

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS



President Ivan Adames

“Here’s to old Kentucky, The State where I was born, Where the corn is full of kernels, And the Colonels full of corn.”—A Kentucky toast.

“The sun shines bright in the old Kentucky Home.”—Stephen Collins Foster, *My Old Kentucky Home*, 1853.

As millions of people traveled to see the coast-to-coast Solar Eclipse and 100,000 viewing tourists came into our Hopkinsville/Clarksville area, the 2017 August moon shine did some super sun shining upon the Fort Campbell Chapter at the Oakland Manor in KY. The Chapter was showered in abundant sunshine with a MOAA Five-Star Levels of Excellence Award, a Four-Star Col Marvin J. Harris Communication Award, and a MOAA Leadership Award to Major Bill **Summers**, USAF (Ret).

Also, we were honored and blessed with the presence of MOAA Board Member, COL Jeri Graham; President of the Kentucky Council of Chapters, COL

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TN: Volunteer Needed

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Danny Young; Commander of American Legion, Post #72, Don Bailey; Executive Director of the Montgomery County Veterans' Coalition, Sherry **Pickering**; National Director of Families of MIA, Cindy Stonebraker; Gold Star Wives Chapter President, Nancy **Mullen**; and our own celebrated author, COL Chuck **Render**. *Bravo Zulu* to the Fort Campbell Chapter

September is a time for everyone to salute the services and sacrifices of America's Military. Our Chapter and other Veterans organizations are participating and assisting as volunteers with the **Welcome Home Veterans Celebration** (13–17 September). **Buy your tickets in advance.** Listen to Bill Robinson, former POW; see the Traveling Tribute Wall, Eyes of Freedom, Field of Honor, LST 325, Parade, Bob Hope Tribute, and American Pride Concert. Also support the DAV golf tournament on the 21st and Retiree Appreciation Day on the 30th.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Topics discussed: Chapter Liability Insurance; upcoming speakers/programs; update of membership roster; Ft. Campbell Retiree Appreciation day; adding other organizational links to website; Welcome Home Veterans Celebration, tickets, luncheon; Welcome Home Veterans Celebration volunteer needs and how to participate; 2018 chapter officer nominations; APSU outstanding alumni luncheon-Oct 21; APSU military alumni chapter dinner-Oct 20; and Nov. 11, Veterans Day parade.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

to help set up the **American Veterans Traveling Tribute Wall** on Sep 13 and to be available at the visitors-information tents on the 14th, 15th and 16th. If you are able to **help** in either capacity, contact CDR Steve **Singleton**.

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PREVIOUS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Sixty-one members and guests gathered at the Oakland Manor. CDR **Adames** welcomed various members and guests, including our speaker, MOAA Board Member, COL Jeri Graham, and President of the Kentucky Council of Chapters, COL Danny and Barbara Young.

Upon completion of the buffet meal, CDR **Adames** gave a short talk on the custom of some Army units to have their own song, specifically mentioning the 101st Airborne Division Screaming Eagles, who celebrate their 75th anniversary this year. He then introduced COL Jeri Graham who was appointed to the MOAA Board of Directors last year after serving as a Chapter President for 7 years and as President of the North Carolina Council of Chapters.

COL Graham expressed fondness for Ft. Campbell. While stationed here, she attended nursing school at the Meharry Medical College in Nashville. She later returned as Chief of Nurses and had the distinction of earning her Air Assault qualification. She stressed the importance of being involved, personally, as veteran advocates and commended Ft. Campbell Chapter for our efforts over the last 2 years to coordinate with other veteran organizations.

Upon completion of her comments, COL Graham presented these MOAA Awards for 2016:

- Five-Star *Levels of Excellence Award* to Ft. Campbell Chapter, accepted by CDR **Adames** (Left)
- Four-Star *Col Marvin J. Harris Communications Award*, accepted by Lt Col J.T. **Smith** (Center)
- *National Leadership Award* to Maj Bill **Summers** (Right)



She then assisted CDR **Adames** in presenting *Chapter "Bravo Zulu" Awards* to Lt Col J. T. **Smith** for his ongoing work on the Chapter web site and newsletter and to the following for their work on State legislation this past year: Maj Bill **Summers**, Nancy **Mullen**, and MAJ Vivian **Fivecoat**.

CDR **Adames** presented COL Graham with a *Certificate of Appreciation* along with some Solar Eclipse swag and Casey Jones Distillery souvenirs. COL Chuck **Render** presented COL Graham with a copy of his book *Brandy: Portrait of an Intelligence Officer*.

CDR **Adames** presented MOAA pins to new Chapter members COL Gary **Chilcott**, LTC Douglas **Cradock**, LTC Ronald **Moss**, and MAJ Mark **Hodges**. Sherry **Pickering** presented a *Certificate of Appreciation* to the Chapter for donations for printing materials for the Welcome Home Veterans Celebration (WHVC). CDR Steve **Singleton** asked for volunteers to support the WHVC Vietnam Memorial display. Don Bailey, American Legion Post #72 Commander, said that our involvement is critical to progress in veterans' issues.

LADIES' ACTIVITIES

**The Next Ladies Luncheon Will be on Thursday, 14 September at
The Harbor Cafe, 2131 Lowe's Drive, Clarksville**

GPS: 36° 34.386' N 87° 17.738' W

R.S.V.P. by noon on Monday, 11 September

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

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Please don't wait to be called; those who do the calling will appreciate it.

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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!**

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