

Ozark Empire News

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Chapter Mission Statement: To stimulate patriotism in our community and serve those who hold or have ever held a warrant or commission in any of the seven uniformed services, as well as their surviving spouses. The Ozark Empire Military Officers Association of America (OEMOAA) is an affiliate of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA).

A Word from the Chapter President

Welcome to 2021! Let me greet you, as the newly elected and installed President of the Ozark Empire chapter. It is truly an honor to be entrusted with this responsibility. I hope that we can all look back in a year or two, and agree that the venture has been worth it.

Let me address the State of the Chapter. We have an active chapter. We are what MOAA National calls a 'knife and fork' chapter, meaning that we meet for meals and a time of fellowship. We have some community outreach, but our primary chapter events are centered around the dinner table. Nothing wrong with that, but if we aren't careful, interest can ebb sharply. We have been through a tough time in 2020. We weren't able to meet for several months, and now that we are again able to gather, our numbers are down, and that's understandable. It is vital that we maintain our membership numbers. As of last accounting, around 30 members have renewed for 2021, and there were about 15 or 16 who have not done so. I am told that a sustaining membership of 30, is going to make it difficult for us to keep going. It is imperative for each of us to do all we can to foster interest, and to continue to recruit new members.

Col Samples, Col Bridges, along with those who assist them, are doing a fine job keeping touch with ROTC and JROTC units in our area schools and universities. That is an important task, as it helps encourage development of leadership potential in the younger generation – something that we know is vital. Our thanks to those gentlemen and their dedication.

Becky Hutchings has taken on the role of Surviving Spouse Liaison. I know that we have several surviving spouses in our membership, and as time marches on, we may gain more. Her efforts to coordinate outreach, maintain open lines of communication, and provide assistance where possible, is greatly appreciated.

As a chapter, we intend to continue to meet monthly at Twin Oaks Country Club, as long as all parties continue to permit such meetings to take place. We will continue to observe all required and appropriate measures of physical safety and health, and encourage all who feel comfortable and safe to attend as they are able. People are meant for community, and we are all uplifted and encouraged by social contact with others.

In other news, our chapter now has a social media presence. A new group page has been created on Facebook, called, appropriately enough, **Ozark Empire Chapter**, **Military Officers Association of America**. Feel free to check it out, and Like our page. We will try to keep it current with news of upcoming meetings, and other important items of interest to our members.

Ron McCall, OEMOAA Chapter President

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Legislative Update – February 2021

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Legislative Affairs Chair,
Ozark Empire Chapter
Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)
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1. <u>Missouri 101st General Assembly Convenes:</u>

On Wednesday, January 6, 2021, the Missouri Senate and Missouri House of Representatives 101st General Assembly, 1st Regular Session convened. Following are our initial legislative areas of interest:

- Promote legislation to fully regulate predatory lending practices (payday loans, title loans, etc.) at state, county and city levels.
- **Provide Servicemember Civil Relief Act (SCRA) protections** to National Guard members and families called to state duty. (HB182)
- Revenue from legalization of marijuana creates a tax, similar to the current cigarette tax, to be levied upon the sale or transfer of marijuana. The money from such tax shall be deposited in the General Revenue Fund. (HB263)
- Licensing Reciprocity for training and education of military members, spouses and families. (HB476.) This bill includes a Military Occupational Specialty as a type of licensure when applying for licensure in Missouri in the same occupation under Missouri's Reciprocity Laws.
- **Property tax exemption** for certain veterans and military members. (HJR3 this specific legislation only pertains to a military veteran who has a total service-connected disability).
 - (HJR10 exempts \$2500 from the total assessed property valuation for veterans who have received a 30% to 49% disability rating from the Department of Veterans Affairs, \$5000 from the total assessed property valuation for veterans who have received a 50% to 69% disability rating from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and a total exemption of all assessed property for veterans who have received at least a 70% disability rating from the Department of Veterans Affairs
- Create the state Department of Defense under the charge of the Adjutant General appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, charged with providing the state militia and other defense and security mechanisms as may be required. (HJR6) (SB198) (SJR7)

