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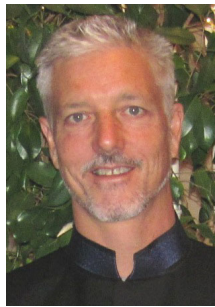
Southeast Asia Today to be featured at May 24th Meeting

Our presenter will be Dr. Kyle Latinis who finished a BA in Anthropology at the University of Kansas. A native Kansan with an interest in Asia-Pacific culture and history, he soon found himself at the University of Hawaii graduate program where he earned his MA and PhD degrees in Anthropology, specializing in Ecological Anthropology.

Having relocated to Southeast Asia, Dr. Latinis took a research and teaching fellowship at the National University of Singapore where he earned a second PhD in the Southeast Asian Studies Programme.

From 2009 to 2011, he served as Dean-R & D; Director-Institute for Research and Advanced Studies, University of Cambodia, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Long-term foreign residence, work, and research includes Afghanistan, Cambodia, Singapore and Indonesia. Direct field research also includes Vietnam, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Nepal, American Samoa, US and others.

Dr. Latinis performed Consulting, Research and Development, Field Training, and Advising in various capacities as Assistant Director of a heritage conservation NGO, independent consultant/scholar in the fields of Archaeology and Education with various universities such as University of Fine Arts, Phnom Penh, Royal Academy of Cambodia and NGOs such as WorldVision, Center for Khmer Studies and the Center for International Education Exchange. Phnom Penh, Cambodia.



Dr. Kyle Latinis

Dr. Latinis is now Director of the Human Terrain System (HTS) Social Science Directorate at Ft. Leavenworth.

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: *Southeast Asia Today*

SPEAKER: *Dr. Kyle Latinis*

Director of the Human Terrain System Social Science Directorate at Ft. Leavenworth, KS

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

MENU: Marvin's Famous Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Vegetable, Salad, Roll/Butter, Coffee, Iced Tea, Dessert

(Substitute Meals of Hamburger Steak or Baked Chicken Breast 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.

2014 Meeting Calendar

24 May *	25 October
26 July*	22 November*
23 August	12 December
27 September*	(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

Notes from the President



by Maj Jerry Magliano

Thanks to the generosity of many in our Chapter, we were able to fund \$5,000 in scholarships this year. The first place award went to Hans Pruter of Blue Springs High School for \$2,500, second place to Maia Schoenberg of Blue Valley High School for \$1,500 and third place to Ricardo Zamudio of Northeast High School for \$1,000. An award for \$500 will also go to Gabriella Rizzi of St. James Academy for assistance with educational materials. Each of the seven applicants had outstanding academic and leadership records.

Back in the 1970's, our Chapter made a \$10,000 donation to MOAA National to fund a scholarship for a local High School ROTC student in the amount of \$1,000. This year's award went to Breanna Garrison, Cadet 1st Lt., AFROTC and Cadet Honor Guard Commander of Lee Summit West High School.

Thanks to the outstanding efforts of Norm Sowell with the Gold Bar Program, 7-2/Lt. Basic Membership Forms have been sent to MOAA National. Twenty more will be completed this month and eight more in June. The Chapter will receive \$250 for having reached and exceeded the required ten new members.

The 2014 Armed Forces Day Celebration - Expo will be at Zona Rosa in the Town Square on May 16 and 17. It will be hosted by the Northland JC Foundation.

The Kansas City Veterans Standdown will be held on June 6th and 7th. More information about our participation will be published in a future email. You may also go to www.kcstanddown.org for additional information.

We continue to work on revising the Chapter By-Laws to bring them up to date. Our goal is to have a clean draft available for all to review by the July 26th meeting. The draft will be sent by email to the membership. We are also putting the finishing touches on the 2014 budget. It will be published in the July 2014 Newsletter.

We will have a special guest at our meeting on May 24th. He is Col. Ed Burnham, USAF (Ret.). He flew B-24 bombers during WW II. He will be the guest of Susan and Bruce Eveland and will be introduced by Gen. Treu.

Many of us served in Southeast Asia during our careers. At our May 24th meeting, we are going to have an encore presentation by Dr. D. Kyle Latinis from Ft. Leavenworth who lived, worked and did considerable research for many years in that part of the world. It promises to be a very interesting update on what is happening there today.

We will not be having a meeting in June. However, we will coordinate by email VA Hospital visits which we have traditionally made annually in July.

We are still in need of a replacement for Don Dawson to take the monthly luncheon reservations and relay that information to the DAV Hall. Time is getting short and it is very important that someone take over from Don who will not continue past this month.

Recruiting new members is crucial to the future success of our Chapter. We should all think of ourselves as recruiters. If you know anyone who might be interested in joining, bring them as a guest to one of our luncheons. Terry Buller and Keith Pechak will be putting together a recruiting strategy as well.

