



Wichita Chapter News

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA



April 2021

President's Corner

Dear Members, Spouses and Families of the Wichita Chapter of MOAA,

I trust that each of you had a great Easter and enjoyed time with your family and loved ones. In addition to spending time with my family, I used the time to clean the garage and wash windows. I also took a long bike ride and worked some leg muscles that had been in hibernation for six months.

Our chapter brunch on March 21st was very enjoyable. Despite Spring Break, we had twenty-three attendees. Several members made their first appearance at the meeting since the COVID crisis first began. New member Jerry Gillespie and his wife Rebecca were also in attendance. Our guest speaker was Julie Sanders who made a great presentation on her work involving veteran educational opportunities at Wichita State University. Jeri Shellner also blessed us with some wonderful fudge and brownies for our raffle.

I have talked to several chapter members who are in the process of receiving their COVID shots. I will receive my second dose on April 10th. As more of us receive the vaccine, I anticipate that more of us will be able to attend our monthly meetings. At a recent Kansas Council of Chapters meeting that I attended, I discovered that our chapter is the only chapter in Kansas that has actually conducted in person meetings since the pandemic began. All other chapters have conducted meetings on Zoom which as it turns out was not very successful. This is a testament to our chapter's courage and tenacity. We understand that organizational integrity can only be maintained by shaking hands and looking at each other face to face. And I believe that we will come out of this stronger because of the bonds that we have maintained.

Our next luncheon is Sunday, 18 April, at the Rolling Hills Country Club. If you have any friends or acquaintances who are active duty, retired, or former military officers, please invite them to join us on 18 April. You won't have to worry about paying for their meals. We have implemented a chapter policy to pay for the first meal for all prospective members and one guest. A breakfast buffet will be served at a cost of \$16.00 per person. If possible, pay with a check due to our shortage of on hand cash for change. Derby High School JROTC will be performing the color guard. I look forward to seeing all of you at Rolling Hills on April 18th. Plan to arrive at @1130. Take care and be safe.

Sincerely, John Hughey, LTC, (Ret), USA President

It's Time to Pay Dues to Maintain Chapter Membership

Chapter Treasurer, Maj. Shellie Harmon, says to look for an email letting you know if you have prepaid the 2021 dues, or if it is time to renew. Chapter dues are \$30 for one year; \$55 for two years, and \$80 for three years. Auxiliary members pay \$15 per year. If you did not get a notice, or have any questions, email Major Harmon at sharmon@usd259.net. Please continue to support your chapter.

TROW Meetings are Suspended for the Time Being

Karen Wohlwend, TROW President, said there will be no meetings for the time being. She will let members know when they resume.

Be Sure to Read MOAA's April issue of *Military Officer Magazine*

The magazine is loaded with great features and articles. The cover story highlights the Navy's Blue Angels aerial demonstration team. Other features include Gen. Michael Garrett, U.S. Army, discussing maintaining readiness during a pandemic; Coverage of the "victory gardens" during WWI, and how they are making a comeback today. Also highlighted is a feature on the recipients of MOAA's annual Marix Awards.

Chapter Officers for 2020 – 2021

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