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BY LT. COL. MICHAEL R. GEORGE

DEAR MOAA MEMBERS,

**Happy New Year!* Welcome to 2019. I sincerely hope your Christmas was merry and your New Year came in safe and healthy. Unfortunately, it appears our government is off to a rocky start for the year. I hope by the time you read this the Democrats and Republicans have negotiated a settlement and the government is back to funded and fully operating. If not, I'm afraid we're in for a turbulent two years until the 2020 elections. At least for most of us in MOAA our monthly pay and benefits will continue uninterrupted.*

As for happenings in our chapter, LTC Roy Yenchesky has volunteered to be our acting Surviving Spouse Coordinator until a permanent volunteer is found. This will keep us competitive for earning a 5-Star rating again. This will be our 12th consecutive award! Please thank Roy when you see him. Further, we enjoyed an excellent musical program from the Northwest HS string ensemble at our December meeting. Thank you LTC John Hughey for arranging for the performance and for the other excellent speakers he's arranged for last year and the coming year. The presentation this month will be by the JROTC and Leadership Programs cadet staff. Each cadet will provide a brief bio and then an update of what the programs did in 2018 and plans for 2019. Finally, please join me in keeping Maj. Earl Shellner, our chapter secretary, in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers from back surgery. Best wishes for success and a full recovery.

As with every New Year, individuals and organizations have or make resolutions or goals for the coming year. I've included a list of MOAA's goals for 2019. You'll find them on page 2 of this newsletter. A full description of the goals can be found [online](http://www.moaa.org/2019Goals/) at <http://www.moaa.org/2019Goals/>. Please help MOAA achieve these goals by contacting our

Congressman/Senators and advocating for the achievement of these goals, if the subject moves you. AS ALWAYS, YOUR INPUT IS ALWAYS WELCOME. EMAIL ALL CONCERNS TO ME AT M2GEORGE55@GMAIL.COM. ALSO, PLEASE SAVE THE DATES FOR UPCOMING MO@@ MEETINGS: 20 Jan, 17 Feb, 17 Mar, 14 Apr and 19 May.

Please Pay Your Chapter Dues

DUES FOR 2019 ARE DUE. OUR TREASURER, MAJ. SHELLIE HARMON, REMINDS US THAT THE COST IS \$30 FOR ONE YEAR; \$55 FOR TWO YEARS, AND \$80 FOR THREE YEARS. SO FAR MORE THAN 30 MEMBERS HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE DEAL WHICH LOWERS THE COST OF A 2-YEAR MEMBERSHIP BY \$5, AND A SAVINGS OF \$10 ON THE 3-YEAR PROGRAM. YOU CAN MAIL YOUR DUES TO: WICHITA MO@@ P.O. Box 780292, WICHITA, KS 67278.

TROW'S JANUARY BRUNCH

THE RETIRED OFFICERS WIVES CLUB WILL MEET JAN. 18 AT THE DERBY OLIVE GARDEN AT 11:30 A.M. THIS IS A FRIENDSHIP LUNCHEON, MEANING NO PROGRAM, NOT MEETING. EVERYONE ORDERS AND PAYS FOR THEIR OWN MEAL. IT IS A TIME TO JUST CATCH UP ON FRIENDSHIPS. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU THERE. CALL KAREN WOHLWEND, PRESIDENT, AT 788-9308 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND.

MO@@ CHAPTER MEETING BRUNCH

OUR MONTHLY CHAPTER BRUNCH AND MEETING WILL BE JAN. 20, AT THE ROLLING HILLS COUNTRY CLUB. THE MEETING FEATURES PRESENTATIONS BY THE JROTC AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS CADET STAFF. THEY INCLUDE: CADET COLONEL ZERRICK NANCE, EAST HIGH SCHOOL. CADET LT. COLONEL GRANT HARTER, SOUTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL, CADET COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR LYNSEY FLEMING FROM NORTH HIGH SCHOOL, CADET COLONEL TABITHA BARGER FROM DERBY HIGH SCHOOL. PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT THESE OUTSTANDING CADETS.

BRUNCH BEGINS AT 11:30 A.M., AND THE PROGRAM STARTS AT 12:45.

MOAA's Advocacy Mission:
Legislative Goals for 2019

- Ensure any TRICARE reform sustains access to top-quality care.
- Prevent disproportional TRICARE fee increases.
- Sustain military pay comparability with the private sector.
- Stop erosion of compensation and non-pay quality-of-life benefits.
- End financial penalties for military survivors.
- End concurrent receipt penalties for military retirees.
- Achieve equity of benefits for Guard and Reserve members with their active duty counterparts.
- Strengthen DoD-VA collaboration and services to support wounded warriors and an expanding population of women veterans.
- Ensure timely access to service-earned VA benefits.
- Protect military and veteran family support programs and policies.

RECENT DERBY JROTC @CTIVITIES

LAST MONTH THE DERBY @FJROTC COMPETED IN THE 10TH @NNUAL TITAN DRILL MEET IN LEE'S SUMMIT, MO. NINETEEN SCHOOLS FROM FOUR STATES COMPETED. DERBY BROUGHT HOME THREE 1ST PLACE TROPHIES AND ONE THIRD-PLACE. DERBY'S DRILL TEAM ALSO PLACED IN THE WICHITA CITY LEAGUE DRILL SEASON. THEY TOOK FIRST IN THE @RMED COLOR GUARD AND UNARMED REGULATION DRILL, ALONG WITH 2ND PLACE IN THE UNARMED COLOR GUARD. TWENTY CADETS 3 STAFF MEMBERS TOOK PART IN THE PEARL HARBOR CEREMONY AT DERBY HIGH SCHOOL, AND 18 CADETS VOLUNTEERED TO HELP WITH THE WINETEER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WINTER CARNIVAL

CONTINUING TO SERVE

EACH YEAR OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS SERVE THOUSANDS OF HOURS IN VOLUNTEER SERVICES TO THEIR CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS AND TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES. WE'D LIKE TO MAKE SURE OTHERS IN THE CHAPTER KNOW HOW YOU CONTINUE TO SERVE BY PUBLISHING YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER. JUST SEND YOUR INFORMATION TO MAJ. EARL SHELLNER AT EARLSHELLNERJR@GMAIL.COM. OR CALL 733-0912. THIS INFORMATION ALSO HELPS OUR CHAPTER PRESIDENT PREPARE THE 5-STAR SUBMISSION APPLICATION WHICH IS COMING DUE THIS MARCH. YOUR HELP WITH THIS EFFORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

@LSO, IF YOU CELEBRATED A BIRTHDAY DURING THE PAST YEAR AND DID NOT RECEIVE A CARD FROM THE CHAPTER, PLEASE LET US KNOW. IT MAY BE JUST A SIMPLE MATTER OF NOT HAVING YOUR BIRTHDATE. PLEASE SEND THAT INFORMATION TO EARL AT EARLSHELLNERJR@GMAIL.COM.

YOUR 2018-2019 CHAPTER OFFICERS

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SURVEY MONKEY

FROM TIME TO TIME OUR CHAPTER PRESIDENT SENDS OUT A SURVEY TO ASSESS THE THOUGHTS OF CHAPTER MEMBERS CONCERNING A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES. @ RECENT SURVEY REVEALED A GREAT NUMBER OF MEMBERS WANT TO CONTINUE PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS TO JROTC STUDENTS. HELP US OUT BY RESPONDING TO THOSE SURVEYS WHEN THEY APPEAR IN YOUR EMAIL. THANKS.