



HEART OF AMERICA CHAPTER

Military Officers Association of America

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Chris Kuehl to cover Security Issues and the Economy at January 28th Meeting

We again 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 28, 2017 (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 \$12.00. 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. **For this luncheon, even though you are on the permanent list, you will need to call or email whether you are or are not attending.**

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 28, 2017

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

MENU: Salisbury Steak, Vegetable, Salad,
Mashed Potatoes/Mushroom Gravy,
Roll/Butter, Dessert, 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

2017 Meeting Calendar

28 January*	No July Meeting
25 February	26 August*
25 March *	23 September
22 April	28 October*
20 May * (3rd Sat)	18 November* (3rd Sat)
24 June (Chapter Picnic)	9 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.moaahoa.org/

Notes from the President



by G. Bruce Eveland



I want to take a moment, to personally thank everyone in our chapter membership and especially my elected officers and members of the Board for their total support to me this past year. Additionally, I could not have accomplished some of these major challenges without the support of our Past Chapter Presidents.

Our Chapter has worked extremely hard to be recognized not only in the Kansas City Veterans Community, but also nationally.

Just a few bragging rights regarding last year. One of the biggest accomplishments was the success of our chapter recruiting team. They worked extremely hard in recruiting during

the week and weekends. Their dedication rendered the chapter ninety (90) new members. Our chapter created a Family Support Program to assist in hardships for enlisted personnel and their families from all services to include Guard and Reserve. There were others which I plan to share with you later this year. This whole process was a TEAM effort.

I do want to thank our Auxiliary for their magnificent planning and excitement of our Chapter Christmas Party. It was exceptionally well planned with children from our members and a special Santa Claus, by our one & only Don Robinson. You just could not have had a better time. Note: A Marine Colonel (ret), a life member who was attending the party, approached me at the party and asked me if there were any positions available for him to fill. I never wanted to hug a Marine more, however, that was the closest to getting crushed. I am contacting now. Great, great guy.

Thank you my fellow chapter members for all you do. And yes, I do have some lite duty positions available. Also LOOKING for younger officers to join. We recruited six this year and their beautiful families.

Also want to thank Chaplain (Cmdr.) retired Navy, Rod Kelly for his services this past year. What a wonderful job he did. Unfortunately, he departed to fill the position at his church. Note: I am looking for a replacement for Rod. Either a retired chaplain or a former military officer who would like to assume this position. If not already a member of MOAA, he would be required to join.

Also departing is Captain (ret) USCG Jim Davis. He held the chapter's position of Secretary for many years. Whether working in the chapter or for Veterans in the community, he has truly done a magnificent job. The Heart of America Chapter will truly miss Jim and his tremendous talents.

Our visit in 2016 to the Veterans Administration facility in Kansas City was very successful. Our visit to the Missouri Veterans Home in Cameron was equitably joyous as we distributed 48 afghan/wall hangs to the veterans for Christmas.

We have quite an agenda for 2017 planned. Once these have been approved by the Board of Directors, I plan to pass on these initiatives to our membership.

To all my fellow chapter members, I wish you and your families a very healthy and wonderful year 2017.

As we always say, "WE NEVER STOP SERVING".

Heart of America Chapter Military Officers Association of America



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2017 Heart of America Chapter Officers

POSITION	RANK OFFICER	HOME
President	COL G. Bruce Eveland	609-238-6141
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Treasurer	MAJ Emma Toops	719-200-9530
Immed Past President	Maj Jerry Magliano	913-261-9957
Auxiliary President	Mrs. Susan Eveland	816-309-6182

APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Chaplain VACANT

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS):

Finance	Col	Gary Reeves	816-524-5571
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Martin Luther King Day



2016 Holiday Party and Installation of Officers



The installation of Chapter and Auxiliary officers for 2017 was presided over by MGen. Bill Treu at the Holiday Party. The officers are listed in the newsletter.



On November 17, 2016 we lost a Life/Chapter member, Col Edward Burnham, USAF (ret). Ed was a WWII co-pilot, who flew B-17s and was credited with 34 combat missions. Seen here are members of our chapter visiting Ed just prior to his passing, L/R Maj. Gary Fox, Col Garey Reeves, and MG Bill Treu. All USAF Ret.



On December 22, the Missouri Veterans Home, in Cameron, MO was visited by Chapter President, Bruce Eveland, Auxiliary President, Susan Eveland and two members of our Family Support Program, Tina & Don Dawson. We delivered over 45 afghans/wall hangings to the residents for Christmas.

Auxiliary News

Happy New Year!!



Hoping everyone had a wonderful holiday season and a safe and happy new year. My 2017 began with me getting my hearing aid adjusted – so much for the “Golden Years”!

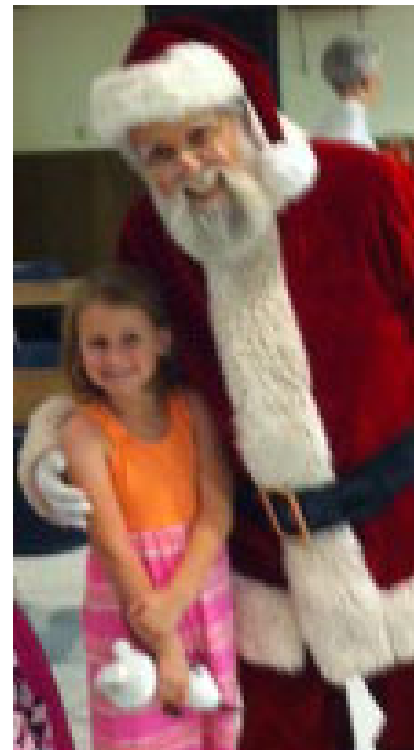
I want to thank Diane, Terrie Jo and Madelyn for all their help in making our Christmas Party absolutely fantastic. Of course our very own Don Robinson, AKA Santa Claus made our day! Thank you Santa!

I will have the meeting dates for the entire year available at our next meeting, as well as the sign-up sheet for our monthly hostess. Our auxiliary meeting will begin at 11:30 am at the DAV, at noon we will be joining the MOAA and other members of military organizations for the luncheon and special guest speaker. We will have our Franklin Library books for sale.

This meeting will be our “White Elephant” gift exchange month. Time to re-gift one of those thousand gifts you have received and are collecting dust in the attic or basement. Cannot wait to see what gifts will be at our meeting! See everyone on the 28th!

Stay well and safe.

Susan
Susan Eveland
Auxiliary President
Cell: 816-309-6182



On December 10, 2016, our chapter had their Annual Christmas Party. Our reliable Santa, Don Robinson once again did a wonderful job entertaining our children at the party.



Heart of America Chapter (HOAC)

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

Name: _____ Date: _____

Membership Dues: Chapter \$20 Year

Auxiliary \$5 Year

Scholarship Donation?

Write in the Amount _____

Primary Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Best way to reach you? Phone or Email If phone, best time to call you? AM or PM or other _____

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