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Fort Campbell Chapter

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Next General Membership Meeting

**The Next Meeting is
Thursday, October 20, 2011, at Cole Park Commons
at 1610 101st Airborne Division Road
Fort Campbell, KY 42223**

**Guest Speaker:
Yet to be determined and/Confirmed**

**Assemble - Meet at 11:00 AM,
Start meal at 11:30 AM**

Meal: Buffet

Cost Per Person: Standard price for Cole Park,

Please plan to attend.

RSVP: Please call in your reservations: NLT Monday, October 17, 2011

KY: [CDR Neldon Whitty \(270\) 886-6229 \(envyuu87@hesenergy.net\)](mailto:envyuu87@hesenergy.net)

TN: [LTC Dave Marr \(931\) 358-0101 \(cdjjmarr@att.net\)](mailto:cdjjmarr@att.net)

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.

Officers & Executive Committee and Duties:

CW4 Howard French, USA Ret -President

MAJ Bob Posley Ret USA-Ret. 1st Vice President (Programs)

CAPT Eldon G. Pontius, USMC-Ret-2nd Vice President (Membership)

CDR Neldon Whitty USN-Ret Secretary

LTC Dave Marr USA-Ret Treasurer, (Scholarship Committee)

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

MAJ Lewis Baggett, USA-Ret (Legislative Chairman)(Newsletter)(Scholarship Committee)

LTC Charles Currie (Chaplain) USA-Ret (Personal Affairs Officers)

1LT Lisa R. Boyd, (Historian)

MS Ginger Merritt, (Auxiliary Coordinator)

Col. Jeff Yaeger, (Chairman, Scholarship Committee),

CW4 Warren Evans, (Chairman - Directory Committee)



Guest Speaker Col. Cordts, New and Current Commander of Blanchfield Community hospital at Ft Campbell COL Cordts attended and was accompanied by LTC McNaughton, DCN, MAJ Wheeler, Troop Commander, Ms. Donna Faulkner, Managed Care, Mr. Giffin, HealthNet Services, and Ms. Rzepka, Public Affairs Office

The meeting was interesting and very informative and very enjoyable and with our guests was warmly received.

Who Can Join? - You can. 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 in 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.

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Tentative Future Activities



The September fellowship and luncheon were informative & enjoyable.

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. We will try to arrange visitation if you are sick or hospitalized.

We wish all of our sick a speedy recovery.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our credit union account balances as of September 30, 2011 are:

Shares	\$ 55.23
General Fund	4,590.07
Scholarship Fund	854.60
Certificates	2040.55
Total	<u>\$ 7,540.45</u>

Dave Marr, Treasurer
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The October Chapter Meeting is scheduled for Oct. 15, 2011 at Cole Park Commons.

The November Meeting is scheduled for Saturday November 19, 2011

Reminder - 'Cell Phones for Soldiers' needs your old cell phones and their attachments like chargers and wires.

Learn more about this worth-while cause and how to start a Cell Phone campaign in your chapter and community.

Likewise, be sure to check out the Cell Phones web site, especially the Resource Center, for additional facts, ideas and other useful info: <http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com>

If You have cell phones to contribute, please bring them to the next meeting for our everlasting appreciation.

President's Comment



The Chapter's September meeting was held at the Sportsman Lodge. Our guest speaker was Col. Cordts, Commander Blanchfield Army Hospital. He was accompanied by Ms. Donna Faulker, Director Managed Care, Mr. Griffin, HealthNet Services Representative, and Ms. Rzepha, Public Affairs Office. Col. Cordts gave a very interesting presentation of the status of the hospital and overview of the many projects that are presently going on. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session. There were many interesting questions for Col. Cordts and his staff.

If you are getting your prescriptions filled at Walgreens you probably received a letter stating that effective January 2012 Walgreens will no longer fill prescriptions paid for by Tricare (Express Scripts). This may change before the end of the year but according to the information that I have read it is doubtful.

I have had several inquiries about the necessity of obtaining new ID cards. Briefly, the SSN printed on the face of the card or embedded in the bar code will be removed from the new cards beginning sometime in 2012. The SSN will be replaced with a 10-digit number for retirees and an 11-digit number for dependents. DOD policy is to replace cards as they expire. In the case of cards that have no expiration date, it is recommended that the retiree obtain a replacement card when a dependents card expires. If possible, it is recommended to wait until 2012 to get a new card.

