



January, 2021

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

Here we are at the end of another year, but not just any ordinary year! It has been a challenge for each of us, and the Chapter as well, to maintain a sense of normalcy while we strive to remain safe from the pandemic around us. After missing 4 meetings in the Spring, the Chapter was able to restart monthly meetings safely in the Fall, ending the year with our annual Christmas dinner where we had 19 attendees. I am hopeful that we can continue to meet in 2021 while adhering to sensible masking and distancing guidelines.

From my point of view, the past two years have flown by and they have been very rewarding years given the challenges we have faced. The Chapter maintains its commitment to support our stated goals and objectives, our members, and Honor Flight of the Ozarks. In addition, a number of accomplishments must be noted:

1. Our Chapter Bylaws were revised to reflect good Chapter management practices. We also updated the Bylaws, to include current communications technology.
2. A very user-friendly website was launched and is maintained by Keith Oxby, our Honorary member in England.
3. The Chapter received the 5 Star Marvin Harris Communications Award from MOAA National for the 5th year running. The Newsletter, edited by Ron McCall, is our primary communications tool and is distributed to members and non-members alike.
4. Eight new members joined the Chapter thanks to the many members who sponsored them.
5. The True American Hero Award was established and is under the chairmanship of John Hathcock.
6. Our sound financial position and our excellent ongoing relationship with Twin Oaks CC, are all carefully managed by Bill Pickett.
7. Our wide variety, and constantly changing roster of speakers, has been expertly managed by our 1st Vice President, Jerry Nicholson. Many Thanks for your tireless efforts!
8. Chapter support for the J/ROTC program has expanded under Phil Samples' guidance to include several more area high schools, as well as Missouri S&T in Rolla.
9. The Ozark Empire chapter, in spite of its relatively small size, was able to make a recent donation of Honor Flight of the Ozarks, in the amount of \$2500. This, with prior donations, brings our chapter's total contributions to over \$5500!

As we enter our 53rd year as a MOAA Chapter we can be very proud of our history of supporting MOAA goals and objectives, and the veterans in our community. That can only happen through the continued contributions and commitment of Chapter members. Thank you to each one of our members. You are all important parts of the whole.

My tenure as President will end at the January meeting and I have to say it has been a distinct honor to have served the Chapter. It has truly been a pleasure to work alongside so many dedicated members who give of their time and energy to keep the Chapter strong and make it better. Thank you, and Never Stop Serving.

Wishing all of you a safe and Happy New Year.

Chuck Guy, OEMOAA Chapter President

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SBP-DIC Offset Elimination - 2021 Phase One

Estimate Letter Explainer

A-2021 Gross SBP Annuity Estimate = the estimated SBP annuity amount you would receive **if there was no offset**. Includes increases due to COLAs from the date your annuity started through January of 2021.

B-2021 DIC OFFSET AMOUNT Estimate = the estimated amount of DIC that will be **deducted** (offset) from your gross SBP annuity. In 2021, this **offset is 2/3** of your full DIC amount. **THIS IS NOT THE AMOUNT OF YOUR DIC PAYMENT.**

Your *pre-estimates* are listed below:

A-2021 Gross SBP annuity - estimate: \$\$\$

B-2021 DIC **offset amount** (amount of DIC that will be deducted from your gross SBP annuity) - estimate: \$\$\$

C-2021 SBP annuity payment after DIC offset - estimate (before taxes): \$\$\$

D-2021 SSIA payment – estimate: \$\$\$

C-2021 SBP Annuity Payment after DIC Offset = the estimated SBP annuity payment you will receive on February 1, 2021.

D-2021 SSIA Payment = the estimated Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA) payment you will receive on February 1, 2021.

- **January 2021 payments = Line C + Line D + Full DIC Amount from the VA**
- **No eligible spouse will receive less money in 2021 than they currently receive.**
- The change in the law **does NOT affect the** amount of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) you receive from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). You should **continue to receive your normal, full DIC amount from the VA.**
- **Your pre-estimates for 2021** in the letter are **ONLY for Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) payments** made by the Department of Defense (DoD) via the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS).
- There is **no change in 2021 for active duty/line of duty surviving spouses who chose the "optional child annuity."** The payment amount to the eligible active duty/line of duty surviving spouse when the SBP payment reverts in 2023 will be approximately the same SBP payment amount that the child or children received in 2020 plus applicable Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs). You will not receive a letter in 2020 or 2021; look for additional information in 2022.
- For a full explanation of the three phases of the SBP-DIC Offset Phased Elimination, please see our **new DFAS Survivor SBP Newsletter**: www.dfas.mil/survivornews
- The Survivor Benefit Plan laws and regulations are complex. To see a full range of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), see our **SBP-DIC News webpage**: www.dfas.mil/sbpdicnews

SBP = Department of Defense (DoD) Survivor Benefit Plan

DFAS = Defense Finance and Accounting Service; the DoD agency that processes Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) payments

SSIA = DoD Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance

DIC = Dependency and Indemnity Compensation paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

COLA = Cost of Living Adjustment

New Member Profile

David Jerome, Ph.D., MAJ, USA (Ret.)



