



## The Next Meeting Will Be on Saturday, 21 October

Assemble at 1130; meal at 1200

at

### Demos' Restaurant

120 South Hampton Place, Clarksville

GPS: 36° 35.440' N 87° 17.668' W



### Speaker: Cindy Stonebraker

Board Secretary, National League of POW/MIA Families  
and Daughter of

Kenneth Stonebraker, Lt Col USAF,  
who went missing on 28 October 1968

**Menu:** Choice of Entree: Sirloin Medallions, Mozzarella Chicken or Boneless Grilled Pork Chop; One side: Baked Potato, Steamed Broccoli, or Rice Pilaf; Garden Salad; Coffee, Iced Tea, or Soda and Water

**Cost:** \$18 per person, includes gratuity

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### TREASURER'S REPORT

CREDIT UNION  
ACCOUNT BALANCES  
as of September 19, 2017

General Fund	\$ 3,503.45
Scholarship Fund	7,039.00
Directory Fund	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,542.45</b>

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome these new Chapter members:

LTC Bruce **Beecher**, USA (Ret)  
CW4 Victor **Leon**, USA

Note: Two more new members signed up at the Retiree Appreciation Day. Their names are currently not available and will appear next month.

### IMPORTANT: R.S.V.P. As Soon As You Can; NLT NOON on Monday, 16 October

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

CDR Steve Singleton: [steve.singleton76@gmail.com](mailto:steve.singleton76@gmail.com) or CW2 Warren&Nancy Evans: [evansmoaa@gmail.com](mailto:evansmoaa@gmail.com)  
931-802-6598 931-647-5808

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

When they say it is not about the Flag, it is about the Flag.

***“The Flag of the United States is a sign. Like any other sort of sign, whether it be directing traffic or advertising a store or something else, our flag points to certain places. Often a school, a post office, a police station, or some other fixture of civil society or government is marked with a flag. Abroad, it is a sign for our ships, our embassies, and our bags of food aid. But our flag is more than just a sign marking some place or object.”***

***“It is a symbol for ideas: the ideas of America, the idea of a nation that believes in individual liberty and in the common good. The idea of a nation that believes it has a larger purpose in history: to be an example of liberty and a refuge for those who seek it. The idea of a nation that believes it can bring to life the opportunities***

## Officers and Committees

**President:** CDR Ivan Adames, USN (Ret).  
**1st Vice President:** CW5 John Schuler, USA (Ret).  
**2nd Vice President:** CW4 Monroe Gildersleeve, USA (Ret)  
**Secretary:** CDR Steve Singleton, USN (Ret)  
**Treasurer:** LTC Tim Powers USA (Ret)  
**Personal Affairs & Chaplain:** CPT Eddie Sumbler, USA (Ret)  
**Surviving Spouse Liaison:** Mrs Nancy Evans  
**Historian:** Mrs. Anne Clark  
**Legislative KY:** Col Rich Stevenson, USAF (Ret)  
**Chairs:** TN: Maj Bill Summers, USAF (Ret) →   
**ROTC Liaison:** KY: Lt Col Marty Schroeder, USAF (Ret) [ftcky-moaa.org/Weekly Update.htm](http://ftcky-moaa.org/Weekly Update.htm)  
 TN: Volunteer Needed  
**Veterans Coalition Liaison:** MAJ Vivian Fivecoat, USA (Ret)  
**Newsletter and Webmaster:** Lt Col J.T. Smith, USAF (Ret)  
**Public Relations:** Mrs. Joy Huggins  
**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)

***of the future and above all, the flag stands for the idea of a nation that recognizes its imperfections and continues the work of building a more perfect union.”*** --Eric Q. Mooring, Eagle Scout

***“What we need are critical lovers of America – patriots who express their faith in their country by working to improve it.”***—Hubert H. Humphrey, *Beyond Civil Rights, A New Day of Equality*, 1968

October is a time for families, friends, and all citizens to continue to salute the services and sacrifices made by America’s Military. Our October Speaker is **Cindy Stonebraker**, a MIA Daughter; Board of Directors, KY State Coordinator, National League of POW/MIA Families. The MOAA Fort Campbell Chapter is making preparations for the upcoming APSU Military Alumni Dinner, Veterans Day parade, USMC Birthday Ball, and Thanksgiving.

