

MOZARK MOAAGRAM
SEPTEMBER 2017

Chapter Presidents Message – September 2017

Greetings Chapter Members:

Our annual picnic was held on Sat. August 5th. We had a very good turnout and it was great to see everyone.

As we begin picking up on our fall schedule, I would like to welcome all our members back from summer vacations and trips. Dave Porter has lined up some very interesting programs which we are looking forward to. The Congress is back in session, so I would encourage everyone to follow the budgetary impacts on our servicemembers, retirees and families. Please follow the MOAA Legislative updates and “Take Action” on those key issues that affect all of us. Major priorities are to eliminate Sequestration, protect our TRICARE earned benefits and prevent proposed massive increase in TRICARE Fees. We do have an impact on how our elected officials vote. 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/>

During the past few weeks, we have learned that several of our most loyal members will be departing the area. Of those are: Aryl & Karen Clason, Alan & Grace Catron, Garry & Kathleen Scharberg and Dave & Nancy Burke. We will miss them greatly, and we truly appreciate all their past support.

We do need to maintain our membership and this can be done through invitations to friends who are eligible. Please invite them to our meetings. We are also working with MOAA national, on prospective member invitations. We are open to any ideas you may have.

There is a MOAA Regional Leadership Conference in Memphis that I will be attending on Saturday, 16 September, and I look forward to being able to bring back some useful information for our chapter.

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 \$873.48 in bank.

Next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, September 27th 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, 1130 Hrs. at Golden Corral.

Respectfully,

John Hathcock, President

Illness and prayers:

John Rousselot, recovering from back surgery

Upcoming Programs:

September 16th, Barbara Walker will present info on Sea Wolf at the Meeting at Golden Corral.

October 21st, Kirby Bridges, a Conservation Agent and CofO graduate, will be the presenter at Keeter Center, C of O.

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.

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