

**Mozark Moaagram
June 2015**

President's Message

To all MOZARK/MOAA members, spouses, and auxiliary members.

Have you had enough rain? I think so. In August we will probably need rain.

Our picnic is June 20. It costs nothing, except we ask you to bring a dish to pass.

I am going to ask all of you to do something for yourself, and for your MOAA chapter.

We need you more than ever, because our numbers are slowly declining.

If you can get out of bed, dress yourself, and drive a car "damn the torpedoes, and full speed ahead!"

I firmly believe that your age is partially a mental concept, or a state of mind.

I just turned 81 in May, and I've never felt better. When I was 47, and ran my two marathons, I almost quit at the 19th mile, but my faith in God pushed me on to finish the race.

So I am asking all of you to acknowledge, that God will give you all the strength that you need each day.

MOAA needs you! Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!

I hope to see you at the picnic at Stonebridge.

Sincerely,

Dave Porter

1st. Lt. Army Artillery

Legislative Report

Legislative Update by Major (retired) Don Bishop

Each month Winsor asks for my input for the MOAA gram. In the old days of putting out the paper version, it appeared to me that my report added a nice "filler." Now that we are digital I wonder often if what I write each month is one) read by very many and two) do the members really care if I continue. Please let Winsor know in a short email your thoughts. As most of what I write is based on the weekly MOAA National emails, Fox News, NBC Nightly News, and an occasional C-SPAN. Our Foundation takes up a lot of my time these days it seems so I was just wondering if what I write each month is really that valued by our members.

Add to what I just wrote in the first paragraph, I read what Congress is looking at doing to the military in future years and I say to myself YOU HAVE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME! I realize the military is less than one percent of our society, so if they not only take all of the fat off the bone when it comes to our pay and benefits Congress thinks they can take much of our bone that is left.

First item that has made it from that commission that "studied" our retirement plan, those recommendations have now wormed their way into the Senate and House Armed Forces Sub Committee's bill they are working on for 2016. This will kill what remains of our force if passed, so I guess we won't have to worry about ISIS or the rest of the world since there won't be anything left to defend our freedoms with. Has our Country broken our force like this before? Why yes, the years leading up to WWII, but at this point they are even going beyond those days.

Commissary, PX, active duty pay, housing allowance, pharmacy etc. take your pick none of it is good for the soldier. We (retired veterans) are really the only ones that can raise our voice to try and stop this lunacy. The active duty service member must remain quiet as per regulations, so the only way they can vote is by getting out in disgust at the three maybe six year mark. And one doesn't have to be a genius to figure out what that will give us at best, yep a military force with no experienced leadership.

I apologize again to everyone in advance, but I am just so disgusted when I read about what they are continuing to do to our force and country's defense I spent 20 proud years being part of.

Have a great summer everyone!!

**Treasurer's Report
Bank Balance \$844.27**

**June Picnic
Date: Saturday June 20, 2015
Time: 1200
Place: Stonebridge Village
Directions to Picnic (by Don Johnston)**

Enter StoneBridge Village through the west main gate from highway 76.

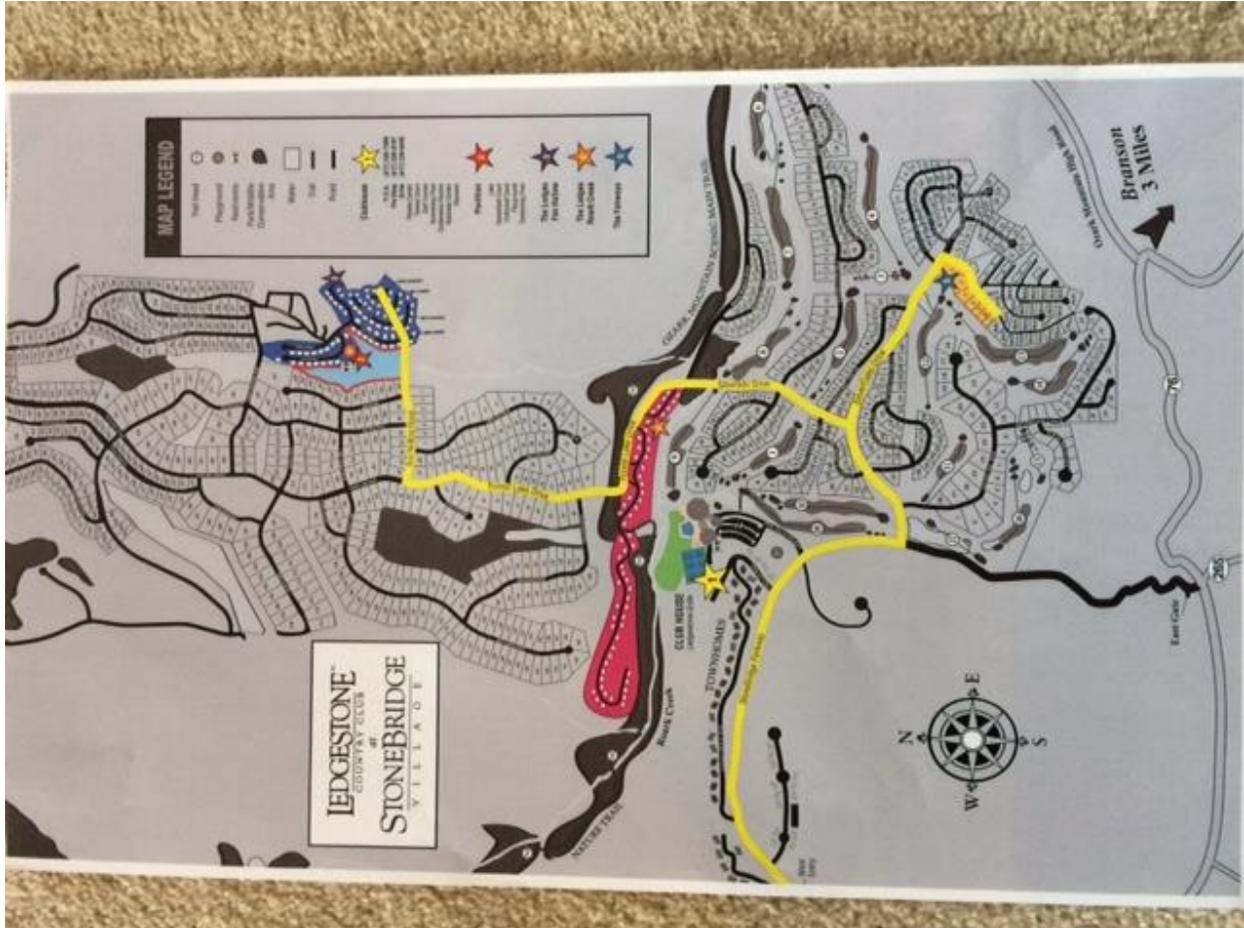
Follow Stonebridge Parkway down the hill for about 1 mile until you see the intersection of Silver Oaks Drive.

Turn left on Silver Oaks Drive and continue until you make a slight left turn onto Silverado Drive.

Continue on Silverado Drive down the hill, across Roark Creek and the the road becomes Forest Lake drive.

Follow Forest Lake Drive west until the signage and a right turn on Fox Hollow Road which will lead you down to the PAVILION and parking.

Map to Picnic



Next Meeting Saturday June 20th. Please be there!

**Annual Mozark Moaa Picnic
Date: June 20, 2015 (Saturday)
Time: 12:00**

**Place: See maps and directions above
Host: Board of Directors
Cost: Free—Please bring covered dish**

Note: As is our custom, there will be no meetings in July and August.