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November MOAA Dinner

When: Thursday, 9 November, 2017

Where: Crowne Plaza Hotel

925 South Creyts Road, Lansing, Michigan (at I-496)

SOCIAL HOUR: 6:00 PM

DINNER: 6:30 PM

PROGRAM: 7:30 PM

Menu Selections:

- #1 Roast Turkey:** With turkey gravy. Whipped potato and carrots
- #2 Ham Steak:** Maple glazed. Whipped potato and carrots
- #3 Warrior Steak** cooked medium topped with sautéed onions and demi-glace. Whipped Potatoes and carrots

Pumpkin Pie

Make your reservations by SUNDAY, 5 November 2017

On line at www.cacmoaa.org

or contact CW3 Tony Kruckeberg, armyblkhawk@yahoo.com, or
517-575-9386

Include # of attendees. Cost is \$25.00.

Make checks payable to 'Capitol Area Chapter MOAA

2018 – 2020 Officer Capitol Area Chapter Officer Nominations

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*Are not voted on

In accord with our Chapter By-Laws, these are the nominations proposed by the Chapter Board. If any Chapter Member would like to nominate anyone else for any of these positions, please contact our Chapter President or LTC Jim Sigmon. Voting will be conducted at the December Meeting on 14 December 2017

November Program

Honoring Our Nations Veterans

Charles S. Kettles, Lieutenant Colonel, USA (Ret) Medal of Honor

We are pleased to welcome retired Lt Colonel Charles Kettles a Medal of Honor Recipient and honorary CAC Member. He risked his life multiple times to save dozens of soldiers who were trapped in an ambush by an estimated battalion size force of Vietnamese soldiers on May 15, 1967. A Major, then, he volunteered to lead a flight of six UH-10 helicopters to bring reinforcements to the battlefield and evacuate the wounded. After offloading the wounded, he returned with additional reinforcements knowing that they would again face intense fire from the enemy. Later that day he again volunteered to lead a flight of six evacuation helicopters to evacuate the remaining 40 troops plus four members of his own unit. After the evacuation flight left the battlefield he learned that eight soldiers had been left behind. Kettles returned to the landing zone to rescue the remaining soldiers while taking concentrated fire. Once he knew the remaining soldiers were on board, he flew his badly damaged helicopter and everyone on board to safety. Kettles later remarked, *"We got all 44 out. None of those names appear on the wall in Washington. There's nothing more important than that."*

We will also set a Missing Man Table to honor those who didn't return from battle and made the ultimate sacrifice. Followed by the playing of Amazing and Taps on the bagpipes.

More details about Charles Kettles: <https://www.army.mil/medalofhonor/kettles/>
<https://www.ypsilantihistoricalsociety.org/publications/kettles.pdf>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Md9GyAw3yN0>
<http://today.emich.edu/story/news/1060>



President Barack Obama awards the Medal of Honor to Kettles on July 18, 2016.



Then Army Major Charles Kettles stands in front of a 121st Aviation Company UH-1H Huey helicopter during his second tour of duty in Vietnam in 1969.

Do not miss this!! Bring guests!!! All are welcome!! This should be our largest Chapter gathering ever!!!

Future Chapter Programs

14 December: MSU Children's Choir" (grades 5-8)
from MSU Community School
Support Toys for Tots


Executive Board Meeting

2 November 2017, 1130 hours at Piazzano's,
1825 N Grand River, Lansing, MI

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Don Abbott

Last week our Chapter lost a loyal and dear friend in Don Abbott. He passed away suddenly Monday, 16 October 2017 at his home in Grand Ledge, MI. I will miss his smile and pleasant hello each time I saw him. It has given me cause to reflect on my membership in Capitol Area Chapter, MOAA and more importantly being part of such a good family. My membership is more than thinking about benefits. I saw a good friend COL Rosendo Reyes from our USAR days at our October dinner. I had not seen for some time. I have made new friendships with other members since joining the Chapter which I will always cherish. This family feeling has followed me all through my military days and beyond. We have a common thread which binds us together. It makes the message that the current Commander for the American Legion, Denise Rohan made about family ring clear. Each member has our back, we have there's as we watch over each other and our families This is the feeling I have when I think of my membership in Capitol Area Chapter, MOAA and I thank each of you for it. May Don rest in peace and let perpetual light shine upon him and bring comfort to his family.

From Jim Sigmon, LTC, USA (Ret)

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Taps

Donald L. Abbott, LtCol, USAF (Ret), 84 years, 16 October 2017. Don has been a very active member of our Chapter for many years and will be greatly missed. Donations may be made in Don's memory to Wounded Warrior Project at www.woundedwarriorproject.org, or Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church.



Chapter Scholarships

You all have received a letter in the mail requesting donations for this years awards. We have a proud and distinguished record of helping young people achieve their educational goals. Please give this request your consideration. Any donation helps.