The above list of Missouri legislative initiatives is a consolidated list of some of the most relevant issues. There are additional legislative initiatives impacting active military, National Guard, Reserve Components, Retirees, Spouses, and families. Please contact your elected representatives (state Senators and Representatives) to encourage their support for issues affecting us. Following are links you can follow for additional information:

Missouri House of Representatives - Home (mo.gov)

Missouri Senate – Missouri General Assembly (mo.gov)

Legislative Update (Cont'd)

2. FY 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA):

The FY 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) has been implemented. You can say that we (MOAA) were somewhat successful in our efforts to have the medical billet cuts delayed until further review. However, the writing is on the wall. We'll see if the new administration carries through on its proposed policies that would ensure the military health care system, including care for families, would be a key priority. Biden has pledged that "DOD should not begin any transition of beneficiaries and retirees until further review... to ensure that the health care capacity and capabilities of the civilian infrastructure in nearby communities can support a transition....that any such transfer does not lower the quality of their healthcare". Remember military healthcare is an "earned benefit" (calculated in Total Military Compensation calculations).

The bill includes several MOAA-backed provisions

- One provision (Section 717) addresses medical billet cuts by prohibiting DoD and the services from reducing medical end strength authorizations for 180 days following enactment of the bill. It also requires DoD to conduct a review of medical manpower requirements that specifically considers the homeland defense mission and DoD's role in a pandemic influenza response, in addition to all other national defense strategy scenarios.
- The other provision (Section 718) increases requirements for implementation plans for each MTF slated for restructure or realignment. It also requires DoD to certify to the congressional defense committees that a covered beneficiary affected by restructure or realignment of a MTF would have access to health care services through the purchased care component of the TRICARE program.
- This provision prohibits MTF restructuring from moving forward for 180 days following the date Congress receives the implementation plans and notice of certification or the date of enactment of the FY 2021 NDAA, whichever comes later.

However, another provision of the NDAA allows the Defense Health Agency (DHA) to resume the transfer of management of all military medical facilities to the Defense Health Agency, with a goal of completing the transition by Sept. 30, 2021. On December 9th, Military health officials have said they resumed this transfer process.

MOAA, having reviewed the NDAA in its entirety, MOAA believes it strongly supports servicemembers and their families and will provide for an organized and well-equipped force.

3. FY22 National Defense Authorization Act

As we gear up for the FY22 NDAA, our chapters and MOAA are preparing to engage on continuing legislative issues. Our nation has a rising debt of more than \$27 trillion, and a deficit of more than \$3 trillion. In view of this, MOAA anticipates robust attempts to control federal budgets, reduce or eliminate unprogrammed expenditures, and reduce earned benefits. The new administration has made suggestions of a 10% reduction in defense spending. Typically, the bulk of the cuts are aimed at military personnel expenses, medical benefits, cuts to retiree earned benefits and family support programs. There may also be some legacy weapons systems that will be curtailed or not replaced.

Here are MOAA's priorities for advocacy as the 117th Congress begins its work. Our focus remains on all eight of the uniformed services and their service-earned entitlements.

- As protecting health care and service-earned benefits continues to be a challenge, MOAA will press forward in engaging Congress to shape outcomes in these vital areas.
- MOAA needs you to be at the ready to reach out to your legislators, and keep that engagement going as needed to make sure your voice is heard.
- Our priorities may be updated, as warranted, during the next two years this Congress is in session. Together, we can succeed.
- 1. Protect the value of Military Healthcare
- 2. Prevent additional TRICARE Co-pays, Prevent cuts to Pharmacy earned benefits

Legislative Update (Cont'd)

