



# Tenn-KY News

Military Officers Association of America

Fort Campbell Chapter

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## Next General Membership Meeting



US Warriors in Afghanistan

Duty  
Honor  
Country

**January 2010 Chapter Meeting**  
**Saturday, 16 Jan 2010**  
**Assemble At 12:00 P.M.; Lunch at 12:30 P.M**  
**Catfish House**

**Directions are:** Take Hwy. 48/13 South toward Dickson. Turn left at the first light after crossing the McClure Bridge It is on the right 116 Salem Rd. Come on out. We look forward to fellowship with you, as we conduct our association business and enjoy some good food.

**We hope to see you there for 2010 Officer Installation**  
**By COL Mark Kelly USA-Ret Immediate Past President**

**Cost:** Pay as you go

We need a minimum of 70 folks so please call in your reservations: NLT Wednesday, 13 July 2007. Call for reservations your association needs your support: (Please don't wait to be called!)

KY: Mrs. Alicia Pontius (270) 924-9975  
TN: CWO Warren Evans (931) 647-5808

### Who Can Join?

We invite Active Duty, Guard or Reserve Officers, Warrant Officers or Retired or Former Officers or Warrant Officers interested in the support of the Military Mission and Support of those soldiers protecting our nation. You may apply as much effort as you like to make a difference the issues and topics on which we focus our efforts.

### Benefits of Joining

There are several benefits to becoming a member of our organization. Our members are close friends and we have a great time when we get together. Of course we also have a common interest, and we hope to further our cause.

## Chapter Policy and Leadership

### Chapter Policy

When reservations are made for Chapter meetings, commitments are made to the restaurant/meeting place to pay for the number of reservations reported.

If you make a reservation and then later determine you cannot attend, **please** call your reservation chairperson as soon as possible. If you are unable to give sufficient notice of your cancellation, please send a check for the appropriate amount to P.O. Box 3569, Clarksville, TN 37043-3569.

### Installation of 2010 Association Officers and Duties:

**CW4 Howard French,**  
USA Ret -President

**COL Jeffrey Yaeger** Ret  
USA-Ret. 1st Vice President (*Programs*)

**CAPT Eldon G. Pontius,**  
USMC-Ret-2<sup>nd</sup> Vice  
**President-** (*Membership*)

**Alicia Pontius** (*Secretary*)

**LTC Anderson Grant-**  
USA-Ret (*Treasurer*)

**COL Mark Kelly, USA**  
-Ret (*Legislative Chairman*)(*Immediate Past President*)

**COL Charles Currie**  
(Chaplain) USA-Ret  
(*Personal Affairs Officers*)

**MAJ Lewis E. Baggett,**  
USA Ret (*Newsletter*)

**1LT Lisa R. Boyd,**  
(*Historian*)

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The five-man committee in charge of drafting the Declaration in 1776 as it presents its work to the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia.

If we can be of assistance or if anyone is sick or under the weather call Chaplain Charles Currie (Personal Affairs). The phone number is 931-645-2149 so that you can be put on the prayer list will try to arraign visitation if you are sick or hospitalized.

*We wish all of our sick a speedy recovery.*

# Military Officers Association of America

## Future Activities

The February Chapter Meeting is scheduled for Feb. 20, 2010 at the Sportsman's Lodge.

The March Chapter Meeting is scheduled for Mar. 20, 2010 at Cole Park Commons

The April Chapter meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Apr. 17, 2010.

The May Chapter Meeting is

scheduled for May 15, 2010

The June Chapter Meeting is scheduled for Jun 19, 2010

The July Chapter Meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2010

The August Chapter Meeting is scheduled for Aug. 21, 2010

The September Chapter Meeting is scheduled for

Sep. 18, 2010

The October Chapter Meeting is scheduled for Oct. 16, 2010

The November Chapter Meeting is scheduled for Nov. 20, 2010

The December Chapter Meeting is scheduled for Dec. 11, 2010

## President's Comment

Our new Membership directory is available. We spend a lot of money and we would rather spend it with firms that support MOAA. We appreciate their support that aids us in our mission. We appreciate your support as well, give the

retailers and service providers that you do business with an opportunity to advertise in our directory.

This is the first edition of this style Newsletter and if you have suggestions for improvement please contact Lewis

Baggett at 931 648-4502 or lebaggett@charter.net

The Congress owes its warriors what they asks of those warriors. Duty, Honor & Country; First, Last and Always.