**... Never Stop Serving**

## IN MEMORIAM

Chapter member MAJ Frank **Pierce** passed away on 13 September. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Campbell Pierce; sons: Francis III, Gary, and COL (Ret) Brian; brothers: John and Charles; sister Linda Desche-neaux; and grandchildren: Alec, Francesca, Jordan and Charlie.



MAJ Frank Pierce  
1938-2017

Bruce Edward Evans, the son of Chapter member CW2 Warren and Nancy **Evans** passed away on 21 September. He is survived by his parents; two daughters: Rebecca and Angeleah; two sons: Travis and Joshua; a brother, Mark; two sisters: Dianne and Teresa; and two grandchildren Sky and Boston Lineberger.



Bruce Evans  
1958-2017

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 931-216-7504  
 to be placed on the Prayer List and/or arrange for a visitation when appropriate

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## PREVIOUS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Twenty-eight members and guests attended a special monthly meeting held in conjunction with the Welcome Home Veterans Memorial luncheon, held at Wilma Rudolph Center at 1100 on Saturday, 15 September.

The presentation of colors by the *Marine Corps League* was followed by *The National Anthem*, sung by Antria Cole, and an opening prayer offered by John Davis, Chaplain of USS LST 325. The POW-MIA "Missing Man" table was then opened.

Following Lunch, there were opening remarks by representatives of AARP, the sponsoring agency, followed by Clarksville Mayor, Kim McMillan, and Montgomery County Mayor, Jim Durrett.

Dawn Wilcox from "Quilts of Valor" presented especially-made quilts to honored veterans:

- SMSGT Howard Cross (US Air Force and NSA)
- Chris Kurtz (US Army)
- Daryell Smith (US Navy)
- Robert Workman (US Coast Guard)
- Dustin Hughes (US Marine Corps)

Barry Rice, President of the Tennessee Council, *Vietnam Veterans of America*, then introduced the guest speaker; Captain William "Bill" Robinson, longest held enlisted Vietnam veteran.

Bill moved the attendees with his touching and inspirational story of captivity in the Vietnamese prison camps. His ability to persevere under such terrible conditions, along with the other POWs, was fully appreciated and honored by all those in attendance.

The *Marine Corps League* then retired the Colors.



Lt Col J.T. Smith, LTC Jim Huggins, Mrs. Anne Clark, LTC Tim and Jane Powers



LTC Anderson Grant and MAJ Bob Posley

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Topics discussed included lower cost for Chapter Liability Insurance through Mercer; expenditure of funds for Chapter brochures, signs and banners; a donation to the Ft. Campbell Spouses organization; current Chapter membership and prospects; potential candidates for Chapter Treasurer and Second Vice-President; upcoming events: Retiree Appreciation Day, Operation Home Front Toy Drive, KY JEVCO meeting, first annual Ride to Remember, APSU Military Alumni Banquet, APSU Luncheon honoring CW4 Joe **Shakeenab**; nomination of two new honorary Chapter members; national MOAA Scholarship winners; a proposed policy to sustain Chapter members who are incapacitated or living on minimum income; the new MOAA Newsletter starting in mid-October; using MOAA's Travel Services to save money; and a proposal to have more Chapter social events to promote greater comradery in increased retention.

## LADIES' ACTIVITIES

**Information about The Next Ladies Luncheon is not available.  
It will be posted to the Chapter Website when available.**

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## COMMUNITY SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

### Gen Andrew Jackson Chapter Luncheon Meeting on 5 September

CDR **Adames** and Nancye **Britton** attended. The Honoree was USAF Col (Ret) Phil Ponder. Carol Ponder & Robert Kiefer did a two-person reader's-theater play telling her father's story: *Ponder Anew; A WWII Warrior's Story*.