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Deputy Surgeon's News Update

by COL Linda Crosser

Auxiliary and Wives

Happy Mother's Day Ladies!!

I am hoping that Sunday, May 11th was a special day for all of you.

We will be presenting new bylaw changes at our next meeting, May 24th. Just some minor changes, but we will need to vote on these, so your attendance and input is greatly appreciated.

It is with a saddened heart that we extend our condolences to Don and Mary Robinson with the death of their daughter, Stephanie and to Diane Christianson and family on the death of her father, Ted. Our thoughts and prayers are with each family as they navigate this very difficult road.

Please do not forget we will not be having a meeting or luncheon in the month of June due to scheduling problems at the DAV. We will have our "Annual Picnic" at the August luncheon. Our meeting on May 24th will begin at 11:30, just prior to the luncheon. I have been so pleased with the attendance lately, let's keep this going. It is always wonderful to see everyone to connect and catch up.

Take care . . . remember we need each and every one of you. See you the 24th!

Susan

Susan Eveland
President



2013-2014 Scholarship Winners

We would like to thank our scholarship committee for their diligent work in choosing our scholarship winners from this year's highly qualified applicants. The committee does not know the names of the students until after the selection is made. Most of the students took college classes while in high school and were highly involved in school, JrROTC and volunteer activities. We've invited them to our meetings or the picnic to meet and thank the donors.

Our first place winner, who will receive \$2,500.00, is Hans Pruter. He graduated from Blue Springs High School. He was ranked 28 out of 506 and carried a 4.1 grade point average. He was very active in community activities and JrROTC. He plans to attend the Missouri University of Science and Technology and major in Chemical Engineering.

Our second place winner, Maia Schoenberg, who will receive \$1,500.00, is from Blue Valley High School in Stilwell, KS. Her father is a member of our chapter. She's planning to continue her interest in music as a college major

and also the science fields. She was ranked 1st out of a class of 331 with a GPA of 4.53.

Our third place winner, Ricardo Zamudio, who will receive 1,000.00, is from Kansas City North East High School. He received numerous compliments from his JrROTC Senior Instructor due to his performance as the Battalion Commander of his unit. He hasn't chosen his college but is appreciative of the scholarship which will allow him greater choices of schools. He was ranked 3rd out of a class of 91 with a GPA of 3.81.

Gabriella Rizzi, granddaughter of our HOA MOAA member Dr. Rizzi, will receive a \$500.00 stipend for her hard work and success. She attended St James Academy with a 4.34 GPA and ranked very high out of a class of 200 students. She was involved in competitive sports and community programs.

Vic Christianson
Major, USAF (Retired)
Scholarship Program Coordinator

Seeking Purple Heart Recipients

Close to 2 million Purple Hearts have been awarded since the medal was created in 1932, but the National Purple Heart Hall of Honors only has the names of 193,000 recipients in its database.

If you or a loved one received a Purple Heart, make sure to add the names to the Hall of Honor, along with photos and narratives of when, where and how the medal was earned.

You can contact the directors at: <http://thepurpleheart.com/> or by contacting the following:

The National Hall of Honors
374 Temple Hill Rd
Vails Gate, NY 12584

1-845-561-1765, 1-877-284-6667, FAX 1-845-569-0382

Legislative Update

Missouri's Fifth District Congressman, Emanuel Cleaver II, joined with Senators Claire McCaskill and Roy Blunt, to jointly introduce legislation that will make Kansas City the only city in the nation with the distinction of having the National World War I Museum and Memorial.

The bill will designate the Liberty Memorial at the National World War I Museum — as the “National World War I Museum and Memorial.”

This legislation is meant to ensure Kansas City is known as the one and only home in this great country to the National World War I Museum and Memorial. And it gives us the opportunity to lead the nation in marking the centennial anniversary. It is hoped this legislation will assist in honoring the great sacrifices made, and lessons learned, during World War I.

They also successfully passed legislation last year that established Liberty Memorial as the host of a new World War I Centennial Commission. That Commission is in the process of planning, developing, and executing programs, projects, and activities to commemorate the centennial of World War I. Kansas City will have the honor of hosting the inaugural event in the nation, to mark this solemn day.

Pershing Park, located along Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington DC, would be redesignated as the National World War I Memorial.

On July 28th of this year, our country will mark the 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War I. This is the day Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia. On April 6th, 1917, the United States entered the war by declaring against Germany. Almost five million U.S. service members served during the war. Frank Buckles was the last American veteran from the war, but died in February of 2011. He was the last direct American link to the “war to end all wars”.

There are nine original co-sponsors on this bill, including two from the Missouri delegation, Congressman Sam Graves and Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler.

Deputy Surgeon's News Update

by COL Linda Crosser

In May, I will be reviewing indications for the “statins”, new guidelines, and related topics.