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GREATER CINCINNATI CHAPTER MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Renew your dues – please see page 5!

General Membership Meeting
Past President Recognition, Election of 2023 Officers & Toys for Tots

WHERE: **Clovernook Country Club**
2035 W. Galbraith Rd., Cincinnati, OH
WHEN: **Friday, 9 Dec 2022**
TIME: **11:30 Social Time**
12:00 Lunch and Program

Board of Elections 2023

Below is the proposed slate of candidates for elective offices/board membership. As President of the chapter, I would like to thank all board members for their service and support to this organization, and especially CAPT Roger Argalas as secretary for the past several years and 1LT Ken Bowman and COL Richard Bevington for agreeing to serve as 1st and 2nd Vice President's, respectively. The elected members noted below and any nominations from the floor, will be approved by the membership at the December membership meeting. Come to support your board or by stepping up to fill a vacant position, voting and welcoming in your elected Board Officers.

President:	CAPT William Heitbrink, USPHS, Ret
Immediate PP:	CAPT Mike Glaser, USN, Ret
1st VP:	1LT Ken Bowman, USA, Frm
2nd VP:	COL Richard Bevington, USA, Ret
Co-Secretary:	CAPT Alan Echt, USPHS,
Co-Secretary:	CAPT Hank Gurry, USN, Ret
Treasurer:	LTC Paul Fellinger, USA, Ret

Toys for Tots

This will be our sixth year of supporting the Toys for Tots campaign. One of the goals of the Greater Cincinnati Chapter, MOAA is to continue to increase our community outreach and involvement. We are asking each member to donate at least one toy to the wonderful program. The toys should be new and unwrapped. To make it easy you can bring your toy(s) to the Dec. 9th Membership Meeting. We will ensure that they are delivered to the Toys for Tots Program. So, when shopping for the kids in your family or picking up groceries at your local super market, pick up an extra toy(s).

Lunch RESERVATION: Friday, 9 Dec 2022—Clovernook Country Club— 2035 W. Galbraith Rd. Cincinnati, OH.

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

Buffet Lunch with two entrees. _____ @ $20.00
Total Reservations _____ **= Total $**_____

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2022 CHAPTER OFFICERS AND BOARD

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

Executive Committee

President	CAPT Bill Heitbrink, USPHS	347-3193
Immed PP	CAPT Mike Glaser, USN	280-6256
1st VP	VACANT	
2nd VP	VACANT	
Secretary	CAPT Roger Argalas, USCG	759-6267
Treasurer	LTC Paul Fellinger, USAR	451-9881
Chaplain	VACANT	
Legislative Ofc	BG Tom O'Brien, USA	421-0118
Natl Bd	VACANT	
Past Natl Bd	RADM Larry Hereth, USCG	812 537-2968
Spouse/ Surviving Spouse Liaison	1LT Ken Bowman, USA	600-4094

State Council

Delegate	CAPT Bill Heitbrink, USPHS	347-3193
Alt Delegate	Immediate PP or 1st or 2nd VP	

Committees

Programs	COL Richard Bevington, USA/	741-9727
	CAPT Hank Gurry, USN	459-0465
Membership	LTC Dan Shea, USA	792-0344
ROTC/JROTC	LtCol Brad Hamant, USAF	439-3140
Reserve/NG	CAPT Steve Drefahl, USN	752-4097
Historian	CAPT Roger Argalas, USCG	759-6267
Sympathy/Personal Affairs		
	1LT Ken Bowman, USA	600-4094
Vietnam Commemoration/Public Affairs		
	LTC Al Brauer, USA	677-8320
TOPS	LtCol Brad Hamant, USAF	439-3140
CinMoaaNews	CWO3 Kym Mader, USN	759-0852

Service Representatives

Army	LTC Robert Croskery, USA	701-5529
Navy/MC	CAPT Hank Gurry, USN	459-0465
USPHS	VACANT	
Air Force	Lt Col Brad Hamant, USAF	439-3140
Space Force	Lt Col Matt Wenzel, USAF	(805) 450-4571
CG/NOAA	CAPT Roger Argalas, USCG	759-6267

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:

(a) To promote the purposes and objectives of the Military Officers Association of America
(b) To foster fraternal relations among retired, active and former officers of the uniformed services.
(c) To protect the rights and interests of personnel of the uniformed services and their dependents and survivors.
(d) To provide useful services for members and their dependents and survivors.
(e) 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.