- 3. Support concurrent receipt for all disabled military retirees. Act now to support concurrent receipt of both military retired pay and veterans' disability compensation, regardless of VA disability rating. Support H.R. 5995, the Maj. Richard Star Act, and the companion S. 3393 -- which would provide concurrent receipt for servicemembers unable to complete 20 years of service due to their combat-related injuries. Help ensure these men and women get their full service-earned retirement, as well as their disability compensation from the VA.
- 4. HR 847 Protecting Gold Star Spouses Act. Through our local efforts, we have obtained congressman Long's agreement to co-sponsor HR 847, Protecting Gold Star Spouses Act. During the government shutdown last year, in addition to the Coast Guard losing continuity of pay and benefits, Gold Star beneficiaries were also affected. We are certainly appreciative of congressman Long's support and co-sponsorship.
- 5. Protect Family Support Programs (Housing, PCS, Child Care)
- 6. Achieve Equity of Benefits, Protections and Administrative Support for Guard and Reserve Members consistent with their Active Duty Counterparts
- 7. Sustain Pay Raises for Servicemembers and COLA Raises for Retirees

4. Congressional Budget Office (CBO), Options for Reducing the Deficit: 2021 to 2030:

Last month, we discussed the potential impacts of the CBO, which the bean counters in the Pentagon will be using as a guide to develop options to reduce mandatory and discretionary spending, along with plans to increase federal revenue. Of the 83 options, MOAA identified 13 you should know – items that, if enacted, could cost retirees, veterans, or those now in uniform quite a bit, all in the name of finding solutions to reduce our national deficit.

Here's the focused list by category:

Mandatory Spending

- Introduce Enrollment Fees Under TRICARE for Life
- Increase Premiums for Parts B and D of Medicare (Part B key to MOAA's interests)
- Raise the Full Retirement Age for Social Security
- End VA's Individual Unemployability Payments to Disabled Veterans at the Full Retirement Age for Social Security
- Reduce VA's Disability Benefits to Veterans Who Are Older Than the Full Retirement Age for Social Security
- Narrow Eligibility for VA's Disability Compensation by Excluding Veterans With Low Disability Ratings (30% and lower)
- Use an Alternative Measure of Inflation to Index Social Security and Other Mandatory Programs (what's know as "chained CPI" a move that would change the cost-of-living adjustment calculation for retired pay)

Discretionary Spending

- Reduce the Department of Defense's Budget
- Cap Increases in Basic Pay for Military Service Members (Employment Cost Index, or ECI, minus 0.5%)
- Reduce the Basic Allowance for Housing to 80 Percent of Average Housing Costs
- Reduce the Annual Across-the-Board Adjustment for Federal Civilian Employees' Pay Revenues
- Include Disability Payments From the Department of Veterans Affairs in Taxable Income
- Increase the Payroll Tax Rate for Social Security

Capping Pay Increases

This proposed option caps basic pay raises for all eight of our uniformed services at 0.5% below the ECI, starting in January 2022 and continuing through 2027. Note that the current <u>pay raise slated for the FY 2022 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)</u>, which would effect pay starting Jan. 1, 2022, sits at 2.7%.

NEWS FROM THE MISSOURI COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS

Nominations for Officers for the Missouri Council of Chapters:

In addition to my duties as Chairman for Legislative Affairs Committee for the Missouri Council of Chapters, I also serve as the First Vice President. The First Vice President is charged with seeking and politely asking for volunteers to serve on the Council of Chapters.

- The elective officers shall be a President, Virst Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, each of whom shall be a member of a constituent chapter, and a member of MOAA National.
- The Chapter representatives (i.e., Chapter Presidents) shall elect Council officers biennially, Each elected officer shall take office at the first regular or special meeting in the calendar year following their election, and shall serve for a term of two (2) years and until a successor is duly elected and installed.

If you, or anyone you know, would be willing to consider nomination to any of the Council positions, please let me know. For additional specific details or questions, contact me at:

Email: john@linegroup.com or mobile: 417.230.9187

Thank you. John Hathcock

January Meeting Recap

We were fortunate this month, to once again have an in-person speaker presentation. Our speaker at the January meeting was Lori Rook, owner and Managing Attorney of Ozarks Elder Law. She was born and raised in the Springfield area and obtained her undergrad degree from Oklahoma City University School of Law before returning to Springfield to practice law and raise her family.

