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Cincinnati MOAA June Meeting at Clovernook Features Stories about Capturing Great Memories from the Head of the Veteran's History Project

On June 16, 2023, over 30 members and guests of the Cincinnati MOAA chapter gathered together at lovely Clovernook Country Club for the quarterly Membership meeting. Following the invocation, the pledge of allegiance, and honoring of absent companions, the enthralled guests listened to an amazing guest speaker, Patrick Allen. Mr. Allen was accompanied by his lovely wife, Mary, and treated us to a description of his incredibly important mission: the preservation of the memories of those who have fought our nations war: WWII, Korea, and now Vietnam. The audience listened in rapt attention as Mr. Allen, ably assisted by his wife, Mary explained the methodology of the Veteran's History Project and some of the fascinating experiences they have had in preserving the memories of these Veterans who fought our great wars, while they are still available to share them

As anyone knows who is part of the brotherhood of arms, it is often incredibly difficult for combat veterans to tell their stories. Reliving their experiences, through telling their tales (often for the first time) sometimes brought the veterans to tears. Family members are often present for the recording of these stories, and heard, for the first time, their veteran open up under the gentle questioning of the Allens. Many of these stories have now been catalogued and are now found in the Library of Congress. You can find them and browse them at <https://www.loc.gov/programs/veterans-history-project/>, and I heartily encourage you to do so.

For obvious reasons, Mr. Allen has been most concerned with first capturing the memories of those who fought in World War II, then those who fought in Korea and Vietnam. Thousands of stories have been recorded, so that these precious memories will live on to inspire posterity long after the storytellers have claimed their heavenly reward. If you know someone who could share their stories for the Veterans History Project, contact ++++++ and work it out. May God Bless and protect our veterans, their families, and those that support them.

DAY TRIP SUGGESTION: VISIT THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

May 2023 began the 100th Anniversary celebration of the world's largest and oldest aviation museum, a mere hour up the road from the Queen City up I-75. There are special exhibits and celebrations throughout the year. Among the many educational exhibits are those featuring early aviation, WWI, WWII, the cold war, the Korean War, a space gallery, and



Presidential gallery. At left is a picture of LTC Daniel P. Shea (USA, Ret.) with his wife Laurie, and yours truly, LTC Rob Croskery (USA, Ret.) with my wife Melinda, during our trip to enjoy this great museum (and also, of course, to visit the Class Six store at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base). While we were there, we looked at the replicas of Fat Man and Little Boy, saw the Stealth Bomber and the Memphis Belle, walked through two Air Force One planes, and got our picture taken on a green screen (here it shows us in front of the Memphis Belle). For a nominal fee (discounted for vets) you can obtain the pix and digital downloads. For more info: www.nationalmuseum.af.mil. The museum is open every day from 0900 to 1700 hrs.

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MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS 2023

Please mark your calendars.

Monitor for updates.

- **Membership Mixer**-- Thurs, 21 Sept, 1730 hrs (Hoppin Vines) Presentation about Chapter, bring prospective members
- www.cincymoaa.org
- **Dining Out** – Saturday, 4 Nov, 1800 hrs (Highland Country Club)
- **Membership Meeting**-- Friday, 8 Dec 1200 hrs (Clovernook Country Club) (1130 social hr)

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 are aware of an MOAA member who has passed away, please inform the Membership chairman, Thank you.

Board Meetings

2d Friday every month, 1200-1300 hrs, Red Cross Bldg, 2111 Dana Avenue, Cincinnati.
Spouses and Members are always welcome.

CONSIDER JOINING MOAA AS A LIFE MEMBER

Life membership in Cinci MOAA chapter is quite reasonable, Dues based on age at your nearest birthday.

Up to 55 years old.....	\$161.25
Age 56-70...	\$127.50
Age 71-89...	\$93.75
Age 90 and over...	Dues Waived

See <https://chapterdues/moaa.org/Membership.aspx> .
Also consider joining MOAA national as a life member.

**MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
GREATER CINCINNATI CHAPTER
DINING OUT
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023
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 4, 2023. The Dining Out is a traditional military function which many of us remember. A contrasted with the Dining In, which is for officers only and has featured such wild traditions as Infantry Punch and Mr. Vice, the Dining Out includes spouses and other guests and is an opportunity for bonding of the greater community. The dress is appropriate service Mess Dress, Class A wear, civilian formal wear or business suit. Major General (Ret) John D. Altenburg, Jr. will be our guest of honor and keynote speaker.

Send in your invitation (below) NLT 25 October to attend this traditional military function.

DINING OUT RESERVATION: Saturday, 4 November 2023, 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
_____ Chicken, whipped potatoes, green beans
_____ Pan seared salmon with potatoes and vegetables

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

Cost: \$50.00 per person Total Reservations: _____ times \$50 = \$ _____

Optional: Sponsor an ROTC Cadet or Midshipman (Suggested amount \$35.00)
\$ _____

(Note: This special price is limited to the first 15 cadets/midshipmen.)

