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### October MOAA Dinner

When: Thursday, 11 October 2018

Where: Crown Plaza Hotel

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

SOCIAL HOUR: 6:00 PM

DINNER: 6:30 PM

PROGRAM: 7:30 PM

October 2018 Menu Selections:

#### Garden Salad

- (1) Parmesan Encrusted Chicken topped with garlic cream sauce with Red skin potatoes and green beans
- (2) Signature Steak prepared medium, topped with sautéed onions and demi glaze served with red skin potatoes and green beans
- (3) Asian Glazed Whitefish served with redskin potatoes and green beans

Dessert: Apple Pie

Make your reservations by SUNDAY, 7 October 2018

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.

Make checks payable to Capitol Area Chapter MOAA

### October Program

#### Opioid Epidemic: A Crisis in our Society

This month we welcome Carol Siemon (Ingham Co. Prosecutor) and Maj. Darin J. Southworth (Corrections division, Ingham Co.) for an open panel discussion to address the Opioids Epidemic in the United States. The panel moderator is our own Judge David Jordan.

Carol Siemon is currently involved in the Ingham Opioids Abuse Prevention initiative through the MI Department of Public Health. She also serves on the advisory committee for the Ingham County Chapter of Families Against Narcotics.

Darin J. Southworth is a fourth generation Police Officer, currently serving as Major In Charge of the corrections division of Ingham Co. He chairs the Tri-County Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Steering Committee, responsible for training over 200 police and corrections officers in CIT.

### November Program "look ahead"

#### U.S. Senator Gary Peters

Join us in November as we welcome Senator Gary Peters! Senator Peters serves on the Senate Armed Services Committee, the Senate Commerce, Science, and transportation committee, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee and the Joint Economic Committee.



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## Congress Clears Way to Fund Largest VA Spending Bill in History

Among a series of spending measures sent to President Trump last week was the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) appropriations. The VA will receive its full budget for FY 2019 and partial advance funding for FY 2020 to assure continuity of veterans' health and disability, education, survivors, memorial and other benefit payments between fiscal years.

Key provisions contained in the bill:

Funding to support the new [VA MISSION Act](#), including additional funding for community care, expansion of VA's comprehensive caregiver services and money to modernize medical facilities.

Expanding mental health services, including integration of mental health with primary care services through telehealth, medical centers and community clinics.

Directing more resources to the delivery of care in rural communities.

Funding to redesign VA's health care delivery system to better meet the needs of women veterans.

Funding for a variety of treatment and prevention programs targeting opioid abuse, substance disorders, and justice outreach for homeless veterans.

Expanding long-term care programs in both institutional and home settings.

Establishing a new pilot program to develop best practices and support services for providing hospice and non-palliative care to meet the unique needs of combat veteran.

Funding to modernize VA's electronic health record and appointment scheduling systems.

Requiring VA to track and monitor individual debt resulting from delays in processing veterans' benefits.

Funding for the appropriate staffing and resources to reduce wait times and backlog of disability claims and appeal decisions.

The veterans spending bill was part of a larger package of bills providing funding to three other federal agencies, defense for military construction, water and energy, and the legislative branch.

### Newsletter

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### Executive Board Meeting

4 October 2018, 1130 at  
Piazzano's, 1825 N Grand River,  
Lansing, MI  
See you there!!

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MOAA encourages our members to bring non-perishable items to our October meeting. Your support is appreciated!!



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