



HEART OF AMERICA CHAPTER

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Dr. Wert discusses visit to Vietnam at November 23rd Chapter Meeting

Our Speaker for the November 23 meeting is Dr Hal Wert. Hal Wert, professor of history at the Kansas City Art Institute, teaches the history of World War II, the Cold War and Modern Japanese Literature. He is the author of a number of scholarly articles of which the most recent is "Years of Frustration: Herbert Hoover and W.W.II," in "Uncommon Americans: the Lives and Legacies of Herbert and Lou Henry Hoover" (Greenwood Press, fall 2003).



Dr. Hal Wert

He has had several travel and research grants from the Hoover, Roosevelt, and Truman Presidential Libraries; three Fulbright/Hays Group Project Awards to Eastern Europe; a Hoover Institution Summer Fellowship at Stanford University; an International Research Exchange Grant (IREX); a Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars grant as well as a Rockefeller Archives Center Research Grant. In 1999 Professor Wert was awarded the Kansas City Art Institute Excellence in Teaching Award and has been named four times to "Who's Who Among America's Teachers," 1994, 1998, 2000 and 2005. In December 2000 he was the recipient of the Missouri Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Our Meeting will be held November 23, 2013 (4th Saturday) at the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) building at 8787 Old Santa Fe Road. The Auxiliary Luncheon begins at 1145 hours with the MOAA Luncheon beginning at 1215 hours. Cost of the lunch is

\$10.00. A Board Meeting will be held at 1030 hours for Chapter Officers.

To get to the DAV, exit off I-435 at 87th Street (close to Bannister Mall), and drive east to Old Santa Fe Road, turn right for one block, or drive on Blue Ridge to 87th Street and turn west, go one block to Old Santa Fe Road, turn left and go approximately one block. The DAV is at the rear of Loma Vista Shopping Center.

Everyone must have a meal reservation by Wednesday of the week before the luncheon. Those on the permanent list need to call only if they will be absent. Substitute meals must be made at time of reservation. Cancellations must be called in by 9:00 a.m. Saturday of the luncheon.

Reservations are imperative in order to provide meals for all who attend. To make reservations, contact Tina Dawson by telephone at 816-741-4027 or by e-mail at dondawson@mindspring.com by Wednesday before the meeting.

PLEASE -- No reservations can be accepted after 1000 on Wednesday -- especially requests for substitute meals.

Meeting Information

TOPIC: *Visit to Vietnam*

SPEAKER: *Hal Wert, Ph.D., Professor
Kansas City Art Institute*

TIME: *10:30 a.m. - Executive Council Meeting
11:45 a.m. - Auxiliary and Wives
12:15 p.m. - MOAA*

MENU: *Turkey w/Stuffing & Cranberries,
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Vegetable,
Salad, Roll, Butter, Coffee, Iced Tea,
Pumpkin Pie*

*(Substitute Meals of Baked Chicken Breast or
Hamburger Steak must be requested at Time of
Reservation)*

LOCATION:
*Disabled American Veterans
8787 Old Santa Fe Road
Kansas City, Missouri*

*Call Tina Dawson at 816-741-4027 for Reservations
or e-mail dondawson@mindspring.com.*

2013 Meeting Calendar

23 Nov* (4th Saturday) 13 Dec (Holiday Party)

NOTE: All Meetings are on the 4th Saturday EXCEPT as indicated. They vary according to a holiday or available date.

* (Exec Council meets at 10:30 am)

If you would like to receive e-mail updates from the Chapter, and you currently do not, please send your name and e-mail address to robinson1@kc.rr.com.

Web Site: www.moahoa.org



Message from the President



by Maj Bill Tudor

Wonderful visit from our national leader . . .

The last meeting was a huge success, thanks to a great visit by Col. Gary Fredricks who is a member of MOAA's board of directors. He presented a large amount of helpful information and some of his data will be made available through this newsletter.

Your chapter officers serve you well . . .

Perhaps the hardest job in the chapter is providing speakers who inspire our members, and thanks to suggestions and help from your officers and membership, we have been blessed with a great lineup. For our November 23rd meeting we have an all-time favorite, **Dr. Hal Wert**, a Professor of History at the Kansas City Art Institute. He takes some of his students to remote and sometimes troubled parts of the globe, and provides a fascinating report of findings and their bearing on our nation. Following that is the Auxiliary's annual Christmas event on Friday, Dec. 13th with the Strolling Strings. Even the grumpiest Scrooge will laugh and enjoy the Christmas music and gaiety that is served with a delicious meal. Our traditional speaker for the January meeting is another all-time favorite, Chris Kuehl. Need I say more? Other military organizations recently asked if they could be invited to hear him speak.

Where is Bill Tudor going?

It's true that I'll hand the reigns over to Jerry Magliano in January, of course depending on the November election. No I'm not leaving the chapter, and will be helping resolve a problem that all chapters experience: communications. Serving as your president for the past two years has been a rewarding job for me because all of the accomplishments have been the result of the help I received from the staff and members. Please give the same support to your new and more capable president.