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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 25 October**. No cancellations with refund after that date.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER FOR THE CINCINNATI CHAPTER DINING OUT 4 NOV 2023



Major General John D. Altenburg, Jr., US Army, Retired

General Altenburg grew up in Dayton, before his family moved to Detroit. After college, he taught English at Elder High School before entering the US Army in 1968. He trained at Fort Bragg as an aerial observer and imagery interpreter in Military Intelligence, then deployed to Vietnam in 1969 to serve in the 9th Infantry Division in the Mekong Delta. Upon returning to the U.S., he used the GI bill to attend the University of Cincinnati College of Law, graduating in 1973.

General Altenburg then was commissioned in the US Army as a JAG officer. His initial assignments were at Fort Liberty (Fort Bragg) where he served as a criminal defense attorney and then as a prosecutor and legal advisor for 5th Special Forces Group and later as the XVIII Airborne Corps Chief Prosecutor. He qualified as a Special Forces officer before assignment to 5th SF Group. During his subsequent 24 years as an Army judge advocate, he served 3 tours in Germany, deployed to Desert Storm in 1991 with 1st Armored Division, to South Florida in 1992 with XVIII Airborne Corps for Hurricane Andrew humanitarian operations, and to Haiti in 1994 with Joint Task Force 180 where the Joint Task Force ejected the military dictator and restored the democratic government consistent with United Nations Security Council Resolutions.

General Altenburg was the Army's Deputy Judge Advocate General from 1997-2001. Following his 2002 retirement, he was a consultant to the President, World Bank Group on corporate governance and business ethics before moving to Greenberg Traurig, a large international law firm. In 2003, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld named him as the Military Commissions appointing authority to oversee the trial of detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He served in that position until 2006, then returned to his law firm. Among General Altenburg's many military decorations are the Distinguished Service Medal, Master Parachutist Badge, Combat Diver's Badge, and Special Forces Tab.

From your President: **Upcoming Opportunities for Fellowship**

One of the stated purposes of our Chapter is to foster fraternal relations among retired, active, and former officers of the uniformed services. To help foster such relationships, several fabulous opportunities await.

First, we are hosting a convivial gathering for current, new and prospective members in the Greater Cincinnati Chapter MOAA area on 21 September at 1700 hours. The venue for this Happy Hour event is Hoppin' Vines, 8150 Montgomery Road (45236). The website, <https://www.hoppinvines.com>, describes many interesting details about this popular bar, located just east of the Kenwood Towne Center. Hoppin' Vines was recently named the "Best Bar in Cincinnati" by Cincy Beat Magazine.

Hoppin' Vines sells a wide array of local craft beers, fine wines, top-drawer spirits, and delicious coal-fired pizza dishes. It features 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 the right time, we'll present a short overview of our Chapter's mission, makeup and activities. At this meeting, please bring spouses and prospective members. While your thoughts on our chapter's future are welcome, the evening will be devoted primarily to fostering fraternity and camaraderie among Officers of the Uniformed Services. I hope to see you there!

Our recent Board meetings discussing our Chapter's future had consensus on two points: 1. We need to recruit recently retired members. 2. We need meeting speakers on broader issues. To remain vital, our chapter needs active members. So I encourage further discussion of fomenting such activity. Feel free to share your comments on the future of the chapter with me and other Board members. We need recommendations for meeting speakers and other activities for the chapter. We need to recruit new board members (maybe you!) as many of our board members have been on the board for years. Specifically, we need volunteers to take over as treasurer and second vice president. Volunteering is, of course, a great way to have input into Chapter actions.

In the future, we will rely more heavily on digital communications. Please make sure that your email address and physical address are kept current. You may update your information by sending changes to Dan Shea (dshea@cinci.rr.com). Periodically, you should check our website, www.cincymoaa.org, and our Facebook page for updates on the chapter. The website has registration forms for upcoming events including the November 4th Dining out. Interesting articles and photographs are sometimes posted on our Facebook page, Cincinnati MOAA.

Our Chapter Dining Out will be November 4th at Highland Country Club. Details are available at www.cincymoaa.org/event-details/chapter-dining-out-2023 and in this newsletter. The Speaker will be Major General John D. Altenburg, Jr (USA, Ret). He retired from the Army in 2002, From 2003 to 2006, he oversaw the trial of detainees at Guantanamo Bay. He is reputed to be a terrific speaker.

The Ohio Council of Chapters will have its biennial meeting at the Youngstown Air Reserve center near Vienna Ohio from 29 Sept to 1 Oct. Those with the time and motivation are heartily urged to make the 300 mile drive and mingle with members of other Ohio MOAA chapters. See website: <https://ohiomooa.org/event/occ-convention> to review details and to register. Note, separate registration is needed for the meeting and the lodging at the Eagles Nest. If you do not have an active or retired military ID card, you must also provide your driver's License and date of birth for the background check, prior to August 30th, to afford time to approve your access to the Reserve Center.

