



HEART OF AMERICA CHAPTER

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Executive Director of the Missouri Veterans Commission is the March 28th Speaker

Larry D. Kay joined the Missouri Veterans Commission as Deputy Director in September of 2006 and was promoted to Executive Director in August 2008.

He was born in California, Missouri on June 4, 1961 and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Westminster College, a Master's Degree in Health Services Management from the University of Missouri-Columbia, and a Master's of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.



Larry D. Kay

In his civilian career, he has over 25 years of experience in healthcare leadership focusing on strategic planning, operational leadership, team building and communications. He has specific backgrounds in acute care, skilled nursing care and clinic leadership and operations.

As the Executive Director of the Missouri Veterans Commission, he is responsible for providing strategic leadership for the Commission and its three core programs with 1,750 full time staff and an annual budget of over 112 million dollars. This includes six Missouri State Veterans Cemeteries, seven Missouri State Veterans Homes with 1,350 beds and the Veterans Services Program responsible for bringing in over 1.2 billion dollars to Missouri's economy annually.

In his military career of over 31 years, Kay is a combat Veteran of Desert Storm serving as the Executive Officer for the 1267th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) 1990-1991. The mission of his air ambulance company was aerial evacuation of wounded,

transportation of critical medical supplies and aerial search and rescue in the combat zone. He is qualified in both the Huey and Blackhawk helicopters and has served in Command positions from Platoon thru Brigade and Task Force levels.

Deployed in January, 2008, Kay's final assignment was as Commander, Multinational Task Force - East in Kosovo. As the Senior United States Army Commander in the Balkans, he was responsible for the deployment and performance of a Brigade-size Combat Team to include Active duty, National Guard and Reserve Airmen, Marines and Soldiers from seven states and six partner nations in support of NATO Peacekeeping operations. Kay retired from the Missouri National Guard in September of 2010 at the rank of Brigadier General.

To make reservations, contact Samuel or Judy Leonard by telephone at 816-792-0744 or by e-mail at jlynn2@kc.rr.com by Wednesday before the meeting.

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

2015 Meeting Calendar

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

Web Site: www.moahoa.org/

Meeting Information

TOPIC: *Objectives of the Missouri Veterans Commission*

SPEAKER: *Larry D. Kay
Executive Director
Missouri Veterans Commission*

Saturday, March 28, 2015

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

MENU: *Corned Beef/Cabbage/Horse Radish,
New Potatoes and Carrots, Corn Bread,
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 Sam and Judy Leonard at 816-792-0744 for
Reservations or e-mail jlynn2@kc.rr.com*

Notes from the President



by Maj Jerry Magliano

I would invite you all to take a look at our redesigned web site at www.moahoa.org. We will continue to populate it with additional content as we progress. The current newsletter, as well as an archive of past newsletters are being linked as well.

It is our intent to mail a printed copy of the newsletter in the future to only those members who do not have Internet access (email or web). This will save us thousands of dollars over the coming years and provide more comprehensive, real time information. Your feedback about the design and content would be greatly appreciated.

At a special meeting of the Executive Council on February 28th, the 2015 Chapter Budget (included in the newsletter) was approved. The budget is, of course, a plan. Actual income or expenses may be more or less than that budgeted. For this budget to be balanced, we will have to come up with \$3,033 from fundraising activities on the income side. Bruce and Susan Eveland are researching different possibilities such as Bingo and raffles. If you have any ideas or experience with this, they would be more than welcome.

On the expense side, as was previously mentioned, significant savings can be realized by eliminating printing and postage costs related to the newsletter. There are some additional potential cost savings that can be realized which we will review as the year progresses.

In recent years, budget imbalances have been covered by dipping into reserves. While our investment reserves were a healthy \$27,828 (in CD's and a Money Market account with USAA) at the end of 2014, that will not be the case if we continue down this path. Email me if you have any questions about the budget or our financial condition.

I hope to see you at our next meeting on March 28th at which we will have another excellent speaker. Please note that reservations will once again be taken by Judy and Sam Leonard at 816-792-0744 or email jlynn2@kc.rr.com.

