



The Next Meeting Will Be on Saturday, 20 May

Assemble at 1130; meal at 1200

at the

Montgomery County Public Library

350 Pageant Lane, Clarksville

GPS: 36° 31.262' N 87° 20.441' W

Speaker: Jennifer Bean

Topic: VA Drug Issues

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 Avenue, then left onto Madison St. Follow Madison St. 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

Buffet by Margie **Crain**; enough said.

Cost \$18 per person, includes gratuity.

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Chaplain Eddie Sumbler

[Chair, Personal Affairs Committee]

931-216-7504

to be placed on the Prayer List and/or arrange for a visitation when appropriate

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IMPORTANT: R.S.V.P. As Soon As You Can; NLT NOON on Monday, 15 May

Please use the form on the website: <http://ftcky-moaa.org/RSVP.php> or contact

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931-802-6598

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Please don't wait to be called; be proactive, and help them out

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

“I fear all we have done is awakened a sleeping giant and filled him with a terrible resolve.”—Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, December 1941

On the last Monday of April, it looked like a **Monday Night Football game** in the House at the Capitol in Nashville. The Veterans' Caucus--their **colors nailed to the mast**--pressed the fight to the Legislators who were forced by the Governor to vote for the gas tax in order to vote for the property-tax-relief bill. In the end, the **Disabled Veterans' Property-Tax Relief** passed the House at **\$175k property value**. It has been a long, 2-year fight with TN veterans logging approximately 64,672 miles of driving and over 644 hours (83 days) of work to restore the Veterans' Property Tax Relief to its original level of \$175K. A 'Thank You' to **Phil Grey** for his initial article (April 2015) to begin this fight for our veterans and a 'Super Duper Thanks' goes to the TVET team.

Officers and Committees

President: CDR Ivan Adames, USN (Ret).
1st Vice President: CW5 John Schuler, USA (Ret).
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ROTC Liaison: KY: Lt Col Marty Schroeder, USAF (Ret) [ftcky-moaa.org/Weekly Update.htm](http://ftcky-moaa.org/WeeklyUpdate.htm)
 TN: LTC James Huggins, USA (Ret)
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Directory Committee: CW2 Warren Evans (Chn), USA (Ret)
Recruiting Team: CW4 Howard French, MAJ Bob Posley—both USA (Ret) & Capt Eldon Pontius, USMC (Ret)

“Thank God this is over and we can get back to real soldiering again.”--Remark by an unknown Regular after the Armistice 1918.

The Chapter is continuing to present MOAA JROTC awards at high schools in Kentucky and in Tennessee.

On May 3, 2017, a **proclamation** by the City of Hopkinsville and Christian County will declare May as **Military Appreciation Month**.

Clarksville, Memorial Day Weekend Ceremonies at Veterans Plaza will include a: **Vietnam Veterans' Vigil** at 7PM on Sunday 28 May and a **Memorial Day Ceremony** at 10AM on Monday 29 May.

At our May Chapter luncheon meeting we are hosting our four local scholarship awardees and their parents. Our guest speaker is Jennifer Bean. She will discuss the VA Drug issues.

....Never Stop Serving

TREASURER'S REPORT

CREDIT UNION ACCOUNT BALANCES
as of April 19, 2017

General Fund	3,135.15
Scholarship Fund	4,969.00
Directory Fund	5,887.00
Total	<u>\$ 13,991.15</u>

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome these new members joining in April:

CW3 Ula **Manor**, ARNG
 CPT Heather **Real**, USA
 CPT Samuel **Ruth**, ARNG
 MAJ Doris **Witherspoon**, USA (Ret)

NOTE: New DFAS mailing addresses, effective on 1 May.
 Defense Finance and Accounting Service, U.S. Military Retired Pay,
 8899 E 56th Street
 Indianapolis IN 46249-1200
or
 U.S. Military Annuitant Pay
 8899 E 56th Street
 Indianapolis IN 46249-1300

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee met at noon on 20 April in the Kandahar Room at Cole Park Commons. Topics discussed were: ROTC awards at APSU and the Marine Corps League officer installation; Marsha Blackburn Advisory meeting; KY Council of Chapters meeting; Scholarships and JROTC Awards presentations; Memorial Day weekend at Veterans Plaza--Need wreaths and two volunteers. Same at Ft Donelson ceremony at the same time; the Clarksville *Welcome Home Veterans Celebration*, 13-16 Sep--DAV and MOAA have been asked to pair up to assist in the event (manning tables at Beachaven, coordinating various activities such as Veterans Tribute Wall and flag display assembly).

PREVIOUS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Forty-nine members and guests met at the Sportsmans' Lodge *Smokehaus* on 15 April.

Our guest speaker was Brooke Jung from the Hopkinsville/Christian County Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Jung gave a thorough, informative, and entertaining presentation on the preparations being made in and around "Eclipseville" for the Total Solar Eclipse which will occur on 21 August. ([Information is on the Chapter website](#)) CDR **Adames**, assisted by the Solar Eclipse T-shirt Team, presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation.



Rep Jay **Reedy** announced that he intends to run for the State Senate seat of Senator Mark **Green**, pending Mark's approval as Secretary of the Army.

Major Bill **Summers**, Tennessee Legislative Chair, updated the membership on the current status of Tennessee veteran-supported legislation. The Veteran Hiring Preference passed, and the Veteran's Property-tax Relief restoration is awaiting resolution of differences between Senate and House versions of the Governor's Gas Tax Bill to which it was attached.

COL Danny **Young**, Kentucky Council of Chapters President, announced the passage of Legislation to build a new State Veterans' Home in Bowling Green.

CDR Steve **Singleton** discussed the September 13-16 "Welcome Home Veterans" event planned for Clarksville.

LADIES' ACTIVITIES

The Next Ladies Luncheon Will be on Friday, 26 May at 1000 at Blue Heron Cruises

Riverbluff Park, Ashland City
(Park Access is from SR 455, Tennessee Waltz Parkway)
GPS: 36° 16.297' N 87° 04.178' W

Join us for a peaceful, relaxing, 90-minute cruise on the Cumberland River. The smooth-riding pontoon boat is partially covered by a canopy, has a restroom, and is walker accessible. Water is available. The cost will be \$9 per person (cash only). The boat's capacity is only 22; so, it will be **'first come, first served.'**

After the cruise, we will have lunch at the Riverview Restaurant across the river. Their building is very attractive with lots of windows and a deck at both ends where people can eat outside.

Carpool: Meet at 0845 at the Big Lots parking lot on Riverside Drive, Clarksville--we will be leaving no later than 0900.

R.S.V.P. by noon on Monday, 22 May.

Use the website form at <http://ftcky-moaa.org/Ladies-Reservations.php> or contact:

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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.

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