Col Ponder & Nancye Britton

Carol Ponder & Robert Kiefer

### MOAA Workshop in Memphis on 15 September

Col **Stevenson**, CDR **Adames**, and CW4 **Gildersleeve** attended this workshop for Council and Chapter Leadership. During the workshop, MOAA President, Lt Gen Dana Adkins, USAF (Ret), formally presented the MOAA Five-star Level of Excellence Award to CDR **Adames**. Also in attendance from MOAA were Ms. Kathy Partain, VP for Marketing and Membership; COL Terri Coles, USA (Ret), Senior Director of Council and Chapter Affairs; and LtCol Aniela Szymanski, USMC (Ret), Director of Government Relations.



Lt Gen Adkins, CDR Adames & Ms. Partain



CW4 Gildersleeve & COL Coles



Col Stevenson, LtCol Szymanski & CW4 Gildersleeve

### Clarksville's 2017 Welcome Home Veterans Celebration

In addition to moving our September meeting to coincide with the POW/MIA Remembrance Day Luncheon, Chapter members were involved in both the planning and the execution of this complex 4-day event.



CDR Steve Singleton Explains the LST to Lt Col Steve Baird

CDR Steve **Singleton** met and assisted the crew of USS LST 325 and coordinated the multiple Color-Guard units participating in the Opening and Wreath Ceremony, and several members--including CDR **Singleton**, Lt Col **Smith**, and Maj **Summers**--volunteered their time to assist with the setup of *The American Veteran Traveling Tribute Wall* at Beachaven and, later, helped visitors locate names on the wall.

Chapter members also supported the Celebration by attending many of the associated events.



Maj Bill Summers and CDR Steve Singleton prepare a wall panel for installation

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT ACTIVITIES



The Opening and Wreath Ceremony at Beachaven was well attended. Chapter members witnessed the arrival of the flag via the air and via multiple color-guard units, including that of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division.



COL Tom & Freida Borlund, Chaplain Eddie Sumbler, Jane and LTC Tim Powers, and Eunice Sumbler

Those in attendance included COL Tom and Freida **Borlund**, Chaplain Eddie and Eunice **Sumbler**, LTC Tim and Jane **Powers**, Sherri **Pickering**, MAJ Vivian **Fivecoat**, CW3 J.C. and Lora **Whitney**, Lt Col Steve and Rosie **Baird**, Maj Bill **Summers**, CDR Steve **Singleton**, and Lt Col J.T. **Smith**. There were several others, but—my apologies—I don't recall who.



Lora and CW3 J.C. Whitney



Don Bailey and Cindy Stonebraker at POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony

The POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony featured a moving address by Cindy Stonebraker, the Daughter of Kenneth Stonebraker, Lt Col USAF, MIA in October, 1968.



Cindy Stonebraker Speaks at POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony

## 2017 Fort Campbell Retiree-Appreciation Day

On Saturday, 30 September, Ft. Campbell hosted its annual retiree-appreciation day. A total of 582 attended the event at the Soldier Support Center.

Our Chapter table was manned at various times by CDR Ivan **Adames**, CDR Steve **Singleton**, LTC Tim **Powers**, and CW4 Monroe **Gildersleeve**.

Two new members were signed up from the local area, and five others from outside our area were referred to Chapters in Bowling Green, Knoxville, Franklin, and East Tennessee.



LTC Tim Powers and MAJ Van Chase

### Who Can Join?

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

### Why Join?

MOAA is the largest and most influential organization protecting the benefits and interests of the soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen protecting our nation now and those who have honorably done so in the past. Members have access to a wide range of services that benefit them while on active duty, during transition, and after separation or retirement. Add your strength to our numbers **NEVER STOP SERVING!**

Join the one military association that is with you every step of the way.



**YES!** Sign me up as a BASIC MOAA Member.

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