The Chapter now has Tennessee state tax exempt status. Thanks to Dave Marr for all his hard work. He is now working on Kentucky state exempt status. This should save the Chapter a few dollars when our meetings are held off post.

Executive Committee Meeting



Join the Team. We Always enjoy the Companionship.

The date and time of the next Executive Committee meeting will be at Cole Park Commons at Ft. Campbell, KY.

We are generally scheduled to meet on the first Friday after each General Membership meeting. We will meet at 11:30 AM. All association members interested are invited to attend if they would like.

Activities If you have any suggestions or recommendations for meetings or meeting locations please contact the programs chairman— Major Bob Posley (Programs).

Thank you note To the members, the Executive Committee, and friends of The Military Officers' Association of America

We are overwhelmed with humble gratitude on learning the that Chapter's new National Scholarship has been designated "The Warren and Nancy Evans Scholarship".

Warren has been devoted to the ideals and goals of both our local chapter and national MOAA since 1974, and therefore I worked with him. That is such a wonderful, completely unexpected honor!

With sincere gratitude,
signed

Warren and Nancy Evans



The September meeting consisted of a great meal and fellowship and well as lively discussions and good spirit. If you missed it you really missed something enjoyable, entertaining and educational.

Note To Members: Please report changes of e-mail addresses to the Treasurer at cdjimarr@att.net. If you received this newsletter by regular mail and have an e-mail address please report it by e-mail to [**LTC Dave Marr \(931\) 358-0101 \(cdjimarr@att.net\)**](mailto:LTC Dave Marr (931) 358-0101 (cdjimarr@att.net))

Legislative Affairs ([MOAA Legislative Update](#))

White House: Civilianize Military Benefits

On Monday, the Obama Administration unveiled its plan to cut the deficit by \$3 trillion over the next 10 years. The proposal includes \$27 billion in cuts to the military health care package and a proposal that could be expected to cut even more from the military retirement system. First, the Administration proposes establishing a \$200-per-person annual enrollment fee for TRICARE For Life beginning FY2013. The proposal would tie this to some unspecified health cost index so that it would increase every year after that. Second, it proposes changing TRICARE pharmacy copays to bring them more in line with federal civilian coverage:

- **Retail Generic: Change copay from a flat \$5 to 10% of DoD Rx cost in FY13 and raise that to 20% of Rx cost in out-years**
- **Retail Brand Name: Change copay from \$12 to 15% of DoD Rx cost in FY13 and subsequently to 30% of Rx cost**
- **Mail-order Brand Name: Raise copay from current \$12 to \$20 in FY13 and subsequently to \$40**
- **Mail-order Non-formulary: Raise copay from current \$25 to \$35 in FY13 and subsequently to \$40**

Finally, the Administration calls for a DoD BRAC-style commission to recommend "modernizing" the military retirement system. The commission proposal would have to get an up-or-down vote by Congress, without any amendment options.

The language in the Administration plan makes it clear that the intent of these initiatives is to generate large savings by making the military healthcare and retirement system more like civilian plans. This shows a shocking insensitivity to the radical difference between military and civilian careers and the reasons why these military programs were built.

The whole purpose of the unique military retirement and healthcare package is to offset the extraordinary demands and sacrifices inherent in a service career. They were built to provide a powerful incentive for top-quality people to serve 20-30 years in uniform, despite the kind of hardships imposed on troops and families over the last 10 years of war.

Why endure that if the reward is a benefit package similar to that provided civilians who don't bear any such burden of arduous and extended sacrifice?

If the Administration and Defense Department won't make the case to protect current and future military members, families, retirees, and survivors in these tough budget times, MOAA certainly intends to. Now is the time for all MOAA members to mobilize. Please urge your officer friends to join MOAA and start actively working to protect their interests and those of the current and future force. This isn't just about equity. It's about an attack on the core elements that sustain the quality career force that protects our national security. Any who continue to sit on the sidelines jeopardize their own interests, the military community's, and the nation's future capability to sustain a strong national defense. Start by sending this MOAA-suggested message to your elected officials.

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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 MOAA's reach.

Organization Purpose

The purposes of the Chapter shall be to promote the purposes and objectives of the Military Officers Association of America; foster fraternal relations among retired, active and former officers of the uniformed services and their National Guard or Reserve components; protect the rights and interests of active duty, retired, Reserve and National Guard personnel of the uniformed services and their dependents and survivors; provide useful services for members and their dependents and survivors; and serve the community and the nation.



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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