

Heart of America Chapter

Military Officers Association of America

May 2019 Newsletter

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Representative From The Veterans Community Project Is Our May 18th Speaker

Veterans Community Project

The speaker for our May 2019 luncheon meeting will be from the Veterans Community Project (VCP). The motto of this organization is “One Homeless Veteran Is One Too Many”. There are currently over 40,000 veterans experiencing homelessness. The VCP has created an innovative solution providing transitional housing and access to 360-degree solutions with the goal of eliminating Veteran Homelessness nationwide. In contrast to traditional homeless services, VCP provides privacy and security through a tiny home. The combination of stable, dignified housing and onsite services enable Veterans to establish a sense of independence and security that will facilitate transition to permanent housing. A list of onsite services includes independent living skills, Mental/Physical therapy, assistance with disabilities and substance abuse counselling and treatment, Legal & Advocacy assistance with case management and general advocacy and other services such as employment counselling and transition services. Some 800 cities nationwide are looking into implementing the same model established here in Kansas City. The VCP is made possible through public-private partnerships and individual and corporate donations.

Our Meeting will be held May 18th, 2019 (3rd Saturday) at the 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 East Hwy 40.

Everyone must have a meal reservation by Monday, May13th. If you are on the permanent list, you need call only if you are not attending.

Substitute meals must be requested at time of reservation.
Cancellations must be called in by 9:00 a.m. Saturday of the luncheon.

To make a reservations, contact David or Emma Toops at email info@toopsconsulting.com or call at phone 913-967-9745.

Meeting Information

TOPIC: Veterans Community Project (VCP)

SPEAKER: VCP Representative

TIME: Executive Council Meets at 10:30 am

Auxiliary Meets at 11:30 am

Lunch begins at 12:15 pm

MENU: Fried chicken with mash potatoes and gravy, vegetable, roll and 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 David or Emma Toops at 913-967-9745 or email them at
info@toopsconsulting.com

2019 Meeting Calendar

18 May * (3rd Sat)
22 June (Chapter Picnic)
No July Meeting
24 August*
28 September
19 October* (3rd Sat) 16
November* (3rd Sat)
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)

Notes from the President

May is the gateway to Summer and is the month during which we stop complaining about the cold weather and start complaining about the hot weather. On a more serious note, May is also the month we remember and honor both our mothers on Mother's Day and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice serving our country on Memorial Day. Our thoughts and prayers especially go out to our Gold Star Mothers, some of whom have joined us today, who have lost a child in service to our country. A year ago, our Chapter was awarded a grant of \$3,750 by MOAA National to assist

military families and veterans in need. The funding for this grant came primarily from Xpress Scripts Pharmacy which I am sure many of you are familiar with. We owe them a debt of gratitude. Two families at Ft. Leavenworth were given \$500 each as well as two families at Whiteman Air Force Base. All four families were invited to our Holiday Party and three were able to attend. The remaining \$1750 was awarded to the Veterans Community Project (VCP) to purchase microwave ovens, televisions and miscellaneous supplies for the tiny homes housing homeless veterans. The speaker for our May Luncheon meeting will be from the VCP. Our Scholarship Program had three excellent applicants we are in the process of ranking for the three scholarships we award each year. Priority is given to students who have demonstrated strong academic and leadership skills as a result of their participation in a JROTC Program. They will be announced at our May 18th meeting. This program started under the leadership of General Treu and exists only because of the generosity of our Chapter members. It is a great example of how we NEVER STOP SERVING. Hope to see you all on the 18th.

Jerry Magliano
President, MOAA Heart of America Chapter

Auxiliary News

Such nice days we are having in May. A big thank you to Mary Treu for being our hostess and giving us the gift from the Tasteful Olive. The dip was wonderful, very tasty. Don't forget our annual picnic is happening on June 22, 2019. Please make your call in your reservation to Emma and David Toops at 913-967-9745. Everyone needs a reservation. Madelon Kadlic is our hostess for this month. Plan to join us at 11:30 on May 18, 2019. Please invite any new members to come. We would love to have you join us. Hope to see you then.

Diane Christianson
Auxiliary President, MOAA-HOAC

Please fill out the below form and mail it with your dues to Maj. Vic Christianson (see below). You may send one check for both Chapter and Auxiliary membership dues but provide a separate form for each individual. Thank you for supporting our Chapter and participating in our service to Active Duty and Veteran members of the Armed Forces.

Chapter and Auxiliary Membership Application or Renewal

Date: _____ Is this Renewal or New Application Request: _____

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____

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

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