----Bill Heitbrink, President

GOLF OPPORTUNITY: All supporters of the Xavier Veteran and Military Family Center are invited to play in a charity golf outing hosted by Resolvit!

- +Date: August 31, 2023**
- +Time: 11:00 Shotgun Start**
- +Location: Glenview Golf Course at 10965 Springfield Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45246**
- +Free Food & Beverages including water, soda, beer and dinner!**



The event is FREE but necessarily limited to the first 144 golfers that sign up. Please register no later than August 17th using the link below:

<https://www.resolvit.com/resolvitxavier-annual-golf-tournament>

Donations support Xavier Vets and Military Students

THE AIRMAN'S CREED

I am an American Airman. I am a Warrior. I have answered my Nation's call. I am an American Airman. My mission is to Fly, Fight, and Win. I am faithful to a Proud Heritage, A Tradition of Honor, And a Legacy of Valor. I am an American Airman. Guardian of Freedom and Justice, My Nation's Sword and Shield, Its Sentry and Avenger. I defend my Country with my Life. I am an American Airman. Wingman, Leader, Warrior. I will never leave an Airman behind, I will never falter, And I will not fail.

THE SAILOR'S CREED

I am a United States Sailor. I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America and I will obey the orders of those appointed over me. I represent the fighting spirit of the Navy and those who have gone before me to defend freedom and democracy around the world. I proudly serve my country's Navy combat team with Honor, Courage, and Commitment. I am committed to excellence and the fair treatment of all.

THE MARINE'S RIFLE CREED

1. This is my rifle. There are many like it, but this one is mine.
2. My rifle is my best friend. It is my life. I must master it as I must master my life.
3. My rifle, without me, is useless. Without my rifle, I am useless. I must fire my rifle true. I must shoot straighter than my enemy who is trying to kill me. I must shoot him before he shoots me. I will ...
4. My rifle and myself know that what counts in this war is not the rounds we fire, the noise of our burst, nor the smoke we make. We know that it is the hits that count. We will hit...
5. My rifle is human, even as I, because it is my life. Thus, I will learn it as a brother. I will learn its weaknesses, its strength, its parts, its accessories, its sights and its barrel. I will ever guard it against the ravages of weather and damage as I will ever guard my legs, my arms, my eyes and my heart against damage. I will keep my rifle clean and ready. We will become part of each other. We will
6. Before God, I swear this creed. My rifle and myself are the defenders of my country. We are the masters of our enemy. We are the saviors of my life.
7. So be it, until victory is America's and there is no enemy, but peace!!

PBS DOCUMENTARY: Invisible Corps

The one hour documentary, "Invisible Corps", narrated by actress Ali McGraw, covers the history and role of the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and how public health has evolved throughout our history. You can view the program at <https://portal.knme.org/video/invisible-corps-5czrsw/>

2023 DUES ARE DUE—Please pay now, if you have not done so

If you have not yet paid your chapter dues, please do so by sending a check to Colonel Dan Shea, membership chair, at the address below. If you are uncertain as to your status, call him at (513)254-9836, or email him atfor age 90 and above. dshea@cinci.rr.com to inquire.

Dues are \$30 for three years, \$22 for two years, or \$12 for one year. A life membership in the chapter is \$161.25 for ages up to 55 years (nearest birthday), \$127.50 for ages 56-70, \$93.75 for ages 71-89, and waived. To renew, cut out and return the form below, or use this link:

<https://chapterdues.moaa.org/Membership.aspx0>

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Cincinnati MOAA Chapter Membership Renewal

Name _____ Rank _____

E-mail address _____

Renewing: 1 year (\$12) _____ 2 years (\$22) _____ 3 years (\$30) _____ Life (see table) _____

Make your check payable to: Greater Cincinnati Chapter / MOAA

Mail Renewal Form and Check to
LTC Dan Shea, 5736 Woodsway Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45236

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NEWSLETTER LINKS FOR VETERANS AND RETIREES

- Army: [Army Echoes](#)
- Navy: [Shift Colors](#)
- Air Force: [Afterburner](#)
- Coast Guard/NOAA/PHS: [The Long Blue Line](#)
- Marines: [Semper Fidelis](#)

A NOTE REGARDING DISCONTINUING PAPER MAILING OF NEWSLETTERS

As I indicated last month, we are discontinuing mailing paper copies of newsletters to everyone who has the ability to receive them by email or to access them on the website. This change will save Chapter costs and save volunteer time and energy. If you are one of the handful of members or surviving spouses who needs a paper copy mailed because you have no direct or indirect access to email, and no access to the website www.cincymoaa.org, you will be one of the very few who receives this newsletter by mail. If any of you are aware of someone who has slipped through the cracks and needs a paper copy, let me know. As always, I welcome your help, suggestions, and submissions; you can reach me on my cell at 813-244-5580, though my secretary, Sandra, at 513-232-5297; and through my informal email, rcroskery@gmail.com . Hooah. Rob.



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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 this Country;
 - TO further the education of children of service personnel;
 - TO foster fraternal relations between all branches of the various services from which our members are drawn;
 - 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*