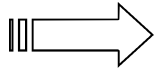


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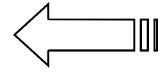
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LUNCHEON: TOUR OF ARMOR HOLDINGS

WHERE: ARMOR HOLDINGS

9113 Le Saint Dr., Fairfield, OH

WHEN: FRIDAY, 2 JUNE 2006

TIME: 12:00 PM – Box Lunch Tour follows

Featuring: Up-Armored HUMVEE'S

Armor Holdings Aerospace & Defense Group is a top supplier of human safety and survival systems to all branches of the U.S. military and major aerospace and defense prime contractors. At Armor Holdings, our integrated solutions for vehicle protection include up-armored vehicles, add-on armor kits (with emphasis on integrated protection and B Kits) and accessories for a full range of tactical and combat vehicles. We collaborate with original equipment manufacturers to ensure maximum platform performance while optimizing our armor solutions to meet warfighters' requirements. Our engineers work with a wide range of cutting-edge materials and survivability solutions to ensure our systems allow the warfighter to succeed on the battlefield of today while advancing survivability for the operational area. You can go to [Armor Holdings](http://ArmorHoldings.com) web site for more information.

We will be meeting at Armor Holdings for a Box Lunch followed by a tour of the facilities. Due to the limitations we can only have 50 attendees for this tour and are limiting this to first come first serve. Chapter members, spouses, and auxiliary have priority. All reservations must be in by Tuesday 30 May.

LUNCH RESERVATION: Friday, 2 June 2006—Armor Holdings—9113 Le Saint Dr, Fairfield, OH.

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

Entrée choices:

BOX LUNCH _____ \$15.00

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. All reservations must be received NLT Tuesday 30 May due to security. **We are limited to 50 people so get your reservations in early.** No cancellations after that date.

2006 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

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

** Vernon Manor Hotel

NEXT MEETING

In August we will be having a dinner meeting with Guest Speaker MOAA member 1LT John Erby with a presentation about the Purple Heart.

MOAA UPDATES

Subcommittee Would Hike Pay, Not Fees - On April 26, the House Armed Services Military Personnel Subcommittee, chaired by Rep. John McHugh (R-NY), offered Congress's first formal response to the Pentagon's plan to significantly raise TRICARE fees for retirees and survivors under age 65, starting this fall.

That response was a resounding "no."

The subcommittee approved legislative provisions that would bar any increases in fees for TRICARE Prime, TRICARE Standard or TRICARE Reserve Select (the new coverage for drilling Guard and Reserve members and families) at least through the end of 2007.

The Defense Department's budget proposal for FY2007 envisions raising retired officers' TRICARE Prime enrollment fees by 200% and total fees for TRICARE Standard by nearly 300% over the next two years, with somewhat smaller increases for retired enlisted members. Earlier this year, the Pentagon raised TRICARE Reserve Select premiums by 8.5%, and planned similar annual increases in the future.

Chairman McHugh said the subcommittee was unanimous in believing the DoD-proposed fee hikes were too much, too fast. The panel proposed convening a special commission to review health care cost growth and alternative options to hold down costs and avoid such large cost-share increases for beneficiaries.

The subcommittee didn't make any recommendation concerning Pentagon-proposed changes in pharmacy copays. The Pentagon plan would reduce the beneficiary copay for generic drugs from \$3 to \$0 in the mail-order system, but would raise copays for drugs bought through retail stores from \$3 to \$5 for generics and from \$9 to \$15 for brand-name drugs.

McHugh said the pharmacy copay issue would be addressed by the full Armed Services Committee in early May.

The committee also recommended the following actions:

Manpower Levels – Sustain the same 30,000 troop-level increase the Army was allowed for FY2006 and add an extra 1,000 for the Marines above the 2006 level. Restore the full strength of 350,000 for Army National Guard, vs. the 333,000 proposed in the Defense budget. Reduce Navy manpower authorizations by 12,000 and Air Force strength by 23,000.