1LT Robert Doolan, USAF - 5 Oct. 2022

2022 MEETINGS - Mark your Calendars NOW! Watch www.cincymoaa.org for updates.

2022 Membership Meetings / 5th Annual Dining Out

- **Dining Out** - Saturday, Nov 5, 2022, 1800, Highland Country Club, Ft. Thomas KY
- **Membership Meeting** - Friday, Dec 9, 1200, Location: Clovernook Country Club

Board Meetings

2nd Friday of each month, 1200 - 1300.

In person Board meetings will resume at the Red Cross Building, 2111 Dana Ave., Cincinnati, OH starting with the March Meeting.

Spouses and members are welcome.

For MOAA National information, Click on the links below:

General Information
Legislative Updates

Never Stop Serving

Get Your TRICARE Pharmacy Questions Answered During an Oct. 20 Webinar

(by Kevin Lilley, Nat'l MOAA)

TRICARE Pharmacy beneficiaries can ask questions about their benefit during a webinar Oct. 20 —four days before nearly 15,000 community pharmacies leave the TRICARE network.

MOAA was the first outlet to report the upcoming network change, which will affect about 400,000 beneficiaries. More than 100 affected beneficiaries have told MOAA their stories via MOAA's Legislative Action Center engagement form, and more than 100 legislators have written the Defense Health Agency (DHA) for more information on the change.

The Oct. 20 webinar runs from 1 to 2p.m. Eastern and will provide "information to help make getting your prescription drugs, filing claims, and managing your prescriptions easier," according to the registration page.

Despite the virtual nature of the event, space is limited - advance registration is suggested.

For more information about the TRICARE Pharmacy Program - including links to a TRICARE Formulary search, drug cost information, and details on home delivery options - visit TRICARE.mil/Pharmacy.

Stay Connected With Team RWB

(by VA.gov)

Team Red, White & Blue (Team RWB) is dedicated to enriching the lives of veterans by connecting them to their community through physical and social activity. By providing in-person and virtual opportunities, Team RWB can help you focus on your mental and physical health to ensure the best days are ahead. Download their free mobile app to meet local community members, access virtual challenges, and much more! Click here to Learn More.

Military History, Events and Commemorations

(by CAPT Roger Argalas, Chapter Historian)

If you know of an upcoming date that you would like to share, let me know. I can be reached at roger.argalas@yahoo.com

November

Military Family Appreciation Month
10 Nov: Happy Birthday US Marine Corps (1775)
11 Nov: Veterans Day

December

7 Dec: Pearl Harbor Day
13 Dec: Happy Birthday National Guard (1636)
15 Dec: Official end of war in Iraq (2011)
17 Dec: National Wreaths Across America
20 Dec: Happy Birthday US Space Force (2019)
31 Dec: Official end of WW II (1946)

How to Apply DoD's New Social Media Policy to Your Own Online Presence

(by Libby Michael, Nat'l MOAA)

Just because you're transitioning out of uniform doesn't mean you can't apply lessons from the new Defense Department social media policy to your civilian career.

The public affairs policy, issued in late summer, marked the first department-wide effort toward social media guidance. Launched to rein in the mismanagement of the services' official social media accounts, it provides some good advice that can be used for your personal accounts, too.

If you are applying for a job in the civilian sector, it's highly probable a company will investigate your social media presence before offering you the position. Linkedin entries, Facebook posts, and even tweets you sent 10 years ago could pose a hazard.

