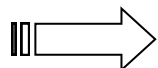


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NEWS

GREATER CINCINNATI CHAPTER MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA



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General Membership Meeting ROTC/JROTC Recognition

WHERE: Clovernook Country Club
2035 Galbraith Rd., Cincinnati, OH
WHEN: Friday, 3 Apr 2020
TIME: 11:30 – Social Time
12:00 – Lunch and Program

Please note the change in location and time. Due to uncertainty of availability of our previous location Manor House, we have decided to move our April meeting to the Clovernook Country Club. Following meetings will be discussed at the next Board meeting in March. Please let your board members know your thoughts.

Our first General Membership meeting for the year will be our ROTC/JROTC Recognition Luncheon. The following schools/programs have been invited to attend:

ROTC-Miami University Navy and Air Force programs and University of Cincinnati Air Force
JROTC-Princeton HS Navy, Little Miami HS Air Force, Scarlet Oaks Navy and Live Oaks Army

Please come out and support our young men and women and our future military.

ROTC/JROTC Presenters

The chapter is still looking for award presenters for Kenton County Military Academy (Scott HS 1 April @ 1800, Little Miami HS AF JROTC 6 May @ 1800 and Holmes HS USMC JROTC, 15 May @ 1800. Please consider taking a little time to represent our chapter to present these well deserved awards to these young men and women. You can contact LTC Al BRAUER if interested at LTCUSARMY@aol.com or call 513-404-0115.

Lunch RESERVATION: Friday, 3 April 2020—Clovernook Country Club—Cincinnati, OH.

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

Email: _____ **Phone #:** _____
(ARE YOU A NEW MEMBER, OR FIRST TIME OUT? _____)

Entrée choices:

Assorted Tea Sandwiches, Fried Cod, Salads, Fruit, Chips,
Brownies/Cookies, Beverages

_____ @ \$20.00

Would you like to sponsor a ROTC/JROTC Cadet or Midshipman?
(Circle if you have a preference)

_____ @ \$20.00

Total Reservations

_____ = Total \$ _____

Make Checks payable to GREATER CINCINNATI CHAPTER/MOAA and mail to **CAPT Brent Ramsey, 1550 Smarty Jones Ct, Union, KY 41091**, (Phone (828) 734-1146), or email: shrbler@bellsouth.net. Please make reservations NLT than 27 March. 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.

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TAPS

If you know a member of MOAA who has passed away, please let us know so we may pass it on.

Board Meetings

2nd Friday of each month, 1200 - American Red Cross Building
2111 Dana Ave., Cincinnati, OH

Conference Call in is available. Contact a board member for more details.
Spouses & guests are welcome at all meetings.

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2020 MEETINGS - Mark your Calendars NOW!

Watch www.cincymoaa.org for updates.

2020 Membership Meetings / 5th Annual Dining Out

- **Membership Meeting** - Friday, Apr 3, 1200, Manor House Restaurant (Tentative)
- **Membership Meeting** - Friday, Jun 19, 1800, Manor House Restaurant (Tentative)
- **Membership Meeting** - Friday, Sep 18, 1200, Manor House Restaurant (Tentative)
- **Dining Out** - Saturday, November 7, 1800, Highland Country Club, Ft. Thomas KY
- **Membership Meeting** - Friday, Dec 11, 1200, Manor House Restaurant (Tentative)

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From the President

After another winter in the Greater Cincinnati area where we were never sure what the next day would bring (unnaturally warm weather or an unnaturally cold weather with rain, sleet or snow mixed in to keep it interesting) spring is finally arriving. And spring means that our annual membership meeting where we salute the local ROTC and JROTC units has arrived! Al Brauer has lined up a number of the local units to be at the meeting and this will be a great chance to meet and hear from some of the best young men and women that our country has to offer.

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, we have been forced to find a new venue for our membership meetings as the Manor House is undergoing renovations and could not guarantee that they would be ready to host this meeting. Thanks to fine work by the Programs Committee of our board, we have made the decision to hold the Friday, April 3rd meeting at the Clovernook Country Club in North College Hill (2035 W. Galbraith Rd). The details on signing up for this meeting are included in the newsletter. We have had good reports on Clovernook from other groups and hope that they will be a good fit for us.

Two items of note. First, the price of the meeting has gone up to \$20. All of the venues we looked at, were about the same price, and we are pretty sure that if the Manor House reopens for us, we will be looking at a similar price increase there as well. Second, the start of the meeting is moving up to noon from 12:30 PM. We had moved the start time to 12:30 a couple of years ago to accommodate the Manor House but we found that this meant that some of the meetings were going longer into the afternoon so we have made the decision to move the start time back to noon.

