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GREATER CINCINNATI CHAPTER MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Renew your dues – please see page 5!

Chapter Social

WHERE: **Hoppin' Vines**
8150 Montgomery Rd., Kenwood, OH
WHEN: **Thursday, 22 September 2022**
TIME: **1700 Social Time**

One of the stated purposes of our Chapter is to foster fraternal relations among retired, active and former officers of the uniformed services. To that end, we are planning to host a convivial gathering of all current, new and prospective members in the Greater Cincinnati Chapter MOAA area on 22 September starting at 5pm. The venue for this Happy Hour event will be Hoppin' Vines, 8150 Montgomery Road (45236). This popular bar and eatery is located just east of the Kenwood Towne Center and was recently named the "Best Bar in Cincinnati" by Cincy Beat Magazine. It features a wide array of local craft beers, fine wines, top-drawer spirits and good bar food. It also offers duckpin bowling which provides all the fun of traditional bowling without the smelly, rented bowling shoes. There will be a nice spread of hors d'oeuvres and refreshments; and, at some point, we'll present a short overview of our Chapter's mission, makeup and activities. As already noted, however, the evening will be devoted primarily to fostering fraternity and camaraderie among Officers of the Uniformed Services. Hope to see you on there! "If you get a chance, please RSVP to Dan Shea, dshea@cinci.rr.com or 513-254-9336.

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

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 $**_____

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: pwf5493@aol.com. Please make reservations NLT than 30 Nov. No cancellations after that date.

2022 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:

(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 Richard Cunningham, USAR - 27 July 2022

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

2022 Membership Meetings / 5th Annual Dining Out

- **Membership Social** - Thurs, Sep 22, 1200, Location: Hoppin' Vines
- **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

Shift Colors (The Newsletter for Navy Retirees)

Never Stop Serving

Army Swiftly Reverses Policy Dropping High School Diploma Requirement

(by Steve Beynon, Military Times)

After only a week, the Army has swiftly reversed a new policy that would have allowed potential recruits to enlist into the force without a high school diploma or GED, according to an internal memo reviewed by Military.com and confirmed by a spokesperson.

The Army, along with the other services, face an ongoing crisis to fill in the ranks amid a convergence of issues, including an increasingly competitive civilian job market and the military losing some public awareness in the absence of a major conflict. So far, the Army has only hit about 40% of its recruiting goals this year.

Click here for full article.

New VA Login Method May Improve Online Access for Veterans

(by Paul Frost, Nat'l MOAA)

The VA is the latest federal agency to add Login.gov to its website and mobile applications. Veterans can now create and account on Login.gov to consolidate access to a continually expanding list of federal government websites.

Your Login.gov username and password can be used to access any agency that partners with Login.gov. Those agencies include USAJOBS (Office of Personnel Management), TSA PreCheck and Global Entry, the Small Business Administration, and more.

Login.gov uses two pieces of information to securely sign in and protect your information; a password and authentication method, either a one-time cade sent to your phone or authentication app.

Click here for full article.

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

September

2 Sep: Japan formally surrendered (1945)
3 Sep: American Revolution ended (1783)
11 Sep: Patriots Day/National Day of Service and Recognition
16 Sep: National POW/MIA Recognition Day
17 Sep: US Constitution approved (1787)
18 Sep: Birth of the US Air Force (1947)
26 Sep: Gold Star Mothers and Families Day

October

13 Oct 1775: Birth of the US Navy
26 Oct: National Day of the Deployed

Military Retirees and Dependents With ID Cards That Don't Expire Need to Get Replacements Within 4 Years

(by CAPT Wm Heitbrink, Chapter President)

A recent Military.com copyrighted article dated 14 Jul 2022, states that retirees and military family members who have identification cards with no expiration date can choose to upgrade to the new Next Generation Uniform Services Identification Cards (USID) whenever it is convenient -- as long as it's done within the next four years, Reportedly, this replacement needs be done by January 2026. The new ids are reportedly more secure and durable. Click here for full article.

National MOAA has a web page devoted to the issue of obtaining ids. Click here for full article.

Reservations can only be made online at this address. Click the help button for a 10-page document that provides detailed instructions. For members who are not sufficiently computer literate, you will probably need the help of a friend who has internet access through a computer or smart phone. This is an issue for discussion at the next board meeting. In the Cincinnati area, 4 sites within 40 miles which will issue new IDs are listed below:

- AG HQ Ohio (Deployable 1)
216TH ENGR BN
10050 WOODLAWN BLVD Attn: SGT Reichling
CINCINNATI, OH 45215
(614) 336-6000

- NRC CINCINNATI
3190 Gilbert Ave.
CINCINNATI, OH 45207
(513) 221-0138

- AG HQ KY Burlington Deployable
HHC, 103rd Chemical Battalion
2676 Conrad Lane
BURLINGTON, KY 41005
(502) 607-3551

- Wright-Patterson AFB
88th FSS/FSPS
Dayton, OH 45433
(937) 522-3664

On-line registration opens late in the month for the following month. I suspect (but do not know) it is the last Monday of the preceding month.

When renewing your ID, the Department of Defense requires two forms of identification (See: Getting Your ID). The most common forms of IDs we can use are: an existing military ID, a valid driver's license, a stated-issued ID, and a passport.

Surviving Spouse Corner

Get Involved in MOAA's Advocacy Efforts

(by Dr. Vivianne Wersel, Nat'l MOAA)

This spring, MOAA members contacted all 535 members of Congress during the association's annual Advocacy in Action event, conducting more than 235 meetings and sending over 7,500 letters. Due to COVID-19 restrictions and the challenges of security on Capitol Hill, MOAA members met with their elected officials either in face-to-face or virtual meetings.

