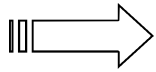


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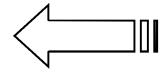
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Renew your dues – please see page 5!



LUNCHEON: RENEWING ELECTIVE JROTC CREDIT & JROTC APPRECIATION DAY

WHERE: Manor House Restaurant
600 Maple Trace Dr., Springdale, OH (Gathering Room)
WHEN: FRIDAY, 4 December 2009
TIME: 11:30 AM – Social Time
12:00 PM – Luncheon Program follows Luncheon

Featuring: CPT David Pollauf, USA, Ret., also Cadets from Western Brown, Diamond Oaks & Scarlet Oaks JROTC

In August 2009, the Ohio Department of Education announced the gradual elimination of elective credit for high school JROTC participation. This was based on an interpretation of a course standardization bill signed into law several years ago and was done with little input from stakeholders - including high school administrators, students and their parents, JROTC instructors and veterans groups that have long supported JROTC. This would have resulted in elimination of JROTC from High Schools, leaving Ohio as the only state with no JROTCs. Efforts are underway to get a legislative fix through both the Ohio house and senate by the end of January 2010, when 8th graders start looking at scheduling HS classes. CPT Pollauf will share his experiences and update us on current Ohio House and Senate Bills to correct this DOE action. Your board has urged local representatives to co-sponsor these bills. Governor Strickland has stated he will sign the final bill.

After six years enlisted Navy service, CPT Pollauf entered University of Toledo where he received a BA and a commission as 2nd LT via senior ROTC. In 1996 he retired from a career in Armor/Cavalry. He has served as JROTC Senior Army Instructor at Western Hills (Cincinnati) and as Commandant at Harlan Academy (Chicago) prior to becoming JROTC Senior Army Instructor at Western Brown HS in Mt Orab, Ohio.

Please join us also to recognize some of the JROTC units that we support and hear brief remarks by a cadet from each program.

LUNCH RESERVATION: Friday, 4 December 2009—Manor House Restaurant—Springdale, OH.

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

Entrée choices: (each meal includes Salad, Rolls & Butter & Iced Tea or Coffee)

Lunch BUFFET _____ \$12.00

(Menu changes daily but always includes a selection of homemade soups, 3 salad selections, three entrees, two vegetable dishes and a side dish and includes Manor House bread pudding for dessert)

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 2 December. 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

COL John B. Catiller, US Air Force
LTC Steve Lewis, US Air Force 12 Feb 2009
COL Elmer Reis, US Army 29 Sep, 2009
COL A.E. Von Holle, US Army 2 Nov 2009
WO Nicholas Stozic, US Army 5 Nov 2009 (Age 104)

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.

REGULAR MEETINGS FOR 2009

JROTC Appreciation Day — December 4 at Manor House

NEXT BOARD MEETING - Dec., TBA

Spouses and guests are welcome at all meetings.

NEXT MEETING

Schedule for 2010 being developed

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Congratulations to: **Captain Jack Meyer, USN** on being honored by his selection and induction into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. Captain Meyer is the seventh member of our Chapter to have their names inscribed in bronze at the Ohio Capitol for their distinguished work in the community after their military service! **Major Brad Wenstrup, USA** on his dignified campaign for election as mayor of the City of Cincinnati. Major Wenstrup, in his first attempt at public office, almost unseated the current Mayor, earning the respect and admiration of the community. **Captain David Pollauf, USA** Senior Instructor at Western Brown High School, for uncovering a real threat to the survival of the Junior ROTC program in Ohio and for galvanizing actions that we hope will allow the programs to survive and flourish. Come to our luncheon at the Manor House on December 4th to hear the whole story and to offer your support. We will probably need your voice as the new bills that were introduced into the Ohio legislature near their final vote.

