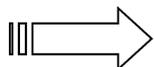


# CINCINNATI MILITARY OFFICERS

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# NEWS

GREATER CINCINNATI CHAPTER MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA



*Renew your dues – please see page 5!*



## General Membership Meeting ROTC/JROTC Recognition

**WHERE:** Manor House Restaurant  
600 Maple Trace Dr., Springdale, OH (Gathering Room)

**WHEN:** Friday, 22 Mar 2019

**TIME:** 12:00 – Social Time  
12:30 – Lunch and Program

Our first General Membership meeting for the year will be our ROTC/JROTC Recognition Luncheon. Those units scheduled to be represented are Xavier Army ROTC, Hamilton Navy JROTC and Live Oaks Army JROTC.

### From Our Last Meeting



Toys for Tots



LTC Al Brauer 5 Star LOE Award



CWO3 Kym Mader Communications Award



(Left) Past Presidents in attendance



(Right) New Board for 2019

**Lunch RESERVATION:** Friday, 22 March 2019—Manor House Restaurant—Springdale, OH.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Rank & Service:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Spouse/Guests:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

(ARE YOU A NEW MEMBER, OR FIRST TIME OUT? \_\_\_\_\_)

Entrée choices:

Lunch BUFFET \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$16.00

Would you like to sponsor a ROTC/JROTC Cadet or Midshipman? \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$16.00

(Circle if you have a preference)

**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 20 March. No cancellations after that date.

**2019 CHAPTER OFFICERS AND BOARD**  
(phone #'s are area code 513 unless noted)

**Executive Committee**

President	CAPT Steve Drefahl, USN	752-4097
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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.

**2019 MEETINGS - Mark your Calendars NOW! Watch [www.cincymoaa.org](http://www.cincymoaa.org) for updates.**

**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 and guests are welcome at all meetings.

(\* Board meetings falling on the month of a member meeting are held the Friday after the member meeting)

**2019 Membership Meetings / Convention / 4th Annual Dining Out**

- **Membership Meeting** - Friday, Mar 22, 1200, Manor House Restaurant
- **Membership Meeting** - Friday, Jun 14, 1200, Manor House Restaurant
- **Ohio Council Convention** - Sept 20 -22, Quality Hotel, Blue Ash
- **Dining Out** - Saturday, November 2, 1800, Highland Country Club, Ft. Thomas KY
- **Membership Meeting** - Friday, Dec 13, 1200, Manor House Restaurant

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- [General Information](#)
- [Legislative Updates](#)

## Expanded TRICARE Coverage for Ambulance Services

(TRICARE Communications)

TRICARE expanded [ambulance services](#) to cover both treat-and-release and joint response services this year.

TRICARE now covers:

- ◆ **Treat-and-release:** this is when an ambulance treats you, but doesn't take you to the hospital
- ◆ **Joint Response:** This is when an ambulance crew needs the help of a paramedic or intermediate EMT to give you advanced life support services

Ambulances can be [network or non-network](#) providers. In an emergency, sometimes a non-network ambulance may treat or transport you. If a non-network provider bills you for treat-and-release or joint response, they can charge up to 115 percent of the [TRICARE-allowable charge](#).

Active duty service members aren't liable for payment for treat-and-release or joint response services.

Learn more about [TRICARE ambulance services](#) and [your costs](#). And take command of your health.

## Calendar Year Costs for TRICARE Resets Jan 1

(TRICARE Communications)

In 2018, TRICARE implemented a number of changes. These changes include improving access to care and simplifying costs. Most TRICARE costs limits also moved from a fiscal year (October 1 - September 30) cycle to a calendar year cycle.

What does this mean for you? Your annual catastrophic cap and deductibles reset every Jan 1. Visit the [Cost Terms](#) page to help you better understand the definitions of these TRICARE terms. You can review costs for your plan with the [TRICARE Compare Cost Tool](#) and also the [TRICARE Costs and Fees Sheet](#).

Also, note that some costs for TRICARE Prime and TRICARE Select, including enrollment fees for some beneficiaries and out-of-pocket costs change on Jan 1. Premiums for TRICARE Reserve Select, TRICARE Retired Reserve, TRICARE Young Adult, and the Continued Health Care Benefit Program change on Oct. 1 each year.

The Extended Care Health Option (ECHO) was one of the few programs that stayed on the fiscal year timing in 2018. It's shifting to calendar year in 2019. The benefit cap for the ECHO increased by \$9,000 to cover the remaining quarter of this year (Oct 1-Dec 31). The \$36,000 total TRICARE coverage limit resets on Jan 1 2019. If you have any questions about ECHO limits and the change to calendar year, contact your case manager.

Learn more about TRICARE changes and familiarize yourself with your health plan costs. And take command of your health in 2019.

## 5 Tips to Help Veterans Prepare for a Job Interview

(Col. Brian D. Anderson, USAF (Ret.))

The key to maximizing success at an interview is quite simple: proper preparation with a focus on why the employer should hire you. Here are a few useful tips to help you get ready:

**Do your homework.** Consider this your intelligence preparation of the battlefield. Research the company. Review its website. Understand how the company fits into its industry/sector and know its major competitors. Look for biographical information on the interviewers and review their LinkedIn profiles.