During her talk, Lori discussed the many services her firm provides and highlighted several in particular. They were probate, powers of attorney, and wills and trusts. Throughout her discussion of these and other topics, Lori emphasized the importance of pre-planning to maximize asset protection under the law. She gave real world examples of successful outcomes with preplanning and several examples of less than desirable outcomes without preplanning, and how these situations could have been avoided.

Lori is also a certified VA attorney and discussed two main VA benefits available to veterans: Aid and Attendance, and Nursing Homes for Veterans.

It was a very informative and interesting talk. If you would like to know more about how she and her firm might be of assistance, visit their website at ozarkselderlaw.com or call them at 417-868-8200.

Following this presentation, we held installation for our incoming Chapter President, Ron McCall, USAF, Ret.



Sign Up for MOAA "Newsletter" and Legislative "Calls to Action"

We encourage all chapter members <u>and spouses</u> to always, please stay alert, and respond to MOAA **Calls to Action** at least monthly, preferably weekly! Yes, two votes per household are better than 1.

Signing Up for the MOAA "Newsletter" and Legislative "Calls to Action":

• **Newsletter:** Sign up for the MOAA Newsletter. https://www.moaa.org/ Check "News & Info" on Menu, then, on drop-down menu, check "Newsletters"

Or go directly to this link: https://www.moaa.org/content/tmn/the-moaa-newsletter/

• Calls to Action: Please stay alert for any "Calls to Action". https://www.moaa.org/ Check "Advocacy" on Menu, then, on drop-down menu, check "Legislative Action Center"

Contact your Federal elected officials by using the following link: http://takeaction.moaa.org/?0

***WHEN COMPLETING "CALLS TO ACTION" *PLEASE LOGIN TO THE MOAA WEBSITE*, WHICH WILL ALLOW YOU TO ENTER OUR **OZARK EMPIRE CHAPTER** # IN THE BLOCK AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LETTER PRIOR TO SENDING. THE CHAPTER # IS:

MO05 (MO is "alpha character" and 05 is "numeric" zero 5).***

Phone calls matter; Emails matter; Online petitions matter; In-person meetings, when practical, matter. We want to ensure our elected representatives receive local constituents concerns for maximum national impact. (call them via MOAA's toll-free Capitol Switchboard: 1-866-272-6622).

Always feel free to contact me if you need any additional specific details or have any questions.

Email: john@linegroup.com or Mobile: 417.230.9187 Thank you, John Hathcock

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER By Becky Hutchings

It's hard to believe that February has already arrived. The weather is unpredictable bringing us 60 degree days with sunshine, then snow and ice on other days. However there is one thing that is very predictable about the month of February, and that is love! That's right! I said L. O. V. E.! Ads for Valentine's Day seem to start immediately after Christmas.

Love is such an important part of our lives. Romantic love is the focus during February, and brings us great joy. There is another type of love that is talked about in the Bible, called Agape love. Agape love as modeled by Christ is not based on a feeling; rather, it is a determined act of the will, a joyful resolve to put the welfare of others above our own. (GotQuestions.org).

Billy Graham had this to say about love: "I suppose the most misused word in all the English language is the word 'love'. But, you know, the whole Bible is a love story; God's love affair with the human race."

There are a myriad of thoughts swirling around in my mind about love. My partner in life is no longer with me, and many others face this same challenge especially during the month of February, where the focus is on couples and romance. As I ponder these thoughts, I realize that love doesn't leave simply because our loved one dies, rather it takes on a new form-one filled with cherished memories.

As you go through this month, be sure to cherish your partner in life, as well as your family and friends. Express your love often and in many ways. Also know that God's love for you will never fail. May you always be encouraged.

Important Financial Information from MOAA National

SOCIAL SECURITY WITHHOLDING TAX DEFERRAL

Collection of the 2020 deferred Social Security taxes begins January 2021 (January - December 2021). Find out more **details here**

RETIREES: MAILED 1099-RS CONTAIN INCOMPLETE PAYER'S FIN – CORRECTED PRINT 1099-RS WILL BE MAILED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1. Retiree IRS 1099-Rs mailed in early January contain a Payer's Federal Identification Number (FIN) that is missing the last digit because of a printing error. The correct Payer's FIN is: 34-0727612. We apologize for the inconvenience. We will mail you a corrected 2020 IRS 1099-R with the correct Payer's FIN no later than February 1. You can also download a correct 2020 IRS 1099-R from myPay. It is available now. Please see the Managing Your Retirement-Taxes webpage for more information.