It is indeed a pleasure and privilege to be associated with these fine officers, and the many other excellent and dedicated people in our Chapter, as we work toward our common goals of supporting our military at all levels. We intend to hold six membership meetings next year, probably four luncheons and two dinners, all with distinguished, vital and interesting speakers. We also plan to hold Board meetings every month except August, and we encourage attendance and participation by all our members. The Board is considering holding some of these meetings as breakfast meetings at local restaurants. Watch the Newsletters Chapter web site Calendar and please come if you can.

Thanks to Major Ed Knox as he assumes the role as Membership Chair. In these times we need the voice and support of many qualified people. We consider ALL of our members as recruiters. LTC Bob Kneeven has volunteered to assume the chair and to work toward bring the TOPS program to Greater Cincinnati. See Bob's article for more information.

It is always a pleasure to meet with like minded, patriotic people and we hope to strengthen ties with other organizations to share information and support our common goal.

Tom Grimes. LTC, USA, ret, President.

WHAT IS MOAA –TOPS PROGRAM ALL ABOUT?

By Bob Kneeven

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The Military Association of America (MOAA) has a program named The Officer Placement Service (TOPS) designed to assist the retired or retiring officer in locating a position in the civilian world. It is a national program which has a network at each of the states level to assist.

The career center located in Washington, DC is the focal point of this activity at the national level Staffed with Full-time career counselors that are ready, willing and able to assist all transitioning officers into new positions. Services available through the center include free publications, career counseling, resume critique, career center online activities, career fairs, nation-wide lectures as well as nation-wide networking contacts.

One of the most used free publications is entitled "Marketing Yourself for a Second Career. This publication is 72 pages of valuable information on obtaining a new or different position. It includes 5 chapters (Decisions, Decisions, Putting Yourself on Paper, The Power of the People, Expanding Your Job Search, and The Ultimate Thrill) plus an appendix of must have and read for the officer who is seriously looking for a position.

Counseling services are available in the new Alexandria, VA office that provides service in the Pentagon. Others have access to this system by phone (1-800-234-6622), e-mail, or on MOAA's Career Center (www.moaa.org/career) online system. Job board, employer links, career fair links, links to transition sites for transition services/information as well as informational networkers links are some of the resources you will see.

Resumes are a vital part of a job search activity. TOPS career center will critique theses as requested and examples are in the booklet appendix as previously mentioned. Resumes are posted on the MOAA –TOPS job board as well as searches available by Employers. There are 200-300 daily postings a week and are retained for up to 30 days to keep them current. Usually there are 3,000 in the data bank at any one time. Employers can post jobs as well as MOAA TOPS and Employers can search them. This is a free service of the Job board.

As far as the Social Media, MOAA is on LinkedIn. There is a group of over 1200 members on the MOAA Career Networking. The address is LinkedIn at www.linkedin.com. This will connect you to the interconnected network of experienced professionals. These folks can help you find a job, create and collaborate on projects or find a business partner. **NETWORK, NETWORK, NETWORK**

AUXILIARY CORNER (A Small Piece of History)

Beth Ann Daigre, Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee

When I learned we were beginning construction of the first Washington State veterans' cemetery here in Spokane County, I decided to contact a group of volunteers at Arlington National Cemetery, VA., whose mission is to support military families in their greatest time of need and ensure no servicemember ever is buried alone — and all are buried with honor. These volunteers are known as the Arlington Ladies, and I thought a similar program would be appropriate in Washington state to honor those who have sacrificed so much for our country. I had the opportunity to shadow an Army Arlington Lady in July and was moved and humbled by her selfless service.

It was a warm and breezy summer day in our nation's capital when a servicemember in dress uniform came to the administration building at Arlington National Cemetery to escort the Arlington Lady to one of 22 burials that would take place that day. Funerals usually split among a number of Arlington Ladies who represent the Army, Navy, or Air Force at funerals, which means the ladies might attend six to 10 funerals on any given day.

Each branch of the military has its own group of Arlington Ladies that attends services for members of their respective branch. The exception is the Marine Corps, where the commandant of the Marine Corps sends a representative on his behalf to Arlington for all Marine funerals.

