



# HEART OF AMERICA CHAPTER

## Military Officers Association of America

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# LT COL John (Jack) H. Adams speaks about African American History

Jack is originally from Washington, D.C. and his schooling was predominantly in D.C.. In 1955, Jack graduated from Howard University with BA in Accounting and simultaneously was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the United States Air Force under the ROTC program.

He began active duty in July 1956 and entered into Flight Navigator Training. He also received an MBA from the University of Utah in 1968. His last assignment was OSAN AIR BASE, KOREA. He retired from the USAF after 21 years of active duty in 1976. After retirement, he worked for the KC EPA, the U.S. Treasury in KC and was eventually promoted to Regional Director as a GS-15, the highest pay grade for a Federal employee. In this position, he was responsible for monthly disbursements in excess of \$18 Billion dollars to numerous government agencies both domestic and abroad.

Of significance, on October 26, 1999, Jack was appointed to the coveted U.S. Government status of a SES (Senior Executive Service), which is the equivalence of position of status and pay of a General officer in the military and each have their own flag. He was formally appointed by a Federal Judge and the Director



LT COL John Adams

of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) at a ceremony held at the Executive Office of the President. Jack retired from the U.S. Treasury in April 2004 with a total of 52 years of government. Service.

Our Meeting will be held February 23, 2019 (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 Monday 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 [jllynn2@kc.rr.com](mailto:jllynn2@kc.rr.com) by Monday before the meeting.

## 2019 Meeting Calendar

26 January*	No July Meeting
23 February	24 August*
23 March *	28 September
27 April	19 October* (3rd Sat)
18 May * (3rd Sat)	16 November* (3rd Sat)
22 June (Chapter Picnic)	7 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:** African American History

**SPEAKER:** LT COL John (Jack) H. Adams

Saturday, February 23, 2019

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

**MENU:** Fried Shrimp, AuGratin 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

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# Notes from the President



by Jerry Magliano

As many of you know, February is celebrated each year as African American History Month. In 1976, during the celebration of the United States Bicentennial, President Ford urged Americans to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history” and designated February, the birth month of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, for this purpose.

A number of other countries celebrate this history as well. In spite of suffering the indignities and injustice of slavery and segregation, African Americans have served this country honorably and valiantly during both peace and war.

As part of our celebration of this history, I have invited Lt. Col, Jack Adams, USAF (Ret), Secretary of the Kansas City Tuskegee Airmen Chapter, to speak at our February luncheon meeting. Some of you may also remember Harvey Bayless, who was a Tuskegee Airman and Chapter member until he passed back in 2014. I have also invited my son Anthony, who founded a local performing arts group named Quixotic, to show a historical video which they were commissioned to develop by the Smithsonian, and was projected on to the National African American History Museum Building in Washington, D.C as part of their opening celebration.

This is a meeting you will not want to miss. I look forward to seeing you all on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. In the meantime, stay warm and stay healthy.

## Auxiliary News February Time

Now that the new month is here, maybe the weather won't be as harsh. I think we have already made up for all the seasons we said we wanted snow. Our new year has been busy already. We had a wonderful turnout for our January meeting. It was so good having so many people come. Thank you Erica Van Dyne for being the hostess last month and making all of us slippers. They are wonderful and make my feet warm and toasty. Tina Dawson is our hostess for February. Please come to our February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. We start at 11:30 and would love for you to join us. I look forward to seeing you and encourage any of our new wives to join us. Come join us.

Diane Christianson  
Auxiliary President  
MOAA-HOAC

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



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Unlike many veteran's organizations, National MOAA and Local Chapters collect yearly dues independently. Chapter Dues are due in January and are currently \$20. The Auxiliary Dues are \$5. If there is an "\*" after your last name in the address bar, we have not received your dues for the current year. Please send your Dues payment to TREASURER, Vic Christianson, 10635 Hwy D, Napoleon Mo 64074. Thank you for continued support!

## Biggest influence in George Washington's life

*George Washington was born Feb. 22, 1732. He was unanimously chosen as the army's commander-in-chief, unanimously chosen as president of the Constitutional Convention, and unanimously chosen as the first U.S. president.*

*As general, Washington acknowledged God after victories throughout the Revolution and as president thanked God for the Constitution, Oct. 3, 1789: "Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the Providence of Almighty God ... I do recommend ... rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks, for ... the favorable interpositions of His Providence ... we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war ... for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government." Washington was Anglican, and after the Revolution, Episcopalian.*

*His great-great-grandfather, Rev. Lawrence Washington, was an Anglican minister in Essex, England. his position when the Puritans won the*

*English Civil War.*

*George Washington's great-grandfather, John Washington, immigrated to Virginia and became a planter, politician, and militia leader. A local Anglican church was renamed "Washington" in honor of John Washington.*

*When he died, John Washington left to the church a tablet with the Ten Commandments, on which he inscribed: "Being heartily sorry from the bottom of my hart for my sins past, most humbly desiring forgiveness of the same from the Almighty God (my Saviour) and Redeemer, in whom and by the merits of Jesus Christ, I trust and believe assuredly to be saved, and to have full remission and forgiveness of all my sins."*

*George Washington's grandfather, Lawrence, was Anglican. George Washington's father, Augustine, served as a vestryman in the Anglican Truro Parish. George Washington also became vestryman in Truro Parish, and was godfather in baptism to a niece and several nephews.*

## January Meeting Photos



Chris Kuehl speaks to the MOAA members attending the January meeting



Chris Kuehl (left) and Heart of America MOAA Chapter President Jerry Magliano (right) by the MOAA flag after the meeting



# Heart of America Chapter (HOAC) Chapter and Auxiliary Membership Application or Renewal

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

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

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Chapter Dues are \$20/Yr

Auxiliary Dues are \$5/Yr

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