MOAA's three legislative priorities were supporting the Major Richard Star Act, supporting the Stop Copay Overpay Act; and ensuring a competitive military pay raise.

Why get involved with Advocacy in Action? Volunteers are well trained to understand the process of setting up meetings and communicating with elected officials as well as having a better understanding of legislation. In addition, participation cultivates relationships with staffers and members of Congress from your district and state. The experience you gain is beneficial to help support other legislation as a constituent or with a group to help improve survivor benefits.

Military survivors are the stakeholders to the legislation at large. Congress continuously adjusts military survivor benefits. It is important surviving spouse members exercise their rights to educate staffers and members of Congress and remain vigilant to protect and improve survivor benefits. MOAA headquarters' staff does an outstanding job educating members so they can participate in grassroots advocacy efforts.

Click here for full article.

Make Sure Your Child Takes the Right TRICARE Plan to College

(by TRICARE Communications)

For many parents, summer is a time of preparation, as they help their children get ready to move away to college. For your child, it might be their first time away from home. Will they have health care if they get sick or injured? Fortunately, your child's TRICARE coverage will stay with them in college if enrolled full-time and meeting eligibility requirements.

Click here for full article.

National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline 988

The new number became effective as of July 16. (Option 1 is still specifically for veterans. The 1-800 number will still work for now).

It can be used by the person contemplating suicide as well as by concerned family or friends.

From the President

(by CAPT William Heitbrink, Chapter President)

I hope everyone is enjoying the fine summer weather. Perhaps we can share tales of the summers adventure at the upcoming new member recruiting meeting on Sept. 22 at 5pm. As described latter in this newsletter, this meeting will take place at Hopping' Vines, 8150 Montgomery Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45236. In addition, the chapter will have a dinning out event on November 5th. The details for these meetings are presented elsewhere in this newsletter. Much thanks to Col Richard Bevington, and CAPT Hank Gurry, for arranging these meetings and recruiting the speaker for the dining out event. Hearing about the experiences of the merchant marine during WW2 should be interesting history. The site for the 50th anniversary celebration dinner will be the KY Metropolitan Club in Covington which is a very elegant site. CAPT Rodger Argalas, continues to do an excellent job of leading 50th anniversary celebration and this committee is continuing to work through the details of this celebration.

At the September board meeting, we will establish a nominating committee. There are three critical positions that need to be filled: 1st VP, 2nd VP and Secretary. The first two positions have been vacant for some time. The 1st VP will succeed me in December of 2023. The term for the President and the vice President is usually 2 years. Also, we need a volunteer to take over the newsletter. If we do not obtain a volunteer, I will prepare a brief, succinct newsletter consisting of my comments and a registration form for the next meetings.

What You Need to Know About Camp Lejeune Lawsuits

(by Paul Frost, Nat'l MOAA)

Camp Lejeune lawsuits have dominated the airwaves and veteran's email accounts for the past few months, especially since the passage of the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promises to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act of 2022.

MOAA doesn't typically comment on these issues, but the families of servicemembers and contractors assigned to the North Carolina base between Aug. 1, 1953, and Dec. 31, 1987, may finally receive some monetary compensation for their toxic exposure, not just medical payment recoupment.

However, veterans should take pause when deciding whether to join a lawsuit. Veterans who participate in lawsuits may stand to forfeit other service-connected benefits from Camp Lejeune toxic exposure and other qualifying military service.

Click here for full article.

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.

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

LCDR Catherine Beaucham, USPHS	CDR Vincent Hartmann, USNR	LCDR William Kozlowski, USN
Capt Robert Bruce, USAF	LTC Robert Campbell, USA	LTC Robert Lombard, USA
CDR Jeffrey Wooden, USN	1LT William Lykins, USMC	LCDR Matthew Klein, USPHS

2021 Level of Excellence Award

The Greater Cincinnati Chapter of MOAA has once again won the yearly Level of Excellence (LOE) award for the year 2021.

Ohio Veterans Bonus

You Served. Now Let Ohio Say Thanks. Are you an Afghanistan Era Vet? The Ohio Veterans Bonus program offers a bonus for military service since October 7, 2001. Once a veteran has received $500 for service anywhere in the world or $1,000 for service in a designated country, or the maximum $1,500, the veteran is not eligible for additional funds, even if they served multiple conflicts.

Click here to find out if you are eligible and to submit application.

Legislative Affairs
(by BG Tom O'Brien, Legislative Office)

Thanks to members who contacted their senators about the toxic waste legislation. Now, it's time to help pass the Richard Star (concurrent receipt) legislation. Both Ohio senators are on board, but Kentucky's and Indiana's two senators need a message from our members in those two states.

A Walk Down Memory Lane in Cincinnati
25 years ago On March 30, 1998

As we reach the six month point in our countdown to the Chapter's 50th anniversary, here are some stories from the Enquirer 25 years ago that you might enjoy.

*Reds Opening day is tomorrow against the Padres at Cinergy Field. (we lost 10-2)
*Fountain Square will host a putting contest. Pay a $1 donation and receive 2 golf balls and a chance for 2 passes to the Kroger Senior Classic.
**Titanic* is #1 in the box office for the 15th week with *Grease* right behind.
*Capri pants are back as the hottest look for Spring
*Unlimited internet service is selling for $17.49 per month
*In the *Zits* comic strip by Cincinnati's Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott, Jeremy receives an A in his geometry class.
*At Montgomery Jeep, during the March Red Tag Inventory Blowout, buy a new Grand Cherokee Larendo 4x4 for $24,384.

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

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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