Finally, remember that in order to keep up to date on everything that is going on please take some time to read the entire newsletter and visit both the national MOAA webpage (<https://www.moaa.org>) and our local webpage (www.cincymoaa.org) or the Greater Cincinnati MOAA Facebook page. This year is going to bring big changes to our national government and it is vital that we stay well informed and engaged in the process. So until the April meeting where I hope to see many of you, "Fair winds and following seas!". Sincerely,

Mike Glaser
CAPT USN (ret)
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New Space Force Seal Unveiled

(Oriana Pawlyk, Military.com)



The U.S. Space Force Seal has arrived.

A month after the newest branch was formally signed into existence, President Donald Trump unveiled its official seal in a tweet.

"After consultation with our Great Military Leaders, designers, and others, I am pleased to present the new logo for the United States Space Force, the Sixth Branch of our Magnificent Military!" Trump tweeted Friday alongside a picture of the seal.

Click [here](#) for full article.

These Military Medical Facilities Will Stop Seeing Retirees and Military Family Members

(Karen Ruedisueli, National MOAA)

Approximately 84,000 active duty family members and 110,000 military retiree beneficiaries will be impacted by military treatment facility (MTF) downsizing proposed in a DoD report to Congress released Feb. 19.

In a phone call the morning of the release, senior DoD officials assured MOAA and other advocacy groups they are committed to maintaining access to care for all beneficiaries via a deliberate process and robust analysis of civilian TRICARE network capacity. However, MOAA remains concerned about the potential impacts on military families, retirees and their families, and survivors.

Click [here](#) for full article.

TRICARE Users Get Discounts on Chiropractic Care, Gym Memberships in New Pilot

(Dorothy Mills-Gregg, Military.com)

The latest Tricare pilot program meant to provide better care and reduce costs has come to Atlanta, Georgia as TRICARE partners with Kaiser Permanente.

Nearly 1,760 Tricare beneficiaries signed up during open enrollment last year for the health care pilot that will be available for three years. That is about 740 people short of meeting the program's initial goal.

Tricare officials are testing out partnerships like this so they can move to a value-based system instead of a volume-based program that reimburses health care providers by the amount, not quality, or care they provide.

"This model can fragment the delivery of health care and inadvertently reward providers for providing low value tests, services, or procedures that are not correlated with positive health outcomes," a Tricare document said.

Click [here](#) for full article.

Welcome Aboard, US Space Force

(by CAPT Roger Argalas, Sympathy/Personal Affairs Committee)

Welcome to the 8th Uniformed Service! The United States Space Force (USSF) is now in existence as the space operations service branch of the US Armed Forces. The National Defense Authorization Act of 2020 made it an independent branch on 20 December 2019.

The USSF is organized as a military service branch within the Department of the Air Force and is headed by the Secretary of the Air Force, who reports to the Secretary of Defense.

Currently there are 16,000 individuals assigned to the Space Force with more from the Air Force, Army, and Navy expected to be added in the next three fiscal years.

Until it develops its own uniforms, members will be wearing the Air Force service dress uniform.

LtCol Brad Hamant, our Chapter's Air Force Service Representative, will be covering news of the USSF, at least until USSF officers join our Chapter ranks.

USPHS Commissioned Corps Ready to Take on Coronavirus

As the number of people around the world infected with coronavirus continues to climb, U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps officers are prepared to combat the virus on the home front.

Since Monday, Commissioned Corps officers have worn their operational dress uniforms to convey their readiness to take on missions in the U.S. to fight coronavirus, and they will do so until the threat is eradicated or significantly diminished.

"All of our officers are in their operational dress uniforms because we ... are all ready to deploy as necessary. Right now, it's a relatively limited deployment, although in very important roles," said Assistant Secretary for Health Adm. Brett Giroir, the Commissioned Corps' top-ranking officer, in an interview with MOAA.

"It's changing on a daily basis, and we stand ready to deploy as needed."

As America's health responders, the Commissioned Corps' current missions related to coronavirus include supporting the return of American citizens from China, assisting the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) with airport screenings to monitor the health of travelers, and working in the Department of Health and Human Services secretary's operations center.

Click [here](#) for full article.

Get Smart on the New SECURE Act

(by CAPT Roger Argalas, Sympathy/Personal Affairs Committee)

By now you may have heard of the 'Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement' (SECURE) Act, which a local financial columnist called "...one of the biggest pieces of retirement legislation this country has seen in over a decade...". What is the SECURE Act and how does it affect you?

Congress passed the Act last year to amend existing law regarding retirement planning.

In my opinion, it is a mixed bag, but you decide:

1. Good news. The age limit for contributions has been eliminated, so you may contribute to your traditional IRA past the age of 70.5, assuming you have qualifying income, such as wages.

2. Good news for some. Required Minimum Distributions (RMD's) now must start in the year you reach age 72, vice 70.5, but this change does not apply to those who turned 70.5 in 2019 or before.

3. Not such good news. Beginning 1 January 2020, your children or grandchildren (but not your spouse) must take all distributions from the IRA they inherit from you within 10 years or face a 50% tax penalty. Previously they could stretch the distributions over their lifetimes and see their balances grow tax-deferred.

