



# HEART OF AMERICA CHAPTER

## Military Officers Association of America

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## President of the American Fallen Warrior Memorial Foundation is February Speaker

Our Speaker for the February 28th Luncheon is Jack R. Barnes.

Barnes is President of the American Fallen Warrior Memorial Foundation (AFWMF) based in Lawrence, Kansas.

Mr. Barnes has served on the AFWMF Board of Directors since 2011. He was voted in as President by the AFWMF Board of Directors April 23, 2013.

Jack is the Founder and former CEO/President of America Supports You Texas. He was chosen for this position because of his military background, leadership skills and commitment to honoring our Fallen Warriors.



Jack R. Barnes

He retired from the U. S. Navy in 1995 after 24 years of active duty service and the Amarillo Independent School District in 2009 where he was a math teacher at Tascosa High School.

The American Fallen Warrior Memorial Foundation was founded in 2011 with the goal of building a National Memorial to honor our Fallen Warriors from the Gulf War to present date and is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

The Memorial will be built in Kansas City, Kansas. This central US location was chosen to give more citizens the opportunity to visit their memorial. The mission of the American Fallen Warrior Memorial Foundation is to honor, preserve and protect the legacies of all Fallen Warriors who have given their lives during the Gulf War to present date. The memorial will contain photo plaques displaying the faces of every serviceman

or woman who has given his or her life in the service of defending and protecting our country. Jack will be telling us more about this organization and the "Celebrating Freedom & Honoring Service Banquet" to be held at the Kansas City Convention Center on Armed Forces Day, May 16, 2015.

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:** AFWMF & an Upcoming Banquet

**SPEAKER:** Jack R. Barnes  
President, American Fallen Warrior Foundation (AFWMF)

Saturday, February 28, 2015

**TIME:** 11:00 a.m. - Executive Board Meeting  
11:30 a.m. - Auxiliary  
12:15 p.m. - MOAA

**MENU:** Italian Steak, Pasta/Sauce, Vegetable, Salad, Garlic Bread, Butter, Coffee, Iced Tea, Cherry 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)

### 2015 Meeting Calendar

28 February	22 August
28 March *	26 September*
25 April	24 October
23 May *	21 November*
20 June (Picnic)	12 December
25 July*	(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)

**Web Site:** [www.moahoa.org/](http://www.moahoa.org/)

# Notes from the President



by Maj Jerry Magliano

Our January Luncheon meeting was a big success once again with over 100 Chapter members and guests from other area military associations attending.

Dr. Chris Kuehl was his usual informative and entertaining self.

We are in the midst of several big projects including the 2015 budget, cleaning up the Chapter membership roster and getting the redesigned Chapter Web site up and running. Bruce Eveland and Keith Pechak have worked many hours on the roster and have sent correspondence to past members we haven't heard from for a number of years to encourage them to once again become active, dues paying members.

Much of our budget depends on member dues. As it stands right now, we have a shortfall of several thousand dollars for the 2015 budget. I would like to encourage those of you who have Web access to agree to receive the newsletter by email or the link we will be placing on the Web site. It costs thousands of dollars each year to print and mail the newsletter. This is one of the few places we can achieve significant savings.

We have been covering past deficits by tapping into our reserves which obviously is not sustainable for the long run. Bruce has suggested we look into other fundraising activities such as Bingo.

We would appreciate any thoughts or suggestions you might have regarding ways to raise additional funds to supplement your dues. Our goal is to not raise dues or expenses both of which are as low as we can go without diminishing the quality of your experience as Chapter members.

We will have a special meeting of the Executive Council in February to vote on a budget and will publish the 2015 Budget soon thereafter.

Also, please take note in this newsletter the elected and appointed Chapter officers for this year. We could use a Chapter Historian to replace Don Robinson who has performed this function for many years. Let me know if you would like to assist with this position.

We have also included the luncheon dates and menu for the month of the meeting. This year we are able to schedule the Holiday Party on a Saturday afternoon making it easier for some of our members to attend.

As always, your feedback is encouraged and welcome. Best wishes for good health and happiness throughout the year.

