

## **Mozark Moaagram**

**April 2014**

### **President's Message**

**Congratulations to all who contributed to the program at our last meeting. Many of you commented about the program and told me how much you had enjoyed it. Stormy Point did a good job for us however it was spoiled somewhat by the lack of cool air and some noisy people. They have a new facility that is nearly ready for use and promises to fix the problems that we encountered.**

**We had another good board meeting this month and agreed on selection criteria for the True American Hero award. These criteria now clearly state that the nominee must be a volunteer. The Board also agreed that our membership needs to be involved through suggestions to the committee of qualified individuals. It may seem early to be talking about something that happens in November, but the process takes time. If you have a suggestion, pass it on to a Board Member.**

**Garry A. Sharburg, COL.( Ret.)**

**President, MOZARK MOAA**

### **Legislative Report by Winsor Morrison**

**Major Don Bishop has been too ill to write us his usual Legislative Remarks so I have gleaned a few items from the April Issue of MILITARY OFFICER magazine that appeared to be pertinent to us.**

- 1. The COLA cap has been reversed and grandfathered in for present serving members and working age retirees. The penalty will still apply to service members who have entered service after January 1, 2014.**
- 2. The Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission completes its review in February 2015 to start adjusting currently serving compensation and benefits programs. MOAA doubts the Pentagon will wait that long before making some changes.**
- 3. The "doc fix" i.e. The 2014 scheduled 27% cut in Medicare fees for physicians and nursing homes has been put off for another year. Congress and Senate could not agree on how to fund it. This is the 13<sup>th</sup> year that this has happened and the increased cost in the delay in "fixing" the troublesome SGR law has now cost billions of dollars.**

## Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance----\$1103.09

## Officer's Nominating Committee Report

Nomination Committee Chairman Dave Porter reported that the committee had some difficulty in persuading qualified members to accept a nomination. Our usual modus operandi is to progressively move the 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president to 1<sup>st</sup> vice and the following year up to president. This year 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president Buff Ness, is moving to Ecuador and therefore will not be moving up. The committee has selected the following slate of officers for nominations to the following offices:

President-----CDR. Aryl Clason

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President—1<sup>st</sup> LT. David Porter

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President----LTC. John Rousselet

Secretary-----COL. Paul Vicalvi

Treasurer-----LTC. Alan Catron

Member-at-Large----CAPT. Paul Goodspeed

Nominations from the floor at April's meeting will of course be accepted.

Criteria for The True American Hero Award selection process was presented and approved by the Board at their last meeting. Since it is rather lengthy I will not have room to put it in the moaagram but interested parties may contact Dave Porter or Paul Vicalvi (or me). I will enter it on line and keep it on file for future use. Email addresses are on the front of this moaagram.

The Criteria for "The True American Hero" is as follows:

1. The individual must have served honorably or is currently serving in any branch of the US Military Forces.
2. Must be a current resident of the Branson area.
3. Must have contributed significantly to the recognition of Branson area as the home of the American Veteran.
4. Must have unselfishly contributed their time and effort toward the support of veteran's activities.
5. Must have shown a genuine interest in the support of service members and their families through their visible presence and or verbal support at veteran's functions.
6. Any other voluntary participation associated with the furtherance of benefits or recognition of the military service man or woman and its veterans.

Any member of the chapter may suggest to the Board, candidates for consideration for the award to be given at the annual gala.

## Missouri Council of Chapters

Our Mozark Chapter will host the quarterly meeting Saturday June 7, 2014 at Keeter Center. Although it is primarily held for chapter officers, President Garry Scharberg stated that it is open to all interested members. The last chapter meeting was held at Fort Leonard Wood.

### Future Meetings

**Place:** Ledgestone Club House at Stonegate  
**Date:** April 19, 2014 (Saturday)  
**Time:** Social: 11:00  
Lunch: 12:00  
**Cost:** \$20.  
**Program:** Missouri Secretary of State Webb Garrett speaking on  
"Scams in Missouri"  
**Host:** Pat and Sheila Frederick

**May Meeting—May 17, 2014—Stormy Point—Ashley Lauer—"Jesus Was Homeless"**

**June 21, 2014—Picnic at Table Rock State Park Pavilion**

**Pictures**