



HEART OF AMERICA CHAPTER

Military Officers Association of America

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National WW1 Museum History and why it is in Kansas City is Meeting Topic

The speaker at our March 22nd meeting will be from the Speakers Bureau of the National WW I Museum at the Liberty Memorial. The National World War I Museum is the only American museum solely dedicated to preserving the objects, history and personal experiences of a war whose impact still echoes today.

With one of the greatest collections of World War I artifacts anywhere in the world, the new state-of-the-art complex uses highly-interactive technology to bring history to life. The Museum operates as non-profit organization dedicated to honoring those who served in the Great War by:

- *Maintaining the Liberty Memorial as a beacon of freedom and a symbol of the courage, patriotism, sacrifice and honor of all who served in World War I*
- *Interpreting the history of World War I to encourage public involvement and informed decision-making*
- *Providing exhibitions and educational programs that engage diverse audiences*
- *Collecting and preserving historical materials with the highest professional standards to share the stories of the Great War through the eyes of those who lived it.*

There will be a slide show presentation about the museum and its many artifacts as well as information about some important upcoming events.

Our Meeting will be held March 22, 2014 (4th Saturday) at the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) building at 8787 Old Santa Fe Road. The Auxiliary Luncheon begins at 1130 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.

2014 Meeting Calendar

22 March *	27 September*
26 April	25 October
24 May *	22 November*
26 July*	12 December
23 August	(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: *National World War 1 Museum*

SPEAKER: *Speaker from National WW1 Speakers Bureau*

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

MENU: *Corned Beef and Cabbage, Horse Radish, New Potatoes/Carrots, Corned Bread/Butter, Coffee, Iced Tea, Dessert*

(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.

Notes from the President



by Maj Jerry Magliano

• Pat Snyder and family sent me a note thanking the Chapter for the floral arrangement the provided at Jim's funeral service and for all of our thoughts and prayers.

• 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 or email revalandavis@kc.rr.com. You may also contact Captain Chuck Marcus at 913-681-6079 or email cfnamarcus@yahoo.com. All information will be held in strict confidence unless permission is granted otherwise.

• A replacement is needed for Don Dawson to take reservations for our monthly luncheon. Please consider volunteering for this very important function. You can contact Don at: dondawson@mindspring.com for more information.

• We have some great speakers lined up for the next several months. In April we have Captain Aaron Krudwig who is a Marine Corps CH 53 pilot who served in both Iraq and Afghanistan and is also the Officer Selection Officer for this region. In May, we have Kyle Latinis, PhD, Director, Social Science Directorate, Human Terrain System, Ft. Leavenworth. There is no meeting in June, however, in July, we will have Jackson County Executive Mike Sanders.

• We have sent to MOAA National the names of five 2/LT under the Gold Bar Program. Four are Active Duty and one is National Guard. When we reach ten we will be eligible for the \$250 Chapter award. Many thanks to Norm Sowell for the terrific job he does with this and the ROTC programs.

• Principal goals for this year after discussion with the Executive Council are as follows:

- Develop a sound membership program calling on the experience of past leadership and the membership at large to implement continuous improvement.
- Review and update our Chapter By-Laws.
- Develop a program to meet the needs of our Chapter members requiring veteran's assistance by expanding the dissemination of legislative updates through our Web site, newsletter and other media.

• If you have any information you would like in the newsletter, contact Les Hobbs at leshobbs@swbell.net. Also, please advise Les of any corrections.

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White House: Raise Fees, Cut Pay, Housing, and Commissary

The administration unveiled its FY 2015 defense budget request on March 4. The proposal calls for a \$495.6 billion budget, a top line that is virtually unchanged from the past two years.

Faced with a somewhat fixed topline and the full impact of sequestration still looming for 2016, the Pentagon's budget is looking at all accounts, and includes shifting personnel costs onto the backs of servicemembers to free up funding for other programs.

The budget includes cuts to military compensation and healthcare benefits, a 20 percent cut in headquarters operating budgets, a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) round in FY 2017, and \$159.3 billion in modernization and recapitalization of equipment and facilities.

Specific cuts include:

TRICARE: the proposal calls for sweeping changes for TRICARE beneficiaries of all ages.

The proposal would:

- Eliminate the existing TRICARE Prime, Standard, and Extra options for retirees under age 65 and military families. These options would be replaced by a single consolidated health care plan most similar to the existing TRICARE Standard/Extra. The fee-for-service plan would require all beneficiaries to pay copays and a deductible, and retirees would be required to pay an annual participation fee. Access would not be guaranteed under this proposal.

- Establish an annual TRICARE For Life (TFL) enrollment fee. The fee would be a percentage of retired

pay, rising to 2 percent of pay per year in 2018. Current TFL beneficiaries would be exempt from the fee.

- Dramatically increase pharmacy copays, and require all beneficiaries to obtain their maintenance medication refills through either an MTF or the mail-order pharmacy.

Auxiliary and Wives

Hello Ladies,

Please do not forget that we will be having our MOAA Auxiliary meeting at 11:30 am on March 22, 2014; just prior to the MOAA luncheon.

We had a fantastic attendance at the February luncheon, which was our make-up Christmas dinner. Hope to see some of the new faces at our next Auxiliary meeting. Many thanks to Diane Christiansen and Terri Jo Fox for all their work on the success of this delayed function.

See everyone on the 22nd!!

Susan Eveland
President
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Air Force Will Scrap The Warthog USAF Will Scrap, Not Mothball, the A-10

The Air Force isn't planning to mothball its 283 A-10s, but simply retire the type wholesale as part of the Fiscal 2015 budget request, service Secretary Deborah Lee James said Wednesday.

James told a Bloomberg defense symposium in Washington, D.C., that "the idea... is to... retire them fully" rather than put the A-10s into Type 1000 storage—meaning they could be returned to operations if needed—at the Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., boneyard.

However, she said the A-10s won't be retired all at once, but rather over several years.

"The beginning years would tilt toward the Active component," and the Guard and Reserve A-10s would be

the last to go, she said. James emphasized that the A-10 is not the only close air support platform in the Air Force, and that in Afghanistan, it has actually only performed 20 percent of the CAS mission. The rest has been done by AC-130s, F-15s, F-16s, B-52s, and B-1s; all of which will be retained. "We have got this,"

James said of the CAS mission, insisting the service won't let down its brethren in the other services. The F-35 also will eventually take over the CAS role, she said. Retiring the A-10s will save \$3.5 billion over the future years defense plan, she said.

—John A. Tirpak

Heart of America Chapter (HOAC) Military Officers Association of America *Membership and Renewal Form*

2014 Membership Application 2014 Membership Renewal 2014 Auxiliary Membership Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Name for Ladies Auxiliary: _____

Rank _____ Branch of Service _____ Spouse _____

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Retired Active Duty Regular Reserve National Guard Former Officer Widow(er)

Basic Chapter dues are \$15, and add \$5 for Ladies Auxiliary
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