SBP-DIC OFFSET PHASED ELIMINATION - 2021 PHASE ONE: February 1 SBP payments January 2021 SBP and SSIA payments are paid on **February 1, 2021**.

Some spouse SBP annuitants will see an increase in the SBP annuity payment they receive on February 1, 2021. Some spouse SBP annuitants **will not see a change** in phase one of the SBP-DIC Offset Phased Elimination. You DO NOT need to call DFAS to tell us you are affected by the change in the law. **See our full range of FAQs** *Note: the change in the law does NOT affect the amount of DIC you receive from the VA. You should continue to receive your normal DIC amount from the VA.

DFAS mailed **individual letters in December with estimates** of how the first phase of the SBP-DIC Offset Phased Elimination (effective January 1, 2020) will affect your SBP pay, for those affected. Please **do not call our Customer Care Center for your estimate**.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW SURVIVOR SBP NEWSLETTER - FIRST ISSUE NOW ONLINE DFAS has a new Survivor SBP Newsletter! Check out the first issue, with lots of news and helpful info for survivors/SBP annuitants. Learn all about the upcoming changes to the SBP-DIC offset, when you'll get your tax statements, the new School Cert process, our helpful form tools and more!

REPORT THE DEATH OF A RETIREE ONLINE. Use our convenient online form to report the death of a retiree at https://go.usa.gov/xnzQ9.

Spouses and children of recently-deceased retirees: We have new, helpful tools and information to assist you with the SF 1174 for claiming the retiree's Arrears of Pay. We can now deposit an Arrears of Pay (AOP) payment directly to an eligible claimant's bank account instead of mailing a check. Please see the **How to Claim Arrears of Pay Using the SF1174** webpage for details. We also have new, helpful tools and information to assist you with the DD Form 2656-7 for starting an SBP annuity. Please see the **Start an SBP Annuity** webpage for details

OUR PRIORITIES: DFAS is committed to ensuring payments are made to our customers and vendors. We are working daily to provide the quality finance and accounting services that you have entrusted to us. We encourage you to use our online tools such as myPay, AskDFAS and our phone self-service tools. Our Customer Care Center representatives are also available to assist you for any questions you might have outside of the online options.

February 2021 OEMOAA MEETING

Twin Oaks, in keeping with Greene County and Springfield mandates, requires us to use a served plated meal menu. When entering the building a face mask must be worn and used within the building and in our room. The exception to mask wearing will be when we are seated at our tables. Tables seating will, as much as possible, be limited to six/table. Normal bar service in the room will be provided and drinks should be brought back to the tables. This requirement means that when we open the meeting members should have their mask on for the pledge, singing, etc. We will have our normal podium/mic and the speakers should be able to maintain a 6 ft. distance and may present without a mask.

Plated Meal Options – All meals will include: a House Salad with table choice of Ranch or Italian Dressing; normal table beverages and rolls. The price, as always, includes the meal gratuity. RSVPs are especially important and must be made to Col Pickett, no later than noon, Monday, 11 Jan. Payment is at the event by check (payable to OEMOAA) or cash. The bar will operate in our room as usual.

Option 1 – [\$26] Shrimp Linguini Al Pesto: Linguini Pasta Tossed in Basil-Parmesan Pesto Sause, Artichoke, Asparagus & Kalamata Olives, topped with Shrimp.

Option 2 – [\$25] Chef's House-Smoked Ribs (1/2 slab): Chef John's Signature Fall-off-the-Bone, Smoked on the Property Pork Ribs, served with Pit Beans and Garlic Parmesan Steak Fries.

Option 3 – [\$31] Champagne Chicken: Sauteed Chicken Breast smothered ia a Champagne Cream Sauce, Served with Rice Pilaf, Sauteed Vegetables du Jour.

