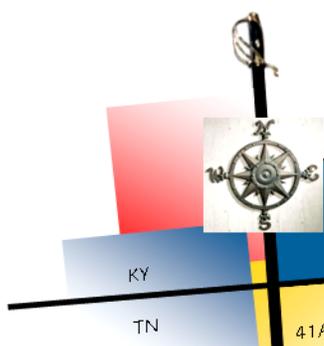


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**The Next Meeting is Saturday, July 21, 2012,  
at The Pioneer's Club at 904A Main Street,  
Hopkinsville, KY 42241-0820  
Phone: 270-885-0825**

**Speaker: William T. Turner , The Historian for  
Hopkinsville and Christian County**

**Assemble - Meet at 12:00 PM Start Meal at 12:30 PM**

**Meal: Barbeque pork and/or Chicken, Baked beans & potatoes \$15.00  
cost Per Person**

**Please plan to attend**

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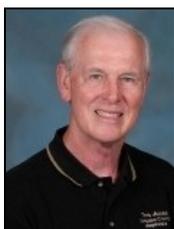
If we can be of assistance or if anyone is sick or under the weather call Chaplain Charles Currie (Chairman of the Personal Affairs committee) or any elected officer. The phone number is 931-645-2149 so that you can be put on the prayer list. We will try to arrange visitation if you are sick or hospitalized. *We wish all of our sick a speedy recovery.*

**RSVP: Please call in your reservations: NLT Wednesday, July 18, 2012**

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

**TN: CW2 Warren Evans (931) 647-5808 ([evansmoaa@gmail.com](mailto:evansmoaa@gmail.com))**

## MEETING HEADLINES



The June 2012 meeting at Ryan's in Hopkinsville was attended by 40 plus members and guest to hear an enlightening discussion by MOAA member LTC Tom Jones, who is also the District 4 magistrate for Christian County, Ky. For those who were unable to attend, we missed your company.

## The Supreme Court upheld the healthcare law

June 28-2012, The court did what most of the public doubted it would do- it found the Health-care law mandate constitutional as a **tax**. It also limited the federal government's ability to punish the states but allows it to punish citizens that fail to buy a health-care plan to its liking.





# CHAPTER POLICY AND LEADERSHIP

## Officers & Executive Committee and Duties:



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

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

CW4 Howard French, USA Ret. -2nd Vice-President, (Immediate past President)

CDR Neldon Whitty USN-Ret Secretary

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

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

MS Nancy Evans, (Auxiliary Coordinator)

1LT Lisa R. Boyd, (Historian)

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

CW4 Warren Evans, (Chairman - Directory Committee)

Recruiting Team, CW4 Howard French, LTC Dave Marr, MAJ Bob Posley, & CPT Eldon Pontius

TN Annual Convention Study Committee, CW4 Howard French, CDR Jon Junkin, MAJ Bob Posley,

## 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.

**Note To Members:** Please report changes of e-mail addresses or if you received this newsletter by regular mail and have an e-mail address by e-mail to LTC Dave Marr (931) 358-0101 (cdjimmarr@att.net)

## PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

The historic heat and dry spell has started off our summer and it has begun to take its toll on many of us. Stay indoors and out of the heat if you can and drink plenty of water. I appreciate your continued support as we strive to find ways to improve our organization and deal with this every changing world.

**May God keep you safe in the grace of his loving embrace.**

**Again, Thank you for all the you do. ... Lewis**

### Auxiliary MOAA members

For Group Luncheons contact one of the numbers below. Please call or e-mail the contact persons below:

Nancy Evans 931-647-5808,

Clara French 931-647-9067 or Frenchh @ apsu.edu,

Dede Anderson 931-647-1298 or, Tom.ute@cdelightband.net

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Our credit union account balances as of July 1, 2012 are:

Shares	\$	55.36
General Fund		5,252.00
Scholarship Fund		<u>7,203.37</u>
Total		<u>\$12,510.73</u>

Dave Marr, Treasurer  
(931) 358-0101  
[cdjimmarr@att.net](mailto:cdjimmarr@att.net)

## ACTIVITIES

**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.

The date and time of the next Executive Committee meeting will be at 11:30 a.m., July 27, 2012 at Cole Park Commons, Ft Campbell KY.

