

# CINCINNATI MILITARY OFFICERS NEWS

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Dues are due! (See page 4). Consider a Life Membership in the MOAA and your chapter.

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## Cincinnati MOAA Celebrates 50 year Anniversary in Spectacular Fashion

On March 30, 2023, over eighty fortunate members and guests of the Cincinnati MOAA chapter gathered together at the elegant Metropolitan Club to enjoy an amazing view of downtown Cincinnati over the mighty Ohio River and celebrate the occasion of fifty years since our founding.

The proof of an amazing success is when a well-laid plan survives first contact with the enemy. By all accounts, the gala met this standard, as timing, the unfolding of events, and conclusion all went off as capably planned by CAPT( Ret) Roger Argalas, USCG and his team. The event was attended by the our national President and his wife, and also by CAPT (Ret) Erin Stone USN, who serves as director of Council and Chapter Affairs.

Following a social hour and opening ceremonies, with a blessing from Chaplain Ken Bowman. The evening progressed exactly as planned. CWO3 (Ret) Kym Mader, USN, was recognized for her many years of outstanding service in managing this newsletter and the Cincinnati MOAA website. The Vietnam Veterans tribute was discussed. All present enjoyed a sumptuous feast prepared by capable hands.

Finally, the keynote presentation was delivered by President and CEO, LTG Brian Kelly. He impressed the gathering with his grasp of the organization and, in these tumultuous times, the need for persistent and skilled advocacy to address the needs for our nations defense.

In particular, he stressed the need for every MOAA member to participate in grassroots efforts; to know your representatives, and to be a frequent contributor on efforts to improve the life of military members and spouses, veterans, and retirees, and to look out for our nation's readiness. The national organization advocates on behalf of these causes, but is far more effective when efforts are coordinated and carried out by the membership of the individual chapters. There was a celebratory cutting of the cake, and a fine duet by musical members Tom O'Brien (BG USA Ret.) and Dan Shea (LTC USA Ret.).

Following the benediction, all attendees returned home, sated but reenergized to do great things on behalf of our nation. By all accounts, the evening was a magnificent triumph.

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### JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING RESERVATION FORM

Friday, 16 Jun 2023-Clovernook Country Club—2035 Galbraith Rd—Cincinnati, OH 45239

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 2 June 2023. No cancellations after that date.

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### MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS 2023

Please mark your calendars.

Monitor [www.cincymoaa.org](http://www.cincymoaa.org) for updates.

- **Membership Meeting**-- Friday, 16 Jun, 1200 hrs  
(Clovernook Country Club) (1130 social hr)
- **Membership Meeting**-- Informal at Hopping  
Vines. Details TBD,
- **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.

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### 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 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.

## From the President

In March, the chapter participated in two memorable events. Bill Heitbrink, Roger Argalas, Mike Glaser, Ken Bowman and Al Brauer collaborated with the Daughters of the American Revolution at the NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY COMMEMORATION AND WREATH LAYING CEREMONY in Monroe Ohio. Pictures from this ceremony are available on the chapter's web site ([www.cincymoaa.org](http://www.cincymoaa.org)). So many of the veterans were quite happy to receive a formal thank you for their service and their friends applauded every veteran that was recognized with a Vietnam War commemoration pin. These pins mean much to the recipients. I thank Al Brauer for leading this effort for our chapter.

On March 30, our chapter celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our founding with a grand celebration dinner at the Metropolitan Club in Covington KY. I must thank all those who participated in planning this event. I especially need to thank Roger Argalas, CAPT (Ret) USCG who lead the efforts to organize this magnificent event. Our guests from the national office of MOAA included President and CEO Brian Kelly, Lt. General (Ret) USAF, and Erin Stone, CAPT (Ret) USN. CAPT Stone is the director of council and chapter affairs. Both were impressed with the near capacity attendance at this meeting. General Kelly spoke about MOAA advocacy efforts during his talk. Clearly, we all need to carefully cooperate with these advocacy efforts on the MOAA website and submit letters and messages to our representatives in Washington.

At the state level, advocacy is done by the local chapters and state wide councils. Presently, Al Echt is leading an effort to modify the state law concerning the municipal taxation of active duty pay and benefits. The current state law applies to the "Armed Forces". There is an effort to replace the term "armed forces" with the term "uniformed services" in the Ohio Revised Code. This change would include the commissioned corps of the PHS and NOAA. Legislation can move quickly and I will ask chapter members to write letter supporting this effort to members of Ohio of the Ohio legislature. I will email this request to you and I will provide directions for sending letters of support to our representatives in the OHIO House and Senate.