Click here for full article.

A Walk Down Memory Lane in Cincinnati

40 years ago On March 30, 1983

In the last issue we looked back to events in Cincinnati from 25 years ago. As we continue the countdown to the Chapter's 50th anniversary, here are some stories from the *Enquirer* 40 years ago that you might enjoy.

*The price of imported oil dropped to $30.49 a barrel but the nation's trade deficit widened to $3.58 billion.
*The Reds won their exhibition game victory over the Boston Red Sox 4-3.
*In theaters, the most popular films are ET, Tootsie, Gandhi, Sophie's Choice, and the Sword in the Stone.
*Buy a 1983 Chrysler New Yorker Fifth Avenue for $13,214. Includes ac, power windows, digital clock and vinyl roof—at area Chrysler Plymouth dealers.
*Many vegetables will be scarce or expensive this Easter due to excessive rains and flooded fields in California.
*Recommended TV programs (on the 10 stations)--Fat Albert's Easter Special, MASH, Three's Company, Real People, the Thorn Birds (final episode), Rockford Files, and Quincy.

Just a reminder: our Celebration Dinner will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2023.

For information on the 50th Anniversary Celebration, contact CAPT Roger Argalas at roger.argalas@yahoo.com

Surviving Spouse Corner

What's in a Name?

(by Suzanne Walker, Nat'l MOAA)

For many years, spouse of MOAA members were referred to as "auxiliary members" when their spouse member died.

When MOAA established the Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee (AMAC), a focus group of auxiliary members to advise the association's president on matters of importance to those who had lost their military spouse, the committee suggested it might be time to move away from the term "auxiliary."

The military was starting to refer to family members who had lost a military member as "survivors." The definition of "auxiliary" — giving help or support, especially to a more important person or thing — was not how spouses felt. They were the ones who had managed the household, made frequent moves, gave up careers, and raised families while the military member served. They were "survivors."

Therefore, in 2013, MOAA's board of directors voted to change the name "auxiliary member" to "surviving spouse" and declared them full members with all the rights and privileges of membership, including a position on the board of directors.

Since then, two surviving spouses have served on the board of directors: Joyce Hart, who was succeeded by Gail Joyce. In addition, Capt. Kathy Thorp, USN (Ret), is a surviving spouse on the board of directors.

Click here for full article.

Lawmakers Miss Budget Deadline Yet Again - Tell Them We've Had Enough

(by Cory Titus, Nat'l MOAA)

With just hours left in fiscal year 2022, Congress and the White House agreed to a continuing resolution (CR) ensuring the federal government has the necessary funding to stay open as the new fiscal year begins, albeit at last year's spending levels.

The Senate passed an amended version of H.R. 6833 by a vote 72-75 on Sept 29. It passed the house 230-201 on Sept. 30 and was signed by President Joe Biden into law the same day. The bipartisan agreement will fund the government through Dec. 16. While this CR temporarily delays the threat of a government shutdown, Republicans and Democrats still must come together and ensure the government is fully funded for the rest of FY 2023 by passing the necessary federal appropriations.

The start of FY 2023 is no different than many preceding fiscal years. For decades CRs have become a crutch for Congress — a regular occurrence rather than the exception.

Click here for full article.

From the President

(by CAPT Hank Gurry for CAPT William Heitbrink, Chapter President)

50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

You and your guest are cordially invited to the Greater Cincinnati MOAA Chapter's 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner on Thursday, March 30, 2023. The celebration dinner will be at the beautiful Metropolitan Club in Covington, KY, overlooking the Cincinnati and northern Kentucky skyline. This will be a wonderful evening as we celebrate 50 years of service, our longest serving members, past presidents, and have an address from National MOAA. The registration form is available in this newsletter and at the chapter's website: https://www.cincymoaa.org/. We recommend that current members register by December 31. We will send a map and parking instructions closer to the event.

