

April 2023

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Upcoming Events

- April 14, 2023, (Indoors) Island Bay Yacht Club
- June 9, 2022, The Beach House, Decatur
- August 11, 2022, (outdoors) Island Bay Yacht Club, Springfield
- August 26, 2023, Saturday, Fifth Annual Golf Outing at Shambole Golf Course, Petersburg
- October 13, 2023, Northfield Center, Springfield
- December 8, 2023, Northfield Center, Springfield

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THE SALUTE—Never Stop Serving...



Next Meeting Information

Dinner Meeting - Friday, April 14, 2023

**Location: Island Bay Yacht Club (Indoors)
76 Yacht Club Road, Springfield, IL 62712**

Social Hour at 6:00PM, Dinner at 7:00PM

Cash Bar Available During the Evening

Cost: \$32 Per Attendee

Dress: Nice Casual

Menu: Buffet Style Dinner

Salads: Mixed Greens with Candied Pecans, Mandarin Oranges, Strawberry Slices with a Poppyseed Dressing (on the side); BLT Pasta Salad, and Picnic Potato Salad Garnished with Chopped Hard-Boiled Eggs and Green Onions

Entrees: Smoked Barbecued Ribs with Sweet Baby Rays Barbecue Sauce, and Oven Baked White Fish with a Butter White Wine Parsley Sauce

Side Dishes: Brown Sugar Baked Beans with Bacon, Cheesy Picnic Potatoes, Sautéed Green Beans, Sister Schubert Rolls and Butter

Desserts: Apple Caramel Cobbler; Chocolate Sheet Cake Squares Drizzled with Raspberry Sauce, and Lemon Cheesecake Bars

Drinks: Iced Tea and Coffee

IMPORTANT * ENSURE YOUR RESERVATION IS MADE
NOT LATER THAN 5PM on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12th**

**MAKE RESERVATIONS ONLINE (Preferred Method)
or by**

Contacting by Phone/Text/Email:

Dave Knieriem 217-899-5526 (dknieriem@casscomm.com)

Please let us know how many will attend.

President's Corner:

Our Chapter has a Facebook page presence on the web:

<https://www.facebook.com/MOAAlincolnland> Check it out—Also, it may be accessed through our website by clicking the “F” logo near the top of the home page.

Please help us with the following major tasks we have in Lincolnland

Chapter:

1. Talk up the Chapter Scholarship Program—we need more applicants.
2. Talk up the Chapter Golf Outing—August 26, 2023 at Chambolee Golf Course on Lake Petersburg, Illinois. We need more golfers and sponsors.
3. Help us RECRUIT new members. Members are our best recruiters. Please talk to potential members within your Sphere of Influence about joining us as we NEVER STOP SERVING.
4. Please attend our meetings—We Need Your Support!



From The Survivor Outreach Services Coordinator **Chris Milchuck**

Below is information I shared with my Survivor within the Survivor Outreach Services program since many of them are now single parents and assumed sole responsibility as head-of-household. I hope you find it beneficial, as well.

Springtime Tips

With March now upon us, many homeowners and renters may be eagerly looking forward to spring and the season of new beginnings, as well as beginning to write that spring- cleaning checklist. If you have not begun to write yours, below are some tasks that are often overlooked and may be a good starting point for you.

Test carbon monoxide and smoke detectors.

Inspect roofing for leaks and missing, damaged, or loose shingles.

Check the garage door mechanics such as the torsion spring, torsion spring cables (check for cable fraying), door panel hardware (loose or missing), and door rollers.

Remove leaves and debris from window wells.

Repair or replace damaged window screens.

Clean the fireplace and chimney.

Check caulking and weather stripping around windows and doors.

Change the furnace filter and service the air conditioning.

Dust baseboards, ceiling fans, and blinds. Wash windows and curtains. Clean flooring.

Vacuum the HVAC system.

Flush the hot water heater.

Clean the dryer filter and vent.

Clean the garbage disposal.

Clean sink and shower drains. Remove build-up from shower heads.

Remove expired food from the pantry, refrigerator, and freezer. Wipe down shelves.

If the list seems overwhelming to accomplish independently, consider the following:

Enlist the assistance of kids, grandkids, other family members, and friends.