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Membership News: Current 406 Members

Under the revised Chapter Bylaws the Membership dues for calendar year are considered delinquent 1 May and the member is subject to being dropped from the Chapter Membership rolls. If you receive the Chapter Newsletter by ground mail, on the address label above your name is the word “Current” or “Due”. If you see “Due”, please submit your \$15 dues using the form on the back of the Newsletter. Delinquent Members receiving the newsletter by email will receive notice by email. Your dues are important to the Chapter and I thank you for your consideration on this matter. Keith Pechak, Membership Secretary, 913-915-2131, keith.pechak@gmail.com

Membership counts by Service:

- Army- 166
- Air Force- 110
- Navy- 64
- Marine- 46
- Coast Guard- 15
- Unknown- 16

Birthdays in March (day):

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| Jerry Burnett (4) | Donald Vanetti (15) | John Jackson (24) |
| Victor Miles (5) | Donald Dawson (17) | Lester Lang (25) |
| Claudette Kay Hobbs (8) | Charles Koelsch (18) | Darwin Johnson (26) |
| Orvis Fitts (10) | William Kraus (22) | Richard Ripper (26) |
| John Meadows (10) | John Travers (23) | Robert Tyman (27) |
| Jimmie Bell (11) | John Smith (23) | John Moodie (31) |
| David Lodwick (15) | Frederic Danforth (24) | |

if I missed your birthday, I may not have it in the database.

Approved 2015 HOA/MOAA Budget

INCOME

Dues (275 x \$15)	\$ 4,125.00
Meals	\$ 4,210.00
Misc	\$ 575.00
Interest	\$ 167.00
Fundraising	\$ 3,033.00
MOAA Reimbursements	\$ 500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$12,610.00

EXPENSES

AUXILIARY	\$ 1,600.00
Admin & Supplies	\$ 150.00
Guest Speaker Gift	\$ 300.00
Fees - Council Dues	\$ 160.00
Newsletter	\$ 2,000.00
President’s Budget	\$ 300.00
National Meeting	\$ 1,500.00
Council Meetings: Travel	\$ 200.00
Membership Letters	\$ 450.00
Website	\$ 800.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 150.00
Meals	\$ 4,500.00
ROTC/ Recruiting	\$ 500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$12,610.00

SCHOLARSHIP BUDGET

Scholarship	\$ 5,000.00
Scholarship Admin	\$ 400.00
College Aide	\$ 500.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,900.00
2015 Donations To Date:	\$ 635.00

MOAA TO CONGRESS: TRICARE STATUS QUO IS UNACCEPTABLE

In testimony in February before the Senate Armed Services Personnel Subcommittee, MOAA President Vice Admiral Norb Ryan, USN (Ret) told Congress that the status quo of TRICARE was “simply unacceptable,” but urged Congress to carefully consider any changes to the program. MOAA was invited to testify on the recommendations by the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission (MCRMC) to reform the Military Health System (MHS). The MCRMC has advanced proposals that will produce a seismic change to the MHS. MOAA has significant concerns regarding changes that drastically overhaul TRICARE, as well as create a joint readiness command.

The commission recommends increasing health care choice by dismantling TRICARE. Under the commission’s proposal, active duty family members, retirees under age 65, and reserve component members will move into a system similar to the Federal Employee Health Benefit Program (FEHBP).

When fully implemented, retirees under age 65 will face a four-fold increase in health care premiums. Military families will also have higher fees if they deplete their proposed health savings allowance. “Under this proposal, families may delay medical care in order to save money,” said MOAA’s Deputy Director of Government Relations, Karen Golden.

MOAA’s recent survey of 7,500 beneficiaries showed that eight out of ten prefer TRICARE to a health plan similar to what federal civilians use.

The commission also recommends creating an additional joint readiness command to ensure interservice consistency of policy and budget oversight over the three-service system. However, the commission’s joint readiness command proposal does not entail budget authority, only participation in the budget process. The proposal could create more bureaucratic layers and confusion without additional value.



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Membership: Application Renewal

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Branch of Service _____ Rank _____ E-Mail _____
 Active Retired Former AUX Reserve National Guard

Address: _____

City/St/ZIP: _____ Phone #: _____

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

1. How would you like the Newsletter delivered: e-mail website ground mail
2. In the Chapter Membership Roster, can we publish your e-mail address? Yes No
3. In the Chapter Membership Roster, can we publish your phone Number? Yes No

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