



# HEART OF AMERICA CHAPTER

## Military Officers Association of America

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## **Chris Kuehl to cover Security Issues and the Economy at January 24th Meeting**

We start the New Year with our favorite speaker -- DR. CHRIS KUEHL. If you have not heard him, don't miss the opportunity NOW.

Chris will cover Security Issues for our country and then get into the Economy and how it affects us.

Chris Kuehl is managing director of Armada Corporate Intelligence, a firm that provides a wide variety of international consulting services for companies interested in the global marketplace and is one of the best informed analysts in the Kansas City area and was previously Political Science Professor at Baker University.



*Dr. Chris Kuehl*

Armada Corporate Intelligence, the local company Chris co-founded, conducts detailed analysis and assessment of their clients' business environments and competition. Their client list includes YRC Worldwide (formerly Yellow Roadway), Hallmark International, Spencer Fane Britt and Browne, U.S. Engineering, the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, Brotherhood Bank, and the World Trade Center.

He has an office in Latvia and frequently represents the United States State Department and several Fortune 500 Corporations in their efforts to establish businesses in foreign countries. There will be time for questions after his presentation.

Our Meeting will be held January 24, 2015 (4th Saturday) at the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) building at 8787 Old Santa Fe Road. The Auxiliary Luncheon begins at 1145 hours with the MOAA Luncheon beginning at 1215 hours. Cost of the lunch is \$10.00.

### **2015 Meeting Calendar**

24 January\*

*(2015 Meeting Calendar to be decided at January Meeting)*

**NOTE:** All Meetings are on the 4th Saturday EXCEPT as indicated. They vary according to a holiday or available date.

\*(Executive Council meets at 10:30 am)

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 Don or Tina Dawson by telephone at 816-741-4027 or by e-mail at [dondawson@mindspring.com](mailto: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:** *Security Issues to Economy*

**SPEAKER:** *Chris Kuehl, Managing Director  
Armada Corporate Intelligence*

*Saturday, January 24, 2015*

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

**MENU:** *Chicken Fried Steak, Vegetable,  
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Salad,  
Roll, 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 Don or Tina Dawson at 816-741-4027 for  
Reservations or e-mail [dondawson@mindspring.com](mailto:dondawson@mindspring.com)*

# Notes from the President



by Maj Jerry Magliano

I hope you all had a very Happy Holiday season. If you were able to attend our annual Christmas Party, you were certainly put in a holiday mood by the once again spectacular performance of the Strolling Strings from Shawnee Mission North High School. The Auxiliary deserves our gratitude for doing a wonderful job of organizing this event which was enjoyed by all.

As we begin the New Year, I want to wish each and every one of you and your family happiness, health and prosperity. I am grateful and humbled for your vote of confidence to serve a second year as President of our MOAA Chapter. I promise to do everything in my power to maintain the high standards of excellence for which our Chapter has been recognized by MOAA National many times over. That would not have been possible without the strong leadership of our Executive Council. I want to thank those who continue to serve, those who have served and those new members who will begin to serve this year. Without the time and talent they contribute, it would not be possible to carry out the mission of our chapter.

MOAA National has stressed that chapters are the main source of grass roots support for national legislative objectives. We should also be very grateful for the work done by members of the Auxiliary. Every year they spend many hours organizing social events and service projects. During the coming year we must continue to strive for additional membership. This is becoming a serious challenge for chapters around the country.

We should all think of ourselves as recruiters for our chapter. We are in the process of upgrading our Web site which we would like to become the primary source of information about our chapter. We are going to implement new software to better manage our finances.

Through your generosity, we are going to continue to support the next generation of leaders through our scholarship program. None of our goals can be achieved without active and engaged members. I continue to invite each and every one of you to share your thoughts and ideas with myself or other members of the Executive Council. Together we can make 2015 another banner year for MOAA HOAC.

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## MOAA Legislative News

For those in our chapter who wants to keep up with the MOAA Legislative News, you can get the latest information by calling 1-800-234-6622, ext. 215 or by going to the MOAA website at <http://www.moaa.org/>.

