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Kansas City Region Officer Selection Officer to discuss obtaining Future Leaders at Nov. 22 Meeting

Our presenter at our November 22nd Meeting will be Captain Aaron M. Krudwig, Officer Selection Officer for the Kansas City region. Responsible for 32 four-year institutions and an area of operations over 68,500 square miles of space, he is finding future officers to commission through the Platoon Leaders Class and Officer Candidate Course.



Captain Aaron M. Krudwig

In 2002, Captain Krudwig began his military career as he enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve. He attended basic training in San Diego, CA and continued normal initial training progression through Personnel Administration School at Camp Johnson, NC where he was the Honor Graduate.

In 2004, Captain Krudwig was selected to attend Officer Candidate Course in Quantico, VA and finished with honors. He completed The Basic School (TBS) with honors and was awarded the 1stLt Wells Land Navigation Award. From TBS, he transitioned to Flight School in Pensacola, FL where he completed primary and advanced flight training.

Following training, he was assigned to Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 466 in Miramar, CA. He deployed once to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and twice to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. While deployed, Captain Krudwig participated in, planned, and led over 150 combat missions, over 450 sorties, and flew over 660 combat flight hours. His operations included L'Mariz Tufaan assaults in the Sangin River Valley, Task Force 66 anti-narcotic interdictions, opiate raids, and the battalion clearance of Wushtan.

When he left San Diego, he had accrued approximately 1500 flight hours and numerous instructor and flight leadership qualifications.

Urge you to attend and enjoy his presentation. Captain Krudwig will be available to answer your questions during and after the 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 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 Samuel or Judy Leonard by telephone at 816-792-0744 or by e-mail at jllynn2@kc.rr.com by Wednesday before the meeting.

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

Meeting Information

TOPIC: *Obtaining future Military Leaders*

SPEAKER: *Captain Aaron M. Krudwig
Officer Selection Officer*

Saturday, November 22, 2014

TIME: *10:30 a.m. - Executive Board Meeting
11:30 a.m. - Auxiliary
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 Sam and Judy Leonard at 816-792-0744 for
Reservations or e-mail jllynn2@kc.rr.com*

2014 Meeting Calendar

22 November* 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)

Notes from the President



by Maj Jerry Magliano

As I write this message on Veterans Day, my thoughts are how appropriate it is that we honor our veterans during the same month we give thanks for the freedom and blessings their sacrifices and those of their families have made possible.

As we move toward the end of 2014, I would like to bring you up to date on some of the things the Executive Council has been working on:

The By Laws have been updated and the vote taken at the October 2014 meeting strongly supported all the revisions.

The 2015 budget will be discussed at the November Executive Council meeting. There will be no increase in dues or the total budget.

Work is continuing on redesigning our Web site with the goal of making it the primary vehicle for communicating with our membership. Many Chapters around the country are pursuing the same goal to reduce or eliminate the cost of printing and mailing. We will, however, continue to mail hardcopy to those who do not have Internet access.

Renewal letters went out on time at the end of October. We hope you are able to renew and make any scholarship donation you can afford as soon as possible. This will help us greatly to come up with an accurate budget.

Our Chapter was once again awarded a four star LOE streamer which will be added to our flag. This would not have been possible without the efforts of those who volunteer to serve on our various committees.

Included in this newsletter is a list of the six nominees for the Executive Leadership positions as required in our By Laws. The vote will take place at our November 22nd meeting and the installation will be conducted at our December Christmas Party.

In closing, I want to wish you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Auxiliary News

BURRRRRR!

I hope everyone is staying warm. I know I was not prepared for this cold weather to arrive this early and with such a vengeance. Our meeting Hostess for the November meeting is Tina Dawson. Please come and join us for our auxiliary meeting at 11:30, just prior to the luncheon. Before we know it our December banquet will be here, get your reservations in as soon as possible. This is always a great evening, a time to enjoy fantastic entertainment and spend time with friends.

My wish is that you each have a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. We want to also remember all those that are serving in our armed forces and their families. We all have been through holidays without loved ones who were serving their country during this time. We wish them a safe journey and a speedy return. Be safe, stay warm, we need you.