Pay Raise – Authorize a 2.7-percent across-the-board military pay raise on January 1, 2007 vs. the 2.2-percent raised proposed in the Defense budget. This would be one-half percentage point larger than private sector pay growth, continuing Congress's seven-year effort to close the "comparability gap" between military and private sector pay. The subcommittee also endorsed a Pentagon proposal for additional "targeted" increases for certain mid-career and senior enlisted members and warrant officers, to be effective April 1, 2007.

Recruiting and Retention – Add \$100 million more for Army recruiting and retention bonuses; \$59 million for Air National Guard bonuses; and raise the ceiling of special pay for Selected Reserve health care professionals in critical wartime specialties from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

Casualty Assistance Programs – Require expanded returning funeral honors for military personnel who die in combat, reform the physical evaluation board process, authorize DoD to provide assistive technology devices to injured members, and direct better identification, treatment, and documentation of traumatic brain injuries.

Dependent School Support – Authorize \$50 million in assistance for schools located near military installations, plus an additional \$15 million for schools that gain additional students because of base realignments and closures.

MOAA's Council Leaders Storm Capital Hill - Council leaders from across the country joined with members of the national staff and board of directors and spoke with one strong voice on Capitol Hill this week as they lobbied against [TRICARE fee increases](#) (PDF) and for changes that would fix inequities in the [Survivor Benefit Plan](#) (PDF). Look for more information in this week's [Legislative Update](#).

10 Websites Every Military Spouse Should Know - [10 Websites Every Military Spouse Should Know](#)

Keep Up With Legislative Issues. - Want to keep up with all the legislation relating to the military and those your MOAA is fighting for or against? Go to the [MOAA Legislative Action Center](#). Sign up for weekly updates.

Auxiliary Corner

With A New Role Comes Renewed Appreciation - I have been an auxiliary member of MOAA for 16 years. Prior to July 2004, my MOAA activities consisted of paying MOAA dues, reading my monthly *Military Officer* Magazine, sending in the preprinted postcards to my senators and representatives to support MOAA top legislative goals, and attending an occasional meeting. I thought I was staying abreast of the issues.

But since July 2004, I have been privileged to take part in the Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee meetings and to attend MOAA board meetings with our committee. I have observed the dedicated and enthusiastic board and staff of MOAA at work.

I am continually impressed with the energy and passion with which they strive to improve the lives of our uniformed servicemembers and their families — retired, active duty, and reserve — whether they're MOAA members or not. We as auxiliary members continue to enjoy benefits, such as TRICARE For Life and reversal of the Survivor Benefit Plan age-62 benefit reduction, which were attained by the hard work of MOAA's members, staff, and board of directors.

We hope to activate more auxiliary members and spouses of members so they will join in spreading the word about MOAA and what MOAA membership offers to every officer's family.

The Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee is open to new ideas and can be reached through the auxiliary liaison in your chapter. (*Margery LeTourneau - Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee*)

CHAPTER MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

LCDR Mitchell Culbert - Chapter Member

Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, graduated from J.J. Pearce High School, Richardson, Texas in May 1972. Scored high on entry exams and Nuclear Field Qualification Test and enlisted into the Navy's Nuclear Power Program as a mechanical operator. Graduated from Machinist Mate A School in Great Lakes, Illinois, Nuclear Power School in Mare Island, California, Nuclear Prototype in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Class C Welding School in San Diego, California.

Served on the nuclear powered frigate, USS Bainbridge (DLGN 25) located in Long Beach, California, the a nuclear powered submarine, USS Tecumseh (SSBN 628) operating out of Holy Loch, Scotland and home-ported in Charleston, South Carolina, the submarine tenders USS Orion (AS 18) in Charleston, South Carolina, USS Simon Lake (AS 33) in Kings Bay, Georgia, and USS Holland (AS 32) at Naval Weapons Station, Charleston, South Carolina.