Robert Doolan

Robert Doolan, one of our oldest members, passed away on Wednesday, October 5. At our March membership meeting Bob gave us a wonderful, suspenseful presentation of his experiences as a navigator on a B17 bomber in WW II. On his 13th mission over Europe, his plane was shot down; he was captured by the Germans, and spent two years in the German POW camp Stalag Luft III, made famous in the 1963 film, The Great escape. In Bob's honor, the chapter made a $100 donation to St Xavier High School.

Membership Happy Hour

(by Dan Shea, Membership)

On 22 September, as advertised, we hosted our first-ever 'Membership Happy Hour' at Hoppin Vines in Kenwood. At the event's high-point we had 35 current, new or prospective members, in addition to a number of spouses, in attendance. After a congenial shake-and-grin session, Chapter President Bill Heitbrink briefed the attendees on upcoming events, and Ohio Council of Chapters President, Dan Hahn, commented on the status of MOAA at the state and national levels. As we had promised, however, the primary focus of the evening was fostering fraternity and camaraderie among Officers of the Uniformed Services.

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
GREATER CINCINNATI CHAPTER
DINING OUT
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022
1800 – No Host Social
1845 – Mess Call
Highland Country Club
931 Alexandria Pike
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075

The Greater Cincinnati Chapter Dining Out will take place at the Highland Country Club on November 5, 2022. This is a traditional military function which many of us will remember. Different from a Dining In, which is officers only, the Dining Out includes spouses and other guests. The dress is appropriate service Class A or civilian business attire. Julian D. Smith, a World War II Merchant Marine Veteran, will be our guest of honor and keynote speaker. His impressive bio is below.

Send in your invitation below to attend this traditional military function.

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DINING OUT RESERVATION: Saturday, 5 November 2022, Highland Country Club, 931 Alexandria Pike, Ft. Thomas, KY.

Name: _______________________________ Rank & Service: __________________
Spouse/Guests: ____
Phone ______________________ Email _______________________________

MENU: Please indicate the meal choice for each attendee:
_________________________ Prime Rib of Beef, whipped potatoes, green beans
_________________________ Vegetarian Meal, pasta with vegetables

All meals come with a glass of Port for toasting, garden salad, a glass of wine with dinner and dessert.

Cost: $45.00 per person Total Reservations: _______ times $45 = $________

Optional: Sponsor an ROTC Cadet or Midshipman (Suggested amount $30.00) $________
(Note: This special price is limited to the first 15 cadets/midshipmen.)

TOTAL ENCLOSED $________

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Julian D. Smith
World War II
Merchant Marine Veteran

Julian D. Smith joined the Merchant Marines January 12, 1944, missing the last five months of high school. He completed his service on April 25, 1947. He served on six different merchant ships:

- Henry D. Whiton
- John M. Schofield
- William Harper
- George E. Pickett
- Lynn Victory
- Milan R. Stefanik

Julian served in the deck department as a seaman and a helmsman. He was in three war zones: Pacific War Zone, Mediterranean Middle East War Zone and the Atlantic War Zone. His longest trip was seven months when he went to supply Okinawa. While in the Mediterranean Middle East War Zone, they traveled through the Straits of Gibraltar and were always on the lookout for enemy submarines.

The Greater Cincinnati Chapter
Military Officers Association of America
requests the pleasure of your company
at the 50th Anniversary celebration dinner of the Chapter
on Thursday, the thirtieth of March, 2023,
at six-thirty o'clock.
The Metropolitan Club,
50 East River Center Boulevard, Suite 1900
Covington, Kentucky

The Greater Cincinnati Chapter of MOAA is celebrating 50 years of service on March 30, 2023. To commemorate this event, we are having a 50th anniversary celebration dinner. Current chapter members and guests have priority in making reservations. The club can accommodate 80 people for this event, and current chapter members have the first opportunity to make reservations until **December 31, 2022**. After December 31 we will invite others as space allows. So, we recommend that members make reservations as soon as possible. Cash bar 6:30-7:15. Dinner at 7:15.

