

January, 2023

A Word from the Chapter President

- During our November Chapter meeting, elections were held for Chapter Board positions. Outcome of that is: President: Ron McCall will continue as President for another two-year term, Becky Hutchings will continue as 1st Vice President for another two-year term, and Bill Pickett will continue for another two-year term as Secretary-Treasurer. We have an open position as 2nd Vice President, and are always looking for individuals who desire to step up and serve. I speak for all three of us, when I say that we are happy to be continuing to serve you in this way.
 - As was discussed at the November meeting, our Chapter continues in a sound financial position. Our membership numbers are holding steady, though we are always eager to add new members. I would encourage everyone to continue to talk up OEMOAA, and continue to look for ways that we can serve our community, outside of our monthly meetings. This will not only help increase our exposure, which should help grow our numbers, but will also help give us a greater purpose.
 - As discussed at our recent Chapter business meeting, we continue to be open to exploring other viable options for holding chapter meetings. A group of possible locations was put forward, and the Board will be investigating those in the coming weeks. With the Thanksgiving holiday, as well as the coming Christmas and New Year holidays, that may take a bit longer to move forward, but rest assured, we will be looking, and will report back.
 - Frank Bridges, LTC, USA, Ret, has accepted the position of Program Coordinator. He has a number of outstanding contacts, both within MSU, as well as in the local community, and I'm sure he will be arranging a number of very worthwhile speakers and topics for discussion. Thank you, Frank, for stepping up and accepting this responsibility.
 - Our speaker for January is Hank Molinengo, RAdm, USN, Ret. I have seen a preview of his presentation, and it is certainly worth our time and attention.
 - The new legislative sessions for both the Federal government, as well as the State of Missouri, are both set to begin as you read this newsletter. We need to continue to be cognizant of issues that affect our community, and be ready to Take Action.
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- - As always, our newsletter is freely available on the chapter website, www.OEMOAA.org as well as via email to all members. If anyone wishes to receive this newsletter via US Mail, please make that known to a Board Member or the Newsletter Editor, and we will make that happen.

Ronald McCall, OEMOAA Chapter President

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 eight 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).*

Sign Up for MOAA “Newsletter” and Legislative “Calls to Action”

*We encourage all chapter members and spouses 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).

CONTACT YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

The Honorable (name), U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510 • Phone: (202) 224-3121

The Honorable (name), U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515 • (202) 225-3121

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

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Chaplain's Corner

By Becky Hutchings

Welcome 2023! 2022 was not a quiet year by any means (taken from an email by Pastor Alan Beauchamp, PRAISE Assembly of God):

Russia invaded Ukraine
Queen Elizabeth II passed away
Ketanji Brown Jackson became the first Black woman on the Supreme Court
That same court overturned Roe vs. Wade
After 36 years, Top Gun flew again
Elon Musk acquired Twitter
And so, so very much more

In addition to all of these events, there have been at least two separate strains of Covid on the rampage along with influenza type A surfacing. Plus, the stock market has been and most likely will continue to be, volatile.

While much of this is distressing, a new year can be a time of refreshing and refocusing. I'm not particularly a fan of New Year's resolutions; perhaps because I usually fail in my attempts to make the changes stick! I DO believe that we have the ability to make changes in our lives any time of the year. When our world seems like it's spinning out of control, we can go to the Bible to find comfort. The Scriptures say this:

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." (Lamentations 3:22-23; ESV)

Losing weight, listening more, being on time-these are areas in which I always want to improve. However, starting out this month, in January 2023, one of my goals is to love more often and forgive more freely. It may be easy to forgive those that know they've hurt us when they ask our forgiveness. It is a different story to forgive those that hurt us and don't ask our forgiveness. With God's help I want to do better this year.

What is one area you want to improve in your life starting this month? Remember, baby steps are the beginning of change. Perhaps it is an unhealthy habit or attitude that needs adjusting. Whatever it is, join me in becoming a better YOU!

Happy New Year and may you be encouraged!

January US Military History

- 1847** – Samuel Colt wins a contract to provide the U.S. government with 1,000 of his .44 caliber revolvers.
- 1861** – A Union merchant ship, the “Star of the West,” is fired upon as it tries to bring supplies to Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor. This action would eventually lead to the American Civil War.
- 1862** – USS Monitor, the first ironclad vessel, was launched from Greenpoint, NY
- 1863** - President Lincoln issues the Emancipation Proclamation
- 1863** - Second Battle of Springfield, American Civil War, Springfield, MO
- 1867** - African American men granted the right to vote
- 1889** – The Oklahoma Land Run opens 2 million acres of unused Oklahoma Territory to first come-first serve settlers. Those who left the marshalling point ahead of the appointed time, and staked claims early, became known as “Sooners”
- 1933** – German President Paul von Hindenburg appoints Adolph Hitler as Chancellor
- 1945** - General Douglas MacArthur and the US 8th Army land in the Phillippine Islands, as a first step toward liberation of the Phillippines from the Japanese.
- 1945** – Adolph Hitler retreats to his bunker, where he would remain for 105 days, until he later committed suicide,
- 1950** – Mary T. Sproul commissioned as first female doctor in Navy
- 1953** - Carrier landings tested on board USS Antietam, the first angled-deck carrier, commissioned in 1945
- 1954** – Launching of Nautilus, first nuclear submarine, at Groton, CT.
- 1968** – As part of the Tet Offensive, Viet Cong soldiers attack the U.S. Embassy in Saigon.
- 1969** – Peace talks opened in Paris, leading to the termination of hostilities in Vietnam
- 1973** – A cease-fire goes into effect in Vietnam, at 8 a.m., Jan 28, Saigon time
- 1980** – President Carter announces US boycott of Moscow Olympics.
- 1986** - Space Shuttle Challenger explodes 73 seconds after liftoff.
- 1983** – The ARPANET officially changes to using the Internet Protocol, creating the Internet.
- 1988** – The U.S. accepts the immigration of 30,000 US-Vietnamese children.
- 1991** – Deadlines passes for withdrawal of Iraqi troops from Kuwait, leading to Operation Desert Storm
- 2006** - Spacecraft Stardust lands on Earth, after collecting dust samples from comet Wild 2.

