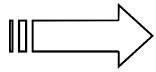


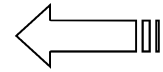
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GREATER CINCINNATI CHAPTER MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
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Newsletter By Email – please see page 5!



LUNCHEON: “PETER BRONSON ”

WHERE: HOLIDAY INN—Riverfront
660 West 3rd Street, COVINGTON, KY

WHEN: FRIDAY, 3 June 2005

TIME: 11:30 AM – Social Time

12:00 PM – Luncheon Program follows Luncheon

Speaker: Peter Bronson

Cincinnati Enquirer Columnist and Author of “Cincinnati... For Pete’s Sake,” a book of his most popular columns from the Cincinnati Enquirer. Mr. Bronson has also been the Associate editor and columnist for the Cincinnati Enquirer, Editorial Page Editor of the Tucson Citizen, City Editor of The Casa Grande (Ariz.) Dispatch, and Managing editor for a chain of weekly newspapers in suburban Lansing, Michigan. He has received awards for writing, investigative reporting, photography, design, column writing and editorial writing. Some of which were the Best editorial page in Arizona, 1991, Best editorial pages in Ohio, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000. Mr. Bronson was also a weekly panelist and moderator on HOTSEAT, a public affairs program on WCPO Channel 9. You have read his columns, come meet the person. You don’t want to miss this interesting program.

LUNCHEON RESERVATION: Friday, 3 June 2005—Holiday Inn—Riverfront, Covington, KY.

Name: _____ **Rank & Service:** _____ **Spouse/Guests:** _____

(ARE YOU A NEW MEMBER, OR FIRST TIME OUT? _____)

Entrée choices: (Includes rolls, butter, salad, vegetables, starch, and beverage)

PORK STEAK (w/mustard sauce) _____

FISH CAKES (w/tarter sauce) _____

Total Reservations _____ @ \$17.00 = 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 31 May. No cancellations after that date.

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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

LCDR Robert Balcom, USN - Served 30 yrs before retiring.

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 2005 (all at Holiday Inn- Riverfront, Covington)

Fridays: Feb 4 (lunch), Apr 1 (lunch), **June 3 (lunch)**, Aug 5 (lunch), Oct 7 (lunch), Dec 2 (lunch)

BOARD MEETINGS - Naval Reserve Center - Gilbert Ave & Victory Parkway,

Fridays at 1300 hrs. In 2005: January 7, March 4, May 6, July 8, September 9, November 4.
Spouses and guests are welcome at all meetings.

NEXT MEETING

TBD

Possible programs being considered are a trip to the Reds Museum or Speaker and MOAA member Maj. Gary Weaver, Communications Director of DAV.

FROM THE CINCYMOAA CHAPTER PRESIDENT

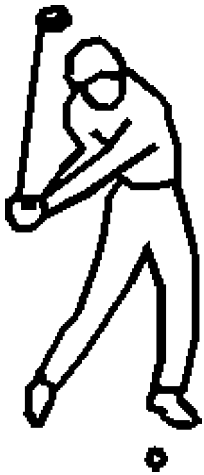
Recent Dues Letter

Recently, Kym Mader sent each member of the Chapter a letter that indicated the status of his or her dues. This letter was sent as a notification to the traditional manner of reminding members of their dues through a newsletter article that then referred to the mailing label. Our intention is to send this letter each year.

The Board adopted the dues status letter as a procedural change for several reasons:

- This letter informed members of their dues status; that can't be done for those who receive their newsletter via email.
- The letter's sole purpose is to inform members of their dues status; a reminder of dues in the newsletter sometimes gets lost among the other information contained in the newsletter.
- A letter mailed first class will verify, or correct, the active status and address of members.

The Board appreciates the response that the dues letter has generated. If you have the letter and are wondering what the dues are, please look on the second-to-last page. As a postscript, I want to add that the Board is currently developing a survey to update each member's profile and to assess what each member wants and expects from the Chapter. I ask that you respond to the survey as you did with the dues letter; we need 100% participation. Our intention is to provide programs and activities that allow you to get the most from your Chapter dues.



GOLFERS

The Dayton Chapter of MOAA is hosting a golf outing and has invited members and spouses of the Cincinnati Chapter to play. The outing is scheduled for Wednesday, July 13, at Wright Patterson AFB. Cost will be the normal charge for greens fee and cart, plus \$5 towards prizes. If you've played before in our annual Dayton-Cincinnati Challenge, you understand that term "golfer" is loosely defined. You'll also remember that it was enjoyable to play with MOAA members of another Chapter.

If interested in playing, please contact Paul Fellingner at work (513) 241-1149, at home (513) 451-9881, or via email at paulf@shriverco.com.

WORLD WAR II EXPERIENCES

ILT Saul Marmer, one of our members, has been offering a course for the University of Cincinnati Institute for Learning in Retirement in the Fall and Spring quarters on Tuesdays @ 2:30PM to 4PM at the Raymond Walters Campus.

His current course is "Women's WWII Experiences".

Next falls quarter (October 3 - December 12) he will be offering "WWII Experiences on the High Seas" which will feature those in the Navy and Merchant Marines. He is seeking anyone who might agree to share their memories for this course. If so please contact him via email at shoepmn@fuse.net.

