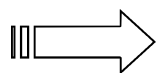


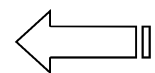
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LUNCHEON: ROTC/JROTC APPRECIATION DAY, PAST PRESIDENTS, ELECTIONS

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

WHEN: FRIDAY, 3 December 2004

TIME: 11:30 AM – Social Time

12:00 PM – Luncheon Program follows Luncheon

Once again it is time to recognize the ROTC and JROTC units that we support. Attending will be Xavier (Army), Miami (AF), Miami (Navy/MC), Diamond Oaks (MC), and Scarlet Oaks (Navy). Come out and show your appreciation and hear what they have to say. We will also be honoring past presidents (Capt. Clyde Middleton, Col. Bob Greene, Capt. Jack Meyer, and Col. Hoeh) to name a few and holding elections for new board members for the upcoming 2005 year. See page 5 for those who have been nominated or you may wish to nominate someone yourself. Come out and be heard and give your thanks for those who are serving and are about to serve your organization.

LUNCHEON RESERVATION: Friday, 3 December 2004—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)

BAKED COD _____

BEEF & CHICKEN STIR FRY _____

W/STEAMED RICE _____

Total Reservations _____

@ \$16.00 = Total \$ _____

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2004 CHAPTER OFFICERS AND BOARD

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

Executive Committee

President	1LT John Erby, AR	777-1538
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3rd VP	vacant	
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Delegate	LTC James Hoeh, AR	481-4045
Alt Delegate	vacant	
3rd VP	CAPT Jack Meyer, NA	489-7361

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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 by 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

None Reported

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 2004 (all at Holiday Inn- Riverfront, Covington)

Fridays: *Feb 6 (lunch), Apr 2 (lunch), **June 11 (lunch), Aug 6 (lunch), **Oct 8 (lunch), Dec 3 (lunch)

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

Fridays at 1300 hrs. In 2004: January 2, March 5, May 7, July 2, September 3, November 5.

Spouses and guests are welcome at all meetings.

* Location change—Clarion, Blue Ash

** Date Change

NEXT MEETING

TBD—Next year's programs will be determined by the new board after elections at the December Luncheon.

MOAA UPDATES

Final COLA Update - On Tuesday, the Bureau of Labor Statistics released September's inflation data, which finalizes the 2004 cost of living adjustment (COLA) for military retired pay and other federal annuities. The 2004 COLA will be 2.7 percent for military and federal retired pay, VA disability compensation, SBP survivor annuities, Social Security, and other federal programs. The COLA for these programs will be effective December 1st, and will be reflected in checks issued on January 2, 2005.

The exception is that new retirees during any calendar year receive a somewhat smaller partial COLA for the year of their retirement, because they already received a January military pay raise (which also raised their retired pay) during the retirement year.

Members who entered service before Sept. 8, 1980, and who retired on or after Jan. 1, 2004, will receive a 2.7 percent COLA on December 1 (payable in the January 2 retired pay check).

Members who entered service on or after Sept. 8, 1980 (whose retired pay is calculated on their highest 36 months' basic pay rather than final basic pay), and retired between Jan. 1, 2004, and Oct. 31, 2004, will receive a partial COLA based on the calendar quarter in which they retired. Those retiring in the first quarter of calendar year 2004 will receive 2.7 percent; in the second quarter, 1.8 percent; and in the third quarter, 0.3 percent. Those who retire after Oct. 1, 2004, will see no COLA this year.

Members retired during 2004 will receive full-year COLAs in future years.

Older Spouses, Survivors Get Permanent IDs. As a part of the Defense Authorization Act, Congress also adopted MOAA's suggestion to ease the burden of ID card renewal for older spouses and survivors. Beginning in 2005, retiree spouses and survivors age 75 and older will be able to obtain permanent ID cards.

Military retirees already receive ID cards with no expiration date. But until now, all dependents and survivors have had to continue appearing in person to renew their ID cards every four years--or navigate a burdensome renewal-by-mail process.

In the past, many Medicare-eligible family members simply let their ID cards expire rather than put up with renewal hassles. But since enactment of TRICARE For Life and TRICARE Senior Pharmacy coverage several years ago, older family members now face suspension of these benefits if they inadvertently let their ID cards expire.

MOAA thought this was too big a penalty and asked Congress earlier this year to issue permanent ID cards to all spouses and survivors age 65 and older. The intent is not only to avoid inadvertent loss of benefits, but also to ease the burdens of thousands of older beneficiaries for whom traveling or dealing with complex administrative requirements poses a significant problem.

The House agreed, but delayed eligibility to age 70. The Senate put no similar provision in its defense bill. In the end, the House-Senate conference committee kept the initiative in the final defense bill, but further delayed the age threshold to 75.

While we would have preferred permanent ID cards for all Medicare-eligible beneficiaries, we're pleased that this new law will at least ease this administrative burden for our oldest beneficiaries who need it most.

Implementation details (how, where, when to get a permanent card) are not yet available, but MOAA will report the details as soon as they become available.

MOAA UPDATES (continued)

MOAA Legislative Team Adds a New Member - MOAA's Government Relations Department grew by one this week as CDR René Campos (USN-Ret) joined the MOAA team as Deputy Director of Government Relations for Military Family Issues, a new position.

Rene completed a distinguished 30-year active duty career in August 2004. For the last five years, she has served as Associate Director of the Defense Department's Office of Family Policy, chairing the interagency Joint Family Readiness Committee and organizing the Pentagon Family Assistance Center to aid families of 9/11 victims. For five years before that, she was director of the quality-of-life resource management office for the Navy.

