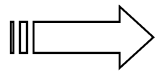


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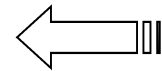
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# **NEWS**

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](mailto:dshea@cinci.rr.com) or 513-254-9336.

## **From the President**

As discussed in previous comments, I reported that Kym Mader will be stepping down as newsletter editor and webmaster at the end of the year. Kym has done a wonderful job and the chapter has received 5-star awards from the national office of MOAA for both the newsletter and the website. Thank you, Kym! Matt Wenzel has agreed to take over the website and we have identified a website provider. Thank you, Matt! Robert Croskery had agreed to take the newsletter. Because his property suffered some damage and he is very busy supervising the reconstruction, he will be unable take over the newsletter next January. As a result, another volunteer is needed to be the newsletter editor. In the future we plan to have the newsletter issued 4 times per year about 2 months before the quarterly membership meetings in March, June, September and December.

In the last newsletter, I discussed a planned membership/recruiting meeting planned for Friday September 15 at Hoppin' Vines (<https://www.hoppinvines.com>). The date for this meeting has been changed to September 22. This can be a great social gathering as it will foster comradery! We will meet and greet old friends and hopefully new members. It would be helpful to bring friends who are eligible for membership in MOAA. Major General Hahn who is the president for the Ohio Council of Chapters plans to attend. In addition to recruiting new members, we also need to be recruiting new board members who can support our organization's activities.

In preparation for next year's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Roger Argalas and I will be exploring river cruises this summer and we will take one or two dinner cruises in September or early October. If you want to accompany us during these cruises, drop me a line [wheitbrink@gmail.com](mailto:wheitbrink@gmail.com) or phone me at 319 331 2466.

Our annual dining out event is being planned for November 5<sup>th</sup>. Hank Gurry and Steve Drefahl have identified an excellent speaker. The speaker is Mr. Julian Smith, a WWII Merchant Marine veteran from Dublin, OH. Mr. Smith served on six merchant ships in WWII, making four trips across the Atlantic, one trip across the Pacific, and also served in the Mediterranean. He then served in Japan after the war. He has some amazing stories and experiences. This will be an interesting talk. A Dining Out is a traditional, relatively formal military function that includes spouses and guests. The dress is appropriate service Class A or civilian business attire. This event will occur at Highland Country Club, 931 Alexandria Pike, Ft. Thomas, KY 41075 on Saturday, November 5, 2022. At 1800, no host social will commence and at 1850, mess call will occur. Planning for this event is nearly complete and the details will be presented in the next newsletter.

Kym Mader revealed that a number of individuals are still receiving this newsletter through the mail. It is far more cost-effective to obtain your copy of the newsletter via an email which has a hyperlink to our website. Please inform Dan Shea ([dshea@cinci.rr.com](mailto:dshea@cinci.rr.com)) of your email address so that practically all of the newsletters can be distributed digitally.

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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.

COL Robert F. Greene, USA—7 May 2022

**2022 MEETINGS - Mark your Calendars NOW! Watch [www.cincymoaa.org](http://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](#)

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## Coast Guard's First Woman Leader Showcases the Service's Strengths, Priorities

(by Mark Belinsky, Nat'l MOAA)

The Coast Guard's June 1 change-of-command Ceremony did more than install the first woman service chief in our country's history - it highlighted some of the priorities and challenges the service will face in the coming years, both externally and from within.

"The demand for the U.S. Coast Guard has never been higher," said Adm. Linda Fagan, who took over as commandant from the retiring Adm. Karl Schultz. "Tomorrow will look different, and so will we."

Click [here](#) for full article.

## Army Forms 11th Airborne Division Amid Focus on Arctic Warfare

(by Steve Beynon, Military Times)

The Army on Monday activated the new 11th Airborne Division in Alaska, a historic move that brings the service's 12,000 soldiers in the state under a single banner.

The change will bring the service closer to its mission in Alaska of mastering the frigid, inhospitable Arctic terrain. Previously, two of its brigades were loosely associated with the 25th Infantry Division, an element known for its specialty in jungle warfare. The new division has also folded in U.S. Army Alaska, which mostly served a headquarters role in the region.

Click [here](#) for full article.

## Support Adding Key Survivor Legislation to the FY 2023 NDAA

(by Mark Belinsky, Nat'l MOAA)

Each year, legislators use the must-pass National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) as a vehicle for smaller defense-related legislation to become law. MOAA has supported three survivor-related bills this session which make perfect candidates for NDAA inclusion, and which would make significant improvements to the lives of this important part of our wider uniformed services community.

