



HEART OF AMERICA CHAPTER

Military Officers Association of America

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US Representative Vicky Jo Hartzler is Speaker at FREE Annual Indoor MOAA Picnic

Our speaker for the August 23rd Picnic is Vicky Jo Hartzler. Hartzler is the U.S. Representative for Missouri's 4th congressional district. She is a member of the Republican Party.

The district takes in most of the western-central part of the state, from Jefferson City, the state capital, to the eastern Kansas City suburbs. Besides Jefferson City, it includes other cities such as Sedalia, Warrensburg, Marshall, and Lebanon.

She is the first Republican to represent this district since 1955, and only the second since the Great Depression.

Hartzler represented District 124 in the Missouri House from 1995 to 2000.

Vicky graduated class valedictorian from Archie High School and summa cum laude from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a B.S. in Education and the University of Central Missouri with a M.S. in Education. She enjoyed investing in the lives of our young people by teaching junior and senior high family and consumer sciences for 11 years in Lebanon and Belton, Missouri.

The MOAA Heart of America Annual Picnic will be held at the DAV on the 4th Saturday, August 23, 2014. Social Hour begins at 12:00 P.M. with Picnic at 1:00 P.M. There will be an Executive Council Meeting at 10:30 A.M..



Representative Vicky Hartzler

This is a **FREE** Indoor Picnic with MOAA furnishing Bar-B-Que Beef, Turkey, Ham, Baked Beans, Soda Pop, Beer, Buns, Toppings, Plates, Plasticware, and Napkins.

Attendees are asked to please bring a covered dish of your choosing (vegetable, salad, cake and pies). Please state what you will bring when you make reservations. Sign in when you arrive as door prizes will be given.

To make reservations, please e-mail Mrs. Tina Dawson at dondawson@mindspring.com or call 816-741-4027 by the Wednesday prior to the meeting. Again, please tell them if you are bringing a salad, vegetable, or dessert. Bring a prospective member -- enjoy the fun and food.

To get to the DAV, exit off I-435 at 87th Street 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. If you are on Blue Ridge, go to 87th Street and turn west, go one-half 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 picnic. Those on the permanent list also need to call to tell what covered dish they are bringing.

2014 Meeting Calendar

23 August*	22 November*
27 September*	12 December (Holiday Party)
25 October	

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: *FREE Annual MOAA Picnic*

SPEAKER: *Vicky Hartzler, Representative
4th Congressional District
Saturday, August 23, 2014*

TIME: *10:30 a.m. - Executive Board Meeting
12:00 p.m. - Social Hour
1:00 p.m. - Picnic*

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

Hope you are all enjoying the beautiful Summer weather we are experiencing. Our August 23rd get together will feature our annual picnic event. While in the past, we have not had a speaker, this year we will have the honor of being visited by Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler. The format for the picnic will remain informal. Congresswoman Hartzler will speak to us about VA Medical system issues and what is being done to correct them, the future of active duty and retiree benefits and the Defense budget in general. This will be a great opportunity to voice your concerns and to become better informed about what is being done to address them. Please join us so we can show our appreciation for the Congresswoman to taking time out of her busy schedule to educate and socialize with us.

On a different subject, we are in the process of reviewing a proposal to redesign the Web site to make it easier to maintain and keep up to date. We want the Web site to become the primary source of Chapter information in the future because it can provide real time information as opposed to once a month through the newsletter and because significant printing and mailing cost savings (more than \$1,000 annually) will result. More on this in the future.

The Executive Council will be reviewing, discussing and voting on the updated By-Laws draft as well as the 2014 budget. We have not been able to move forward on these important items this Summer due to vacations and other family obligations which have made it difficult to have enough Executive Council members in attendance to have a good discussion before voting.

Kudos to Don Robinson for receiving the 2013 MOAA Col. Marvin J. Harris Communication Award for his work as the Chapter Webmaster. Leslie Hobbs received the same award for his work editing and publishing the Chapter newsletter. Also, a big thanks to Don for years of service to the Chapter most recently as Historian. Don can no longer serve in this capacity and we are needing someone to take his place. Please consider volunteering for this important position.

The Kansas City Chapter of AUSA invites you to help them celebrate their 15 year anniversary on Tuesday, 26 August at the Crown Center Westin Hotel at 7:30am. Address any questions to Diane Boeger at Diane B. Boeger at 816-807-0608 or email Diane at dianeboeger@sbcglobal.net.

