



Wichita Chapter News

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA



December 2021

President's Corner

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

I trust that all of you had a restful and satisfying Thanksgiving. I spent time with my wife and children and probably ate a little too much pie and whipped cream. But I have so much to be thankful for. I have a wonderful wife and two exceptional adult children who bring me great joy. I have a warm bed to sleep in at night and plenty of food. I also have my faith in a God that is greater than any of the problems that may face me in life. And I have hope in the future. Hope is so important to the nourishment of our souls. Our God provides plenty of that hope. And now we have the Christmas season to look forward to. Another season of celebration in redemption, reconciliation, grace, and forgiveness will lift us into next year. I pray that Christmas will bring you hope, peace, and joy and that you will enter 2022 with restored strength and purpose.

The 21 November brunch went very well. Almost 40 people were in attendance. Pleasant Valley Middle School provided a superb Color Guard. Our guest speaker was Mr. Jeff Gaines who is the Casualty Assistance and Survivor Benefits Representative for the 22d Air Refueling Wing. Mr. Gaines provided an insightful presentation on DoD death benefits with particular emphasis on being prepared for death so that your surviving family members are better prepared for the ensuing benefit processes. Thank you to Roy Yenchesky for arranging Mr. Gaines' presentation.

Our next meeting is Sunday, 12 December. We are hoping to have Christmas music for your enjoyment. Greg Willingham is presently arranging for the music.

At present, our 2d Vice President position is open and needs to be filled. The position is responsible for recruiting new members. If anyone is interested, please contact me or talk to me at the next meeting. I look forward to seeing all of you on 12 December. The buffet is \$16 which includes 1 raffle ticket. Further raffle tickets are \$5 for 6 tickets. Please pay with a check due to a shortage of cash for change. You should plan to arrive between 1100 and 1130 in order for you to have time to eat before the program starts at 1215. If you would like to donate a gift for the raffle, it would be appreciated. And please invite anyone who is an active duty, retired, or former officer in the armed forces. As prospective members, the chapter will pay for their meals to include a spouse. See you on the 12th.

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

Express Scripts Announces Pharmacy Co-payment Changes

Beginning January 1, 2022, pharmacy copayments are changing due to a decision made by Congress in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018. According to Express Scripts, all beneficiaries are affected, except active duty service members, dependent survivors of ADSMS, and medically retired service members and their dependents.

Military pharmacies still offer a no-pay for all covered drugs. Active duty service members will still have no payment for covered formulary medications for at home delivery and retail. A 30-day retail generic supply will increase \$1, while a brand name 30-day supply will increase by \$5. A 30-day retail non-formulary price will increase by \$8.

For home delivery, a 90-day supply will increase \$2 while a 90-day supply will increase \$5. And the 90-day non-formulary supply will increase by \$8.

Chapter Officers for 2021 – 2022

PRESIDENT	LTC John Hughey
1 st VICE PRESIDENT	LTC Greg Willingham
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