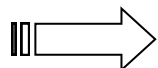


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NEWS

GREATER CINCINNATI CHAPTER MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA



Renew your dues – please see page 5!



Greater Cincinnati Chapter's 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

WHERE: Metropolitan Club
50 East River Center Boulevard, Suite 1900, Covington, KY
WHEN: Thursday, 30 March 2023
TIME: 6:30pm Social Time
7:15pm Dinner

The Greater Cincinnati Chapter's 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner is rapidly approaching on March 30, 2023. To commemorate this event, we are have a 50th anniversary celebration dinner at the Metropolitan Club in Covington, KY. Cash bar 6:30-7:15, Dinner at 7:15.

Here on the front page you will find the registration form for our 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner. We urge you to send in your reservation as soon as possible. Seats are limited and filling up.

This is a once in a lifetime event celebrating our chapter reaching the big Five-O. We will be honoring the longest serving members and past presidents. And a senior representative from MOAA National will be our keynote speaker, informing us on MOAA's priorities for 2023 and beyond.

Join us as we sing a hearty birthday song to our chapter and enjoy a special dinner and birthday cake while overlooking the Ohio River and the lights of downtown Cincinnati from 10 stories up at the Metropolitan Club.

For information contact CAPT Roger Argalas at roger.argalas@yahoo.com

50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER RESERVATION FORM:

Thursday, 30 March 2023—The Metropolitan Club— 50 East River Center Blvd., Covington, KY

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

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 Fellingner, 5493 Delhi Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45238.
email: pwf5493@aol.com. **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.

2023 MEETINGS - Mark your Calendars NOW! Watch www.cincymoaa.org for updates.

2023 Membership Meetings / 6th Annual Dining Out

- **50th Anniversary Celebration** - Thurs, Mar 30, 1830, Metropolitan Club, Covington, KY
- **Membership Meeting** - Friday, Jun 16, 1200, Location: Clovernook Country Club
- **Membership Meeting** - Friday, Sep 15, 1200, Location: Clovernook Country Club
- **Dining Out** - Saturday, Nov 4, 1800, Highland Country Club, Ft. Thomas KY
- **Membership Meeting** - Friday, Dec 8, 1200, Location: Clovernook Country Club

For MOAA National information, Click on the links below:

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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.



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TRICARE Pharmacy Network May Shrink By Thousands Due to Grocery Merger

(This article by Patricia Kime originally appeared on Military.com)

A planned merger of Kroger and Albertsons grocery corporations could slash the number of Tricare network Pharmacies and send beneficiaries searching for a new place to get their prescription medications in the coming year.

Tricare beneficiaries who get prescription medications at a Kroger pharmacy or other store in the Kroger group received letters last week telling them that the company is leaving the Tricare pharmacy network effective Jan 1. Its plans to acquire Albertsons, Safeway, Vons and other retail grocery chains could reduce the network by another 5,000 stores, according to the Military Officers Association of America.

Click [here](#) for full article.

Feds to Veterans: Beware of Scammers Charging You to File for Benefits

(This article by Karen Jowers, with contributions from Leo Shane III originally appeared on Military Times)

Consumer advocates are reminding veterans that you don't have to pay someone to file disability claims.

"Some dishonest businesses set their sights on the monetary benefits veterans get for their service, especially with the passing of the PACT Act, which expands VA benefits and health care for veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances," wrote the Federal Trade Commission in a recent consumer alert.

"Scammers also try to get in good graces by emphasizing—maybe even stretching the truth about—their time in service," the alert stated.

Click [here](#) for full article.

2022 Tax Statement Schedule

(by DFAS)

Annuitant 1099-R, Military Retiree 1099-R and Former Spouse 1099-R Tax statements are now available from DFAS.

Click [here](#) to see the complete Tax Statement schedule.

Beginning on February 1, 2023, surviving spouses will receive their full Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) payment from DFAS and their full Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) payment from the VA.

Click [here](#) to see full article.

Where Were You on March 30, 1973? A Final Walk Down Memory Lane in Cincinnati 50 Year Ago

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

- * The last American GI's left Tan Son Nhut air base, South Vietnam. President Nixon warned North Vietnam against moving men and supplies into South Vietnam in violation of the cease fire agreement.
- * Big sale at Pogue's warehouse on mattresses--\$38 and up.
- * Playing in theaters—Cabaret, The Godfather, A Clockwork Orange.
- * In Columbus, legislation being considered which would make Ohio the first state in the nation to require drivers and passengers to fasten seat belts.
- * Sunday dinners at the Glendale Iron Horse Inn—under \$4.
- * At Fifth Third bank, open a \$25 savings account and receive a free place setting of English Ironstone dinnerware.
- * Cincinnati plays the Braves today from Florida.
- * Housewives gearing up for next week's boycott of meat over soaring inflation and prices.
- * The 1973 AMC Gremlin debuted. \$2290 with air conditioning!

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

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

January

- 4 Jan: Happy Birthday USPHS Commissioned Corps (1889)
- 16 Jan: Desert Storm (Persian Gulf) began (1991)
- 27 Jan: Vietnam War Cease Fire (1973)

February

- 3 Feb: 4 Chaplains Day
- 23 Feb: Iwo Jima Flag Rising (1945)
- 23 Feb: MOAA founded (then called TROA) (1929)
- 27 Feb: Persian Gulf Cease Fire (1991)

March

- 19 Mar: Iraqi Freedom (Iraq War) began (2003)
- 25 Mar: Medal of Honor Day
- 29 Mar: Vietnam Veterans Day
- 30 Mar: MOAA Greater Cincinnati Chapter formed! (1973)

Surviving Spouse Corner Benefits of Pet Adoption

(by Nancy Mullen, Nat'l MOAA)

According to the ASPCA, well over 6 million companion animals enter U.S. animal shelters every year and just under 1 million are euthanized each year. Thankfully, that number has been declining in recent years due in part to more publicity around adoption as well as ease of technology tools like social media and microchips that can help to reunite a lost pet with its family.

