

WICHITA CHAPTER
MOAA
MILITARY OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

February 7, 2018

Dear MOAA Members,

Post Super bowl, where "Destiny" triumphed over "Dynasty," we find ourselves looking forward to the Winter Olympics, Pyeongchang, South Korea, February 9 – 25. Whether an Eagle or Patriot Fan, We all now Cheer, "Go Team USA!" I hope that you and your family members are well. as you organize tax documents and plan summer adventures. In all endeavors, I pray that You continue to Go For The Gold!

During our **January Brunch Meeting**, Howard "Hutch" Hutchison and Patty Gnefkow highlighted the collaborative efforts of the Vet-To-Vet Support Command (www.v2vsc.org) and the Veterans Providers' Coalition of Sedgwick County (www.vpcsc.org). The organizations facilitate veteran friendships and enhance veteran living conditions. If you would like to serve in their mission, please contact "Hutch" by calling 316-644-3385, 316-249-8465(hm) or emailing heartlandwest@gmail.com. If you prefer, you can contact Patty by calling 316-992-2247 or emailing patty@v2vsc.org.

According to the 22 Medical Group, McConnell Air Force Base, the base pharmacy changed its queing system on February 5. In an effort to reduce the time that an individual stands in-line to pick-up medication, all patients (even those who utilize the call-in refill line) will pull a machine generated ticket, take a seat, and wait to be called to the counter for service. beneficiaries may experience delays as the clinic works out "kinks," however, the medications are

provided with no charge. In other news, on February 1,

Tricare increased copayments for prescription medications dispensed in retail pharmacies. www.Tricare.mil/pharmacycosts displays the new copayment amounts.

budgetary uncertainty adds additional stress to veterans who seek care from the VA healthcare network. The Veterans Choice Program, established in 2014 as a short-term address to massive wait times of veterans who need healthcare, continues to operate. the goal, however, to consolidate all VA Community health programs requires steady funding. In its February 2 posting, MOAA.org asks for email submissions from individuals who have a story of how the recent government shutdown or funding fixes have impacted their healthcare. Please review the entire posting by visiting moaa.org, "Veterans Healthcare on Life Support." Please email your story to legis@moaa.org.

Wichita Chapter MOAA JROTC Scholarship Applications are available on the Wichita Community Foundation Website (www.wichitacf.org). The electronic application must be submitted by February 15, 2018, 23:59. Applicants should be accepted by the University of their choice and enrolling in Fall 2018 classes. Application packages will be reviewed by and funds disbursed in collaboration with the Wichita Community Foundation Board Members.

Election of Wichita Chapter Officers will be held during the April 15 Meeting. If you are interested in serving in a Leadership position, Please, contact the nominating Committee Members:

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Terry Berk, Chairperson; Walt Nelson or Donna Morrison.

Thank You for paying your Chapter dues and updating your Contact Information. The 2018 Roster will be available soon. Please join me in commending LTC Inman for his extra efforts in completing the administrative tasks.

Please Welcome **New Members:**

Col (R) Mark L. Segovia, USAR
LTC (R) Greg Willingham, USA
Mrs. Phyllis Haught, (Surviving Spouse of
MG Jim Haught)

Please Congratulate the following members who have been **promoted:**

To Brig Gen, Albert G. Miller, USAF
LTC, Deborah L. Balentine, USAF

Please plan to attend The **MOAA Brunch Membership Meeting** scheduled for

Sunday, February 18, 2018
Rolling Hills Country Club
Buffet Brunch 11:00 a.m.
Membership Meeting 12:45 p.m.

Sara Rasmussen and Lisa Klaassen from **Wichita Park and Recreation** will provide information on recreational and Leisure programs that are offered in Sedgwick County. Wichita Park and Recreation seeks "to protect the health, safety and well-being of all who live and work in the community."

Your input is welcome. Email all concerns to me Michael.dillard@cox.net. Additionally, Please save **the dates for upcoming MOAA Meetings: March 18; April 15; and May 20.**

Sincerely,
Michael L. Dillard, President

