

MOZARK MOAAGRAM
August 2017

President's Message

Greetings Chapter Members:

Our annual picnic will be held on Sat. August 5th at 1200 hrs. We are returning to the pavilion at Table Rock State Park, on Hwy 165. There is no cost for the picnic. As in the past, please bring a dish to pass: salad, casserole, potato salad, baked beans, or dessert. We will provide everything else, including the following drinks: unsweetened iced tea, sweetened tea, Arnold Palmer (half/half tea & lemonade), and pure lemonade. If you want something else, then please bring your own drink. Hope to see you all on August 5th.

(Arrive approximately 1130. The buffet line, blessing, pledge, and toasts start at 1200 hrs.)

Legislative Issues:

Lt Col Pat Frederick has agreed to be our Chapter Legislative Chair. There are many legislative issues currently being proposed and debated in Congress. Military and veteran earned compensation are still under attack, and we, as MOAA chapter members, need to let our elected Senators and Representatives know where we stand. The best way to track these bills and appropriations proposals is through the MOAA website. Following is a link on the MOAA website. You may also sign-up to receive automatic legislative "alerts" from MOAA. <http://www.moaa.org/takeaction/>

2017 Retiree Appreciation Days:

2017 Retiree Appreciation Days are 8-9 September 2017, at Fort Leonard Wood. Attached is a file with the full details.

True American Hero Award Committee:

Please call Paul Goodspeed, (417) 527-0957 paulart913@gmail.com if you have any nominees.

Membership:

The board encourages all our members to be on the lookout for potential new members. We do seem to have many eligible MOAA members moving into our area. *MOZARK Chapter pays meal costs for first time prospective members and their spouse.*

TREASURER UPDATE:

Approximately \$990.00 in bank.

REMINDER:

No meetings in July and August –
(except the picnic, of course)
Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, 23 August at 0900 at Donnie's, Branson West. Arrive early if you desire to eat. All MOZARK members are always invited to attend.

Our next regular meeting/luncheon will be Saturday, 16 September at Golden Corral.

Respectfully,

John Hathcock, President

Illness and prayers:

1. Dick Burkhalter, who is experiencing heart and breathing issues.

Upcoming Programs:

November 7, (Tuesday) 1130 Hrs., Meeting and True American Hero Award, Keeter Center, Royal Oak Forum

November 11, Saturday – Veterans Day Parade (Aryl Clason). If you would like to volunteer, please call Aryl at (417) 336-1629.

MOAA is the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers - membership is open to all current and former commissioned officers, commissioned warrant officers, and warrant officers — of the regular, National Guard, Reserve, and other components of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Public Health Service. It is an independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organization.



Addendum:

Condolences to the family of our late member Lou Doden's widow, Mary Chase Doden who died July 9, 2017. Her son, Terry Chase, PhD is a well-known dioramist of the Cedar Creek community. He gave a very interesting presentation to our chapter meeting a few years back.