As the FY 2023 is drafted and marked up, reach out to your elected officials and ask them to support these important bills, either via the links or by using MOAA's toll-free line to the U.S. Capitol switchboard - 866-272-MOAA (6622) - to connect with your legislators' offices.

- Supporting Families of the Fallen Act (H.R. 3793|S.2794)
- Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act (H.R. 2214|S. 1669)
- Caring for Survivors Act (H.R. 3402|S. 976)

Click [here](#) for full article.

## Army-Navy Game Locations Set Through 2027

(by Kevin Lilley, Nat'l MOAA)

The Army-Navy football rivalry will visit five cities over the next six year, with dates and locations announced through 2027.

Philadelphia, which will host the contest for the 90th time on Dec 10 of this year, won't see it again until 2027. In between, the game will take an East Coast swing through four cities:

- 2023: Boston (Gillette Stadium, Foxborough, MA), Dec. 9
- 2024: Washington, D.C. (FedEx Field, Landover, MD), Dec 14
- 2025: Baltimore, MD (M&T Bank Stadium), Dec. 13
- 2026: New York City (MetLife Stadium, East Rutherford, NJ), Dec. 11

The 2023 Army-Navy game will be the first held in the Boston area and comes on the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party and 225th anniversary of the maiden voyage of the USS Constitution, the world's oldest commissioned warship afloat.

Click [here](#) for full article.

## Vietnam Veterans Commemorations

(by LTC Al Brauer)



LTC Al Brauer, USA Retired presents Vietnam Veteran's Lapel Pin to former Army Sergeant Charles Clements of Mount Healthy.

CAPTAIN Steve Drefahl, USN Retired and LTC AL Brauer, USA Retired in coordination with the Harrison Branch of the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library conducted a "Welcome Home" and Vietnam Lapel Pin ceremony on May 25, 2022. Twenty Vietnam veterans were presented pins and the "Thanks of a Grateful nation".



Former Army Lt. Billie Mitchell (Army Nurse Corps), former Army Captain AL Mitchell, Captain Drefahl

The chapter is nearing a total of 1,000 pins presented.



## Surviving Spouse Corner 4 Resources for Older Adults

(by Renee Brunelle, Nat'l MOAA)

The community of military spouses, encompassing all past and present, is a resilient group of individuals. The ability to change plans in a moment's notice is a skill acquired over years of experience. The other amazing characteristic of military spouses is that we support each other and share tools, benefits, and resources no matter how long we have known each other.

Here are four such resources to consider:

**VA Aid and Attendance:** Also known as housebound allowance, VA Aid and Attendance might be able to provide a monthly financial benefit to assist with personal care services. Financial and physical considerations need to be investigated. Local veteran services organizations are a great place to get neutral information and support.

**Geriatric Care Managers:** Hiring these professionals can be an unmatched option of support for seniors who do not have family members close. They are social workers for hire who can be on a retained contract or situational contract in case of emergency needs. Their experience can help you navigate insurance coverage, emergency services, or placement recommendations if you are looking into senior living locations.

**Board-Certified Elder Law Attorney:** Often attorneys will list that they offer estate and/or elder law specialties. This is an important area in that "what you don't know will hurt you." A board-certified elder law attorney has a higher level of training and expertise. Learn more through the [National Elder Law Foundation](#).

**Senior Real Estate Specialist (SRES):** This designation for Realtors means that they have done advanced education for working with home buyers over the age of 50. Often, they have a network of additional businesses and services that will assist in making the real estate transaction as smooth as possible. Learn more through the [SRES Council](#).

## 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](mailto:roger.argalas@yahoo.com)

### July

4 Jul: Independence Day!  
16 Jul 1798: Birth of the US Public Health Service

### August

4 Aug 1790: Birth of the US Coast Guard

## VA Offers \$40 Million in Prizes for New Ideas to Reduce Suicides Among Veterans

(by Patricia Kime, Military Times)

The [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) is launching a contest that will dole out \$20 million in prizes to entrants with the best ideas for reducing the thousands of veteran suicides that occur in the U.S. each year.

The competition, called Mission Daybreak, seeks to bring in "fresh thinking, outside perspectives and innovative concepts" that the department could use to help save veterans. Top winners will take away prizes of \$3 million and \$1 million, while others will get \$250,000 and \$100,000 for chosen proposals, according to a website for the VA contest.

"To end veteran suicide, we need to use every tool available," VA Secretary Denis McDonough said May 25 in a press statement. "Mission Daybreak is fostering solutions across a broad spectrum of focus areas to combat this preventable problem."

Click [here](#) for full article.

