



HEART OF AMERICA CHAPTER

Military Officers Association of America

(Visit our Web Site at www.moahoa.org)

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Valentines Day to be Centerpiece at the February 22 Holiday Luncheon

As the February 22 "makeup" Holiday Luncheon on February 22nd will honor Valentines Day, there will not be a speaker this month.

As stated, our meeting will be held February 22, 2014 (4th Saturday) at the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) building at 8787 Old Santa Fe Road. Because we are having hors d'oeuvres from 11:30 am to 12:15 pm, before the Holiday Luncheon, there will not be an Auxiliary and Wives meeting this month, but will be held again at the March 22nd meeting.

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, February 19, 2014. Reservations are imperative in

order to provide meals for all who attend.

To make reservations for the Holiday Luncheon, see the instructions on page 4 of this newsletter.



2014 Meeting Calendar

22 February (Holiday Luncheon)	23 August
22 March *	27 September*
26 April	25 October
24 May *	22 November*
26 July*	12 December (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

Meeting Information

TOPIC: Valentines Day Holiday Luncheon
Saturday, February 22, 2014

TIME: 11:30 a.m. - hors d'oeuvres
12:15 p.m. - Holiday Luncheon

MENU: See page 4 for Holiday Luncheon Choices

(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

Notes from the President



by Maj Jerry Magliano

• Any organization is only as good as its membership. MOAA has frequently pointed out that the strength of its ability to lobby Congress rests with strong membership in Chapters around the country. We should all think of ourselves as recruiters when it comes to maintaining strong membership. Our web site contains links to apply for both MOAA National and MOAA HOA Chapter membership.

• If you are aware of a member or spouse of a member who has passed or is experiencing serious health problems, please contact Chaplain LCmdr Alan Davis at 816-554-9018 (email: revalandavis@kc.rr.com) or Captain Charles Marcus at 913-681-6079 (email: cfnamarcus@yahoo.com). All information will be held confidential unless permission otherwise is granted.

• If you have any information you would like in the newsletter, please email to Les Hobbs at leshobbs@swbell.net. Also, let Les know if you find erroneous information.

• A replacement is needed for Don Dawson to take reservations for our monthly luncheon to provide a headcount to the DAV staff. Don has been doing this for ten years and will not be able to do so beyond June of this year. Please consider volunteering for this very important function.

You can contact Don at dondawson@mindspring.com for more information about what this involves.

• The annual picnic has been moved from June to August 23rd due to scheduling conflicts at the DAV Hall. There will be no June meeting. Save the August date on your calendar.

• The Christmas Party is scheduled for December 12, 2014.

• We are looking into a redesign of our Web site (www.moaahoa.org). We would like the Web site to be the primary source of information about the Chapter. The Newsletter can be accessed every month by clicking on a link on the opening page. If you have email access, you also have Web access. More on this as we move along.

• Please consider attending one of the presentations of the play Journey's End at the National WW I Museum from February 14 to March 2. It is a compelling story about British trench warfare during WW I. For more information and tickets, call 816-235-6222.

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Auxiliary and Wives

Hello Ladies,

I hope your holiday season was wonderful and that your new year will be filled with good health and happiness. As you already know our "Holiday Dinner" in December was canceled due to weather. If you signed up and sent your money in for this dinner we will be having this "Holiday Dinner" in February at our regularly scheduled luncheon time. We plan on having hors d'oeuvres from 11:30 am to 12:15 pm, with the luncheon to follow. You will be having whatever menu choice you indicated for the Holiday Dinner.

If you paid for the Holiday Dinner and will be unable to attend on February 22, 2014 please contact Terri Jo Fox for a refund of your money. We hope that everyone that had intended to attend in December will be able to join us for this Holiday-Valentine Dinner. We will have some special gifts to give all those attending.

Due to the cocktail time at this special February luncheon we will not be having an auxiliary meeting at 11:30 am.

We will resume our regular meeting time at the next meeting in March.

Remember it is time to pay your dues of \$5.00. Please mail all your current information with a check made out to HOA-MOAA Auxiliary; mail this to Terri Jo Fox at the address below. Our doors are always open to new members and guests. Please join us for a meeting and see what we are about.

Terri Jo Fox
3724 Stanton St. NE
Lee's Summit, MO 64064-1937

Looking forward to seeing everyone February 22nd at 11:30 am for hors d'oeuvres and luncheon to follow! Be careful and stay warm . . . we need you!

Susan Eveland
President
Cell: 816-309-6182

Which Way to COLA Relief?

From MOAA -- February 7, 2014

Influential legislators in both the House and Senate are moving to repeal the recent cuts to COLAs for working age military retirees established in the Bipartisan Budget Act (BBA). With a majority of legislators already supporting repeal efforts, the debate now turns to how to pay for repeal.

A number of bills could be considered by the Senate next week. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) took steps to bring another repeal bill, S. 1963, from Sens. Mark Pryor (D-Ark.) and Kay Hagan (D-N.C.) to the Senate floor next week. On February 4, MOAA President Vice Adm. Norb Ryan, USN (Ret) spoke at a press conference held by Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), the Chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, urging Senate passage of the legislation.

S. 1982. This bill includes omnibus veterans' benefits upgrades along with COLA repeal. Sen. Richard Burr (R-N.C.), Ranking Member of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, announced plans for an alternative veteran' benefits bill including COLA repeal with a different offset.

Across the Capitol, Speaker of the House John Boehner (R-Ohio) announced this week that he plans to include a

COLA cut repeal provision in his upcoming proposal to raise the debt ceiling. In order to clear both chambers any proposal will likely require a bipartisan offset.

With so many moving parts it's unclear which proposal will carry the day, but the prospect of floor debate offers some hope that a bipartisan solution can be found. The Senate will likely act first.

Send your legislators a MOAA-suggested message in support of the numerous proposals coming forward next week.



*Happy
Valentines
Day*

2014 Holiday Luncheon

Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we will be able to enjoy this special event.

The poinsettia's were donated to the Veterans home in Cameron but the candy and wine survived.

If you have already mailed your check we have your reservation – if not, there is still plenty of time.

Reservations must be received by Wed., Feb 19th.

Join us for the Valentines Day Holiday Luncheon.

2014 Holiday Luncheon 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	_____	\$	_____
			TOTAL		\$	_____

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