Emma Toops who recently joined our Chapter is a member of American Warriors which is a business club for former members of the US armed forces. Their twofold mission is 1) to assist each other in growing our businesses through networking and personal development, and 2) to assist those on active duty who are making the transition into the private or public sectors. Given the large scale reduction in force announced for all the Armed Forces, organizations such as this can be of great assistance in making that transition. For more information contact Emma at Farmers Insurance Group, 11880 College Blvd, Suite 202, Overland Park, KS 66210, Office: (913) 325-4774.

Thanks and look forward to seeing you all Saturday, August 23rd for our annual picnic.

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Auxiliary and Wives

Hello Auxiliary Members,

Hoping everyone is enjoying this wonderful weather, we have certainly been very lucky this summer. There will not be an Auxiliary meeting for the month of August. Remember August is our "Annual Picnic". If you have not signed up to bring a side-dish or dessert please contact either Diane Christianson or Terri Jo Fox to let them know what you will be bringing. Dress casual, remember this is a picnic - indoors, leaving out any ants, flies or possible heat!

Diane Christianson 816-240-8315
Terri Jo Fox 816-525-3592

I will not be able to be at the picnic, but will see you at the September meeting. Hoping everyone has a wonderful time, I will miss all of you. Mark your calendars for our September 27th Auxiliary meeting at 11:30 am, just prior to the MOAA luncheon.

See you next month!

Susan Eveland
President
Cell: 816-309-6182

Vets awaiting primary care at VA can now seek private physician

By Patricia Kime
Army Times Staff Writer

Veterans waiting for a primary care appointment at a VA medical facility may now be able to get one at a private physician under a program that allows veterans to seek medical treatment outside the Veterans Affairs Department.

VA announced Wednesday that primary care has been added to its Patient-Centered Community Care, or PC3, program.

The initiative originally was designed to provide specialty care, in-patient and mental health treatment to veterans who could not access a VA hospital or clinic because of distance or prolonged wait times and their regular facility. But it was expanded to include primary care in an effort to expedite treatment to patients sitting on wait lists, according to a VA release.

"With the addition of primary care services, VA medical centers can now use PC3 to provide additional types of care in order to reduce wait times," VA Secretary Robert McDonald said in a prepared statement.

In September, VA awarded contracts worth up to \$9.4 billion over five years to two health care companies to provide specialty care and mental health treatment in the private sector under the PC3 program.

Former Tricare West Region contractor TriWest

Healthcare Alliance and Health Net Federal Services, the company that manages the Tricare North Region, run the program.

According to VA, the change is part of the department's "Accelerated Care Initiative," a massive effort to move veterans — many of whom have waited months for care — off appointment wait lists.

VA has been under fire since April for allegations that some facilities gamed the appointment system to meet VA metrics and excessive wait times for appointments and consults may have led to patient deaths.

The scandal led to the resignation of several top officials, including VA Secretary Erik Shinseki, who left the department in May.

While VA facilities have had the authority to outsource care, many facilities have been reluctant to use the option and in turn, many veterans prefer to use the VA, which they perceive as a benefit earned with military service. VA spent \$5 billion on private-sector care in 2013 and launched the PC3 program in January to provide care to veterans using established health care provider networks.

TriWest President David McIntyre described the PC3 program as a "release valve" for overburdened VA facilities.

Deputy Surgeon's News Update

by COL Linda Crosser

New Questionnaire Helps Predict the Risk of Recurrence of Kidney Stones

Kidney stones are common in 6-9% of the population. Dr. Andrew Rule and others at the Mayo Clinic have been studying patients who have had one kidney stone during the years 1984-2003. They have developed a new tool that uses 11 questions to accurately calculate the probability that a patient will have a second symptomatic kidney stone at year 2, 5, or 10 after the first stone.

There are eight characteristics that predict a higher risk of recurrence of kidney stones: younger age, male gender, white race, family history of kidney stones, blood seen in the urine, stone made of uric acid (found on lab analysis), obstructing stone in the kidney pelvis, any additional non-obstructing stone, and a past painful event attributed to a kidney stone that was not actually seen.

The tool is valuable to predict recurrence of stones and help identify if preventative measures are indicated, or not. It can be found online: www.qxmd.com/calculate-online/nephrology/recurrence-of-kidney-stone-roks

If a patient is identified to be at high risk of recurrent stones, then preventive measures are indicated. If not, then no measures are needed.

Discussion with you physician about kidney stones is always recommended.

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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City/St/ZIP: _____

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Cell Phone: _____ e-mail Address: _____

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