

**WICHITA CHAPTER**  
**MOAA**  
**MILITARY OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**

APRIL 6, 2018

DEAR MOAA FAMILY,

DURING APRIL, AS MANY ORGANIZATIONS CELEBRATE VOLUNTEERISM, I EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO EACH OF YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN WICHITA CHAPTER MILITARY OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (MOAA) ACTIVITIES. THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE MONTHLY MEETING—INFORMING AND ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER. IN ADDITION, THANK YOU FOR YOUR MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF JROTC CADET ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS.

THE WICHITA CHAPTER OF MOAA IS NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED FOR OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE DUE TO THE DEDICATION OF A FEW MEMBERS. PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING THE MEMBERS OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE—TERRY BERK (CHAIRPERSON), WALT NELSON, AND DONNA MORRISON. THE EXTRA EFFORTS OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ENSURE THAT OUR CHAPTER IS APPROPRIATELY ORGANIZED AND THAT THIS GROUP FULFILLS ITS PRIMARY PURPOSE—“TO PROVIDE USEFUL SERVICES FOR MEMBERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS AND SURVIVORS, AND TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY AND THE NATION.”

WE ALSO OWE A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE **2017-2018 WICHITA CHAPTER MOAA EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS—**  
**LTC (R) MICHAEL GEORGE, 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT;**  
**LTC (R) PAUL INMAN, 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT;**  
**LTC (R) JOHN HUTTER, SECRETARY (PART-YEAR); MAJOR (R) SHELLIE HARMON, TREASURER;**  
**MRS. DONNA MORRISON, SURVIVING SPOUSE LIASON (PART-YEAR); AND DIRECTORS: LTC (R) ROY YENCHESKY, LCDR (R) JOHN HYDE, AND MAJOR (R) EARL SHELLNER.** LTC GEORGE ASSESSED MEMBER INTERESTS AND INVITED GUESTS TO OUR MEETINGS THAT ADDED VALUE TO OUR LIVES AND INCREASED OUR KNOWLEDGE OF LOCAL SERVICES. LTC INMAN DEDICATED NUMEROUS HOURS TO MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT AND ORGANIZATIONAL RECORDKEEPING IMPROVEMENTS.

LTC HUTTER PHOTOGRAPHED THE EVENTS AND PROVIDED TECHNOLOGICAL SUPPORT FOR ELECTRONIC PRESENTATIONS. MAJOR HARMON ACCEPTED DUES, COORDINATED BRUNCH PAYMENTS, AND MAINTAINED ALL FINANCIAL RECORDS. WHILE AVAILABLE, MRS. MORRISON LINKED THE MOAA WICHITA CHAPTER WITH SURVIVING SPOUSES—PROVIDING INFORMATION AND SUPPORT TO INDIVIDUALS WHO LIVE IN THIS AREA. LTC YENCHESKY, LCDR HYDE, AND MAJOR SHELLNER PROVIDED BENEFICIAL GUIDANCE AND ADVICE. FOR CERTAIN, THE INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS OF A FEW MEMBERS COMBINED FOR OUR GOOD. IT HAS BEEN MY HONOR TO SERVE ALONGSIDE THIS TEAM AS THE WICHITA CHAPTER PRESIDENT.

MIDWEST BATTLE BUDDIES CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS TO PROVIDE SERVICE DOGS AND TRAINING TO U.S. MILITARY VETERANS WHO NEED ANIMALS IN ORDER TO LEAD QUALITY LIVES. PLEASE VISIT [WWW.MIDWESTBATTLEBUDDIES.ORG](http://WWW.MIDWESTBATTLEBUDDIES.ORG) IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN MAKING A DONATION THROUGH GOFUNDME OR PAYPAL; THE WEBSITE ALSO INCLUDES INFORMATION FOR THOSE WHO MAY BE INTERESTING IN VOLUNTEERING.

AS YOU TRAVEL, PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF “MILITARY DISCOUNT” RATES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO ACTIVE DUTY AND RETIRED SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES. ACCORDING TO MOAA.ORG, LARGE CHAINS—LA QUINTA, HILTON HOTELS, RED ROOF, AND MARRIOTT—OFFER PERCENTAGES OFF OF LODGING RESERVATIONS, ROOM UPGRADES, AND/OR FREE NIGHTS. PLEASE SELECT THE “BENEFITS AND DISCOUNTS” TAB ON THE WEBPAGE FOR COMPLETE DETAILS AND ONLINE PROMO CODES.

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OF ADDITIONAL INTEREST, AMTRAK OFFERS A 15% SENIOR DISCOUNT TO TRAVELERS WHO ARE 62 YEARS AND OLDER. PLEASE CALL (800) 872-7245 FOR DETAILS.

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ARE NOMINATED TO SERVE AS **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2018-2019:**

**PRESIDENT:** LTC (R) MICHAEL GEORGE

**1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT:** LTC (R) JOHN HUGHEY

**2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT:** LTC (R) GREG WILLINGHAM

**SECRETARY:** MAJ (R) EARL SHELLNER

**TREASURER:** MAJ (R) SHELLIE HARMON

**DIRECTORS:** LTC (R) ROY YENCHESKY

LCDR (R) JOHN HYDE

MAJ (R) ANDY TRAGER

THE WICHITA CHAPTER ELECTION IS SCHEDULED FOR THE **APRIL 15 MEMBERSHIP MEETING.**

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THE **MOAA BRUNCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING** SCHEDULED FOR

**SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018**  
**ROLLING HILLS COUNTRY CLUB**  
**BUFFET BRUNCH 11:00 A.M.**  
**MEMBERSHIP MEETING 12:45 P.M.**

**DR. AMY BRAGG CAREY, PRESIDENT OF FRIENDS UNIVERSITY** SINCE JULY 2015, WILL SHARE HER INSIGHT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF HIGHER EDUCATION. IN ADDITION, DR. BRAGG WILL PROVIDE DETAILS OF THE FRIENDS UNIVERSITY LEARNING EXPERIENCE.

SINCERELY,

MICHAEL L. DILLARD, PRESIDENT