## Membership Application

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**  
 Fort Campbell Chapter, MOAA  
 P.O. Box 3569, Clarksville, TN 37043-3569

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

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Service Branch \_\_\_\_\_

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(From your MOAA Magazine address label)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER DUES: \$12.00 per calendar year  
 (New members receive one year free local membership.)

## Legislative Affairs

### Big Medicare/TRICARE Cuts Delayed For 60 Days

The Senate will vote on Saturday (Dec. 19) to delay implementation of a 21% cut in Medicare and TRICARE payments to doctors now scheduled to take place January 1, 2010. But the new law would only delay the cuts until the end of February, setting up a new crisis in two months.

### Entitlements Commission Threat

Sen. Judd Gregg (R-NH) plans to propose amending H.R. 4314 (a bill to increase the national debt ceiling) to create a special entitlements commission with the authority to recommend changes to Social Security, Medicare, and other entitlements programs (such as military and federal civilian retirement, survivor, and health programs). Under the terms of the amendment, Congress would be forced to vote on the entire package of commission recommendations, without any chance for amendment and with only

very limited time for review and debate.

During the entitlements-threat era of the 1990s, Sen. Gregg and others proposed such things as eliminating COLAs before age 62, capping COLAs below inflation, and means-testing COLAs.

MOAA is concerned that the kind of "fast-track" commission entailed in the Gregg amendment could lead to hasty and similarly ill-advised cuts to crucial benefit programs.

### Repeal Medicare Therapy Caps

Unless Congress acts quickly, the Medicare therapy cap exception will expire December 31 2009.

Years ago, as a cost-saving measure, Congress capped Medicare payments for physical, speech, and occupational therapy at \$1,860 per year. Congress has recognized that this is inadequate to cover the cost of needed care for many victims of stroke and other disabling conditions, and so has approved an annual waiver for cases of "medical neces-

sity."

But the current waiver will expire on Dec. 31, 2009, leaving many Medicare therapy patients with substantial out-of-pocket costs.

Please send a MOAA-suggested message urging your legislators to pass legislation extending the therapy cap exception.

### Active/Reserve Force/Family Issues

Sustain defense budget of at least 4% of GDP to fund both people and weapons needs

Increase active duty, G/R force sizes (end strength) to match mission

Restore full military pay comparability with private sector (2.4% gap remains)

Upgrade G/R retirement/compensation to reflect "operational reserve" demands

Amend Post-9/11 GI Bill to allow job training, Guard AGR (Title 32) access and transferability to family members of USPHS/NOAA Corps

Authorize currently serving families to use pre-tax health/dependent care programs



The Capital

### Active/Reserve Force/Family Issues Cont.

Strengthen financial, legal, reemployment protections for mobilized G/R force -directed moves

Protect funding for commissary, dependent schools and other military benefits Improve access to affordable child care

Provide incentives for employers/government contractors to hire military spouses

Raise relocation payments to cover members' costs for government--directed moves

### Retirement/Survivor Issues

Preserve full-inflation cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs)

Eliminate the Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) deduction from SBP

Authorize full concurrent receipt of military retired pay and VA disability compensation

Restore VA survivor annuities for qualifying widows who remarry after age 55

Oppose military benefit changes that are inconsistent with service career sacrifices

Expand permanent ID card eligibility for elderly / disabled beneficiaries

Reform the Uniformed Services Former Spouse Protection Act (USFSPA) he deceased sponsor's full final-month retired pay

Implement a more equitable military disability retirement system

## Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee meeting is the Jan. 22, 2010 at Cole Park Commons at Ft. Campbell, KY.

We are scheduled to meet on the first Friday after each General Membership meeting. We will meet at 12:00 noon. All association members interested are in-

vited to attend if they would like.



Joint the Team  
We enjoy the interaction.

**Membership Dues** *If you haven't paid your 2009 and 2010 dues, please do so.*

**Activities** *If you have any suggestions or recommendations for meetings or meeting locations please contact the programs chairman- Col Jeffrey*

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## **Our Mission**

Our mission is to further promote the interests of our organization and our members to the community. We strive to make a difference by educating the public and expanding our reach.

## **Organization Purpose**

The purpose of this organization is to increase the power of our voice in our common interests of the defense of America. We hope to add new members so we will be able to grow and expand. We also want to have fun when we are together and working on projects. By developing relationships and friendships, the organization will become even stronger.