# Deputy Surgeon's News Update

by COL Linda Crosser

## New Recommendations for Adult Pneumococcal Vaccination - 2014

In September, 2014, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) published new guidelines for the administration of the 2 vaccines that help prevent the most preventable type of pneumonia: pneumococcal pneumonia. These recommendations can be found on the Center for Disease Control (CDC) website.

There are over 90 types of pneumococcal bacteria! The Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV13) contains 13 most common of the 90 strains of this bacteria. The Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine (PPSV23) has 23 strains, 12 of which are in the PCV13.

For adults age 19 through 64, certain high risk patients should be given the pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV13), and/or the pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine. These recommendations are quite specific, and apply to a limited few adults with certain risk factors, immunocompromising conditions. These adults should consult with their doctor about these

recommendations. (See the CDC website for information).

Adults age 65 years and older should receive both vaccines, at an interval preferably of 6-12 months; the minimum interval recommended is 8 weeks. In general, once an adult reaches the age of 65, he should receive first the PCV13; then the PPSV in 6-12 months.

For adults who have had the PCV13 prior to the age of 65, once they turn 65 years old, the only vaccine then needed is the PPSV23, at least 6-12 months after the PCV13 was given. Only one dose of PCV13 vaccine is needed in a lifetime. If they have received the PPSV23 prior to the age of 65, then this adult will first get the PCV13, and then 6-12 months later, receive an additional dose of the PPSV23.

Remember, immunizations may have minor side effects, and occasionally more significant side effects. Yet, they are quite safe, and offer protection against killer diseases!

## AUSA's Four Things

### 1. Robot Revolution

Steven Metz of the Strategic Studies Institute at the Army War College writes the robot revolution has arrived for landpower. "Robots may help the Army resolve its most pressing strategic dilemmas," he says. Robots would be great in complex terrain, like megacities, where being unseen is key. Robot-dominated units would be used for resupply and humanitarian relief missions, and could be sent into post-plague or post-nuclear environments.

*What to watch:* There are many questions to resolve beyond just what robots could do for ground warfare. The mix of humans to robots, which could change with the mission, needs to be considered. And, as anyone who recalls Cyberdyne Systems in The Terminator, the Army needs to grapple with the idea of how far to take autonomous action.

### 2. Assessing Threats to U.S. Training Ranges

The Army and the other services have spent a lot of time worried about encroachment on training ranges, mostly from off-base development, but the Government Accountability Office says not enough attention has been paid to the security threat posed by businesses owned or operated by foreign entities that are located close to training ranges. Counterintelligence officials told GAO they had conducted some threat assessments at some locations but have not conducted threat assessments focused on foreign encroachment across DoD's test and training ranges.

*What to watch:* This is important to the Army, which has 456 training ranges, including 384 in the U.S. A range-by-range analysis of any foreign threat, and a list of what ranges the Army couldn't do without, would give a better idea of the risk.

### 3. 'Fleckless Foreign Policy' Hurts Morale

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., the incoming chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, says he is "alarmed" by growing morale problems in the military. "The growing dissatisfaction among the all-volunteer force during this administration is cause for grave concern and requires immediate attention and action," said McCain, citing the Obama administration's "fleckless foreign policy" and "irresponsible and devastating sequestration cuts imposed last year" as reasons for sagging morale.

*What to watch:* McCain says repealing sequestration "is among my top priorities in the new Congress," and he'll also focus on determining the cause of and solution to low morale.

### 4. Could Disability Pay Discourage Employment?

A Stanford University economics professor suggests that the rise in both the number of veterans receiving disability compensation and the increased value of the pay could have an effect on the labor market. Historically, veterans are more likely than non-veterans to be employed, but economist Mark Duggan said since 2000, veterans are almost 1 percentage point less likely to be employed than non-veterans.

*What to watch:* There could be other factors at play than just receiving disability compensation, such as a reduction in government jobs that traditionally have been the source of employment for many veterans and the overall decline in the U.S. population of veterans who have served. Still, programs may be needed to emphasize job opportunities for disabled veterans to keep them fully employed.

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

2015 Membership Application     2015 Membership Renewal     2015 Auxiliary Membership Application

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