Susan Eveland
President
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ISIS, Russian Threats May Scuttle Plans to Shrink Army

by **Brendan McGarry**

The rising national-security threats posed by Islamic militants and the Russian military raise fresh doubts about the U.S. Army's plans to downsize, the service's top general said.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond Odierno on Monday suggested proposals to decrease the size of the active-duty force due largely to automatic budget cuts and an end to the U.S.-led wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are based on outdated assessments.

"The problem is ... the world is changing in front of us," Odierno said during a military conference in Washington, D.C. "We've seen Russian aggression in Eastern Europe, we've seen ISIS, we've seen some increased instability in other places, so I now have a concern whether even going below 490,000 [soldiers] is the right thing to do."

The active-duty Army, which has more than half a million soldiers today, is on pace to shrink to between 440,000 soldiers and 450,000 soldiers by 2017. That figure could fall to as low as 420,000 soldiers if automatic budget cuts known as sequestration remain in effect.

"My thought is it should all be on the table as we look at the security environment," Odierno said during a briefing with reporters during the opening day of the annual conference organized by the Association of the United States Army.

His remarks came a day after militants affiliated with the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, known as ISIS or simply the Islamic State, an al-Qaeda-inspired terrorist group that has overtaken swaths of Iraq and Syria, had advanced to within about 15 miles of Baghdad's airport.

"I believe the capability is there to defend Baghdad," Odierno said in response to a question from a reporter. The U.S.-led airstrikes against the militant group are helping to slow the gains made by the group and "buy us time to train Iraqi forces," he said.

The U.S. has about 1,600 troops in Iraq, mostly at Joint Operations Centers in Baghdad and Erbil in the north. American troops recently flew Apache AH-64 attack helicopters to strike ISIS targets in Anbar province, according to news reports.

The spending reductions are also creating "a huge window of risk" in such areas as modernization and

readiness accounts, which are used to upgrade equipment and train soldiers, Odierno said.

The general appeared alongside Army Secretary John McHugh, the service's top civilian, who also warned against the harmful and unintended effects of budget cuts, particularly in fiscal 2016 and beyond when the full effect of the reductions will be felt.

The Army has made "difficult" decisions, McHugh said, in proposing to suspend the Ground Combat Vehicle program to replace the Bradley infantry fighting vehicle and reorganize the helicopter fleet to make way for other acquisition efforts, including the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle to replace the Humvee, among others.

"Any further reductions will put all of that in question," McHugh said, "and that's a big concern."

AUSA President General Gordon Sullivan addresses Reduced Military Spending

AUSA continues to push its message on the debilitating effect sequestration is having on the military. In partnership with Gus Hargett, President of the National Guard Association of the United States, we sent a joint letter to the Hill urging them to remove the specter of sequestration from defense funding. We reminded the Hill leadership that, if sequestration is allowed to continue, then "the nation will be left with its smallest ground force since 1940 – unable to carry out our defense strategy."

AUSA and NGAUS are concerned that the general public remains unaware that sequestration has impacted our national defense much more severely than any other aspect of American life. If sequestration ends, our armed forces will have the funding necessary to properly defend the nation and pressure to cut military benefits will be reduced. It is grassroots pressure from our association members that will convince Congress that in an increasingly dangerous world, reducing defense spending is the wrong path.

Contact Congress and urge them to end sequestration permanently.

Nominees for 2015 Executive Leadership Positions

The Nominating Committee of consisting of MGen Bill Treu, Major Gary Fox and Major Bill Tudor have put forth the following nominees for MOAA HOAC executive leadership positions for the year 2015:

President	Jerry Magliano, Major USMC (Ret) (second year of two year term)
First Vice President	G. Bruce Eveland, Col. USA (Ret)
Second Vice President	Celia A. Allman, Col. USA (Ret)
Recording Secretary	Roger J. (Jim) Davis, Capt. USCG (Ret)
Membership Secretary	Barry K. (Keith) Pechak, Major USA (Ret)
Treasurer	Emma Toops, Major USA (Ret)

2014 Holiday Party and Installation of Officers

The 2014 Annual Heart of America Holiday Party and Officer Installation will be on **Friday, December 12, 2014**, 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 6 oz. Fillet Mignon or \$13.00 each for Chicken Cordon Bleu. Prepaid reservation **MUST** be made by **Monday, December 8th**.

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

2014 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 _____ \$ _____
			TOTAL \$ _____
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