



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 2020

Looking back, we as a Chapter, as well as MOAA at the National level have had a very successful 2019.

We have been fortunate to grow our membership, to have a totally new and redesigned web site at www.oemoaa.org, to strengthen our support for Honor Flight, support the Missouri Council of Chapters and continue to reach out to our members in need. OEMOAA is also now IRS recognized by name as a non-profit veterans' organization.

MOAA National was successful in achieving several significant goals, including approval of military housing improvements, eliminating the Widow's tax, assuring no new fees or increases in pharmacy fees for Tricare enrollees and achieving benefits for the Blue Water Navy that have been denied for decades. There is always more work to be done, making it incumbent on all of us to continue to review and respond to Calls to Action on the MOAA website.

In 2020 let's commit ourselves and our Chapter to continue to strongly support MOAA's initiatives; to further grow our Chapter; to provide useful services to our members and survivors, and to serve our community and Nation.

The Presidential Memorial Certificate was initiated under President John Kennedy to express the nation's gratitude for service in the Armed Forces. The certificate honoring deceased veterans is available through the VA on the National Cemetery Administration website at www.cem.va.gov/pmc.asp. A deceased veteran's next of kin, friends, or a funeral director acting on their behalf may request a certificate. All deceased veterans honorably discharged from active duty are eligible. Certain National Guard and Reserve members may also qualify.

Applicants must complete and sign a one-page form and provide a copy of the veteran's DD-214 and death certificate. Methods and directions for submission are found on the application, which takes about 3 minutes to complete.

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*The United States of America
honors the memory of*

Jimmy Don Moore

*This certificate is awarded by a grateful
nation in recognition of devoted and
selfless consecration to the service
of our country in the Armed Forces
of the United States.*

President of the United States



Bryan K Hutchings, a valued member of the Ozark Empire chapter, Military Officers Association of America, passed away 30 Nov 2019, after a long battle with cancer.

Bryan was born 12 July 1941. He graduated from college in 1964, and then joined the US Air Force.

He was a Distinguished Graduate of Navigator Training, and an outstanding student in Navigator-Bombardier Training. He earned the Distinguished Flying Cross, 6 Air Medals, Meritorious Service Medal, and Air Force Commendation Medal. After retirement from the Air Force, he became a Professional Licensing Investigator for the Missouri Board of Healing Arts, retiring as the Senior Investigator in 2007.

Bryan served as the President of the OEMOAA chapter in 2011 and 2012, and oversaw the chapter's Awards Program for ROTC and JROTC. In this capacity, he was instrumental in affecting the lives of countless young people in our area.

Bryan is survived by his second wife, Becky, who is our chapter chaplain; also by sons Michael, and Matthew, and daughter Kerry, Joseph Esch, and stepdaughter Kristen Rapp. He is also survived by grandchildren and step grandchildren, step great grandchildren, and multiple nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Bryan knew and believed in God, and his faith sustained him through his 5-year battle with cancer.

Interment with full military honors was at Springfield National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made, in Bryan Hutchings' name, to Honor Flight of the Ozarks, PO Box 3954, Springfield, MO 65804-3964. Those wishing to donate online may do so via www.honorflightoftheozarks.org/donate.



Legislative Update

Frank Bridges, Legislative Chair

This Legislative Report has some good news. President Trump signed the NDAA on 20 December which eliminates the “Widows Tax” after 13 years of hard work by many groups including MOAA. It also includes a 3.1% pay increase (the largest in 9 years!), and MOAA is already working to ensure that the 2021 pay raise will be 3.0% as planned. The Military Medical portion of this legislation includes the prescription raises, that had been agreed to, and will require the DOD and the Services to take several review steps before any reductions in the Medical Billets. MOAA intends to watch this action closely and, I’m sure, will be coming to us with Calls to Action. You can always go to the MOAA Web Site to read the Legislative Details.

The key to all of this is as always, please respond to **Calls to Action** at least monthly, preferably weekly!

Please Respond to all Calls to Action



On 13 December 2019 Frank Bridges attended the Missouri State University Fall Commissioning Ceremony at Plaster Student Union on campus. Three outstanding young Americans received their Commissions as Second Lieutenants. From left to right, Jacob Miller, Transportation Corps, Miranda K. Robertson, an honor graduate, Medical Service Corps and Jade M. Shoup, Adjutant General Corps.

Frank presented a Ceremonial Gold Bar to each Lieutenant along with a challenge become either a General or a CEO of a Business Corporation. *“This article does not necessarily express the views of Missouri State University, nor of any MSU Employee”*

December Meeting Recap

Due to an unfortunate scheduling conflict with the Kickapoo HS choir, they were unable to be with us this year. So, at the last minute, Chapter leadership approached Ron McCall, to see if he and his wife could step in and give us some entertainment. They did a fine job, involving all attendees in a Christmas trivia contest, showing us what we know, and what we only think we know about the history of Christmas. This included everything from Christmas movies, to Santa's reindeer, to details about the birth of the baby Jesus. Then, he led us on a historical journey about the development of what we now know as Christmas carols, with a brief story about several individual carols, that we then were able to sing together. While we won't be any serious competition for the Kickapoo HS choir, we were able to join together in song, and have a good time.