Member Activities

Frank Bridges attended the Missouri State University fall Commissioning Ceremony on December 16 at Coger Theater. He presented the ceremonial Gold Bar to the new Second Lieutenants on behalf of the Ozark Empire Chapter. The new Lieutenants were:

2LT Moriah Boyette, Ordnance, Westfield, North Carolina

2LT Sarah Dabbs, Chemical, Nixa, Missouri

2LT Justin Doty, Field Artillery, Eureka, Alaska

2LT Brittney Kane, Quartermaster, Springfield, Missouri

2LT Charles Kelley, Military Intelligence, Springfield, Missouri

2LT Caleb Murillo, Engineer, Wentzville, Missouri

2LT Victoria Schaljo, Engineer, Florissant, Missouri

Second Lieutenant Hannah Schoaljo administered the oath of office to her sister Victoria.

The next commissioning will be in mid-May and will include the presentation of a Saber to the top Cadet . This saber presentation is sponsored by USAA Funds via HQ MOAA.

Our host, Twin Oaks Country Club, has transitioned our service to Plated Meals. With across-the-boards price increases that have occurred over the past year, this has resulted in significant price increases for our service at Twin Oaks. Accordingly, the cost for our meals is increased as shown below.

Our options for our January Lunch are: Asian Chicken -or- Salmon BLT, both served with French Fries. Both options will be served with salad, table rolls, and beverage

Recommendation is to skip dessert service, in order to avoid further cost increase.

Either meal will be available for the same cost: \$28 per attendee, which as always includes gratuity.

January 2023 Meeting

DATE 19 Jan 2023

PLACE: Twin Oaks Country Club (Oak Room)
1020 East Republic Road
Springfield, Missouri 65807

TIME: 1115 – Social Hour (Drinks can be purchased from the bar)

50/50 voluntary donations, to support Honor Flight of the Ozarks. Drawing at the close of the presentation.

1200 – Meal/Program

MENU: **Plated Meal, options as outlined on the preceding page.** Includes small house salad, Rolls, Table Beverages, and Gratuity.

Cost: \$28 per person (NOTE: Donations for Honor Flight of the Ozarks will also be accepted)

Program: Hank Molinengo, RAdm, USN, Ret

RSVP: By noon, Monday, 16 Jan 2023
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.

2022 OEMOAA Monthly Schedule

Chapter meetings during Jan, Feb, Mar, will be held on the 3rd Thursday, Twin Oaks Country Club, Oak Room. All remaining monthly meetings will be held on the 3rd Friday, unless otherwise noted.

2023 Meeting Dates

Jan 19 – RAdm Hank Molinengo **Wellness for Warriors**

Feb 16 – Stacie Amschler, Empower Abilities

Mar 16 – Kevin Weaver, Warriors Journey

20 Apr – (Thur Evening) - Bob Dixon, Greene County Commissioner

18 May (Thur Evening) 22 Sep (Fri)

8 Jun (Thur Lunch) 20 Oct (Fri)

8 Jun (Thur Lunch) 17 Nov (Fri)

July – Cards Baseball (Tentative)

ELECTED CHAPTER BOARD OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Ron McCall, Capt, USAF, Retired

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Becky Hutchings

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: (Open)

SECRETARY/TREASURER: William Pickett, LtCol, USAF, Retired

IMMED PAST PRESIDENT: Chuck Guy, Colonel, USA, Retired

APPOINTED CHAPTER OFFICERS

CHAPLAIN: Becky Hutchings

LEGISLATIVE CHAIR: John Hathcock, COL, USA, Retired

AWARDS COORDINATOR: Phil Samples, Col, USAF, Retired

TRUE AMERICAN HERO CHAIR: John Hathcock, COL, USA, Retired

SURVIVING SPOUSE LIAISON: Becky Hutchings

NOMINATIONS CHAIR:

AMBASSADOR: Chuck Guy, COL, USA, Retired

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR Chuck Guy, Colonel, USA, Retired

WEBMASTER: Keith Oxby, W/O British Navy

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Ron McCall, Capt, USAF, Retired

Common Sense is like deodorant. Those who need it most, never use it.

I'm on two diets. I wasn't getting enough food on just one!

There is no such thing as a grouchy old person. Truth is, once you get old, you stop being polite, and start being honest!

When one door closes and another one opens, take a look around. You may be in prison!

When I say "the other day", I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 40 years ago.

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 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.