David entered the U.S. Army, as a private, in December 1975 and rose to the rank of Sergeant (E-5) before leaving active duty in December 1979. In December 1979, David entered the Missouri National Guard while attending the University of Central Missouri at Warrensburg. While in the Guard, David completed OCS and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in September 1981. David re-entered active duty in January 1983 and became a Regular Army Officer. Among his numerous assignments, David was a company commander at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, and he served as the Commander, Defense Contract Management Office in Albuquerque, New Mexico. His last assignment was on the staff of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology in the Pentagon. He retired from the U.S. Army, after a 23 year career, in June, 1999. David was awarded the Legion of Merit upon his retirement.

He has been a Certified Professional Contracts Manager since November 1993 and was awarded a lifetime certification by the National Contract Management Association in November 2013. In private industry, he was a Project Procurement Manager as well as a Senior Program Manager. David has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Marketing) from the University of Central Missouri; an MBA from the Florida Institute of Technology - Melbourne; and a Ph.D. in Public Policy from the University of Arkansas – Fayetteville. David was an assistant professor of Political Science at Northwest Missouri State University, in Maryville. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He is also a graduate of the Advanced Program Management Course, Defense Systems Management College, at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

He is the editor of a recent book *Examining War and Conflict around the World*. His current book project is an authorized biography on Bill Virdon, the former professional baseball player, manager, and coach, with both the Pittsburgh Pirates and St. Louis Cardinals. He is also a former Associate Pastor of King's Way United Methodist Church. David and his wife of 46 years, Kathy, reside in Ozark. They have a daughter and a son, both of whom reside with their families in Kansas City. We are pleased to welcome him to our chapter.

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I, for one, am glad that 2020 is behind us. Hoping for a wonderful new 2021!!!

Missouri 101st General Assembly Convenes:

- On Wednesday, January 6, 2021, the Missouri Senate and Missouri House of Representatives 101st General Assembly, 1st Regular Session will convene with the First Day of Session.
- As bills of interest or concern are introduced, we'll keep our MOAA members abreast of developments.

Oldest and youngest military service components celebrate birthdays in December:

- The National Guard celebrated its 384th Birthday on December 13. On Dec. 13, 1636, the Massachusetts Bay Colony legislature ordered village militia companies to form into three regiments. And the lineage of those three regiments has passed on uninterrupted since then and is now represented by two Guard battalions in service in Massachusetts.
- The United States Space Force (USSF) celebrated its first birthday on December 20th. The U.S. Space Force was established on December 20, 2019. Just days before this birthday, Vice President Pence announced Space Force member would be “GUARDIANS”.

New composition of The Joint Chiefs of Staff:

The Joint Chiefs of Staff now consists of 8 members as a result of the addition of the Space Force. The Joint Chiefs of Staff consist of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Chief of Staff of the Army, the Chief of Naval Operations, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the Chief of Space Operations.

FY 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA):

On Dec. 23, President Trump vetoed the FY 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

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.

As I write this article on December 29th, had hoped that more progress on the final NDAA would be reportable. The House had voted for a veto-override and we now await the Senate.

Legislative Update (Cont'd)

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. It is within President Trump's authority to veto this bill and it's within Congressional authority to override it.

You can contact your legislators prior to the override attempt to express your view. Use MOAA's toll-free Capitol Switchboard: 1-866-272-6622. Tell the operator you would like to leave a message for your member of Congress.

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

Every two years, just before a new Congress is sworn in, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) releases a report offering ways the incoming legislators could tackle the nation's growing budget deficit. When it comes to servicemembers, retirees, and veterans, MOAA attempts to fill in those gaps.

The list includes 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 known 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 [pay raise slated for the FY 2022 National Defense Authorization Act \(NDAA\)](#), which would effect pay starting Jan. 1, 2022, sits at 2.7%.

MOAA will not stand idly by while the new Congress gets read in on these options. It will be up to us to engage them here on the Hill, and for our members – either individually or through our councils and chapters – to engage them back home. Future analyses will be accompanied with calls to action as soon as the 117th Congress is sworn in and the furniture and boxes are out of the hallways.

