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Chris Kuehl to cover Security Issues and the Economy at January 23rd 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.

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



Dr. Chris Kuehl

lunch is \$10.00. A Board Meeting will be held at 1000 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 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.

Meeting Information

TOPIC: Security Issues and Economy

SPEAKER: Chris Kuehl, Managing Director
Armada Corporate Intelligence

Saturday, January 23, 2016

TIME: 10:00 a.m. - Executive Board Meeting
11:30 a.m. - Auxiliary
12:15 p.m. - MOAA

MENU: Chicken Fried Steak, Vegetable,
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Roll, Butter,
Coffee, Iced Tea, Desert

(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

2016 Meeting Calendar

23 January*	23 July*
27 February	August (No Meeting)
26 March *	24 September*
23 April	22 October
28 May *	19 November*

18 June (Chapter Picnic) 10 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 10:00 am)

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Notes from the President



by G. Bruce Eveland



Greetings My Fellow Colleagues.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new Chapter President for the Heart of America Chapter, Military Officers of America Association.

I am a US Army Colonel retired, having served 33 years. During this time I saw my share of combat and duty assignments around the world.

You are probably wondering why I am taking time from my "Golden Years" to assume this position. The answer is simple, I enjoy serving our veterans and their families; I have for years and I will "NEVER STOP SERVING".

My major goal this year is to increase membership by 100 members. An ambitious goal, yes but it is possible.

We already have a great scholarship program; we donate thousands of dollars each year to help deserving young people heading to college.

This year in addition to this program I want to establish a new program, Family Support Program (FSP). There are hundreds of military families that need our assistance. We are going to take our time and establish this program with the hopes of procuring some funding from sources outside our Chapter. Is this possible, you bet.

If you do not know it, we have a tremendous Chapter and many dedicated members who will do what is needed to make our Chapter better. We have seven Past Chapter Presidents and volunteers that are willing to offer their time and talents to help us achieve our goals. We need to seek out those younger military officers to join and get active; along with members like yourself who are seasoned and willing to get active and share your experiences making our Chapter even better in the coming years.

My boss, my lovely wife, Susan, who is the Auxiliary President elect and has been serving in that capacity for several years, is anxious to help us in whatever they can do to help our Chapter be successful. Together we hope to plan a year of not all work, but some social activities that everyone will enjoy.

The auxiliary meets each month just prior to our luncheon and then joins the MOAA for the program and luncheon.

Auxiliary News

Happy New Year!! I am hoping that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a very safe New Year celebration. I am looking forward to starting a new year and getting more members to become involved in our auxiliary.

The new slate of Officers for the 2016 year:

Susan Eveland President

Diane Christianson Vice President

Terri Jo Fox Treasurer

MaryEllen Davis Secretary

I want to thank Diane Christianson and Terri Jo Fox for all of their hard work that made our Christmas Party/Luncheon a success. Everyone left with their hands full of wine, candy, poinsettias and some with special door prizes.

This Christmas the MOAA and the Auxiliary adopted two Air Force families stationed at Whiteman AFB. We are very fortunate that we have our own "in-house"

Santa, Don Robinson that accompanied us to deliver the gift certificates and presents to the families. A very astute 5 year old wanted to know why he didn't see his sleigh in the parking lot. Our quick Santa informed him that the only time the reindeer flew was on Christmas Eve, they had to rest up. Smiles all over and some tears of thanks from both the Moms.

During this coming year we would like to try some social events; if you have an idea of something or someplace that you think would be of interest and fun please let us know.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at 11:30 am on January 23rd, just prior to the MOAA luncheon and program. Be careful on the roads, we need each and every one of you.

Susan Eveland
Auxiliary President
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Arlington National Cemetery grapples with capacity limits and changing nature of memorialization

The inevitable faces Arlington National Cemetery: it is nearing capacity for "below-ground" interments (commonly called "burials"). There is plenty of room for the enshrinement of cremated remains, called "inurnment."

During fiscal year 2015, Arlington, which is under the jurisdiction of the Army, saw 6,828 interments and "inurnments" (cremations), up from 5,813 in FY 2013, but down a bit from FY 2014. Under the 27-acre "Millennium Project" expansion underway, room is expected to run out in 2035. A second, "Southern" expansion of 40 acres on the grounds extends that fateful day to the 2050s.

While service members killed in action are quickly scheduled by Arlington for interment, scheduling for other remains reflects a cemetery team under great pressure: the wait for scheduling a funeral ranges from 12 weeks for USMC remains to 22 for Navy remains, with the Army and Air Force being about 14 weeks.

The Honor Subcommittee recently discussed ANC interment eligibility. Given the nature of service provided by an "operational" reserve in a time of constant hostilities, the old rules have grown visibly and unacceptably out of balance.

An example is the struggle entailed in gaining Army approval for the burial at Arlington of Louisiana ARNG Staff Sgt. Thomas Florich. Staff Sergeant Florich was killed in the March 2015 crash of a UH-60 Black Hawk. His family's request for a waiver permitting his burial (instead of inurnment, which was authorized without waiver) was denied because he was on inactive duty for training orders. It was advocated for his burial at ANC;

Secretary of the Army John McHugh ultimately reversed the bureaucracy's decision, approving the Guardsman's burial at Arlington.

In a conversation with committee member and former chairman of the House Appropriations subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, Hon. Chet Edwards of Texas conveyed the point that eligibility reform must ensure that the type of orders under which a service member is "paid" must not influence the manner in which he or she is honored in death, as nearly became the case with Staff Sgt. Florich.

Arlington will, sooner or later, become full. Now is the time to review eligibility criteria to ensure equity and appropriateness, recognize that Arlington's capacity will inevitably run out, and explore options. As Chairman Edwards said, in doing so, what cannot be compromised is the "iconic" nature of Arlington; it is the nation's shrine; its solemnity, dignity, serenity, and beauty must be fittingly preserved.

Edwards, son of a WWII naval aviator, also voiced the opinion that the people of America and the Congress would "be offended" if recipients of the Medal of Honor could not be buried at Arlington: should then a dedicated area be set aside to ensure perpetual space for recipients of our highest award for valor? Could the impeccably maintained VA-run National Cemeteries, which now have different eligibility criteria, somehow play a helpful role as Arlington's capacity disappears? Could a sizable Arlington annex be built elsewhere in the National Capital Area? Could ceremonies be held at ANC, but the actual interment occur at the annex...?



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Chapter and/or Auxiliary Membership Application/Renewal or Scholarship Donation

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Auxiliary \$5 Year

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