



The Next Meeting Will Be

on Saturday, 21 January

Assemble at 1130; meal at 1200

Montgomery County Public Library

350 Pageant Lane, Clarksville

GPS: 36° 31.262' N 87° 20.441' W

Speaker: Representative Joe Pitts

TOPIC: Legislative issues affecting the Fort Campbell area and Veterans' Coalition on the Hill.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: A memorial service for those we lost in 2016 and the installation of Chapter Officers for 2017.

Directions: From the intersection of Providence Blvd with Riverside Drive

(41A Bypass), Follow Riverside Drive 1.4 miles to Crossland Ave. Turn left onto Crossland Ave, and follow it for 1.3 miles to Pageant Lane. Turn left onto Pageant Lane. The entrance to the Veterans' Plaza complex will be 0.1 miles on your left.

Option: Follow N. 2nd St. for 0.75 miles Turn left onto College St., right onto University Ave., then left onto Madison St. Follow it for 0.8 miles. Turn right onto Pageant Lane. The entrance to the Veterans' Plaza complex will be 0.1 miles on your right.

Meal

(Margie Crain is catering; so, everything will be very good.)

Menu: Roast beef *au jus*; Sliced turkey with gravy; Garlic mashed potatoes; Squash casserole; Buttered carrots; Garden Salad with dressing; Rolls & Butter; Cobbler and ice cream; Coffee, Iced Tea, and water.

Cost \$18 per person, includes gratuity.

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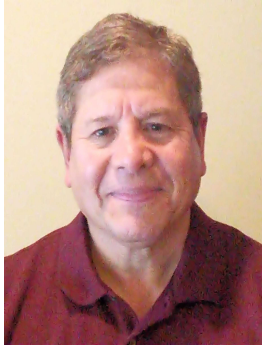
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Chapter Policy on Luncheon Reservations

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.**

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS



President Ivan Adames


“We need to keep in a condition of preparedness, especially as regards our Navy, not because we want war, but we desire to stand with those whose plea for peace is listened to with respectful attention.” Theodore Roosevelt, 1902

MOAA's motto is **“NEVER STOP SERVING”** This is what each veteran, retiree and MOAA member needs to continue to do. We as chapter members should never forget it, because that is what we do to make our chapter, our community, our state, and our nation great.

True patriotism is not just an emotional feeling; it is action. It is the passion which aims to serve one's country by defending it from invasion, protecting its laws and rights, and maintaining its institutions in vigor and purity.

Early in 2016, we saw how a local-area initiative--**“Veterans Day on the Hill”**--became a state-wide lobbying effort. It has

Officers and Committees

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ROTC Liaison: KY: LtCol Marty Schroeder, USAF (Ret) [ftcky-moaa.org/Weekly Update.htm](http://ftcky-moaa.org/WeeklyUpdate.htm)
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Scholarship Committee: COL Jeff Yaeger, (Chn), COL Natalie Shriver, LTC Dave Marr, & CW4 Howard French--all USA (Ret)
Directory Committee: CW2 Warren Evans (Chn), USA (Ret)
Recruiting Team: CW4 Howard French, MAJ Bob Posley—both USA (Ret) & Capt Eldon Pontius, USMC (Ret)

made an impact. The Second Annual Veterans Day on the Hill is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 08, 2017**. The Montgomery County Veterans Coalition, Veterans organizations state-wide, and Tennessee MOAA Chapters are to converge on the State capitol to meet their District representatives and discuss two major Bills which affect military veterans, military retirees and their families throughout Tennessee.

This January chapter meeting is particularly important. Our guest speaker is **Tennessee Representative Joe Pitts**. He will discuss legislative issues for 2017. We also have two special programs: a **Memorial Service** for those we have lost in 2016 and the **Installation of Chapter Officers for 2017**, with three returning Chapter Officers and one relatively new face, LTC Tim Powers, USA (Ret), who stepped up to volunteer as our Treasurer.

