plus many sides, juices and desserts.)

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 16 March. No cancellations after that date.

2011 CHAPTER OFFICERS AND BOARD

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

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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

COL Thomas A Ratliff, USA, Ret - 25 Jan 2011

LTJG Charles Marcks, USN - 3 Dec 2009

Rosemary Danner, Aux - Sept 2009

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 for updates.

BOARD MEETINGS

Mar 5, Apr 1, Jun 3, Sep 2, Sep 30, Dec 2 - Xavier Univ.

Spouses and guests are welcome at all meetings.

MEMBER MEETINGS

Brunch Mar 20 - Manor House Restaurant, Maple Knoll - Speaker: LTC Paul Fellingner, Jr

Luncheon 17 Jun - Manor House Restaurant, Maple Knoll - Speaker TBD

Dinner 15 Oct - Manor House Restaurant, Maple Knoll - Speaker TBD

Luncheon Dec - Manor House Restaurant, Maple Knoll - Speaker TBD

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

For a long time very few of our members have been doing the majority of work needed to keep our chapter moving ahead. It isn't that other members aren't capable and/or aren't willing to make a contribution of time and effort. Our ranks include many who are in positions of responsibility and of leadership. We have a wealth of knowledge and experience available but there is a problem in getting people to learn what is needed and to get together to have meetings; particularly board meetings.

Recently members of the board were polled, asking for the best and worst day and time of the month to meet. The conclusion was that there were many "worst" times but no "best" time to hold such meetings.

Given the problem in meeting and the fact that some of our long-time leaders will eventually need to be replaced, I am asking each of you to think about the following:

Consider volunteering to assist those currently holding chair positions such as newsletter, ROTC, membership, secretary, treasurer, programs, legislative, TOPS, etc.

If we can form a committee in each area of activity we can achieve two goals. We can share the workload and assure there will be officers knowledgeable in each area when the time comes to transition to a new chairperson. Each committee can meet at the convenience of the committee members. They can then report their activities to the executive board.

Those who would like to step forward please contact the chairperson of the activity in which you are interested or contact me. Our names and phone numbers are listed in this newsletter.

Remember the most outstanding unit of which you were a member. Invariably they were those whose members shared the workload. It is time to share now!

Ed Knox, Acting President

Ohio Women Veterans Conference 2011

The Ohio Department of Veterans Services Advisory Committee on Women Veterans and the VA Healthcare System of Ohio are teaming up to host the Ohio Women Veterans' Conference on Saturday, October 8, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the cost is \$10 per person.

The keynote speaker is Janis Nark, a veteran of both Vietnam and Desert Storm. Her former comrades accusing her of wanting to be a stand-up comedian, instead she became a Professional Motivational Speaker. Janis has shared the podium with such dignitaries as General Colin Powell and President Bill Clinton. As a speaker, she has stories of laughter and tears. She knows and relates to stress and change. Her specialty is finding control in chaos and her message is one you will never forget.

We have some exciting changes for 2011 the conference and will be posting highlights as the event gets closer.

The conference will provide vital information and resources to attendees. The event will allow us to recognize and honor women veterans for their service to our country. It is also a great time to associate with other women from all branches and all eras.

The 2009 conference was a great success with over 700 attendees. Seating is limited for the 2011 conference so please register early by going to www.ohioamvets275.org. If you prefer, you can download your registration form and mail your \$10 check to:

AMVETS Post 275
423 North Street
Steubenville, Ohio 43952

Please indicate on your check it is for the Women Veterans Conference. If you have a driver or friend that will be accompanying you they must register and also pay the registration fee. For any questions regarding the conference please call Karen Kish at 614-752-8941.

The conference will be held at the Aladdin Shrine Center located at 3850 Stelzer Road, Columbus, Ohio 43219. Directions to the conference are available on the above web site.

AUXILIARY CORNER

A BUSY 2011

Pat Shecter, Chair, and Joyce Harte, Vice Chair, Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee,

The Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee (AMAC), working with MOAA chapter auxiliary liaisons across the country, is planning an especially busy year as they continue their efforts to improve benefits for surviving military spouses and encourage chapter participation. To do this, they first must achieve the goal of establishing an auxiliary liaison position in every chapter.

