



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

Membership Issues

As is noted later in this newsletter, the cost of our doing business with Twin Oaks Country Club is on the increase. We must note, and certainly appreciate, that they have not passed along any increase for this type of function, for the past 10 years, which predates our relationship with them. We receive several considerations, since we have members of OEMOAA who are also members of Twin Oaks. Normally, Twin Oaks charges a \$100 fee for room setup and cleanup. They have graciously cut that cost in half for us. Also, there is no bar setup fee imposed. In addition, they do not charge for a lectern or PA system, and they allow us to bring our own video projection system and screen. Plus, we are not assessed any sales tax at Twin Oaks. These are all costs that would be part of doing business anywhere else that we have been able to investigate in the Springfield area. During a recent OEMOAA Board of Directors meeting, we reviewed these costs, and concluded that we will need to increase the cost of the monthly dinner for our attendees. We certainly appreciate everyone's efforts to continue to be part of keeping our chapter alive and growing.

It has always been our desire to provide a complementary meal for our speaker, and if they bring a guest along, for that person as well. We will continue to observe this practice. In addition, we have never asked members who RSVP'd for a meeting, but then find for whatever reason that they are unable to attend, to pay for a dinner that they were unable to enjoy, even though once we commit to a certain number of attendees with Twin Oaks, we are held to that number, and cost. The club has absorbed that cost, and we hope to continue to be able to do so.

The breakdown of costs is included later in this newsletter, and can be read there. Thank you, everyone, for understanding, and your continued support of OEMOAA.

Help Us Grow!

In other news, the Mozark chapter of MOAA (Branson area) is disbanding, as of 31 Dec 19. We welcome any and all members of that chapter, who wish to affiliate with us, as we seek to grow our chapter, and serve all commissioned officers in our area.

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Legislative Update

Frank Bridges, Legislative Chair

There are two new issues of note for you: first, the Pharmaceutical Independence Long-Term Readiness Reform Act, H.R. 470. It has recently come to light that we are somewhat dependant on China for medicines and vaccines. This puts any medications that are sourced from China at risk of being cut off, or altered in a very deleterious way at any time. This Bill will require that DOD only use medicines and raw materials produced in the USA. How this action will end up is unknown at the present, but everyone needs to respond to **Calls to Action**. Second, there is another Government shutdown approaching that could have several bad effects. The more important one is that we could wind up with a year-long Continuing Resolution which would mean that the Services couldn't start any new projects. It could also mean that current tax cuts could expire at the end of this year.

In addition, in separate legislation we still facing cuts of up to 18,000 personnel in the Services' Health Care Billets. Thankfully, the Widows Tax fix is still included, and that bill is presently in Conference committee. It seems to this author that the Widows Tax fix may indeed finally survive this time, but sadly the Medical Billet cuts seem more and more likely to happen.

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

Veterans' Breakfast & Events

Missouri State University hosts a Veterans' Breakfast annually, to honor local vets, and observe Veteran's Day. This year, the breakfast will be held on Friday, November 8. Doors open at 0800, and the breakfast will start at 0900. There is a program to follow, including a performance by the Missouri State University Chorale. Guest Speaker for the breakfast will be Col (P) Mark Quander, US Army School of Engineering Commandant. Following this, guests will be treated to an outdoor concert, and an outdoor Taps service, with flyover. This will be followed by a showing of the documentary, The Weight of Honor. This film, produced over a five-year span, follows the lives of caregivers of veterans who have sustained catastrophic wounds in the service of our Country. This will be shown in the Plaster Student Union Theater at 1200. All events are free, but registration is requested. Online registration may be done by clicking [here](#). Parking for this event will be available in the Davis-Harrington Welcome Center Lot 14, located at the southwest corner of National and Bear Blvd, or Lot 29, at the Northwest corner of National and Bear Blvd. Golf Carts will transport guests from parking lots to Plaster Student Union, beginning at 0800, and will run until after the documentary film concludes. Attendees should heed weather forecasts, and dress appropriately.

October Meeting Recap

Tom Marty, Colonel, USA, Ret - Speaker

Col Marty gave us details about a scholarship, which has been established at MSU, in honor of Tim O'Neal, an MSU alumnus, who was Killed In Action, during a tour of duty in Vietnam

Col Marty then gave a very informative presentation about his work with young ROTC students, to expose them to veterans, especially older vets. He has arranged to take students to Bingo at the Veterans' Home. He also arranges for veterans to attend college football games, getting them out into the community.

The main focus of his presentation dealt with a proposed memorial for MSU, which will be known as Patriot Paths, and will most likely be housed in the MSU Library. The purpose is to honor any alumnus of MSU or its predecessors, who have been lost in combat, or combat-related activities. This would include those lost in any US combat activity, from World War 1, onward. Thus far, over 1500 known Missouri residents are known as Killed In Action in these actions. To date, it is known that as many as 93 MSU/SMSU alumni died in combat in WWI, WWII, and the Korean Conflict. Of those who died during the Vietnam conflict, at least 1500 were Missouri residents at the time. How many of these are MSU alumni is not yet known. The MSU registrar is working on refining this list. Eligibility for inclusion in this memorial is expected to be expanded to include those who died as a result of any activities connected with training and preparation for direct combat action, as well as those who died later, as a result of combat actions, or exposure to elements of combat, such as Agent Orange. Col Marty is currently working to raise funds for this memorial, which will most likely be housed in the MSU library. Precise cost of this memorial is not yet known, as the details of design are not firm. Nevertheless, he is pursuing numerous leads for funding what appears to be a very worthy project.