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# 2014-2015 Scholarship Fund Drive

We like to thank you for your continued support for this very worthy cause. Our scholarship donations are down drastically this year and we may not make our goal of \$5000.00. Your funds provide worthy JrROTC seniors and members' grandchildren and children the needed funds to help them attend college.

Please continue to support this worthy cause so that we can continue this program by sending your donation to MOAA – HOA, Chapter, Emma Toops, Treasure, 7575 W 106<sup>th</sup> St # 203, Overland Pk, Ks 66212.

You can see below the individuals are President's Circle members with donations of \$100.00 each and other donations.

Thank you again for donating to this worthy cause.

Vic Christianson  
Major, USAF (Retired)  
Scholarship Program Coordinator

## PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

LTC	Robert	Allen	Col	Vernon	James	1stLt	Donald	Robinson
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## Auxiliary and Wives

Happy Valentine's Day! I am hoping that we have seen the last of the snow, but after all it is Kansas City and that means expect anything – anytime.

Thoughts and prayers go out to Erika Van Dyne and Judy Leonard's husband Sam for a quick recovery. Hoping you will be back with us soon, you are both missed.

If you have not paid your Auxiliary dues please pay them now. Our dues are \$5.00. If your payment is a check make it out to: HOA-MOAA. If you are paying by cash please put it in an envelope with your name. Give all dues payments to Emma Toops, the MOAA Treasurer. Thank

you Ladies, this helps us have an up-to-date membership roster.

Mary Ellen Davis is our hostess for the February meeting. Mark your calendar for February 28<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am for our auxiliary meeting, prior to the luncheon. Looking forward to seeing everyone; until then take care, we need each of you.

Susan Eveland,  
President  
HOA-MOAA Auxiliary

## **MOAA Legislative News**

*by COL G. Bruce Eveland*

If you haven't read the latest MOAA Legislative news report, you're in for a real shock. The Administration has submitted its 2016 Budget and should be read carefully. I am providing you some bits and pieces to enrich your knowledge as to what our Administration is doing to us.

I call it "TRADING BULLETS FOR BODIES". A large increase in acquisition and a reduction in military people programs to "slow the growth"?

One example is capping military pay for the next three plus years. I am sure in the next few days there is going to be an announcement by the Administration for Congress to approve deployment of forces to the current strategic hotbeds around the world.

To do this they are cutting the size of our force, capping pay, making our troops and retirees pay for hospital costs, reducing costs in our commissaries and exchanges!

There's something wrong with this. This comes right out of MOAA's legislative update news:

Specifics of the 2016 proposal are:

- a. Cap the FY 2016 active duty pay raises at 1.3 versus the 2.3 percent dictated by LAW. The proposal would amount to a third straight year of pay caps below private sector growth. The Pentagon is also requesting four additional years of caps. (FY 2017-21).

- b. Reduce overall military strength by 11,300.
- c. Reduce the Basic Allowance for Housing. This would continue the effort to trim the benefit back by shifting 5% of costs onto service members.
- d. Phase-in one billion cut in the annual commissary subsidy that equates to a 66% loss of savings for commissary shoppers.
- e. Establish a means-test TRICARE FOR LIFE enrollment fee for retirees over 65.
- f. Consolidate TRICARE Prime Standard and Extra programs. Working age retirees would pay to use MFTs, and absorb the Prime enrollment fee plus the Standard copays.

Note: Overall the consolidation doesn't improve the health care benefit – it merely shifts more costs onto beneficiaries. Retirees WILL PAY MORE for care without improving access, quality, or wait time.

Fellow members of our chapter, I urge you to read this entire Legislative Update carefully and judge for yourself. I think it's about time each of us to take the time to CALL OR WRITE our legislators and voice OUR opinions.

There is no member in our great Chapter that can't take a few moments to express their opinions by phone or in writing. Each of you is educated and military trained officer capable of promulgating your feelings. There should never be a time in which we, "TRADE BULLETS FOR BODIES". Do what you think is best. Thank you and God Bless our Troops.