Legislative Update (Cont'd)

OTHER AREAS OF MOAA NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE INTEREST:

- **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.
- **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.

NEWS FROM THE MISSOURI COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS:

Nominations for Officers for the Missouri Council of Chapters:

In addition to my duties as the Chairman for Legislative Affairs Committee for the Missouri Council of Chapters, I also serve as the First Vice President, for the Council. 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, first vice president second vice president, treasurer, and secretary, each of whom shall be a member of a member chapter and a member of national MOAA.
- 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 the 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



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).

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

2020 has come and gone. We have ushered in a brand new year, 2021, and depending on your viewpoint, a new decade. Admittedly 2020 was a year where many unique issues collided; Covid, lockdowns, a Presidential election fraught with contention, separation of families and friends, negative economic impacts, and so on. It brought out the very worst and the very best in people. A vaccine for Covid-19 has arrived on the scene, bringing hopefulness for a better 2021.

Many people make New Year’s resolutions, hoping to establish new routines that will improve their lives in one way or another. Sometimes these resolutions last for a while, a few may last longer, but more of them fail. A common thread in making resolutions is taking back control where there is a feeling that control has been lost. We could all probably agree that the feeling of our lives spinning out of control has touched each one of us this year.

A constant that never fails is our Great God! He was, is, and will be in control of all the chaos this world throws at us. Even though things seem dark, He is the light at the end of that dark tunnel. If/when you plan for 2021, factor God into your formula for improvement. The Scriptures tell us:

“I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” John 16:33 (NIV)

Thomas Aquinas had this to say: “Faith has to do with things that are not seen and hope with things that are not at hand.” Remember as we embark on the journey of 2021, let us not forget that it is a good thing to plan for the future, and it is also important to remember that God is our protector, defender, and our hope. It is my hope that you will be able to excitedly enter the new year, while resting in the Lord’s arms. I encourage you to enjoy life!

January 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] Chicken Linguini Al Pesto – Linguini Pasta Tossed in Basil-Parmesan Pesto Sause, Artichoke, Asparagus & Kalamata Olives, topped with Grilled Herb-marinated Chicken Breast.

Option 2- (\$36) Grilled Top Blade Steak – USDA Choice 8 oz. Flat Iron Steak, brushed with Roasted Garlic Butter, served with Garlic Parmesan Steak Fries and grilled Broccolini.

Option 3 – [\$32] Grilled Fillet of Salmon: 6 oz. Grilled Fillet of Atlantic Salmon, served on bed of Asian Slaw, finished with Sweet Thai Chili Glaze and Pickled Vegetables.

Prices above include the meal gratuity.



Ron McCall, representing our chapter at the 4th Annual Willard Veteran's Day Parade. Plan now to be part of the events in 2021.

January US Military History

- 1847** – Samuel Colt wins a contract to provide the U.S. government with 1,000 of his .44 caliber revolvers, potentially saving his struggling company.
- 1863** - Second Battle of Springfield, American Civil War, Springfield, MO
- 1863** – President Lincoln issues the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing slaves in states then in rebellion to the Federal government
- 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 served settlers
- 1950** – Mary T. Sproul commissioned as first female doctor in the US Navy
- 1953** - Carrier landings tested on board USS Antietam, the first angled-deck carrier, commissioned in 1945
- 1954** – Launching of USS Nautilus, first nuclear submarine, at Groton, CT.
- 1968** – As part of the Tet Offensive, Viet Cong soldiers attack the U.S. Embassy in Saigon.
- 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.
- 1983** – The ARPANET officially changes to using the Internet Protocol, creating the Internet.
- 1986** - Space Shuttle Challenger explodes 73 seconds after liftoff.
- 1988** – The U.S. accepts the immigration of 30,000 US-Vietnamese children.
- 2006** - Spacecraft Stardust lands, after collecting dust samples from comet Wild 2.

January 2021 Meeting

DATE 15 January 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 6. (includes gratuity)

SPEAKER: Ozarks Elder Law

RSVP: By noon, Monday, 11 January 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.

2021 OEMOAA Monthly Schedule

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

2021 OEMOAA Meeting Dates:

15 January	16 April
19 February	21 May
19 March	18 June

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 know. He is always open for good suggestions.

Recently I was thinking about old age. I came to the conclusion that old age is when you still have something on the ball, but you're just too tired to bounce it.

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MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: (Position Open)

May you always have:

- Love to share,
- Cash to spare,
- Tires with air,
- And friends who care.

The older I get, the earlier it gets late!

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me! I want folks to know why I look this way. I've traveled a long way, and many of those roads were not paved!

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.