This newsletter contains a registration form for the upcoming membership meeting. We have two more events for which we have not finalized the arrangements. On July 23, there are limited number of tickets available for attending the Dayton Dragons baseball game in Dayton Ohio. This is a joint outing with the Dayton Chapter of MOAA. Our September membership meeting will likely be a social gathering at the Hopping Vines bar in Montgomery Ohio. When information for both events becomes available, I will send out an email message providing the details.

--Bill Heitbrink CAPT USPHS

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## 11 principles of Military Leadership

The 11 principles of Army leadership first appeared in an Army field manual in 1948. They were developed by skilled leaders who were veterans of World War II, the Greatest Generation. They have been passed down, largely unchanged, to this day, with slight modifications. Here they are, as changed to recognize that both men and women are part of the team. (In original form, it read, for example, "know your men and be concerned for their welfare".)

1. **Know yourself and seek self-improvement.**
2. **Be technically and tactically proficient.**
3. **Know your subordinates and look out for their welfare.**
4. **Keep subordinates informed.**
5. **Set the example.**
6. **Insure the task is understood, supervised, and accomplished.**
7. **Train your subordinates as a team.**
8. **Make sound and timely decisions.**
9. **Develop a sense of responsibility among your subordinates.**
10. **Employ your command in accordance with its capabilities.**
11. **Seek responsibility and take responsibility for your actions.**

In modern times, it is difficult to find a better outline for success, whether in the military or civilian life, than inculcating and using the principles of military leadership.

**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](mailto: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.aspx>

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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: [Evening Colors](#)
- Marines: [Semper Fidelis](#)

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**A NOTE FROM YOUR NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR: ROB CROSKERY (LTC, USA)**

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It is with some trepidation that I enter the world of newsletter editing for the Cincinnati Chapter of the MOAA. CWO3 (Ret) Kym Mader, USN has performed this task in an outstanding fashion for many years, and has big shoes to fill. She has my (and our) tremendous gratitude for her accomplishments. This first newsletter effort certainly has helped me appreciate her efforts. My time has largely been taken up with formatting and getting the hang of inserting hyperlinks under other names; future newsletters will be more content oriented. I will need 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 my email, [rcroskery@gmail.com](mailto:rcroskery@gmail.com) .

2023 Ohio Council of Chapters Convention  
September 29 – October 1, 2023  
Youngstown Air Reserve Station

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete the following registration information and **return by Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**:

*By mail:*

Mahoning and Shenango Valleys Chapter  
P.O. Box 5342  
Poland, OH 44514-0342

*By e-mail attachment:*

[msvcmoaa@gmail.com](mailto:msvcmoaa@gmail.com)

*By fax:*

(330) 588-3882

Registration payment of \$59, which includes all meals, will be submitted:

- Via US Mail to the address above
- Via on-line payment option: <https://ohiomooa.org/occ-convention-reservation-payment/>

Rank/Mr/Mrs: \_\_\_\_\_ Military Status: Active / Retired / Former /Spouse Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MOAA Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Military Base Access** \*\*\* Important! Without access you will not be able to attend the OCC Convention. \*\*\*

- I have a valid military ID which will allow me base access
- I do not have a military ID and am providing the following information to obtain base access  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License State and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

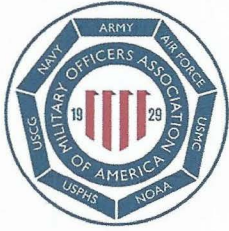
**Event Attendance**

- I plan on attending all member events Friday and Saturday
- I also plan on attending the Sunday morning Council meeting
- I plan on attending select programs:
  - 9/29; 1800 - Icebreaker Social
  - 9/30; 0700 - Breakfast Buffet
  - 9/30; 0900 - Morning Program
  - 9/30; 1130 - Lunch Buffet
  - 9/30; 1315 - Afternoon Program
  - 9/30; 1430 - Roundtable Discussions
  - 9/30; 1430 - Recreational Tour/Events
  - 9/30; 1800 - Social Hour
  - 9/30; 1900 - Banquet and Dinner
  - 10/01; 0700 - Breakfast Buffet
  - 10/01; 0900 - Council Meeting

\* Lodging is not included. A limited number of rooms are available at Eagles Nest. The phone number is (330) 609-1268.

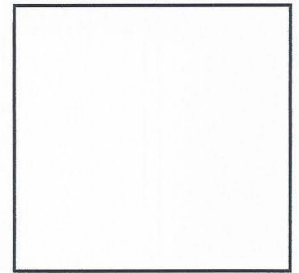
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Questions may be submitted to [msvcmoaa@gmail.com](mailto:msvcmoaa@gmail.com) or by calling (330) 788-3270.



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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*