



HEART OF AMERICA CHAPTER

Military Officers Association of America

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Katheryn Shields discusses Kansas City's future at April 28th Meeting

Katheryn Shields represents Kansas City's 4th District at-large. For the 2015-2019 council term, Mayor Sly James has appointed Shields to serve as Vice Chair of the Neighborhoods and Public Safety Committee, Vice Chair of the Youth Development Committee and as a member of the Legislative Committee.



She served on the Kansas City, Missouri City Council from 1987 until 1994, when she was elected county executive. While on the Council, she championed the 1% for Art Program and an ordinance to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation.

During her watch as Jackson County Executive, the county launched a \$20 million renovation of county buildings, including the Jackson County Courthouse and construction of a visitor center at Fort Osage, and negotiated an extension that will keep the Kansas City Royals and Kansas City Chiefs at a renovated Truman Sports Complex through at least 2031.

She instituted "green" policies that earned the county over two dozen environmental awards.

Our Meeting will be held April 28, 2018 (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 must have a meal reservation by Wednesday of the week before the luncheon. Substitute meals must be made at time of reservation. Cancellations must be called in by 9:00 a.m. Saturday of the luncheon.

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.

Meeting Information

TOPIC: *Media is Critiqued*

SPEAKER: *Katheryn Shields
Kansas City's 4th District at-large*

Saturday, April 28, 2018

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

MENU: *Swiss Steak, Oven Roasted Potatoes,
Vegetable, Salad, Roll/Butter,
Dessert, Coffee, Iced Tea,*

*(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*

2018 Meeting Calendar

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| 27 January* | No July Meeting |
| 24 February | 25 August* |
| 24 March * | 22 September |
| 28 April | 27 October* |
| 19 May * (3rd Sat) | 17 November* (3rd Sat) |
| 23 June (Chapter Picnic) | 8 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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Notes from the President



by Jerry Magliano



I would like to begin my message this month by wishing the many members of our Chapter that have served in the Army Reserve a Happy 110th Birthday. President Theodore Roosevelt created the Medical Reserve Corps in 1908 which eventually became the Army Reserve. Citizen soldiers with the Army Reserve have fought in all

major conflicts from WW I on. Without their service, it is hard to imagine how we could have prevailed on the battle field.

At our April 28th Luncheon meeting, we will have the honor of Kansas City Councilwoman and former Jackson County Executive Katheryn Shields join us as our speaker. She has a wealth of experience to share from 24 years of service to the city and the county. Decisions made by Kansas City government affect many aspects of life in the entire metropolitan area. Whether you live on the Kansas side or in Missouri, I believe you will find her presentation very informative and hope you will attend.

Finally, at the risk of sounding redundant, I am asking you once again, if you have not already done so, to send in your \$20 dues using the form on the back of this newsletter. Almost half of our very frugal budget is funded by your dues without which we cannot publish this newsletter, maintain our web site or accomplish our mission of service to others. We are currently in a mode of having to dip into reserves to pay for our shortfalls. At some point that will no longer be possible.

Hope to see you all on the 28th. As always, if you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me by phone at 913-530-1761 or email at madgrm8127@gmail.com.

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2018 Heart of America Chapter Officers

| POSITION | RANK | OFFICER | HOME |
|----------------------|------|--------------------|--------------|
| President | Maj | Jerry Magliano | 913-530-1761 |
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| Auxiliary President | Mrs. | Diane Christianson | 816-240-8315 |

APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Chaplain VACANT

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS):

| | | | |
|-------------------|------|---------------------|--------------|
| Finance | Col | Garey Reeves | 816-524-5571 |
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Auxiliary News

Welcome Spring

Another great showing for our last meeting. April is here and Mother Nature wants everyone to still enjoy winter. I want to thank Terri Jo Fox for our plastic egg makers. What an easy way to work with eggs. Mary Treu will be our hostess this month.

Mark your calendars for our June Chapter picnic on Saturday June 23rd at the DAV. Each family is asked to bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert. I will have a list for you to sign as to what you are bringing at the May meeting. This is free to all members. However you will still need to make a reservation.

Come join us at the picnic in June as it is a fun day to meet with all your friends.

Please come join us for the April meeting on April 28, 2018. Following our meeting, we will attend the MOAA luncheon and program. Hope to see you there.

Diane Christianson
Auxiliary President
MOAA-HOAC

March Luncheon Photos



Photo shows Chapter President Jerry Magliano opening the March MOAA Chapter meeting



Speaker Bill Boilot presents some known and some little known history of the United States at the meeting



Chapter 1st Vice President Grant Montgomery presents luncheon speaker Bill Boilot, co-founder of Founders Keep, with a thank you gift

MOAA History

The Military Officers Association of America is a professional association of United States military officers. It is a nonprofit organization that advocates for a strong national defense, but is politically nonpartisan. The association supports government policies that benefit military members and their families. Its membership is made up of active duty, retired, and former commissioned officers and warrant officers from the uniformed services of the United States.

Originally called the *Retired Officers Association*, the organization that is now the Military Officers Association of America was founded in 1929. The association's first headquarters in Los Angeles, California. The association's goal was to provide advice and assistance to fellow military officers throughout United States. The organization also promoted fraternal relations among America's uniformed services.

The association moved its headquarters into the Washington area in 1944. At that time, the organization had approximately 2,600 members. In 2002, the association changed its name to the *Military Officers Association of America*. The change took effect on 1 January 2003.

Today, the Military Officers Association of America has over 380,000 members. It is the largest military officers' organization in the United States. In addition to supporting a strong national defense program, the association provides military benefits counseling, career transition assistance, and educational assistance for children of military families (including families of enlisted personnel).

PROPOSED VA 2018 BUDGET

The president's fiscal 2018 budget request for the VA totaled \$186 billion, a 3.6 percent increase from the \$180 billion for the current year and double the level from a decade ago. The spending plan includes more than \$104 billion in mandatory spending and more than \$82 billion in discretionary spending (a nearly 6 percent increase from the current year).

The plan called for expanding the Choice program allowing vets to seek private care while cutting the Individual Unemployability (IU) benefit for elderly and disabled vets, and curbing cost-of-living increases to the nearest dollar. After protests from the VFW and other service organizations, the plan to cut the IU benefit has been rescinded.



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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