If any of these changes apply to you, spend some time getting smart on the new SECURE Act.

Do You Need a CV Instead of a Resume?

(by Patricia Cole, National MOAA)

There tends to be a fair bit of confusion among job seekers about what a CV is and when to use one when pursuing employment.

CV is short for "curriculum vitae," which in Latin means "course of life." CVs and resumes are both used for seeking employment; each provides a brief account of a person's education, qualifications, previous professional experience, achievements, awards, honors.

However, there are some differences: The CV goes into much greater depth and detail than a resume, and as a result of the greater detail and information, a CV can be considerably longer.

So, how do you know which format to use? It's actually pretty straightforward.

Just as resumes, there is no set format for CVs. You'll have a lot of latitude in deciding how you want your CV to look and feel. Whatever format your ultimately choose, though, should be constructed in a way that clearly conveys the required information. Be consistent in how you present information from section to section, and always check for spelling and grammar errors. It's a best practice to have objective readers (Such as MOAA's Career transition specialists) review your draft CV to catch mistakes you may have missed.

Click [here](#) for full article.

Surviving Spouse/Spouses Corner Thank You To Congress For The Repeal Of The Widow's Tax

"Surviving Spouses, we need your help! Year after year, you've walked the halls of Congress pushing to end the Widows Tax – and standing alongside you have been MOAA members who met with federal lawmakers during the annual Storming the Hill event. We'd like your help to put together a "Thank You" video to share with our Stormers at this year's Storming the Hill event. Our goal is to show how MOAA Stormers make a difference through their work Storming the Hill. Video clips should be no longer than 15 seconds, thanking Stormers for their help to repeal the Widows Tax. Feel free to mention how the repeal will make a difference in your life or honor your fallen servicemember. Messages can be as simple as, "Thank you, Stormers! Ending the Widows Tax honors the sacrifice of my husband, (Rank and name)." Please be sure to use phrasing Thank you MOAA Stormers.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/581427115240904/videos/>

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2020 CHAPTER DUES ARE DUE! Please pay now- IF you haven't done so.

If you receive the newsletter by mail, 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. If your number is (2019) 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). 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.

NEW - You can now renew your membership online. Go to <https://chapterdues.moaa.org/Membership.aspx>. There is no membership dues for Surviving Spouses.

Chapter Membership Renewal

Name: _____ Rank: _____
Your email address please: _____

Member _____ \$28 for three years _____ \$19 for two years _____ \$10.00 for one year
Surviving Spouse (surviving spouse of a deceased officer) _____ No Cost

Please renew as a LIFE member. _____ (Please circle amount in fee schedule.)

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WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

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Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Seeking Applications

The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame is accepting nominations to recognize those who served in the U.S. Armed Forces and continue to contribute to our communities, state, and nation through exceptional acts of volunteerism, advocacy, professional distinction, public service, or philanthropy.

Each year, the Hall of Fame inducts up to 20 former service members based on recommendations from an Executive Committee of veterans from throughout the state and approval from the Governor of Ohio.

To be considered, the veteran must meet the following criteria:

- Be a past or current Ohio Resident
- Have received an honorable discharge
- Be of good moral character

This Hall of Fame sets the standard for recognizing Ohio's veterans for accomplishments beyond their military service. In addition, it is a fitting way to say "thank you for your service to our nation and thank you for your continued service to our communities." Chances are you know a veteran who deserves to be inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. You are encouraged to nominate that deserving veteran today.

Nomination deadline is June 1, 2020. Guidelines, a sample nomination, and more information are available at <http://dvs.ohio.gov/main/veterans-hall-of-fame.html>.

ODVS Workforce Team Expands Reach in 2020

Columbus - The Ohio Department of Veterans Services continues to make an impact on helping to facilitate opportunities for veterans in Ohio's workforce - and the results speak to those efforts. According to the the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, veteran unemployment in Ohio consistently has been lower than 4 percent over the course of the last year.

ODVS has a three-person Veterans Workforce Team of former service members who are effectively train and educate recruiters, hiring managers, and HR professionals who are interested in identifying, hiring and retaining veterans. The free trainings bridge the gap on military culture, teach employers how to wade through military resumes (as well as acronyms and jargon), and explain how military skills translate to civilian jobs. They also delve into topics such as veteran benefits and resources, attention to mental health, the role of military spouses, and perceived stereotypes and myths.

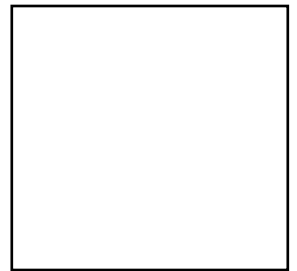
ODVS conducted its first online training in February 2019 and has scheduled at least one online sessions per month for 2020. The first one for this calendar year is set for Friday, Jan. 17. For more information, go to the [Upcoming Events](#) page at OhioVets.gov.

Click [here](#) for full Press Release.



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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