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

TREASURER'S REPORT

CREDIT UNION ACCOUNT BALANCES
as of December 30, 2016

Shares	\$ 70.44
General Fund	2,439.99
Scholarship Fund	4,660.00
Directory Fund	5,787.00
Total	\$ 12,957.43

Chapter Dues for 2017 are now payable for those who have not paid ahead. Contact the Treasurer at the next meeting or at tim.j.powers@gmail.com or 931-733-6545.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome this new member joining in December:

LTC Bruce **Beecher**, USA (Ret)
 2LT Charles **Gore**, Jr., USA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee met at noon on Thursday, 15 December at Shoney's on N. 2nd St. Major topics were: Venues and speakers for Chapter meetings in 2017; moving Executive Committee meetings back to Cole Park Commons; representing MOAA while participating with other organizations; bringing the “Vietnam Wall” to Veterans' Plaza; Tennessee Legislature Swearing-in Ceremony on 10 January—bus leaving Veterans' Plaza at 0800 for those wishing to attend; the need for Chapel services at the TSVH; corrections to and distribution of the new Directories; and updates regarding venue and procedures for The Second Annual Veterans Day on Hill on 8 February 2016.

LADIES' ACTIVITIES

There will be no Ladies Activities in January and February due to the likelihood of inclement weather and hazardous conditions.

PREVIOUS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

On 10 December, 38 members and their guests gathered at Realtor's Building. Margie **Crain** Catering prepared and served a delicious Christmas Buffet of Jolly O Ham and smoked turkey along with green salad and rolls, choice of drinks, and Peach Cobbler with Ice Cream for dessert.

With the ARMY-NAVY game's approaching, a wall was decorated of with Go Army; Beat Navy & Go Navy; Beat Army banners as pre-game rivals wore shirts of Beat Army and Beat Navy [not mentioned was the fact that Air Force--Go Falcons--beat both of them this year and won the Commander-in-Chief's trophy].

CDR **Adames** welcomed guest Ms. Ruth Gallagher and also welcomed back, Barbara **Salerno**; LTC Ken and Brigitte **Bryant**; Maj Frank and Patty **Pierce**, and Past Presidents: CW2 Warren and Nancy **Evans**, MAJ Bob **Posley** and COL Tom and Freida **Borlund**.



After the completion of the meal CDR **Adames** introduced 2LT Charles **Gore**, Jr., USA, and MAJ Horace **Murphy**, USA (Ret), as new members. He presented each with a MOAA lapel pin.



Master of Ceremonies, COL Jeff **Yaeger**, hosted the Christmas Festivities as the Dirty Santa with proper ruling of pomp and circumstance, of twists & steals, and with potential locked and unlocked of gift opportunities. All had fun and enjoyed the event.



CDR **Adames** presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Margie **Crain**, owner of Catering by Margie.



Also, he presented a **Bravo Zulu Award** to CW2 Warren **Evans** for his collecting over \$8300.00 of advertisements for 2017-2018 Chapter Directory.



Chapter announcements were made including:

- Nancye **Britton** - Operation Homefront program, 03-05 DEC, helped **520** local military families
- Jeff **Yaeger** - Local Scholarship for JROTC KY & JROTC TN announcement in Jan 2017
- Gander Memorial Ceremony – Mon 12 Dec at 0830 at Ft Campbell & Noon in Hopkinsville
- Operation Stand Down Breakfast, 04 January 2017, Pinnacle Bowling Center
- Bus ride to TN State Capitol for Legislature Swearing-in Ceremony on 10 Jan 2107
- TN Veterans' Coalition on the Hill – Nashville State capitol – 08 Feb 2017

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Gander Memorial Ceremony

The Gander tragedy was remembered at ceremonies on 12 December: firstly at 0830 on Fort Campbell and then at noon in Hopkinsville. Our Fort Campbell Chapter was represented at the Hopkinsville ceremony by COL Bobby **Freeman** and CDR Ivan **Adames**. Also attending was COL Telita Croslan, Commander, Blanchfield Army Community Hospital.



Montgomery County Veterans' Recovery Court Christmas Gift Event



On Tuesday, 20 December MOAA members, MAJ Frank **Pierce**, CDR Ivan **Adames**, CPT Dominick **Azzara**, MAJ Ed **Wilson**, MAJ Helmut **Bunjor** joined with the Knights of Columbus Council #3537 to support the Recovery Court Christmas gifts to the children of the rehab enrollees and their families.