Our January speaker will be Clifton (Clif) M. Smart III, President of Missouri State University since June 27, 2011. Some of his key accomplishments are;

- Set new records in numbers of enrollment and graduates.
- Significant upgrades in the Campus physical plant.
- Development of new Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degree programs.
- Set records in State Appropriations, private gifts and grant funding.

Clif has served as President of the Council of Higher Education in Missouri, NCAA Division I Board of Directors, as well as several other Presidencies and Boards of Director positions. He was the University's General Counsel before becoming President. He received an Army four-year scholarship, graduated from law school and served in the Army as a Judge Advocate Officer for four years. He has lived in Springfield with his wife, Gail, for over two decades and has two sons and three Grandchildren.

He is a great speaker and will relate some highlights of his military service along with some highlights from the University. Hope to see you there.

January US Military History

1803 - President Thomas Jefferson sends a special confidential message to Congress asking for money to fund the journey of Lewis and Clark, to explore the vast mysterious regions of the Far West. Congress approved \$2500 for the effort.

1847 - Samuel Colt rescues the future of his faltering gun company by winning a contract to provide the U.S. government with 1,000 of his .44 caliber revolvers.

1865 - The U.S. House of Representatives passes the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery in the United States. Amendment was ratified in December 1865.

1903 - President Theodore Roosevelt sends a radio message to King Edward VII: the first transatlantic radio transmission originating in the United States.

1943 - The Pentagon, headquarters of the U.S. Department of Defense, was dedicated.

1953 - USS Antietam, commissioned in January 1945, was the first angled deck carrier, a 27,100 ton Ticonderoga class carrier, built at the Philadelphia Navy Yard

1971 - Apollo 14, piloted by astronauts Alan B. Shepard Jr., Edgar D. Mitchell, and Stuart A. Roosa, is successfully launched on a manned mission to the moon.

1973 - A cease-fire goes into effect at 8 a.m., Saigon time (midnight on January 27, Greenwich Mean Time).

1977 - Scientists identify a previously unknown bacterium as the cause of the mysterious Legionnaires' disease.

1986 - At 11:38 a.m. EST, on January 28, 1986, the space shuttle Challenger lifts off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, and Christa McAuliffe is on her way to becoming the first ordinary U.S. civilian to travel into space. Challenger explodes 73 seconds after lift-off, killing all on board. This was the first major Space Shuttle accident

1990 - The Soviet Union's first McDonald's fast food restaurant opens in Moscow.



Pictures from the OEMOAA Christmas Holiday Dinner. It was a very good evening, great meal, as usual, and a good time was had by all attendees.

January 2020 Meeting

DATE 17 January 2020 – 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: Buffet w/2 Entrees (Chef's Choice); 2 sides; Small Salad Bar; Bread/Butter; Dessert; Assorted Beverages (water, iced tea, coffee)

COST: \$26 per person (includes meal gratuity)
Note Cost Increase

SPEAKER: Clif Smart, MSU President

RSVP: By noon, Monday, 13 January 2020
To: LtCol William Pickett, USAF, Retired
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LtCol Pickett will acknowledge ALL reservations received.

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2020 OEMOAA Monthly Meeting Dates

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

17 January 2020 Speaker: Clif Smart, MSU President

21 February 2020 Speaker: Kristy Frans

20 March 2020 Speaker: TBD

17 April 2020 Speaker: Marc Fulgham, Self-Defense for Seniors

15 May 2020 Speaker: TBD

19 June 2020 Speaker: TBD

(No Chapter meetings in July, August)

18 September 2020 Speaker: TBD

16 October 2020 Speaker: TBD

20 November 2020 Speaker: TBD

11 December 2020 (2nd Friday) Christmas Party.
Mulligan Room, Twin Oaks

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.

2020 Dues Notice

OEMOAA Chapter dues are on a calendar year basis and 2020 dues are now being collected. Please complete this form and: (1) send it with a check payable to OEMOAA to **OEMOAA; Box 164; 2132 West Republic Road; Springfield, MO 65807** or bring the completed form with you and pay at the next meeting. 2020 dues remain \$25, which covers the member **and** spouse. Auxiliary dues for a member’s surviving spouse are \$5. Thank you.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Rank _____

Please Indicate: Retired, Active, Other;

Circle: USA, USN, USMC, USAF, USCG, USPHS, NOAA.

Phone _____ Email _____

Spouse’s Name _____

Address (**skip if on check**): Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Chapter Dues: Member \$25 (includes member & spouse); **Auxiliary \$5**

2020 DUES: _____

2020 Voluntary Charity Donation: _____

(currently earmarked for Honor Flight of the Ozarks)

Total: _____