



Wichita Chapter News

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President's Corner

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

Happy October to all members of the MOAA Wichita Chapter. Fall is quickly approaching, and I am truly looking forward to cool, crisp evening air and sitting by a fireplace sipping hot cocoa. If you have a sprinkler system in your yard, remember to clean out your systems. Also remember to take the hoses off of your outside faucets and cover the faucet with an insulated cover that you can purchase at a hardware store. This is especially true for those of you who do not have frost free water valves. Fall is also a great time to plant bulbs for next Spring.

Our first chapter brunch of the year was Sunday, 19 September and we had a great turnout. Over 40 people were in attendance. The colors were presented by the Northwest High School JROTC. Our guest speaker, Bucky Walters, entertained us with a great comedy routine. Everyone in attendance was laughing hysterically. My four color guard cadets even enjoyed the routine. Thank you to Earl and Jeri Shellner for arranging the entertainment. Many great gifts were given away in the raffle to include wine, body care products, and sweets.

Our next meeting is Sunday, 17 October. Greg Willingham, our 1st Vice President, has arranged for Colonel John Buckley, the human relations manager at Koch Industries, to speak. Colonel Buckley has a reputation for being an outstanding speaker and is knowledgeable on many different topics. I am sure that you will enjoy his presentation. The West High School JROTC will be presenting the colors.

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 17 October. The buffet is \$16. 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 17th. Sincerely, John Hughey, LTC, (Ret), USA, President

Biography for the October Luncheon Speaker

Col. John C. Buckley II, U.S. Army (Ret), is a veteran, career coach, mentor, author, and an expert in the field of military-to-civilian career transition. He currently assists Koch companies to develop and implement recruiting and retention programs for military veterans and people with criminal records. Prior to initiating his civilian career, he commanded infantry soldiers in combat and peacekeeping operations and directed two of the Army's most prestigious schools.

He also teaches transition courses, gives seminar presentations, writes about the barriers to military-to-private sector career transition and re-entry, and continues to mentor current and former military personnel. His recent article "Dance with the One Who Brung Ya," was published in Military Review by Army University Press. You can email him at veterans@kochgs.com.

TROW News and Information

Sue Bush, the president of TROW reports their meeting is Oct. 15, at the Scotch and Sirloin for a luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. The menu and program will be announced when members are called for reservations. Sue also stated TROW is sad to announce the loss of a member, Sue Longworth, who passed away Sept. 26. Her service was Oct. 4 at the Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Wichita.

Wichita JROTC Cadets Keep a Busy Schedule

Col. Robert Hester, JROTC Director for Wichita Public Schools reports that cadets throughout the city. On Aug.27, East High School provided a Color Guard for the opening and closing of the U.S. Naturalization Ceremony in Wichita. And on Aug. 28, more than 100 middle school Leadership Cadets participated in a drill camp to improve their marching skills. Several JROTC programs and the Corps Staff helped in making this a very successful training event said Colonel Hester.

On Sept. 17, Marshall Leadership provided the Color Guard for returning Veterans from their Honor Flight. Also, that day, Pleasant Valley Leadership provided the Color Guard for the opening ceremony of La Familia Heritage Month

On Sept. 17, the first Orienteering competition for the season was conducted at Pawnee Prairie Park with 90 cadets from nine Kansas schools participating. Two cadet teams plotted on a map and located seven points on a two-mile course. Northwest High School had the top teams in the male and female categories, while North High School claimed the Co-Ed category. On Sept. 25, cadets from Heights High School took first place in the Gantlet Competition and 2nd in the Obstacle Course at the Raider meet.

Cadets From Derby High School AFJROTC Begin a Busy Fall Season

Col. Michael Dillard, Director of AFJROTC programs at Derby High School reports cadets at the school participated in a number of programs during the past month. On Sept.10, cadets conducted a Patriot Day (9/11) Ceremony in honor of those who gave their lives on that tragic day. Also on Sept. 10, 43 Derby cadets sponsored the annual Armed Forces Appreciation Night. Cadets passed out patriotic bandanas to fans and escorted active duty military, Guard, and Reserve personal to their seats.

On Sept. 17, The Derby High School Color Guard presented colors at the return of the Kansas Honor Flight veterans. The next day, Derby cadets, in partnership with the Derby Rotary Club, painted a map of the United States on the playground at Cooper Elementary School. It will serve to enhance geography lessons at the school. On Sept. 22, cadets participated in the Derby Education Foundation Rededication Ceremony for Memorial Pavers. The Color Guard presented the colors, the Saber Team presented an arch over the pavers and provided a formation for the ceremony.

On Sept. 29, 39 Derby cadets volunteered to oversee over 700 third-graders through exercise stations at the annual Kansas Kids Fitness Day. And on Oct. 2, eight cadets volunteered to help clean up and teardown after the Wichita Woof Stock 2021 Kansas Humane Society Event.

Chapter Officers for 2021 – 2022

PRESIDENT	LTC John Hughey
1 st VICE PRESIDENT	LTC Greg Willingham
2 nd VICE PRESIDENT	(Presently vacant)
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