The National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, or deficit commission, announced a massive package of proposed spending cuts that would deeply affect the military community. The January issue of *Military Officer* depicts this as a metaphorical shooting gallery with the potential of affecting many of the benefits MOAA has gained over the years. Read Washington Scene, page 29, of that issue to gain a better understanding of the many serious and significant challenges facing us in 2011. (You can also visit www.moaa.org/moarchive and click on page 29 of the January issue to read the story). Auxiliary Liaisons can help their chapters' grassroots efforts to stem the proposed reductions to military benefits. Talk with your chapter president and other leaders to see what you can do to help.

Another project auxiliary liaisons will be asked to support this year is Cell Phones for Soldiers. (For more information, read "Cell Phones for Soldiers," page 3 of this issue.) Meet with your chapter president to encourage 100-percent participation in this worthy project. Auxiliary liaisons will be asked to take the lead on this project, so be prepared to discuss with your president what planning, organization, and help you and other auxiliary members can offer to make this a successful venture. Your combined efforts will make a real difference.

Auxiliary liaisons are taking on more responsibilities as elected officers and leaders in their chapters. Auxiliary members are in a unique position to reach out to the military community using the skills we have learned over many years as we supported our spouses during their military careers.

This year will be pivoted for all MOAA members as we work to boost our grassroots efforts to keep and improve the military benefits our spouses have earned, some with their lives. Step up to the challenge. Stay informed. Speak out. AMAC plans to do exactly that in 2011.

Why Did My Tax Withholding Go Up?

Many MOAA members have called to ask why federal income tax withholding on their military retired pay increased this year.

It's not that there was some nefarious new tax hike, or that you fell through some crack in the recent tax cut extension.

It's because the two-year Making Work Pay (MWP) tax relief program enacted in 2009 expired at the end of 2010. MWP cut tax withholding rates from checks in 2009 and 2010. The program wasn't extended to 2011 so the tax tables reverted back to the old higher levels.

The MWP program was designed to act as a special stimulus payment to help kick-start the country out of recession by putting some extra money in citizens' hands right away. Technically, the MWP provision was intended only to apply to qualifying taxpayers still earning wages. However since DFAS uses the same tax tables and pay systems for retired pay as it does for active duty pay, the system didn't discriminate between retired pay and wages.

This doesn't mean that you owe more or are paying higher taxes - it's just that DFAS has returned to withholding the pre-stimulus amount from each deposit. If this results in too much money being withheld, you will receive any overpaid amount via a tax refund.

If the change causes you some problem, you can submit an IRS form W-4 to DFAS or your pay agency to change your withholding amount. Changes can also be made to DFAS using the on-line 'My Pay' system.

Just remember that changing your withholding won't change your actual 2011 tax liability. If you have too little withheld, you'll have to pony up the rest (and any applicable penalty, if you under-withheld too much) when you file your 2011 federal income taxes.

2011 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 (2010) 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 Craig Hoon, USA

PRUNING THE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

At the last board meeting there was a vote to delete the names of 15 officers from our roster. This action was taken reluctantly by each board member who voted for the motion. Those removed were no longer members of national and had not paid chapter dues at least six years. The board felt that it was unfair to dues paying members that we expend their funds on those who do not contribute.

In the future there may be further reductions from our roster of those who are placing an unfair burden on the chapter. That is not to say that we will delete from the membership roster anyone who is in a financial bind. Those persons simply need to contact any member of the board and they will be continued as long as necessary.

There will probably be similar actions to remove non dues paying members in the future.

MOAA and USAA Form Alliance

MOAA and the award-winning financial services provider USAA have announced a new alliance between the two organizations. Under the agreement, USAA will be MOAA's preferred provider of automobile, homeowners, and renters insurance, as well as investment products and services for MOAA's membership. USAA will participate in MOAA's advocacy efforts and strategic goals.

USAA is offering an exclusive "MOAA only" dedicated toll-free number at (877) 913-MOAA (6622) and [web page](#) so MOAA members can get outstanding products and services at great rates and support MOAA at the same time. [Read more here.](#)

One of a Kind Hospice Unit Opens for Ohio Veterans

A new 22-bed hospice unit opening on January 27 at the Ohio Veterans Home in Georgetown will give more Ohio Veterans access to quality, end-of-life care. The Georgetown home is the first Veterans Home in the country offering hospice services in a designated, in-house unit. Click [here](#) for more information.



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 MILITARY OFFICERS
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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*