



# HEART OF AMERICA CHAPTER

## Military Officers Association of America

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### **Dr. Hal Wert to cover "The World in Disarray, a Tectonic Shift" at the March 25th Meeting**

Our Speaker for the March 25th meeting is Dr. Hal Wert who will talk about "The World in Disarray, a Tectonic Shift".



Dr. Hal Wert

Hal Wert, professor of history at the Kansas City Art Institute, teaches the history of World War II, the Cold War and Modern Japanese Literature.

He is the author of a number of scholarly articles of which include "Years of Frustration: Herbert Hoover and W. W. II," in "Uncommon Americans: the Lives and Legacies of Herbert and Lou Henry Hoover" (Greenwood Press, fall 2003). Dr Wert also wrote a book about Vietnamese Propaganda.

He has had several travel and research grants from the Hoover, Roosevelt, and Truman Presidential Libraries; three Fulbright/Hays Group Project Awards to Eastern Europe; a Hoover Institution Summer Fellowship at Stanford University; an International Research Exchange Grant (IREX); a Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars grant as well as a Rockefeller Archives Center Research Grant.

In 1999 Professor Wert was awarded the Kansas City Art Institute Excellence in Teaching Award and has been named four times to "Who's Who Among America's Teachers," 1994, 1998, 2000 and 2005. In December 2000 he was the recipient of the Missouri Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Our Meeting will be held March 25, 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.

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 please have a meal reservation in by Monday 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](mailto:jlynn2@kc.rr.com) by Monday before the meeting.

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

### **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 10:00 am)

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### **Meeting Information**

**TOPIC:** *The World in Disarray, a Tectonic Shift*

**SPEAKER:** *Dr. Hal Wert, Professor of History  
Kansas City Art Institute*

*Saturday, March 25, 2017*

**TIME:** *11:30 a.m. - Auxiliary  
12:15 p.m. - MOAA*

**MENU:** *Corned Beef/Cabbage, Horse Radish,  
New Potatoes/Carrots, Corned 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](mailto:jlynn2@kc.rr.com)*

# Notes from the President



by G. Bruce Eveland



I want to express my gratitude and appreciation in being your Heart of America Chapter President for my first year. I am looking forward to serving again as your President in 2017, with a Board of Directors that has experience and expertise equal to none. It has been a privilege to travel throughout the Kansas City area, being able to introduce many to the purpose and mission of the Military Officers Association of America and our

outstanding Heart of America Chapter. While attending a local community meeting I had a retired military officer approach me and said, "I didn't realize MOAA had chapters?" Without question we need to get the word and workings of our organization out to the public. As chapter members we need to attend community activities to introduce ourselves, and what is our mission.

Upon retiring, I immediately joined the MOAA - Lakes & Pines Chapter at Fort Dix, NJ, wanting to get active in an organization that I felt was making significant strides assisting veterans, active military/guard/reserve and their families.

MOAA is active in state legislation regarding veteran and military issues. Nationally MOAA is in constant contact with our U.S. Senators and Representatives – "Storming the Hill" yearly in mass. Their mission is to demonstrate concern, determination and the resolve of our organization when it comes to our military, veterans and national defense.

Truly MOAA is "TOP GUN" . . . an organization our members can be very proud to have as their advocate. This is NOT a recruiting hint. This is simply an old soldier that is proud to brag that he and his spouse "WILL NEVER STOP SERVING".

## Auxiliary News

Top of the day to you Auxiliary Members!  
On March 17<sup>th</sup> Everyone is Irish!

Auxiliary members that attended last month's meeting should have some Irish décor for their home, thanks to Glenna Harvey our hostess for February. She gave each auxiliary member very festive green and shimmery trimmings to help bring "the luck of the Irish" to each auxiliary member. Glenna will be our hostess again this month, cannot wait to see what she has in store for our next meeting!

I want to take this opportunity to thank Terrie Jo for setting up for each of our luncheons. A thank you also goes out to all the other auxiliary members that come in a bit early and immediately pitch in and offer Terrie Jo help for whatever is needed. We are so fortunate to have a wonderful group of auxiliary members. To the MOAA member that just might read this article, we are always looking for new auxiliary members; a spouse, a relative, or just someone in your life that is interested in belonging to an organization that cares about our veterans and their families. Give me a call or just bring that potential member to a meeting, our dues are \$5.00 a year.

Our next meeting will be March 25, 2017, 11:30 am, just prior to the MOAA luncheon. I hope everyone weathered the high winds and storm that made its way through the Kansas City area; I called a few members to make certain that everyone was safe. Take care . . . we need each and every one of you.

*Susan*  
Susan Eveland  
Auxiliary President  
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### Heart of America Chapter Military Officers Association of America



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## **Scholarship Fund President's Club**

Thanks to all who contributed so generously to our scholarship fund for the 2017 school year. Donations large or small are greatly appreciated. Special thanks to the members and spouses listed who contributed \$100 or more:

**Robert and Sue Allen**

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## **MOAA National announces new Program Director for Council and Chapter Affairs**



Colonel Terri Coles, USA (Ret) is the new Program Director for Council and Chapter Affairs at MOAA National. Col. Coles served 28 years in the U.S. Army as a Signal Corps officer in a wide range of command and staff assignments including postings in Korea and Germany and command at both the battalion and brigade level. She also served on the Department of the Army staff as an Inspector General and culminated her military career serving as a division chief in the Command, Control, Communications and Computer (C4)

Systems Directorate, on the Joint Staff, Pentagon.

After leaving active duty, Coles became active in the local Frederick, Md., community and was selected as a member of the Board of Associates for Hood College where she is working to nurture strong relationships between the college and the greater Frederick community. Coles is a native of Philadelphia and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from Villanova University and a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies from the Army War College.

*Happy  
Saint  
Patrick's  
Day*





# Heart of America Chapter (HOAC)

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Dues: Chapter \$20 Year

Scholarship Donation?

Auxiliary \$5 Year

Write in the Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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