

WICHITA CHAPTER
MOAA
MILITARY OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

MAY 10, 2018

DEAR MOAA FAMILY,

AS WE WRAP UP THE WICHITA CHAPTER MOAA BOARD YEAR, I THANK YOU FOR ELECTING ME TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT (MAY 2016 – MAY 2018). TOGETHER, WE HAVE JOURNEYED THROUGH BUDGETARY CHALLENGES AND SPOKEN UP IN EFFORTS TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE VETERAN AND ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICEMEMBER BENEFITS. AGAIN, I THANK EACH WICHITA CHAPTER EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICER FOR HIS AND HER DEDICATION—ADJUSTING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES AND IMPROVING RECORDKEEPING. BY PROVIDING USEFUL SERVICE, EACH OFFICER CONTRIBUTED TO THE CHAPTER'S EARNING NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE. AT THIS TIME, I ALSO THANK THE CALLERS: **LTC (R) WILLIAM BEAVER; MRS. SUE BUSH** (WIFE OF WILLIAM); **COL (R) RICHARD GILMARTIN; MRS. CAROLYN HOPKINS; LCDR (R) JOHN HYDE; CDR (R) JAY MCLEOD; MAJ (R) LEROY & MRS. JOY MEYER; MAJ (R) WALT NELSON; MAJ (R) EARL & MRS. JERI SHELLNER; MRS. PATTI SULLIVAN; AND LTC (R) JAMES & MRS. KAREN WOHLWEND**. EACH INDIVIDUAL ADDED VALUE TO OUR ASSOCIATION BY FIRST SERVING AS A POINT OF CONTACT—INFORMING AND INVITING EACH MEMBER TO THE MONTHLY BRUNCH MEETING—AND THEN, BY ACCEPTING MEETING ATTENDANCE INFORMATION AND RELAYING RESERVATION DETAILS TO ME. ON SOME OCCASIONS, CALLERS ALSO PROVIDED FEEDBACK OF MEMBER CONCERNS. THE CRITICAL CARE PROVIDED BY EACH CALLER IS OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE TO THE SUCCESS OF THE WICHITA CHAPTER. PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO EXPRESS YOUR GRATITUDE FOR THEIR FRIENDLY COMMUNICATIONS.

SINCE AUGUST 2011, I HAVE SERVED AS A BOARD MEMBER IN THIS CHAPTER AND HAVE LEARNED AND GROWN WISER FROM MY EXPERIENCES. CURRENTLY, I AM WORKING WITH LT COL GEORGE TO ENSURE A SMOOTH LEADERSHIP TRANSITION. I WILL REMAIN AN ACTIVE MEMBER, SERVING WITH YOU AND

SUPPORTING THE NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD. JEANENE AND I APPRECIATE YOUR FRIENDSHIP.

HEALTHNET, TRICARE WEST NEW CONTRACTOR, EXPERIENCED MANY CHALLENGES WITH CUSTOMER CALL CENTERS, ITS WEBSITE, PATIENT ENROLLMENTS, AND BILLING PROCEDURES. A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN TO FIX KEY ISSUES HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. UNSATISFACTORY CALL CENTER EXPERIENCES AND THE MORE THAN 70,000 BACKLOGGED REFERRALS ARE TARGETED (MOAA, MAY 2018)

WITH THE GOAL OF REDUCING MEDICATION ERRORS, THE NON-PROFIT ADVISORY GROUP, U.S. PHARMACOPEIA (USP), HAS BEEN INFLUENCING A REDESIGN OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG LABELS. THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA) INTRODUCED A SIMPLER LABEL IN 2013 AND CVS PHARMACIES HOPES TO HAVE A CLEARER LABEL ON ALL PRESCRIPTION BOTTLES BY MIDSUMMER. THOUGH EACH STATE HAS ITS OWN REQUIREMENTS, IT IS EXPECTED THAT ALL NEW LABELS WILL BE EASIER TO READ AND FEATURE THE PATIENT NAME, MEDICATION, AND DOSING INSTRUCTION IN BOLD-FACED TYPE (AARP BULLETIN, MAY 2018).

THE OLD TOWN FARMER'S MARKET, FARM AND ART PLAZA (CORNER OF 1ST AND MOSLEY), IS OPEN SATURDAY MORNINGS. DURING THE SUMMER HOURS (FROM MID-APRIL THROUGH OCTOBER, 7:00 A.M. TO NOON), YOU CAN PICK-UP LOCALLY GROWN PRODUCE AND PURCHASE LOCALLY RAISED BEEF, PORK, AND POULTRY ITEMS. YOU CAN ALSO ENJOY BRUNCH AT THE "IN SEASON BISTRO." THE FARM-TO-TABLE EATERY USES THE FRESHEST INGREDIENTS; THE MENU, PUBLISHED WEEKLY, IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE: WWW.OLDTOWNFARMERSMARKET.COM.

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THE WICHITA METRO AREA'S NEWEST ATTRACTION, FIELD STATION DINOSAUR PARK (2999 N. ROCK ROAD, DERBY), IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN ON MAY 26, 10 A.M. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS RELEASE, THE 14-ACRE PARK FEATURES OVER 40 MOVING AND ROARING ANIMATRONIC AND HAND-MADE DINOSAURS. FAMILIES CAN SPEND THE DAY EXPLORING WALKING TRAILS, PARTICIPATING IN WORKSHOPS, OR ENJOYING SHOWS AND GAMES. JURASSIC GOLF (A PUTT-PUTT GOLF COURSE) IS ALSO AVAILABLE. GENERAL ADMISSION IS LESS THAN \$20. PER PERSON. ADDITIONAL FEES ARE CHARGED FOR GOLF AND SOME ADVENTURES. PLEASE VISIT: WWW.KANSASDINOS.COM TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION OR TO PURCHASE TICKETS.

RIVERFEST IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 1 - 9. VISIT WWW.WICHITARIVERFEST.COM FOR DETAILS.

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

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018

ROLLING HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

BUFFET BRUNCH 11:00 A.M.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING 12:45 P.M.

WICHITA CHAPTER MILITARY OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL BE INSTALLED. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE ELECTED TO SERVE IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS DURING BOARD YEAR 2018 - 2019:

LTC (R) MICHAEL GEORGE, PRESIDENT

LTC (R) JOHN HUGHEY, 1ST V. PRESIDENT

LTC (R) GREG WILLINGHAM, 2ND V. PRESIDENT

MAJ (R) EARL SHELLNER, SECRETARY

MAJ (R) SHELLIE HARMON, TREASURER

DIRECTORS: LTC (R) ROY YENCHESKY

LCDR (R) JOHN HYDE

MAJ (R) ANDY TRAGER

WE WILL ALSO PRESENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS TO THE FOLLOWING CADETS:

MAKAYLA PETTRIESS, SOUTHEAST, \$3000.00

OKERA CORNER, HEIGHTS, \$2,500.00

SAMARIA RICHARD, HEIGHTS, \$2,500.00

AND

SARAH THOMPSON, DERBY, \$2000.00

COL JAMES SNYDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

SINCERELY,

MICHAEL L. DILLARD, PRESIDENT

