

**Mozark Moaagram
April 2015**

President's Message

Karen and I trust that you are enjoying the onset of Spring Weather. We will very soon be celebrating Easter.

We enjoyed seeing everyone at the last MOZARK chapter meeting at Stormy Point.

I am especially excited and looking forward to hearing one of our own speak to us at our next meeting which is also at Stormy Point. I am referring to Col Gary Scharberg who will share with us his experience while on duty in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. This is very timely and appropriate if you have been following the recent news out of the Middle East concerning the Saudi involvement in Yemen. Also at the next meeting we will be receiving the recommendations of the nominating committee and will be holding elections for next year's slate of officers.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Thank you for your support of the military and our MOZARK Chapter.

**Aryl Clason, President
CDR USN retired**

Legislative Report by Major (retired) Don Bishop

Hopefully everyone mailed in the post cards you would have received in the National MOAA magazine. In addition feel free to BOMBARD our elected representatives on all of the issues affecting the Department of Defense, most importantly retiree matters that affect us directly as well as the force on the whole. Express your opinions to them. IF they don't hear from us in mass they will think their latest great ideas have no issue or problems with us.

I think I am going to keep this update short as I really want you to focus. This "Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission" that some folks in power have given credit as a vehicle for change in our military has now reached the level of concern not matched since around 1986, when they came up with the "Redux" "High 3" formulas that they later had to retract as it was a direct cause to the poor retention of the soldiers it affected in a large way.

Let me say it another way – to treat spending 20 years in the military is no different than spending 20 years in the corporate world, as far as retirement plans go, then the average person will say why not spend that time making a career in the civilian world. The retirement and medical system we enjoy today are the only reasons, for the most part in my opinion, why a volunteer force remains as strong as it currently is. Change that and you will see exits of those currently serving and decreased future enlistments, records we have already seen.

We are not a 401K group of people; we are warriors willing to die for our country. However, in this old soldier's opinion, if you get rid of our current retirement system and medical care, this old dog WOULD NEVER HAVE VOLUNTEERED for 20+ years of my young life. Would you?

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance \$1119.40

Nominating Committee Report

President—Dave Porter

1st Vice President—John Rousselot

2nd Vice President—Office to be eliminated if confirmed by membership

Secretary—Paul Vicalvi

Treasurer—Jeff Long, CPA

By Laws Change, Proposed

ARTICLE IX OFFICERS SECTION 1 DELETE 2ND VICE-PRES. SECTION 3 SECOND SENTENCE: A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF 1ST. VICE-PRESIDENT, SHALL AUTOMATICALLY BE FILLED BY THE SECRETARY, AND THEN THE TREASURER, IF NEEDED.

SECTION 5 SECOND SENTENCES: IN THE EVENT OF THE TEMPORARY DISABILITY OR ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT, AND THE 1ST. VICE-PRESIDENT, THE SECRETARY, AND THEN THE TREASURER, IF NEEDED, SHALL PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT. LAST SENTENCE: VICE-PRESIDENT IS SINGULAR, NOT PLURAL.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN, AND PASSED, THAT WE SUBMIT THESE ADDITIONAL CHANGES AT THE APRIL 18TH LUNCHEON TO THE MEMBERS.

THE BURIAL SERVICES FOR CDR. LOU DODEN WILL BE HELD AT MISSOURI VETERANS CEMETERY, SPRINGFIELD, MO ON APRIL 20, 2015 AT 10:00 AM.

SEVERAL OF OUR GROUP

PLAN TO GO. IF ANYONE NEEDS DIRECTIONS, PLEASE CALL WINSOR AT 417-294-4128. I HAVE BEEN THERE SEVERAL TIMES.

JACK AND SUSAN HENDERSON WILL TAKE THEIR VAN IF ANYONE NEEDS A RIDE. JACKS PHONE NUMBER IS 417-337-9586.

APRIL MEETING

DATE AND TIME: APRIL 18, 2015

11:00 HRS SOCIAL

12:00 FOR BUFFET LUNCH.

COST: \$15. EACH

PLACE: STORMY POINT VILLAGE, PIRATES HARBOR CLUB HOUSE

SPEAKER: COL (RETIRED) GARY SHARBERG—ASSIGNMENT AND DUTY AND EXPERIENCES IN SAUDI ARABIA.

MAY MEETING WILL BE MAY 16, 2015 AT WHICH TIME NEW OFFICERS WILL BE SWORN IN. IT WILL BE AT STORMY POINT ALSO.