

**Moaagram
June 2014**

President's Message

Summer is upon us. Karen and I wish you a safe and happy one. Thank you for the trust you have placed in me as your new president. Please rest assured I will do all I can in positive support of our Chapter and ask for your support. Never hesitate to give me suggestive comments—positive or negative. (In that way I will then have what is needed to be able to hopefully respond correctly.)

I want to thank Gary Scharberg and Kathleen for his concluding of a very successful year as president. Also a great big thank you to Dave Porter for stepping in to fill the vacancy caused by the departure of Buff Ness who is going to Equador. We wish Buff and Lana well in his new and exciting endeavor.

Hope to see you at the Picnic on June 21st. We will also be recognizing several individuals for their support of the chapter.

**Aryl Clason, CDR (ret.) USN
President, MOZARK MOAA**

Legislative Update by Major (retired) Don Bishop

First the good news. At least again this year it appears the Congress has taken the administration's proposal and going through it in their own version of their defense bill. Least this is kind of the way it is suppose to work instead of being rolled up in some Omni-bus bill with all of the other departments at the last minute. We can only continue to watch what they do, and if something stupid is discovered then we all need to "get on the horn."

The good news regarding the above bill, it appears that they have rejected the proposal to consolidate the various "Tricare." That would be another slick way of changing our medical benefits, as I'll bet they will eventually try to mandate an enrollment fee for all of us in Tricare Standard/Tricare for life; and then they will then just make one giant Tricare and try to put that under the Affordable Care Act. Okay maybe I was thinking out loud on that one.

Regarding the Co pays on pharmacy benefits and the "large" increases, I guess it would depend on which way one would look at it. From a civilian standpoint they would still say a decade from now, what a great deal we have. From a military persons standpoint, the over doubling in cost just isn't right. It's another issue we

need to watch closely and if you think it is too much then call or email, or write our elected leaders. That would be our only chance in stopping it.

With the VA mess we have now seen in the news, also the “prisoner” trade which has shoved the VA mess to page two, I firmly feel the VA mess will come back to the forefront as AMERICA is now interested in that topic more. Congress isn’t that inept. They will then spend most of their time holding hearings and coming up with some great ideas on how to fix it. The mess is probably criminal and at the very least an utter failure to our veterans. I guess we can thank God yet that we can still go see our doctor of choice under Tricare.....at least for now.

Hope your summer is off to a great start!!

**Treasurer’s Report
Bank Balance---\$1852.12**

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www.mozarkmoaa.com Please visit our WEBPAGE which W/O Keith Oxby, Webmaster, spends a lot of his personal time on. It has our membership rolls, RECENT EVENTS, pictures of many of our last meetings, news from monthly moaagrams and our organization by-laws. It also has a confidential password protected section for our officers. (Officers, call Keith for your individual user and password). Keith also is membership chairman and keeps the official chapter membership data online. Please keep him informed of your address, telephone number and email address. His email and telephone number is on the front page of the moaagram.

True American Hero

The True American Hero candidates will be selected in September. President Aryl Clason has appointed a committee to come up with candidates for this award. He appointed to this committee the following members: Paul Vicalvi, Garry Scharberg, Ronald Boldman and Winsor Morrison.

At the March Board Meeting the following selection process was approved:

- 1. The True American Hero Award committee will be appointed by the current serving Mozark Chapter president.**

2. The committee will consist of three Mozark MOAA Chapter members of which two will be Past Presidents of the chapter.
3. No committee member shall serve more than two consecutive years.
4. Any member of the Mozark MOAA Chapter may submit a candidate's name for the TAH award.
5. All candidates' names will be submitted to the Mozark MOAA Board Chapter for vetting and reviewing.
6. The Mozark MOAA Chapter Board may delete any names they do not feel qualified for the TAH Award. The final names will be given to the TAH committee by September 1st.
7. When the TAH committee selects a recipient for the TAH award, that name will be submitted to the President of Mozark MOAA Chapter.
8. It is strongly recommended that anyone submitting a candidate to the Mozark MOAA Board read the criteria for the TAH Award.
9. The TAH Award is intended for those who volunteer their services in the support of Veterans.
10. It is understood that the person selected to receive the TAH award be held in confidence.

Future Meetings

Annual Mozark MOAA Chapter Picnic

Date: Saturday, June 21, 2014
Time: 1200
Place: Table Rock State Park Pavilion
Hosts: Board of Directors
Charge: None. Paid from treasury.

Please bring a dish, baked beans, potato salad, garden salad or dessert.
Meats, drinks, buns, plates and utensils will be provided.