We're extremely pleased and fortunate to have her aboard as we expand MOAA's efforts in support of military families.

OTHER UPDATES

"Hire Vets First" - The U.S. Department of Labor and the President's National Hire Veterans Committee are kicking off a nationwide campaign entitled "Hire Vets First" on September 9, 2004. This campaign will heighten employer awareness of the diverse capabilities, broad range of skills, excellent training, and proven character of our veterans.

The campaign, through its Web site, www.HireVetsFirst.org, and the U.S. Department of Labor's Toll-Free Line 1-877-US2-JOBS (TTY: 1-877-889-5627), will refer employees to local One-Stop Career Centers for assistance in connection to veterans. Businesses that contact One-Stop Career Centers during the campaign will want to tap into the veteran labor pool by utilizing the comprehensive services offered at One-Stop Career Centers. Please note the www.HireVetsFirst.org website will not be live until the campaign is kicked off on September 9, 2004.

THE HISTORY OF VETERANS DAY

The history of Veterans Day starts like this, in 1921 an unknown World War I American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Similar ceremonies occurred earlier in England and France, where an unknown soldier was buried in each nation's highest place of honor (in England, Westminster Abbey; in France, the Arc de Triomphe).

These memorial services all took place on November 11, the anniversary of the end of World War I at 11:00 a.m., November 11, 1918 (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month), which became known as Armistice Day.

Armistice Day officially became a holiday in the United States in 1926, and a national holiday 12 years later. On June 1, 1954, the name was changed to Veterans Day to honor all U.S. veterans.

In 1968, new legislation changed the national commemoration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. It soon became apparent, however, that November 11 was a date of historic significance to many Americans. Therefore, in 1978 Congress returned the observance to its traditional date.

Official, national ceremonies for Veterans Day center around the Tomb of the Unknowns. To honor these men, symbolic of all Americans who gave their lives in all wars, an Army honor guard, the 3d U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard), keeps day and night vigil.

At 11 a.m. on November 11, a combined color guard representing all military services executes "Present Arms" at the tomb. The nation's tribute to its war dead is symbolized by the laying of a presidential wreath and the playing of "Taps."

PLEASE HELP IRAQI SCHOOL CHILDREN

Among the under reported successes in Iraq is the re-building and reopening of numerous schools by our service men and women. Thousands of Iraqi children are now able to attend these schools and show their gratitude to the U.S. for this effort in countless ways. However to continue to this success, there is a desperate need for school supplies for individual students.

To help, your Board voted to participate in OPERATION IRAQI CHILDREN. This is an effort co-chaired by Gary Sinise (LT Dan in Tom Hank's FORREST GUMP movie), a frequent visitor to the troops. The program provides a standardized packet of school supplies packed six sets to a case and shipped free by FedEx from a Kansas City accumulation point. The standard school packet contains: blunt end scissors, 12-inch ruler w/metric markings, 12 new pencils w/erasers, small pencil sharpener, large eraser, box of colored pencils, package notebook paper, composition book, three folders w/inside pockets, and one zippered pencil bag.

The supplies are available at Wal Mart, some in multiple items per package. Therefore we plan to buy, package and ship your donations centrally. The cost to participate is \$12.50 for each kit you'd like to provide. Please make out your check to Jack Meyer and mail it to him at 11252 Brookbridge Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45249-2201. If questions, call him 489-7361.

Please send your check right now. We'd like to get our donations there as soon as possible.

2004 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 03, 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).

Membership Renewal. Your email address please: _____

Regular Member ___\$28 for three. ___\$19 for two ___\$10.00 for one year

Auxiliary Member (as the surviving spouse of a deceased officer)

___\$14 for three ___\$9.50 for two ___\$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

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

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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

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NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

Would you like to receive your newsletter by email instead of through the postal mail? Would you like to know a little sooner about the next meeting? If you answered yes please let us know by sending an email to CWO3 Kym Mader, Newsletter Editor at chmader@fuse.net. By sending the newsletter out by email you can also save the chapter on costs of mailing out the newsletter. The newsletter is in PDF format read by Adobe Acrobat Reader, a free download at the following web site: <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>.

LAST MEETING

With approximately 30 members in attendance MG and Mrs. Cooper provided a very informative slide show of art by Jack Fellows alternating narrating the history of each one from their book "War in Pacific Skies". It was something to see. They also offered copies of their book for sale for a discount to members.

DIC Benefits Deadline Looming

Surviving spouses of Deceased Veterans who remarried after age 57 have until December 15, 2004 to apply for reinstatement of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) benefits. Under previous law, surviving spouses who remarried were not eligible for DIC unless their marriages ended, at which time they could apply for reinstatement of benefits. Under a 2003 law, surviving spouses who remarried after age 57 and before December 16, 2003, have one year to apply for restoration of DIC. For more information about restoration of DIC, call the VA at 800 827-1000 or TDD 800 829-4833 or go to www.va.gov.

NEW BOARD MEMBER NOMINEES

The following have been nominated for the positions listed for next year's board. If you know someone you think would be ideal for a position or you yourself would like to accept a position, make sure you come to the December luncheon. Additional nominees will be accepted.

President - LT Chuck Kenny Secretary - MAJ Gary Thomson
1st VP - CWO3 Kym Mader Treasurer - LTC Paul Fellingner
2nd VP - COL Dean Smittle
3rd VP - 1LT John Erby



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 MILITARY OFFICERS
 ASSOCIATION
 OF AMERICA***

- TO include 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 are members are drawn;
- TO further the education of children of service personnel;
- TO aid active and retired personnel of the various services from which are 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