**Review the vacancy announcement and job description.** Be prepared to articulate why you are a great fit. Use the STAR (situation, task, achievement, and results) technique to match your knowledge, skills, and abilities to the position. Have three go-to stories read that can be adapted to any question to highlight your main attributes.

**Do a dry run.** Make a reconnaissance of the area, route, traffic, parking, and building access procedures. Locate a coffee shop nearby where you can relax for a few minutes, review your notes, collect your thoughts, and check yourself in a mirror before you arrive at the interview site. When should you arrive for the interview? Arrive about five minutes prior - any sooner, and you might cause an inconvenience for them. And it should go without saying, but never be late!

**Follow interview principles.** Treat everyone you meet as the hiring authority. Organize your thoughts and translate your message into how the organization can benefit from your abilities. You want to show them how you can meet their needs and solve their problems.

**Show you are the right fit.** Remember, they already know you are qualified for the position from your resume, and now they want to ensure you would be a good fit for the organization. Project enthusiasm, interest, and confidence. Be natural, and let the real you come through.

## MOAA's Top Legislative Goals for 2019

- ◆ End financial penalties for Military Survivors
- ◆ Ensure any TRICARE reform sustains access to top-quality care
- ◆ Prevent disproportional TRICARE fee increases
- ◆ Sustain Military pay comparability with the private sector
- ◆ Stop erosion of compensation and non-pay quality-of-life benefits
- ◆ End concurrent receipt penalties for military retirees
- ◆ Achieve equity of benefits for Guard and Reserve members with their active duty counterparts
- ◆ Strengthen DoD-VA collaboration and services to support wounded warriors and an expanding population of women veterans
- ◆ Ensure timely access to service-earned VA benefits
- ◆ Protect military and veteran family support programs and policies

## FEDVIP Enrollment Officially Extended for Three Months

(Tony Lombardo—National MOAA)

Sign-ups for the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) have officially extended for three months, officials at the Office of Personnel Management have informed MOAA.

Open Season ended Dec. 10, however OPM has granted a “belated enrollment phase” for potential beneficiaries who missed the first deadline. Sign-ups should be granted until about mid-March.

The Military Officers Association of America influenced OPM to grant more time for beneficiaries.

“We kept the spotlight on this by tracking enrollment and communication whenever our members had feedback or an issue,” said Capt. Kathy Beasley, USN (Ret), MOAA’s director of health affairs.

Enrollees in the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program are required to sign up for FEDVIP if they wish to maintain dental insurance. FEDVIP provides 10 choices for dental coverage. As of Dec 13, about 639,000 beneficiaries had signed up for dental coverage. The target goal is at least 800,000 signups. Vision coverage is also offered, through for carriers. FEDVIP vision plans help pay for routine vision appointments and frames, lens and contacts. As of Dec 13, about 300,000 people had signed up for vision.

To enroll online visit [BENEFEDS.com](http://BENEFEDS.com) or call, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern, at 1-877-888-3337.

OPM announced the belated enrollment phase in a Dec. 13 meeting at the Defense Health Agency in Arlington, Va., attended by military and veteran organizations. Officials said that 80 percent of signups have occurred online and that the overall process has earned a 92 percent satisfaction rating from those surveyed.

OPM will review its Open Season policies and identify changes that might improve the process in 2019.

For those who have signed up: You will not see premiums taken out of your account until February. FEDVIP bills beneficiaries after each month of coverage.

## National Wreath Across America Day

Chapter members LTC Al Brauer and CWO3 Kym Mader participated in the “National Wreaths Across America Day” on Sat., Dec 15th. Despite the rainy weather, there was a huge presence of volunteers that showed



up to help lay the wreaths at Dayton National Cemetery.



## Tax Statements Availability

(Amanda Dolasinski, National MOAA Staff Writer)

Tax statements from 2018 soon will be available for retirees, active duty troops, and Defense Department civilians.

The tax statements for those serviced by Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) will be distributed now through January. The retiree 1099R form, the first to be made available, was expected to go online Dec. 19.

The IRS forms will be available on the DoD’s online pay account management system, [myPay](http://myPay). Online forms are typically available earlier - and are more secure from identity thieves - than the forms sent to customers through the postal service. Agency officials encourage people paid by DFAS to select electronic-only delivery of their documents.

Although the deadline for selecting electronic-only delivery for 2018 statements may have passed for some users, DFAS officials have said the option will ensure future documents are kept within myPay’s secure environment until needed.

Users can also request documents through an application online from [askDFAS](http://askDFAS).

DFAS will continue to provide IRS Forms 1095-B or 1095-C for military, retiree, and federal civilian employees who receive health insurance coverage through the Tricare or Federal Employee Health Benefit programs.

The tax document delivery schedule, with dates from myPay and postal availability, is below. Note: The postal date is the day the form is sent out, not the day beneficiaries should expect to receive it.