In closing . . .

I'd like to comment about a possible speaker for next year. Maj. John Schwent (USMC, Ret) has created a retreat for wounded veterans on his farm near Kingsville, MO, called Camp Valor Outdoors. The mission of the camp is to provide our wounded veterans and their families with the opportunity to participate in competitive outdoor activities with dignity and respect while empowering them with the skills and motivation to overcome their injuries. I was privileged to get a guided tour recently and observed the construction of a deer hunting blind that provides access for vets to drive their track chairs into the blind and then have accessories to facilitate their disabilities while deer hunting. Competitive turkey and deer hunts that include bow, muzzleloader, rifle and shotgun are just a few of the many activities he makes available. I hope he can come and tell you about his drive to help veterans with slides of the camp.

HEART OF AMERICA CHAPTER Military Officers Association of America *(formerly The Retired Officers Association)*



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Ladies Auxiliary

Hello Ladies,

I want to say thank you to all the ladies that attended the luncheon in October. We had a wonderful opportunity to visit with some we do not see as often. For those of you we have not seen for some time, we would love to see you in November!

Some of us went to the KC Actors presentation of "Three Viewings" and had a late lunch together. We hope to do more activities outside our meetings/luncheons. It was an enjoyable time with friends, looking forward to many more.

We are getting ready for election of Officers at our November meeting. If you have a desire to serve our organization please come to our next meeting November 23, 2013, meeting begins at 11:30 am.

Please do not forget to mark your calendar for the December Christmas dinner on December 13, 2013. Check the newsletter for details. We will once again be entertained by the Strolling Strings, a talented group of high school students that put a special touch to the holiday season.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving, when you are giving thanks at your table do not forget those serving our country, both here and overseas.

Take care of you . . . we need you. See you in November!

Susan Eveland
President
Cell: 816-309-6182

Election of Officers

Election of officers for the Heart of America Chapter for the year 2014 will be held at the regular chapter meeting November 23, 2013. In addition to the slate of officers submitted by the nominating committee, nominations will be accepted from the floor.

The nominating committee of the Heart of America Chapter/MOAA submits the following slate of officers for 2014 for consideration by the membership:

President	- Gerald R. Magliano, Maj, USMC, (Ret)
First Vice President	- Bruce Eveland, COL, USA, (Ret)
Second Vice President	- Charles F. (Chuck) Marcus, CAPT, USCG (Ret)
Recording Secretary	- Roger J. (Jim) Davis, CAPT, USCG, (Ret)
Membership Secretary	- Barry K. (Keith) Pechak, Maj, USAF (Ret)
Treasurer	- Victor O. Christianson, Maj, USAF, (Ret)

Respectfully submitted,

Maj Gen Bill Treu, (Ret) Past Pres, Chairman
Col Garey Reeves, (Ret) Past President
Maj Gary Fox, (Ret) Past President

Retiree ID Card Changes

Before Nov 1, 2012 a military retiree's ID card had two expiration dates. The date on the front was usually indefinite. The date on the back was the date the retiree's DOD medical benefits expired – the last day of the month prior to the retiree's 65th birthday. This date was necessary to ensure the retiree enrolled in Medicare and provided that information to DEERS.

To eliminate confusion, ID cards now have the same expiration date in the front and back. DOD is also replacing retirees' social security number on the front of the ID card with their new DOD ID numbers and adding the retirees'

DOD Benefit ID numbers on the back. Retirees' are not required to update their ID cards until the expiration date. However, they may choose to do so when it is convenient for them.

Spouse ID cards must still be updated every four years until their 75th birthday. When spouses ID cards are renewed, the retirees' DOD ID number will replace the SSN on the front and the spouses DOD Benefits ID number will be added to the back.

For information about ID cards, please call: 1-800-538-9552.

2013 Holiday Party and Installation of Officers

The 2013 Annual Heart of America Holiday Party and Officer Installation will be on **Friday, December 13, 2013**, at the DAV Hall, 8787 Old Santa Fe Road, Kansas City, Missouri. Social Hour begins at 6:00 p.m. with Dinner at 6:45 p.m..

Cost is \$16.00 each for 8 oz. Fillet Mignon or \$13.00 each for Chicken Cordon Bleu. Prepaid reservation **MUST** be made by **Monday, December 9th**.

Make check payable to "MOAA Auxiliary". Remember: There **will not be a December newsletter** reminding you of the Party.

2013 Holiday Party Reservation Form			
PRINT NAME: _____	RANK: _____		
ADDRESS: _____	SERVICE: _____		
CITY/ST/ZIP: _____			
Guests: _____			
Home Phone: _____	Work Phone: _____		
e-mail: _____			
C Chicken Cordon Blu	\$13.00 each	# of Meals _____	\$ _____
C 6 oz. Fillet Mignon	\$16.00 each	# of Meals _____	\$ _____
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