November Military History

1620: The Mayflower Compact is signed in what is now Provincetown Harbor, near Cape Cod, Massachusetts

1798: Congress agreed to pay a yearly tribute to Tripoli, considering it the only way to protect US shipping in the Mediterranean, as the US has no appreciable Navy as yet. This decision was later reversed by Thomas Jefferson, leading to the invasion of Tripoli, and the famous line in the Marine Corps hymn.

1820: USN Capt Nathaniel Palmer discovered the frozen continent of Antarctica

1861: Julia Ward Howe writes the lyrics for the Battle Hymn of the Republic, later sung by Union Troops to the tune John Brown's Body, which had been composed in 1852.

1863: President Abraham Lincoln delivers "a few appropriate remarks" at the dedication of the Gettysburg National Cemetery

1867: Dynamite is invented by Alfred Nobel, as a safe way to transport TNT. He later also invented the blasting cap, to detonate dynamite rods.

1883: At exactly Noon on November 18, American and Canadian railroads began using four continental time zones, to end the confusion of dealing with thousands of local times, emblematic of the power shared by the railroad companies at the time.

1906: International Distress Call "S-O-S" is adopted at the International Radio Telegraphic Convention in Berlin

1917: Provisional Russian government of Aleksander Kerensky falls to Bolsheviks, led by Vladimir Ilyich Lenin

1918: At the 11th Hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, the Great War ends.

1921: Exactly three years after the end of World War I, the Tomb of the Unknowns is dedicated at Arlington National Cemetery



Some photos of the most recent Honor Flight Welcome Home celebration at Springfield/Branson Airport. Members from our local chapter that were able to be there, included Bill Pickett, Carl Boswell and his wife, as well as Ron McCall, along with his wife. This was the final flight for 2019. I am certain that HF is already screening Veteran applicants, as well as Guardians, and starting to put together passenger manifests for flights for 2020. We have members of our chapter, who have applications pending to fly as Veterans, and will be advising the Chapter when those flights are scheduled. Let's have a good showing, to Welcome them Home!



Meal Costs to Increase

Following a meeting with the Twin Oaks Catering Director, we were advised that, effective 1 Nov 2019, they will be raising costs for our meals by 20%. This is the first cost increase that they have imposed in 10 years. With that increase, the cost to members will necessarily increase. During a recent meeting of the OEMOAA Board Of Directors, the decision was made to increase meal costs to members to \$26. Breakdown of costs looks like this:

New Meal cost: \$18.00, plus 18% gratuity, as assessed by Twin Oaks. Total cost per meal: \$21.24. Room setup (after 50% discount): \$50. Bar setup cost: NC. Prorated cost/meal, based on 20 members and 1 speaker meal: \$24.61. We have not in the past, and plan to continue not to charge members who RSVP and are not able to show up for their meal, for which we are charged. Some speakers bring a spouse, whose meal is also covered by OEMOAA.

New C of O Program takes Students to Wash DC

College of the Ozarks (C of O) has begun a new program which will ultimately take all of their students to Washington DC, for a two-day, one-night intensive experience in our nation's capitol. The first such trip took place Sept 30 to Oct 1. This program is known as CitizenTrip, and is part of the college's patriotic education curriculum.

C of O President Jerry Davis explains that people do not inherit knowledge of our exceptional country and its foundational principles, but it must be taught. Reading about things like the National Capitol is one thing, seeing it is quite different. According to Bryan Cizek, director of Patriotic Activities and a course instructor, freshman students take Patriotic Education 103, which includes military science, civics, American History, current events, and the importance of the American economic system (capitalism). Seniors will take a second course, which is the CitizenTrip experience.

Itinerary for the trip includes stops at Arlington National Cemetery, Museum of the Bible, the United States Capitol, the White House, National Archives Museum, the National Mall, which includes the Lincoln Monument, the Vietnam War Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, Constitution Gardens, the Washington Monument, and the World War II Memorial.

The opportunity to see the nation's capitol city and experience its history is a unique, hands-on opportunity to advance the College's goal — to encourage an understanding of American Heritage, civic responsibilities, love of country, and the willingness to defend it.

(Adapted from bransontrilakesnews.com)

November 2019 Meeting

DATE 15 November 2019 – **3rd Friday**
Location – Twin Oaks Country Club (Oak Room)

PLACE: Twin Oaks Country Club (Oak Room B)
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: Bryan Hutchings, JROTC Awards Program

RSVP: By noon, Monday, 11 Nov 2019
To: LtCol William Pickett, USAF, Retired
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LtCol Pickett will acknowledge ALL reservations received.

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2019 MEETINGS & SPEAKERS

6 December 2019 – **1st Friday**
Location – Twin Oaks Country Club (Mulligan Room)
Christmas Party

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 and 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: _____