*If you or someone you know is in crisis, contact the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 (press 1) or via [www.veteranscrisisline.net](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net).*

## TRICARE Active Duty Dental Program Helps Ensure Dental Readiness

(TRICARE)

As of May 1, the Active Duty Dental Program (ADDP) is available both inside and outside the continental United States. All eligible active duty service members can now contact United Concordia Companies, Inc. for all their ADDP civilian dental care needs.

Click [here](#) for full article.

## The Countdown Has Begun! Greater Cincinnati Chapter's 50th Anniversary

(by CAPT Roger Argalas, Chapter Historian)

On March 30, 1973, a group of intrepid military officers signed their names to the charter establishing our local MOAA chapter.

Fast forward to the present. We are 9 months from the big day when our chapter reaches the ripe old age of 50. And you are part of the celebration.

Our gala Celebration Dinner will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2023.

An Ohio River cruise is planned for fall 2023.

We'll keep in touch as we finalize the details.

For information contact CAPT Roger Argalas at [rog-er.argalas@yahoo.com](mailto:roger.argalas@yahoo.com)

**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**

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MEMBER LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES (Chapter Only)	
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LTC Dan Shea, 5736 Woodsway Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45236

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**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**

CAPT Michael Zieser, USN

**ODJFS Offers Free Employment Services for Military Spouses**

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) Director Matt Damschroder announced that the agency is undertaking an extensive outreach effort to offer free individualized employment services to spouses of active and former military members.

“We understand the unique employment barriers faced by veterans, active military members, and their spouses,” Damschroder said. “We also understand the sacrifices spouses make when members of the military are transferred. Too often, spouses’ needs are overlooked. We want to change that, and let military spouses know that our employment professionals are ready, willing, and able to help them find new jobs.”

Click [here](#) for full article.

**2022 Blue Star Museum Program**

The American Sign Museum in downtown Cincinnati is participating in the 2022 Blue Star Museum Program.

FREE admission for active duty & veterans with valid ID. Includes their families.

Open Wed-Sat 10am to 4pm & Sunday noon to 4pm. Benefit in effect until Labor Day.

Phone # 513-541-6366

From the Spring 2022 Updates from the ODVS Newsletter

**Military Puzzle**

Theme: Military Branch Spotlight

Check for answers in our next newsletter.

- ACROSS**
- Cleansing bar
  - "Eyes in the sky" (USAF & NATO warning system)
  - NFL analyst Tony
  - Drone software supplier
  - Person who works in a cockpit
  - Algerian seaport
  - Ukrainian capital
  - Military branch that's the focus of this puzzle
  - American \_\_\_\_\_
  - Composer Morricone
  - Air Force Academy home
  - Even \_\_\_\_\_
  - "A Confederacy of Dunces" writer
  - USAF's official motto
  - MPAA, for eg.
  - Tuskegee Airman hailing from Columbus who died Apr. 6
  - Woeful expression
  - Famous man of flight
  - Ancient Roman trumpet
  - Take it easy \_\_\_\_\_
  - First Secretary of the Air Force
  - Land snails classification
  - Gardner who created Perry Mason
  - Air Force trailblazer and leader
  - Take home pay figures
  - Wheel and \_\_\_\_\_
  - "\_\_\_\_\_ Grows in Brooklyn"
  - Means of storing energy, briefly
  - Track event
  - Touch, sight or smell
  - Men's club?



- DOWN**
- Former Avalanche star Joe
  - Drug to help reduce fevers
  - Small hairy patch of a cactus
  - Dog experimenter
  - Kwik-E-Mart clerk
  - \_\_\_\_\_ up \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Español (dog breed)
  - Nickles and dimes
  - "Beetle Bailey" or "The Far Side"
  - Tigger's pal
  - Hockey great Bobby
  - PC alternative
  - Mach \_\_\_\_\_
  - Onward \_\_\_\_\_
  - Basketball zebra
  - Backdoor conveyance

- Ninth letter of the Greek alphabet
- SoCal radio personality
- Newton or Akers
- Australian buds
- Deodorant brand
- Optical option
- Allow \_\_\_\_\_
- Last letter

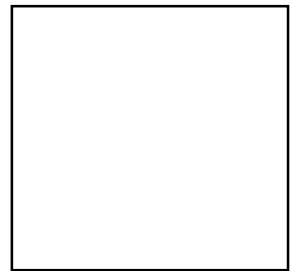
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- TO advocate military forces adequate to the defense of our country;
- TO foster fraternal relations between all branches of the various services from which our members are drawn;
- TO further the education of children of service personnel;
- TO aid 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*