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February 2019 MOAA Dinner

When: Thursday, 14 February 2019

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, topped with sautéed onions and demi-glace, wild rice and asparagus
- (2) Chicken Cacciatore:** Breast of chicken in a tomato vegetable sauce, wild rice and asparagus
- (3) Baked Cod:** With lemon, butter and fresh herbs, wild rice and asparagus

Mixed green salad and strawberry short cake served with all selections

Make your reservations by Sunday, 10 February 2019

On line at www.cacmoaa.org or contact CW4 Tony Kruckeberg, armyblkhawk@yahoo.com, or 517-575-9386

Include # of attendees. Cost is \$25.00.



Chapter 1st Vice President COL (Dr) Gregory Movsesian presents the MOAA Certificate of Appreciation to January guest speaker COL Michael Price. COL Price, the current First Army Advisor for the Michigan Army National Guard, spoke on many compelling topics regarding the current and future of the armed forces.



Happy Valentines Day



February Program



MOAA Members and Spouses, February is quickly approaching! Our February MOAA Dinner Meeting is on Valentine's Day; how better to spend it than with our military family! Our guest speaker is Coach Gene Orlando, Michigan State University Tennis Coach. He will be talking about the college tennis program, and his experience as a coach. He will also talk about coaching a minor sport in the Big Ten, as well as recruiting athletes in the college environment. Please join us for an exciting evening!



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FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 2018

The Executive Board feels it is necessary for the general membership to understand the financial health of our Chapter. Here is a summary:

We received the following funds:

1. Dues: \$1,260
2. Sponsors: \$575
3. 50/50: \$505
4. USAA grant: \$300
4. Incentives from National MOAA / Mercer: \$240
5. Various: \$50

Total Credits: \$2,930

Expenses:

1. Postage / printing for newsletters that are mailed: \$1000
2. Dinner meals for guest speakers / spouse and scholarship recipients / 2 guests: \$150
3. Travel stipend for MOAA convention: \$500
4. Travel stipend for MOAA training: \$225
5. Charity contributions: \$500
6. Website management: \$200
7. Administrative costs (50/50 tickets, nonprofit filing fees, labels, paper, etc.): \$200

Total Debts: \$2,775

Note: The chapter collected \$10,595 toward meals and paid \$10,765. We charge exactly what we pay for meals the hotel. The difference is for the people we host as speakers and guests. The chapter also maintains an emergency fund should we need to cover an unexpected expense. The scholarship program is operated as a separate not for profit fund and is not included as part of the chapter operating activities.

We try to live within current revenue for chapter operations. Our surplus funds for 2018 were approximately \$155. As a chapter, we would like to be able to contribute to more community activities and get our message out to potential members. We added a new activity with the MSU ROTC departments helping to fund a pizza party for graduating seniors in hopes of educating them and the department cadre of the benefits of MOAA membership. In order to do more, we need to increase our revenue. The Executive Board is considering an increase in local membership dues. We have not decided the exact amount, but are looking at a new dues rate of \$15 per year. This would give us an additional \$600 per year. We would also like to encourage all members to seek out sponsors for our newsletter. The sponsor would pay \$150 per year to have their business card put in our newsletter. It reaches about 250 people a month for 10 months. Contact Doug Couto or Jim Sigmon for a sample sponsor invite letter. If you have any comments / questions or have secured a sponsor, please contact Maj DeLee Dankenbring at deleemarie@aol.com or phone 517-614-6090.

The final FY 2018 COLA, which took effect Jan 1, 2019, is 2.8 percent, matching MOAA's prediction.

For context, this means that for every \$1,000 you currently receive in retired pay, you will receive \$28 *more* starting Jan. 1, 2019. The calculation is made by comparing the average CPI from July through September of the current fiscal year to the average for the same months of the year prior. Remember, active duty pay raises are calculated differently.

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2019

Now is the time to start preparing scholarship and book allowance applications for children and grandchildren (including step-children and step grandchildren) of chapter members or disabled Michigan veterans and their children. Applications must reach Major Dankenbring by March 15, 2019. Note that scholarships of \$1,000-\$1250 need a recommendation from a school counselor or teacher. For more information and application forms go to our chapter website, www.cacmoaa.org

Veterans Court Needs Volunteers

Many of us have served as mentor's during our time in service, now is your chance to continue that relationship by volunteering as a mentor with the Michigan Veterans Court. The court serves Veterans in need of during a difficult time in their lives. Your support is needed to enhance this valuable program. Please contact Tom McBeath at: (517) 896 9764 or email at: mbeath@gmail.com

Your local Capitol Area Chapter and National MOAA are nonpartisan groups representing all members regarding legislative issues and current events affecting you and your community! For more information regarding issues that affect you and your family members please use this link: [HTTP://takeaction.moaa.org](http://takeaction.moaa.org) or call: (800) 234-6622, or (703) 549-2311

Newsletter

Help the chapter reduce newsletter costs by requesting an email version in lieu of a printed copy. If you are able and would like to get this via email, or if you need some help with it, contact me at moaaeditor@gmail.com or call me at (517) 526-2406.

Membership

For membership inquiries please use this link: www.cacmoaa.org , for eligibility or other questions regarding membership please contact: Jason Wilkinson at: 719 205 2482

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

7 February 2019, 11:30 at Piazzano's,
1825 N. Grand River, Lansing

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Support Kroger Card Drive!!**

We continue to increase our enrollment in the Kroger Community Rewards Program! Thank you for all of your support and thank you in advance for signing up for this valuable program. We will have computers our next meeting to help anyone needing assistance with joining the program. Our chapter non-profit Organization number is: JR311, use this number when contacting Kroger for assistance.