Completed recruiting duty in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at the Navy Recruiting District Headquarters at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building and at the Navy Recruiting District Office in Little Rock, Arkansas. While on recruiting duty promoted to Chief Petty Officer and was honored as the Nation's Nuclear Field Recruiter of the year for the Navy in 1981. Was selected and commissioned as an Ensign, Nuclear Power, Limited Duty Officer on June 1, 1982.

Served on the staff of Submarine Squadron EIGHTEEN on Board USS Holland (AS32) at Naval Weapons Station, Charleston, South Carolina and Submarine Squadron FOUR on Board USS Frank Cable (AS 40) at Naval Base, Charleston, South Carolina.

Continued education on my own time and completing an Associates in Science from University of New York at Albany (Regents) in January 1989, an Associates in Arts, Liberal Arts (with High Honors) from City Colleges of Chicago (Harold Washington College) in May 1993, a Bachelors of Science, Vocational Education Studies, Education, Training and Development (Summa Cum Laude) from Southern Illinois University in May 1993, a Masters in the Art of Teaching (MAT) from Marygrove College (4.0 GPA and Exemplary Portfolio), and a Masters in Education (Educational Administration) from Xavier University (4.0 GPA).

Appointed to the rank of permanent Lieutenant Commander, US Navy on 1 January 1993. Qualified Submarines and Surface Warfare Officer and qualified for all deck duties afloat. Selected for Command in June 1994. Retired from the US Navy on 1 April 1995. Awards included (4) Navy Commendation Medals, (3) Navy Achievement Medals, (4) Meritorious Unit Commendations, (5) Battle Efficiency "E's", (2) Good Conduct Medals, (2) National Defense Ribbons (Vietnam and Kuwait), The Humanitarian Service Medal (Hurricane HUGO), the Sea Service Ribbon, the Navy Recruiting Ribbon, Rifle Marksman ribbon, and Expert Pistol Medal.

Selected as a Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Instructor and started the NJROTC Unit at Scarlet Oaks Career Development Campus in July 1995. Scarlet Oaks NJROTC Unit was awarded Best New Unit in 1996, Outstanding Unit in 1998-1999, and Distinguished Unit in 2000-2001.

Obtained certification and Licensure as supervisor, principal, and assistant superintendent. Completed the Great Oaks Leadership Academy in 2001 and the CTAE Leadership Ohio Academy in 2004.

Selected and spent one year as Curriculum Instructional Specialist at Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development, two years as Assistant Dean of Instruction at Scarlet Oaks Career Development Campus, and one year as Assistant Dean of Instruction for the Satellites for the Great Oaks District. Currently the Dean of Instruction (principal) of Laurel Oaks Career Development Campus in Wilmington, Ohio.

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)		
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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:

LTC Paul Fellingner, 5493 Delhi Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45238-5139

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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 20 members, auxiliary, spouses and guests in attendance, we were given a very personal and moving experience of SSG Brondhaver's tour in Iraq. It was very enlightening on how things seemed one minute and could change so fast and deadly in the next. He spoke and showed pictures of his own near death experience and how he survived a grenade launcher attack with his own personal GPS device and his faith.

(OIC) - UPDATE - SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS BEING DISTRIBUTED BY CINCINNATIAN

On May 7, the Messiah Lutheran Youth Group assembled 17 cases (306 school supply kits). These are being sent direct to CPT Jeffrey Brewster in Iraq. A U.C. ROTC commissionee, he currently serves in the Babel Province. He writes that both the Iraqi Army and the Iraqi Police in that area are well trained and competent and want a peaceful and stable Iraq. They are rapidly assuming all security responsibilities and appear only to need specialized equipment, including armored HumVees to complete the takeover. There are thousands of school children in the area, and past distributions of school and sports supplies have been met with a tremendous positive response. CPT Brewster welcomes all the help we can provide. Make out checks to MOAA, write OIC on the "for:" and mail to LTC Paul Fellingner, 5493 Delhi Road, Cincinnati, OH 45238. Our Troops thank you!

Our project total now exceeds 1,700 school kits. 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