MOAA UPDATES

DoD Takes Next Steps To Implement Pharmacy Co-payment System -

- * Nexium(R) (esomeprazole), to treat stomach problems and ulcers;
- * Teveten(R) (eprosartan);
- * Teveten HCT(R) (eprosartan with hydrochlorothiazide), for high blood pressure

Depending on where the prescription is filled, beneficiaries will have a \$22 copay for a 30 day supply from a retail pharmacy (TRRx) or a 90-day supply from the mail order program (TMOP); or, the higher of \$22 or 20 percent in retail non-network pharmacies.

Third tier drugs will not be stocked in Military Treatment Facility (MTF) pharmacies, but will be special-ordered if prescribed by an MTF physician with a medical necessity determination and may be special-ordered if prescribed by a non-MTF physician to whom the patient was referred and with a showing of medical necessity.

Beneficiaries who are taking Nexium(R), Teveten(R) or Teveten HCT(R) should check with their doctor to see if a less costly alternative would be equally as effective. To get a medical necessity determination, providers must show a valid medical reason why a patient must take the non-formulary 3rd tier medication.

Beneficiaries who have already established medical necessity for Nexium(R) with the TMOP program, must get another medical necessity determination by July 17th to continue on the medication at the \$9.00 formulary cost-share. Without an updated medical necessity determination, beneficiaries must pay the \$22 cost share.

Contact the retail pharmacy (TRRx) customer service line at (866) DOD-TRRX, (866) 363-8779, or visit:

<http://moaaonline.org/ct/ld1Mii61lmNY/TRRX>. For the mail order pharmacy (TMOP) go to <http://moaaonline.org/ct/111Mii61lmNR/TMOP> or call (866) DOD-TMOP, (866) 363-8667. For additional information go to the Formulary Search Tool for additional information about medications, their availability and cost at: <http://moaaonline.org/ct/171Mii61lmNT/Formulary/>.

COLA Watch - On April 20, the Bureau of Labor Statistics announced the monthly Consumer Price Index (CPI), which is the metric used to calculate the annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for military retired pay, VA disability compensation, survivor annuities, and Social Security.

After smaller increases in the CPI during the winter, inflation has continued to rise slowly so far this year. The March CPI is 0.7 percent above the January tally, and 1.9 percent above last year's COLA baseline.

At this point, it is still too early to project what the 2006 COLA may be. MOAA will continue to provide updates periodically through the summer and fall.

USPS-FLAT RATE TO SOLDIERS

The Postal System has finally figured out how much it is costing family and friends to send care packages to our deployed troopers; therefore, they have implemented a new, more cost efficient system. For just \$7.70 you now can mail up to 70lbs in a 11"x5 1/2"x8 1/2" box. Keep in mind that the box must be the USPS Priority Mail/Flat rate box (free) and addressed to an individual trooper. The USPS is also offering free boxes and packing material to families of military members who are deployed. Simply contact the USPS at(800) 610-8734 and press 1 for English, and then 3 for operator. An alternative, direct line is (800) 527-1950, and they will mail the following items to you as long as you ask for "CARE KIT 4".

- 5 - 7"x7"x6" boxes
- 5 - 12"x12"x8" boxes
- 1 - Roll of tape
- 15 - customs forms
- 10 - address labels
- 5 - Tybek bags (water proof and non tear)

Keep in mind that this material is free to the families; however these boxes listed do not fall under the Flat Rate pricing.

2005 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 last two digits on the top line indicate the latest year for which your dues are paid.** (Life members show LIFE). If your two-digit number is 04 or lower, please return this form (with your name sticker on reverse) along with a check for your dues. Please mark your selection of dues (one year, multi-year or life). For those of you who receive your newsletter by email, you will receive a separate notice of Dues.

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:

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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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NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

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LAST MEETING

With approximately 32 members and guests attending the last meeting, we were given a very moving slide show presentation by Fred Bendel, former Army Ranger of the 25th Infantry Division. The slide show, set to music, was made up of actual photos taken during the Vietnam War and Cambodia invasion. It brought out memories to quite a few of those in attendance as well as pointing out the differences between those conflicts and our current conflict going on in Iraq.

PA SYSTEM BEING SOUGHT

In response to member comments about difficulty in hearing parts of past programs, the Board is investigating the acquisition of our own state of the art public address system. If you have any ideas or suggestions, contact LTC Paul Fellingner or MAJ Thomson.

CINCYMOAA Web Site

The Cincinnati MOAA Chapter website www.cincymoaa.org is now online. On this web site you will find information about the chapter, calendar of events, photos, a directory of local Congressional Officials, copies of current and past newsletters, forms and applications, and links to other military and interesting sites and more. Check often for updated information. Give us your feedback on what you would like to see.

OPERATION IRAQI CHILDREN (OIC) UPDATE

This project (full-page article in last newsletter) is a major success. To date, 816 school kits have been assembled. Donations are on hand for about 50 more kits. The \$2500 challenge has been met, meanwhile the need continues. Nationwide, over 200,000 school kits have been shipped to Iraq for distribution by our troops - the need is ten times that. Send your donation to MOAA c/o Paul Fellingner, 5943 Delhi Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45238.



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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