The Air Force Arlington Ladies were formed in 1948 when the Air Force chief of staff at the time and his wife noticed several airmen being laid to rest at Arlington Cemetery with only a chaplain presiding and a final salute from the honor guard. In an effort to make sure no airman was ever buried alone, the Air Force Arlington Ladies began attending funeral services. The Army Arlington Ladies was formed in 1972, followed by the Navy in 1985.

This small piece of history, which remains a current practice, is one of those traditions that reminds us the importance of selfless service and how we can each contribute to and make a difference for those who have served this country and often have paid the ultimate price.

VETS BONUSES ABOUT A YEAR AWAY

Cincinnati Enquirer By Steve Kemme, 4 Nov 2009

Voters gave an emphatic thumbs-up to Issue 1, which will provide at least \$106 million in bonuses to an estimated 206,066 Ohio veterans or the surviving families who would qualify for them. With 99 percent of the state's votes counted, 72 percent approved the bonuses, while 28 percent rejected them. Each qualifying veteran or surviving family could receive a one-time bonus of as much as \$1,000.

Veterans who served in the Persian Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan and the surviving families of those who died shouldn't expect to receive the one-time bonuses Ohio voters approved for them Tuesday for at least a year.

After the election results are certified, several time-consuming steps must be taken before checks can be mailed out. At that point, veterans can begin applying for the bonuses. The applications will be screened to confirm military active duty status, time served in the Persian War, Iraq and Afghanistan, service locations and other information.

OIC—ANOTHER BIG CHALLENGE

Since November 2004, we have made 20 shipments totaling 2478 school kits distributed to school children by U. S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

We have just received a \$2,000 challenge from a non-member supporter of Operation Iraqi Children—the school kits project. All new donations will be matched dollar for dollar until the entire amount is matched. In light of this, we are planning a major packing effort for February (takes time to get all the supplies). With a full match, we will get very close to the 3,000 kit mark—not bad when our goal at the beginning was 30 kits!

Please send checks marked OIC to LTC Paul Fellingner, 5493 Delhi Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45238-5139

2009 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.)

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

- COL Helen Colley, USAF
- MAJ Todd Everett, USAF
- MAJ Brad Wenstrup, USA
- CWO4 George Jones, USMC
- COL William Grimes, USA
- CPT Matt Smolecki, USA
- LTC Paul W. Fellingner, Jr., USA

THE END OF THE YEAR APPROACHES FAST!

Some of our local radio stations are playing Christmas songs so you know there is little time left in the year. Our 2009 "Give Me Ten" membership campaign has just about the same amount of time left in order to reach our chapter's goal. We are only 1 or 2 members away. Some members of our chapter have made real efforts to meet our goal. They need your help.

Currently serving officers; active duty, reserve or National Guard, are eligible for a free one-year membership in national MOAA. Our chapter will match that with a free one-year chapter membership.

In order to receive the free membership a specific form, colored yellow, must be used. **The offer is free and the form does not require a signature. So if you want to give a friend or relative an inexpensive present, sign them up!** Just call or e-mail at efknox@fuse.net or (513) 674-7755, give me the information and I will fill out and submit the form. Ed Knox, Membership Chair

CONGRESS APPROVES MOAA FEDERAL CHARTER

On Oct. 27, the U.S. House of Representatives approved legislation granting a federal charter to MOAA. The Senate passed an identical bill on September 24th. The bill will now go to the President for signature. The Charter provides federal recognition of MOAA's service mission and ensures that MOAA leaders in all states can serve on state-level veterans' advisory panels.

Ohio's RC requires more than a federal charter to be a member of this committee. HB 350 was introduced by state representative Ujvagi. The purpose of the bill is to revise membership of the veterans advisory committee to assist the department of veterans services. Specifically this will add MOAA to the membership, the only purpose of the bill. This has been in the works for some time to give us a "seat at the table".



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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