Dinners:

A Roasted Prime Rib of Beef (Meat)
B Mustard Crusted Branzino (Fish)
C Cheese Tortellini Alfredo (Vegetarian)
All dinners include salad, vegetables, potatoes and dessert

RESERVATION FORM

Circle Dinner Selection Below

Name _____ **A B C**

Name _____ **A B C**

Number of reservations _____ @ $50 per current Chapter member $ _____

Validated parking pass for the garage - $6.00 per car $ _____

Total enclosed $ _____

Checks made payable to Greater Cincinnati Chapter/MOAA

Suggested dress: Appropriate civilian business attire or service dress uniform

Email address for confirmation _____ or home address

Return reservation form with payment **NLT 10 March 2023** to: Paul Fellinger, 5493 Delhi Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45238. **No cancellations after that date.**

2022 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 (2021) 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.)

MEMBER LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES (Chapter Only) (Fee is based on your age, nearest birthday)	
Age up to 55	$161.25
Age 56 to 70	$127.50
Age 71 to 89	$ 93.75
Age 90 and over	Waive

Make check payable to: Greater Cincinnati Chapter / MOAA
Mail Renewal form and check to:
LTC Dan Shea, 5736 Woodsway Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45236

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WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER

1LT John Lane, USAF MAJ Robert Gallagher, USAF CAPT Gordon Strauss, USMC
CAPT Kent Covey, USMC

Retiree Publications

Shift Colors (Navy Retirees)
Afterburner (Air Force Retirees)
Army Echoes (Army Retirees)
Evening Colors (Coast Guard Retirees)
Semper Fidelis (Marine Corps Retirees)

Legislative Affairs

(by BG Tom O'Brien, Legislative Office)

Please contact your federal legislators. 1) Reverse the proposed reduction of 15,000 independent pharmacies; 2) support HB 274/S 3909, the Military Spouse Hiring Act, and: 3) Pass the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022. A government shutdown means no pay for the Coast Guard, NOAA and USPHS.

51st Annual Armed Forces Sabbath

6 November 2022
Holy Cross—Immaculata Church in Mount Adams
10:30 A.M. Mass
The wearing of Dress Uniform of your service is encouraged but not required.
All veterans will gather at 10:00 A.M. in front of the church.

Military Puzzle

Theme: Military Branch Spotlight

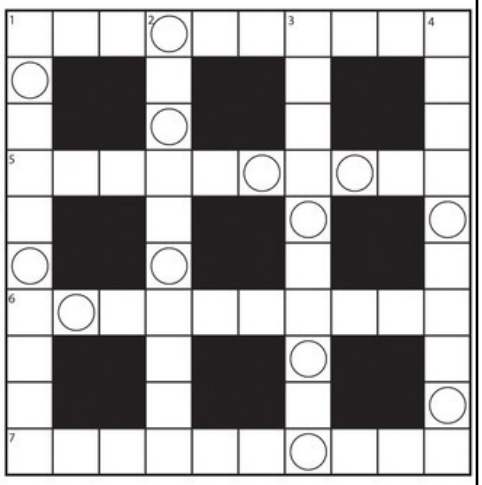
Check for answers in our next newsletter.

ACROSS

1 U.S. military branch with an August birthday
5 Something to motivate players in a locker room?
6 Relating to the upper lip and the nose
7 Person in charge of railroad operations -- or a quality mower?

DOWN

1 The state of being in the middle of something
2 Reduced #5 ACROSS to its main points
3 Doesn't value a thing as one ought
4 Long-necked lute of Tuvan origin



PUZZLE ANSWER, motto of 1-ACROSS
(see circled letters, left to right, top to bottom):

___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

Solution to our Spring newsletter puzzle

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8099 Pepper Pike
West Chester, OH 45069-2842

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PURPOSES OF MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION 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