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## April 2019 MOAA Dinner

**When: Thursday, 11 April**

**Where:** Crowne Plaza Hotel 925 South Creyts Road, Lansing MI  
(at I-496)

**SOCIAL HOUR:** 6:00 pm **DINNER:** 6:30 pm **PROGRAM:** 7:30 pm

### Menu Selections:

- (1) Signature Steak:** Prepared medium, with whipped potatoes and green beans
- (2) Grilled Chicken Breast:** topped with mushroom cream sauce, whipped potato and green beans
- (3) Broiled Whitefish:** Topped with lemon dill sauce, green beans and whipped potatoes

Caprese Salad and Carrot Cake served with all selections

**Make your reservations by Sunday, 7 April 2019**

On line at [www.cacmoaa.org](http://www.cacmoaa.org) or contact CW4 Tony Kruckeberg,  
armyblkhawk@yahoo.com, or 517-575-9386  
Include # of attendees. Cost is \$25.00.



## April Program

**"Developing applications of unmanned aerial systems (UAS) for inspecting the condition of transportation infrastructure."**

Our April MOAA dinner speaker is Colin Brooks. He is a PhD candidate in Biology at Michigan Tech, and received a Master of Environmental Management from Duke University in 1993. Colin is a senior research scientist at the Michigan Tech Research Institute, Ann Arbor, MI, where he is the transportation and unmanned aerial system program leader, and was previously the manager of the Environmental Sciences Laboratory. His research interests include advanced applications of high-resolution remote sensing methods, geospatial data visualization, and decision support systems. He has 25 years of experience in these fields and is an active member of ecology and transportation societies. He will be speaking to us about the employment of new technologies to help manage infrastructure issues in our State.



Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
COL (Dr) Gregory Movsesian  
presents the MOAA Certificate  
of Appreciation to March guest  
speaker R.D. (Dan) Musser III.  
Dan gave an enlightened talk  
regarding the current state and  
unique past of a true Michigan  
icon, the Grand Hotel. The  
grand is a destination for all  
Michiganders and many  
around the world. Thanks for  
the talk and the gift of  
Mackinac fudge for all  
attendees!!

## Bipartisan legislation introduced would expand National Guard and Reserve access to mental health care, regardless of deployment status.

Sen. Jerry Moran, R-Kan., and Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., announced the Care and Readiness Enhancement (CARE) for Reservists Act as a means to address the high rate of suicide among members of the National Guard and Reserve.

NGAUS is supporting the legislation.

The bill would close a gap in mental health care, officials said. Currently, members of the Guard and Reserve undergo annual health assessments to identify issues that could impact their ability to deploy, but any follow-up care is typically pursued at their own expense.

The CARE for Reservists Act would allow the Defense Department to fund needed behavioral or mental health care, regardless of whether that service member is within his or her pre-deployment window or has never deployed at all. The bill would also allow members of the Guard and Reserve to seek care at Vet Centers for mental health screening and counseling, employment assessments, education training and other services.

“We’ve got to do everything we can to improve access to mental health care services for every man and woman who serves in uniform,” said Tester. “Our bill will go a long way toward expanding mental health options for our citizen soldiers and airmen, particularly those in rural areas, and shows that we are serious about treating the invisible wounds of war.”

Tester is the ranking member of the Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee.

Moran, who also serves on the committee, said providing service members every opportunity to access mental health care was critical.

“Unfortunately, many National Guardsmen and Reservists struggle to receive mental health care when they are not deployed or drilling,” he said. “This legislation will remove existing barriers to care for National Guardsmen and Reservists by allowing them to access readjustment counseling at VA Medical Centers and through VA mental health services.”

“We have a duty to care for the men and women who bravely serve our nation, especially as it relates to mental illness and thoughts of suicide,” Moran added. “I urge my colleagues to support this legislation that moves us closer toward delivering on this promise.”

The bill is co-sponsored by Sen. Bill Cassidy, R-La.; Sen. Dan Sullivan, R-Alaska; Sen. Thom Tillis, R-N.C.; Sen. Tammy Baldwin, D-Wisc.; Sen. Maggie Hassan, D-N.H.; Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va.; and Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt.

Text of the CARE for Reservists Act can be found online [here](#).

### New News On Annual Dues!!

Chapter members, the Executive Board is voting to increase annual dues to \$15/year from \$10, for additional revenue of \$600/ year. This increase enhances our ability to contribute to community activities and local charities. We encourage all members to encourage new sponsors, for \$150/year advertisers reach approximately 250 people a month in a 10-month cycle. If you have any comments or questions, or have secured a sponsor, please contact Maj DeLee Dankenbring at [deleemarie@aol.com](mailto:deleemarie@aol.com) or phone 517-614-6090.

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### CAC Mission Statement

Our mission is to support legislative and charitable initiatives at the local, state, and national levels to enhance our families, communities and country.

### Executive Board Meeting

4 April 2019, 11:30 at Piazzano's, 1825 N. Grand River, Lansing

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