Prices above include the meal gratuity.

February US Military History

- **1779 John Paul Jones** takes command of **Bonhomme Richard**. Bonhomme Richard, formerly Duc de Duras, was a warship in the Continental Navy.
- **1789 George Washington,** the commander of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, is unanimously elected the first president of the United States by all 69 presidential electors.
- **1805 Sacagawea**, the Shoshone Indian interpreter and guide to the Lewis and Clark expedition, gives birth to her first child, Jean Baptiste Charbonneau.
- **1861** The **Confederate States of America** is open for business when the Provisional Congress convenes in Montgomery, Alabama.
- 1933 The USS Ranger becomes the US' first aircraft carrier, built to be a carrier.
- 1955 Operation Teapot begins. A series of 14 nuclear detonations to determine the effects of nuclear weapons on a variety of materials and in a variety of conditions begins with detonation Wasp. This test evaluated the effects of low altitude detonations. The total device weight was 1500 lb. Although the bomb was much heavier, the implosion system was the lightest nuclear explosive system fired up until this time.
- 1991 In the most decisive actions of the **Gulf War, VII Corps,** moving directly east with three heavy divisions abreast, attacked the elite **Iraqi Republican Guard units.** At Medina Ridge, an attempted Iraqi ambush of the 1st Armored Division ended with the **destruction of over 300 enemy tanks.**
- 2003 A US Army Black Hawk helicopter on night training crashed in the Kuwaiti desert, killing all four crew members.
- **2003 Iraq** provided new information about its weapons and reported the discovery of 2 bombs, including one possibly filled with a biological agent.
- **2003** The US military says that warplanes have conducted strikes at five missile systems, including four surface-to-surface rocket launchers in the north and south of Iraq.
- 2003 6,000 US Marines have arrived in Kuwait, bringing the Marine force there to nearly full strength.
- **2003** The **Bush** administration has sent supplies of humanitarian aid to the Gulf region to cope with refugees and displaced people.

February 2021 Meeting

DATE 19 February 2021 – 3rd Friday

Location - Twin Oaks Country Club (Oak Room)

PLACE: Twin Oaks Country Club 1020 East Republic Road Springfield, Missouri 65807

TIME: 1815 – Social Hour (Drinks can be purchased from their bar; for example: house wine \$6/glass; domestic beer \$4; liquor varies.) 50/50 voluntary donations, to support Honor Flight of the Ozarks. Drawing at the close of the Speaker's presentation.

1900 – Dinner/Program

MENU: See details on Page 8

COST: Varies. See Details on Page 8. (includes gratuity)

SPEAKER: LtCol David Snodderly. History, Purpose, and Mission of ROTC/JROTC

RSVP: By noon, Monday, 15 February 2021

To: LtCol William Pickett, USAF, Retired 417-888-0135 or cathyquilt@earthlink.net

LtCol Pickett will acknowledge ALL reservations received within 24 hrs. If you do NOT receive a confirmation, please contact Bill.

2021OEMOAA Monthly Schedule

All meetings on 3rd Friday, Twin Oaks Country Club, Oak Room, unless otherwise noted)

2021 OEMOAA Meeting Dates:

(15 January)19 February19 March16 April21 May19 June

No Meetings in July, August.

17 September 19 November

15 October 10 December (2nd Friday)

Speaker Schedule – being developed by a very dedicated and capable staff. If anyone knows of a person or topic that you would like to see presented at one of our monthly OEMOAA meetings, that would be of interest to our group, please let Col. Chuck Guy or LtCol Jerry Nicholson know. They are always open for good suggestions.

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OEMOAA NAME TAGS

Some members and their spouses prefer a solid plastic name badge with a magnetic clasp. The member cost is \$10 per badge, payable in advance. Order forms will be available at the next two meetings. You can also email Bill Pickett (cathyquilt@earthlink.net) anytime and he will send you the form by return email. Please return completed forms to Bill at a meeting with the \$10 per badge fee. Nametags will be ready at the next regular dinner meeting. Yes, the name tags with the pin clasp will continue to be provided at no cost.