Christmas Caroling at TSVH



CDR Ivan **Adames** sang with Christmas carolers at the Tennessee State Veterans' Home in Clarksville during the weekend after Thanksgiving. MOAA member LTC Charles **Bloodworth** helped with tree and wreath decoration, and Honorary Member Sherry **Pickering** attended and took some pictures.

State Collaborative on Reforming Education - S C O R E Education Impact Series - Military

Protecting our Future; How K-12 Student Achievement Impacts the Military and National Security



CDR **Adames** and Honorary Member Sherry **Pickering** attended the SCORE conference on 16 December. Pictured with them are Linda Ebel of Daymar College and Col Jason Glass, USAF.



In Memorium



**Dorothy "Dot" Podurgical
(1929-2016)**

Dorothy "Dot" Podurgical, age 86, died peacefully at her home on Saturday, 9 January. She is survived by her husband LTC "Sam" Podurgical, USA (Ret).



**Hazle K. Austin
(1920-2016)**

Hazle Belle Keene Austin, passed away on Saturday, February 27, 2016 at Tennova Healthcare. She was 95. Hazle was a 'Surviving Spouse' member of our Chapter.



**LTC John A. Cobb, Jr.
(1917-2016)**

LTC John Arnold Cobb, USA (Ret), died peacefully at home on Friday 25 March. He was 98. He is survived by his wife, Edie.

COL Cobb was a veteran of both WWII and Korea.



**CDR 'Bill' Luedtke
(1923-2016)**

CDR Wilbert Charles "Bill" Luedtke, USN (Ret), passed away peacefully at his residence in Clarksville on April 25, 2016.

He is survived by his wife, Helen; a daughter; three sons; a sister; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.



**Clarissa 'T.C.' Freeman
(1932-2016)**

Clarissa 'T.C.' Freeman, died on Thursday 19 May at Jennie Stuart Medical Center after a long illness. She was 83. She is survived by her husband COL Bobby Freeman, USA (Ret).

For her devoted service to and advocacy for the U.S. Army, Ft. Campbell's Gate 4 has been named in her honor.



**Diane Marie Lynch Smith
(1940-2016)**

Diane, surrounded by her family, died at Vanderbilt University Medical Center on Saturday 11 Jun as the result of a hemorrhagic stroke. She was 76. She is survived by her husband Lt Col J.T. Smith, USAF (Ret); her daughter; her son; two step-daughters; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was a dancer.



**Chris Koch
(1930-2016)**

Chris Koch, age 85, of Clarksville passed away on Saturday, August 6.

Chris is survived by her loving husband of 65 years, LTC Owen Koch, USA (Ret); sons: Mark, Jeffery, and Victor; and daughter, Valerie Goodson; eleven grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.



**COL 'Pat' McDermott
(1932-2016)**

COL Francis "Pat" McDermott, USA (Ret), passed away on Wednesday, 30 November.

COL McDermott was a Past President of our Chapter.

Pat was preceded in death by his daughter, Anne; he is survived by his wife, Harriett, and children: Mary Yarnall, Patrick, and John.



**Nathan Blatterman
(1978-2016)**

Nathan, 38, passed away on Thursday, August 11, 2016. He was the son of LTC, USA (Ret), Alan and Norma Blatterman. Nathan was an Eagle Scout and worked in the medical billing industry. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his uncle Ben (Kay) Johnson and cousins Sheryl Jones and David and Mark Johnson.

New Chapter Directories

The New 2017-2018 Directories are now available for pickup at our monthly Membership Meetings. Those who are unable to attend a meeting should contact CW2 Warren Evans [931-647-5808]. The cost of mailing will be \$5.

Who Can Join?

You can! We welcome active duty, former, retired, Reserve and National Guard commissioned and warrant officers and cadets and midshipmen of the uniformed services—Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration—and their surviving spouses.*

Our members are close friends, and we have a great time when we get together. Our common interest is to support the Military Mission and those soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen protecting our nation.

**Surviving Spouse Membership was formerly Auxiliary membership*

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