- ⇒ Retiree 1099R: Dec 19 (myPay), Jan 11 (USPS)
- ⇒ Annuitant 1099R: Dec 21 (myPay), Jan 11 (USPS)
- ⇒ Reserve Army, Navy, Air Force W-2: Jan 5 (myPay), Jan 14 (USPS)
- ⇒ Coast Guard: Dec 15 (Direct Access), Jan 31 (USPS)
- ⇒ Army Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) W-2: Jan 7 (myPay), Jan 6 (USPS)
- ⇒ Navy SLRP: Jan 7 (myPay, not mailed)
- ⇒ Marine Corps active/reserve W-2: Jan 11 (myPay), Jan 14 (USPS)
- ⇒ Military/military retiree 1095 forms: Jan 11 (myPay), Jan 31 (USPS)
- ⇒ Military Voluntary Separation Incentive/Special Separation Bonus (VSI/SSB) W-2: Jan 11 (USPS, not available via myPay)
- ⇒ Army non-appropriated fund employee (W-2): Jan 18 (myPay), Jan 17 (USPS)
- ⇒ Federal civilian employee 1099INT: Jan 18 (mailed, not available via myPay)
- ⇒ Federal civilian employee W-2: Jan 19 (myPay), Jan 24 (USPS)
- ⇒ Active Army, Navy, Air Force W-2: Jan 19 (myPay), Jan 24 (USPS)
- ⇒ Federal civilian employee 1095 forms: Jan 22 (myPay), Jan 31 (USPS)
- ⇒ Saving Deposit Program 1099INT: Jan 22 (myPay, not mailed)
- ⇒ Vendor 1099INT/1099M: Jan 25 (mailed, not available via myPay)
- ⇒ Travel/vendor/misc W-2: Jan 31 (myPay), Jan 31 (USPS)

**2019 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 (2018) 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 <http://www.moaa.org/Content/Chapters-and-Councils/Chapters-and-Councils.aspx#Chapter-Dues>. There is no membership dues for Surviving Spouses.

**Chapter Membership Renewal**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_  
Your email address please: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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.)

Make check payable to: Greater Cincinnati Chapter / MOAA

Mail Renewal form and check to:

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**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**

LTC Thaddeus Hoffmeister, ARNG, ACT  
LCDR Hannah Dupont, PHS, ACT

CAPT Frank Gurry, USN, RET

**Ohio Dept of Veterans Services**

Ohio offers many services and supports for veterans and their families. Out 88 local [County Veterans Service Offices \(CVSOs\)](#) stand ready to assist veterans and their families in applying for the benefits they earned with their service in the United States Military.

[Download our Veterans Resource Guide](#)

**OH HB 158 - ("Trailing Spouse" bill)**

(by BG Tom O'Brien, Legislative Committee)

HB 158 passed both houses of the Ohio Legislature and signed by the Governor. This bill was an amendment to section 4141.29 of the Revised Code to permit persons who quit work to accompany the person's spouse on a military transfer to be eligible for unemployment compensation benefits. A nice victory for all the MOAA members who helped.

**Xavier University ROTC Hall of Fame**

The Xavier University Army ROTC Alumni Advisory Board (RAAB) is seeking nominations of XU ROTC alumni for the 2019 XU ROTC Hall of Fame. Induction is scheduled to coincide with the 2019 Awards Ceremony (April 2019). Nominations must be submitted by Friday, January 9, 2019. Nominations will be reviewed and nominees will be notified by the RAAB no later than March 1, 2019. Please complete the nomination form at: [https://xavier.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0IZg98dERBN7AiN](https://xavier.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0IZg98dERBN7AiN) for your nominee to be considered for the 2019 Hall of Fame class.

**Women Veterans Leadership Summit**

The Women Veterans Leadership Summit (WVLS) is part of an ongoing national conversation for women veterans, empowering and equipping these women to lead a movement that inspires community change efforts and advancement towards equality. Each year, WVLS brings together the voices and insights of a diverse range of female luminaries from the worlds of business, philanthropy, entertainment and politics. Our speakers and presenters represent a wide range of backgrounds and experience, are both veterans and non-veterans, and are all committed to growing this network of women leaders. Over the three days in March, 65 women veterans selected from across the country will take part in keynote conversations, panel discussions, one-on-one connections, and a service project that is for, by, and all about women!

**Our Goal:** Identify, develop and foster a cadre of women veterans who are empowered and equipped to lead a movement inspiring community change efforts.

**What You'll Experience:** Women will walk away from this weekend with a vastly expanded network, an abundance of resources, and a new outlook on overcoming professional roadblocks from lessons shared by our inspiring speakers.

**Applications accepted Nov 1 - Dec 2019!**

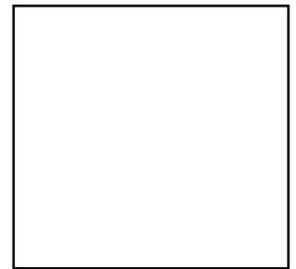
We invite Women Veterans, Guardsmen and Reservists from all Branches and generations of service to apply.

Learn More:

[MISSIONCONTINUES.ORG/WVLS](http://MISSIONCONTINUES.ORG/WVLS)



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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*