**We generally meet on the first Friday after each General Membership meeting at 11:30 AM.**

**If you are interested in MOAA name tags please contact Neldon at [envyuu87@hesenergy.net](mailto:envyuu87@hesenergy.net)**



## LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS (MOAA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE)

Sign up for MOAA's weekly Legislative Update to keep current on the issues effecting your retirement. E-mail <mailto:misc@moaa.org> with your name, rank, address and email address to sign up

[WWW.MOAA.ORG](http://WWW.MOAA.ORG)

Extracts of current update. For current status of the ongoing debate of the cuts being faced by the military follow go to = [legis@moaa.org](mailto:legis@moaa.org)

**New Pay and Benefits Report.** DoD released its "11th Quadrennial Review of Military Compensation" report on Thursday. The study contains analysis and recommendations on pay comparability, incentive and combat pays, wounded warrior / caregivers / survivors compensation, and reserve pay and retirement.

**Senate Hearing on Special Needs.** This week the Senate Armed Services Personnel Subcommittee heard testimony on DoD programs and policies that support military families with special needs.

### New Pay and Benefits Report

Every four years, the DoD is required to study whether compensation levels are sufficient to "sustain recruitment and retention of the high-caliber men and women in uniform who serve our nation."

The 11th edition of the Quadrennial Review of Military Compensation (QRMC) issued its massive 900+ page report this week on military pay, benefits and retirement.

The QRMC asserted its preference for "Regular Military Compensation" (RMC) as the standard to construct a civilian-equivalent "salary" for the military. It includes basic pay, the national average housing and subsistence allowances for the applicable grade, and also includes the "tax advantage" realized because housing and subsistence allowances aren't subject to federal income taxes.

The Report notes that other compensation models have been adopted by earlier QRMC panels making consistent comparisons to civilian pay difficult. The QRMC recommends future reports to adopt the RMC standard for ease of comparison.

The 11th QRMC concluded that in 2009, RMC for the enlisted force corresponded to the 90th percentile of wages for civilians in comparable pay cohorts and for officers, RMC exceeded wages for civilians with a bachelor's or graduate-level degree.

The Report focuses on major components of military compensation.

1. Special and incentive pays. Establish career incentive pays, similar to career pays for aviators and health professionals, for critical shortage specialties including special operators, mental health professionals, linguists, and remotely piloted vehicles operators.

2. Combat compensation. Tier combat zone pay to the expected degree of danger by setting Hostile Fire Pay (HFP) higher than Imminent Danger Pay (IDP) and creating more than one level of IDP. Revise tax credits for combat theatre duty contingent on receipt of either HFP or IDP.

3. Wounded warriors and caregivers. The QRMC made no specific recommendations on wounded warrior compensation other than to monitor their long term financial condition. The Report calls for a closer alignment of DoD and VA caregiver programs by making eligibility criteria, disbursement rules, and tax treatment consistent between the programs.

4. Survivor Benefits. Modify the Dependency and Indemnity Compensation and the Survivor Benefit Plan offset to allow the surviving spouse to receive that portion of the Survivor Benefit Plan annuity funded by retiree premiums (approximately 50 percent). Calculate Survivor Benefit Plan benefits for a reservist who dies while performing inactive duty training using the same criteria as for a member who dies while on active duty.

5. Reserve pay and retirement. Convert the current drill pay system to active duty compensation, so that each reserve duty day would equate to one day of active duty pay and proportional tax-advantaged allowances. Reduce the annual qualification for retirement from 50 to 35 points. Authorize receipt of retired pay on the 30th anniversary of military service after a Guard or Reserve member completes 20 qualifying years. A reservist who entered at age 20 and completed 20 years qualifying service at age 40 would draw reserve retired pay and benefits at age 50. The QRMC also called for consolidating 30 reserve duty statuses to no more than 6.

The QRMC report offers some serious food for thought on these topics. MOAA agrees with some of the findings and recommendations but disagrees with others; we'll take a closer look at the report in the coming weeks.

Extracts from [legis@moaa.org](mailto:legis@moaa.org)

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	<p>APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>Fort Campbell Chapter, MOAA</p> <p>P.O. Box 3569, Clarksville, TN 37043-3569</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Rank _____ Service Branch _____</p> <p>National MOAA No. _____</p> <p>(From your MOAA Magazine address label)</p> <p>Your Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____</p> <p>Zip _____</p> <p>E-Mail Address _____</p> <p>Telephone (____) _____</p> <p>Spouse's Name _____</p> <p>CHAPTER DUES: \$12.00 per calendar year          (New members receive one year free local membership.)</p>