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## November 2019 MOAA Dinner

When: Thursday, 14 November

Where: Crowne Plaza Hotel 925 S. Creyts Rd, Lansing MI (at I-496)

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

### Menu Selections:

- (1) Signature Steak:** Cooked medium topped with sautéed onions and demi-glaze. Served with whipped potatoes and carrots.
- (2) Roast Turkey:** With Turkey gravy. Served with whipped potatoes and carrots.
- (3) Ham Steak:** Maple glazed. Served with whipped potatoes and carrots.

Bordeaux Salad and Pumpkin Pie served with all selections

### Make your reservations by Sunday, 10 November 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 **\$27.00**.

Make checks payable to Capitol Area Chapter MOAA

## November Program

### Michigan Memorial Wall

The Michigan Vietnam Memorial Wall was produced in 2005 at the Air Show at Selfridge Air Force Base and was dedicated to the Vietnam veterans. Kurt Damrow wanted to honor his cousin Oliver Damrow of Kinde, Michigan who was killed during his second tour in Vietnam. Kurt, along with his friend John Swanson designed the memorial for all from Michigan who made the ultimate sacrifice. Today, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 154 is the custodian of the wall. Chapter volunteers travel to every corner of Michigan to show families and loved ones this great tribute, and honor the 2,654 Michigan soldiers killed in action.

### 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.

### Membership

For membership inquiries please use this link: [www.cacmoaa.org](http://www.cacmoaa.org), for eligibility or other questions regarding membership please contact: Jason Wilkinson at: (719) 205-2482

### 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](mailto:moaaeditor@gmail.com) or call (517) 526-2406.

Members of the CAC MOAA Board accept the **5 Star Level of Excellence Award** for 2018 at the October 2019 chapter dinner. Congratulations to our members for making us a 5 Star chapter 2 years running! Special thank you to Jim Sigmon for managing the application process, his diligence got it done!



## SCHOLARSHIP FUND NEEDS YOUR HELP

As we begin the thirteenth year of our college scholarship program we need to begin raising money to replenish the scholarship fund. In 2019 our chapter received 15 applications for scholarships or book awards, but we only had enough money to provide six scholarships and two book awards totaling \$8,100. When you receive a Chapter request in the mail, please contribute whatever you can to help reduce the debt our youngsters face with high college costs today.



## Congress Is Back to Work: Ask Your Lawmakers to Support These Critical NDAA Provisions

Regardless of where you get your news, it's likely the lead story hasn't focused on a key bill that should be top of mind for all members of the military community.

This week, as lawmakers return from recess, conferees will shape the FY20 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). In so doing, they have the chance to work toward enacting meaningful reforms for servicemembers past and present, and their families.

MOAA continues its efforts to ensure critical language reaches the final version of this bill. If you haven't joined these efforts, [do so now](#); if you have, share this story and the previous link with others in your network to help spread the word.

MOAA is working toward a bipartisan NDAA that would:

- Delay [a proposed reduction of up to 18,000 military medical billets](#) until Congress conducts a full and transparent assessment of how this proposal would affect military health care.
- Eliminate the "[widows tax](#)," a \$12,000-a-year financial penalty faced by more than 65,000 military survivors.
- Improve early Guard and Reserve retirement credit for troops activated under certain orders.
- Call for the Government Accounting Office to conduct an independent review of the business case analysis supportive of [merging the military's commissary and exchange systems](#).
- Establish essential rights for [military families in privatized base housing](#).

Language supporting these positions already has cleared a major hurdle – reaching the conferee stage of the NDAA process. However, while many of the above proposals have [overwhelming bipartisan support](#), their inclusion in the final bill is far from a sure thing. That's why MOAA continues to push, and why your voice remains necessary.

So [send a letter](#) and spread the word. Need more details? Visit MOAA's [advocacy news page](#) for the latest on these issues and others.

## Greater Lansing Food Bank Donations Welcome at November Meeting

GLFB is a nonprofit that provides emergency food to those in need in Ingham, Eaton, Clinton, Shiawassee, Clare, Isabella and Gratiot Counties. The GLFB serves tens of thousands, many of them seniors and children. Our chapter collected 74 pounds of non-perishable goods equating to 62 meals during our September picnic, let's do more in November!!

MOAA encourages our members to bring non-perishable items or cash donation to our November meeting. Your support is appreciated!!

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



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