



# HEART OF AMERICA CHAPTER

Military Officers Association of America

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## Meghan C. Voorhees (LCSW) is Speaker at October 28 Meeting

Our speaker at the October 28th luncheon meeting will be Meghan C. Voorhees. She will be telling us about Operation S.A.V.E.. This is a training program designed by the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide various audiences with knowledge and skills to identify those at risk for suicide and to respond appropriately. We will learn about the scope of suicide among the veteran population, how to identify when someone may be at risk for suicide, how to ask questions about suicide in an objective and non-threatening way, and how to help an individual access evaluation and treatment.

Meghan C. Voorhees is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in Missouri. She earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Since 2013, Meghan has worked for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as part of the suicide prevention program.

Our Meeting will be held October 28, 2017 (4th Saturday) at the new DAV (Disabled American Veterans) building at 14605 East Hwy 40, Kansas City, MO 64136. 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 from Independence, Missouri, exit off I-70 onto Noland to go south for 1 mile to E Hwy 40. Turn left and drive one-half mile. DAV is on the south side of E Hwy 40.

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 10:30 am)

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### Meeting Information

**TOPIC:** *Operation S.A.V.E.*

**SPEAKER:** *Meghan C. Voorhees (LCSW)*

*Saturday, October 28, 2017*

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

**MENU:** *Orange Roughy, Wild Rice,  
Vegetable, Salad, Roll/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  
14605 East Highway 40  
Kansas City, Missouri 64136*

*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



Dear fellow members.

It's been a real challenge the last two years as your Chapter President. The staff and I have worked extremely hard in the operations and executions of all our programs, i.e. membership, veterans and family support, scholarship program, to also include planning activities that we think would be of interest or benefit to our members.

As we are approaching 2018 we would appreciate your input in providing additional ideas for our chapter's agenda

in the upcoming months/years. Hopefully we will be improving our programs which includes: increasing attendance to monthly luncheons, additional monthly outside activities, potential candidates for the monthly guest speaker program, providing additional personnel assistance to our Family Support Program (active duty military, Guard & Reserve), best method in working with other veterans organizations. How best can we address and possibly be of assistance with the problems at our K.C. VA Medical Center, introduce new programs, and lastly, how we can do more in community services. Working together and moving forward is why our chapter has been so successful through the years.

What has always encouraged me to remain in this great organization is the intellect and caliber of its membership. Not bragging, however, I think we have the best!

So my fellow officers, I am respectfully seeking your suggestions in order to improve our chapter's performance. In depth solutions and improvements that can benefit and assist every one of us. I am providing you my email address and cell phone number. I know we are all so busy, but please take some time and email me your suggestions or give me a call to discuss what you have in mind to assist our chapter grow.

Bruce  
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## Heart of America Chapter Military Officers Association of America



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### 2017 Heart of America Chapter Officers

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Chaplain VACANT

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# Auxiliary News



Greetings Auxiliary Members!

Happy Halloween! Soon we will be having all of those bright young faces at our door with costumes that bring many smiles. Along with that candy, how about giving each child a small American flag? I think this is a great time with all that is happening to pass out something that will not only make the children think, but their Mom and Dad as well.

Thank you Glenna for being our hostess last month, the Halloween items were wonderful. I know for fact that my ten year old grandson loved them! Our hostess this month is Madelon Kadlic.

I hope you all have read the email concerning the "Women's Heart Health" presentation by Dr. Tracy Stevens; her presentation is entitled: "Is Your Number Up?" This is at the St. Luke's Plaza campus on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 12:00, noon; they are providing lunch. If you would like more information and did not see the email please contact me. This presentation could make a drastic difference in your life; Dr. Stevens made a huge difference in my life.

Our Auxiliary meeting will begin at 11:30 am, just prior to the MOAA luncheon, as usual, October 28<sup>th</sup>. See everyone then!

*Susan*

Susan Eveland  
 Auxiliary President  
 MOAA-HOAC

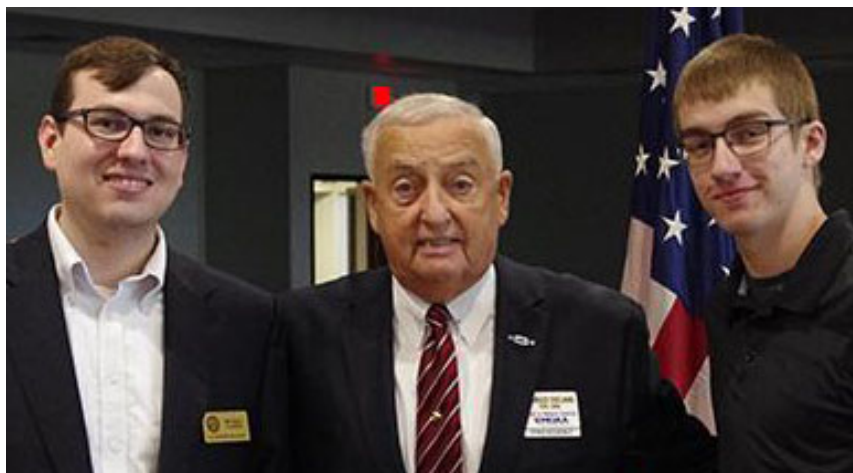
# Heart of America Chapter Photos



*Pictured at left are Heart of America MOAA and Auxiliary Members as they Pledge Allegiance to the American Flag at the beginning of the meeting*



*Pictured is one of the Chapter's 2017 Scholarship Recipients thanking the Chapter and Auxiliary for the scholarship*



*Pictured is Chapter President Bruce Eveland with September speaker Michael Clarke and a 2017 Chapter Scholarship Recipient*

**YOU CAN HELP:** In November the Chapter will be mailing the 2018 membership dues statement. You can save the Chapter the cost of printing and mailing a dues invoice by completing the form below and mail the form with your check before 25 October 2017 or by purchasing your membership at the October 28 Chapter Meeting.



# Heart of America Chapter (HOAC)

## Chapter and Auxiliary Membership Application or Renewal

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Is this Renewal or Application Request: \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Chapter Dues are \$20/Yr      Auxiliary Dues are \$5/Yr      Checks payable to: HOAC/MOAA

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