You might have thought about pet adoption and perhaps have some misgivings, and it is true that pet ownership is not right for everyone. After all, it can be a commitment of up to 20 years. Here are some adoption myths and why pet adoption might be right for you.

- **“Why adopt, not shop?”** Adoption is cheaper, and you can save a life. Look into your local pet rescues and animal shelters. Many will offer low cost adoption days or assistance with adoption fees and spay/neuter costs. Buying a pup from a pet shop may encourage the of “puppy mills” or overbreeding. True, there are very reputable breeders that take great care of their animals, but consider all the animals that currently need a loving home that you could provide.

Click [here](#) for full article.

MOAA Seeks to Close ‘Parity Gaps’ for New USPHS Ready Reserve Corps

(by Karen Ruedisueli, Nat'l MOAA)

As the FY 2023 National Defense Authorization Act moves forward, MOAA has provided a letter of support to bring parity to personnel policy and benefits for the newly formed U.S. Public Health Service Ready Reserve Corps.

The Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service is one of the eight uniformed services, and all-officer cadre dedicated to protecting the public health of our nation. These servicemembers have been our frontline responders to urgent public health emergencies such as ebola, anthrax, natural disasters, and the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, signed into law March 27, 2020, provided the authority and funding for the establishment of the Ready Reserve Corps as an additional force for future disease outbreaks, natural disasters, and public health emergencies. However, the initial authorization did not address all uniformed services' entitlements, leaving gaps in personnel policy and benefits for the USPHS Ready Reserve relative to other branches' reserves components.

Click [here](#) for full article.

From the President

(by CAPT William Heitbrink, Chapter President)

I hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday season. I have a number of reasons to be thankful. We have a full board and all positions are filled and I thank those who have assumed new duties on this board and those who continue to be active on the board. Kym Mader has done a wonderful job of editing our newsletter and maintaining our website for many years and the newsletter and website consistently receives a 5-star Col. Marvin J. Harris Communications Awards for the last 5 years. Thankfully, Matt Wenzel has assumed the duties of the webmaster and Robert Croskery is assuming the task of managing the newsletter starting in February.

I am thankful that Roger Argalas is managing the 50th anniversary celebration events. I thank everybody who is working on this project. As of December 22, we have 24 registrations. Please register for this once a lifetime event. You will be pleased that you attended this event at the elegant Metropolitan Club in Covington Ky. The chapter's board will start inviting non-members starting on January 1, 2023. The registration form is available in this newsletter and it also available on the chapter's website: <https://www.cincymoaa.org/>.

For the upcoming year, we have membership meetings in June and September. For the September membership meeting the board is thinking about repeating the recruiting event. It was simply great to have a meeting which was purely social. We had a great time just socializing and we did get a few new members. Please inform you board about any suggestions for speakers at membership meetings or perhaps social events. For example, some board members expressed an interest in attending a Dayton Dragon's baseball ballgame in Dayton perhaps with Dayton Area Chapter of MOAA. The Dragons are a Class A affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds. At their home games, you are seated very close to action.

Toys for Tots

(by Dan Shea, Membership)

USMC Sergeant Joseph Abadpolicchio & Major Charles Clark both of the Communications Company, 14th Marine Regiment look at a sample of the gifts with Lt. Ken Bowman and BG Thomas O'Brien.



2023 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 (2022) 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 _____ \$30 for three years _____ \$22 for two years _____ \$12 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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LTC Dan Shea, 5736 Woodsway Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45236

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WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER

LT Roberta Wassel, USN

WO1 Ian Worthington, USA

Retiree Publications

[Shift Colors](#) (Navy Retirees)

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[Army Echoes](#) (Army Retirees)

[Evening Colors](#) (Coast Guard Retirees)

[Semper Fidelis](#) (Marine Corps Retirees)

Legislative Affairs

(by BG Tom O'Brien, Legislative Office)

The two biggest successes for MOAA in 2022 were the final implementation of the repeal of the "Widows Tax" and the passage of the "Pact Act". MOAA's action plans for 2023 will be reported on in the next issues of the newsletter. What is true is that your communications with your Congressional representatives make a difference. Thanks to all of you who did so this past year.

Vietnam Veteran Recognition

(by Dan Shea, Membership)



LTC Paul Fellingner, USA Retired presents Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin at Xavier University Army ROTC Homecoming on November 12, 2022. Pins are authorized by Congress for active duty service between Nov 1, 1955 and May 15th 1975.

Military Puzzle

Theme: An Autumn Proclamation

Check for answers in our next newsletter.

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From the upper left corner of the puzzle, navigate 1 box to the left, right, top, bottom or diagonally and continue to move one box in any of those directions, until you've uncovered a phrase related to a proclamation made by the President of the United States last month.

ANSWER:

Solution to our Summer newsletter puzzle

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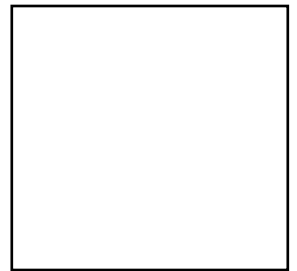
PUZZLE ANSWER: SEMPER PARATUS

("Always Ready" - Motto of the U.S. Coast Guard)



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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