Friends and neighbors may also have kids looking to make some extra money.

Contact a Veterans organization, church, or high school to see if they have a list of volunteers that can help with the tasks.

Complete the list over a longer time rather than trying to do it all in a weekend.

Though the process seems overwhelming, spring-cleaning does have benefits! It improves your physical and mental health, makes your home a safer, healthier place to live, and prevents small issues from becoming bigger, more expensive problems. As you begin your list, please keep safety in mind.

Happy Spring! And...happy cleaning!

THE SALUTE—Never Stop Serving....



PROVIDING CRISIS RELIEF TO OUR NATION'S HEROES

Together, we can offer support and stability to the uniformed services and veteran communities during a crisis.



OUR GOAL

Our goal is to raise \$1 million to endow The MOAA Foundation's Crisis Relief Fund and continue our great work.



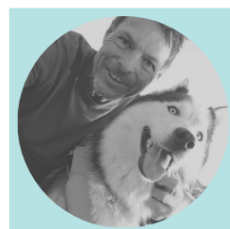
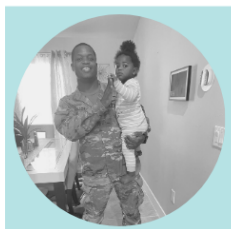
WHY CRISIS RELIEF?

More than 12 million veterans without a VA disability rating have virtually no support when disaster strikes.



CAN YOU HELP?

Our hope is your generous contribution will help us reach our goal to fund this program in perpetuity.



READY TO ASSIST

In April 2020, The MOAA Foundation launched an emergency COVID-19 Relief Fund to support uniformed services families impacted by the pandemic.

As the pandemic has ebbed, we know crisis-related needs of uniformed services families and veterans still exist.

To answer the call for help, we established The MOAA Foundation Crisis Relief Fund — an enduring emergency relief fund to assist uniformed services personnel, veterans, and their families (including caregivers and survivors) in the midst of crisis.

WHAT SETS US APART



Our streamlined application takes less than 20 minutes to complete, saving applicants the time they need to address other urgent priorities.



Funds reach an approved applicant's bank account within days of approval — timely relief when it can have the most impact.



Financial grants are awarded to qualifying applicants to help with housing costs, utilities, medical and insurance bills, groceries, and more.



100% of our Crisis Relief applicants would recommend our program to others in need.



(800) 234-6622



moaa_foundation@moaa.org



charities.moaa.org/crisisrelief

Legislative Liaison Update

As noted earlier, it is a new Congress and a new state legislature.

That means that the left-over veteran legislation that did not get passed last session will need to be reintroduced into the new legislative bodies. Most of the state level focus is on veteran transition back into the local workforce following active duty or deployments.

High priority veteran issues include homelessness, unemployment, and suicide in addition to licensure for both the veteran and the spouse.

The annual MOAA Advocacy in Action event in DC will take place on April 26th.

Since most legislation still need to be resubmitted, this year's topics do not address specific congressional bills and are best characterized as addressing "broken promises."

The three topics are: restoring BAH to 100%; reversing the TRICARE pharmacy network cuts; and overall support for the "All-Volunteer Force."

For us, that means we need to pay attention to what folks are doing in Springfield and in DC.

Further, we need to let them know that we care about the promises our country has made to its service members, and that we expect all of our elected officials to honor the country's commitment those who have served.

Thanks for your vigilance and for "Never Stop Serving"!

Semper Fi – Bob



Chaplain's Update

In writing this article about the soldiers who serve behind the scenes, I would never diminish the hardships and sacrifices endured by any combat soldier. Never-the-less, there were many who never saw combat, whose service ought to be recognized and appreciated. We all understand this fact, but do we? Often those in a support role carry around guilt, feeling inferior because they never endured the horrors of combat. However, most combat soldiers that I've talked to recognize the value of all who serve their country. One statistic declares that for every combat soldier in the field, there are at least 300 soldiers who support him and make his task possible. Doctors, nurses, military police, navigators, mechanics, drivers, cooks, typists, artists, and so many others who serve faithfully. One group that is seldom talked about is the grave registration and burial corps whose task is never envied.

Appreciation for all who serve has a long history. Before he became king, David was a warrior, a leader of men. The prophet Samuel records a moment of history that every warrior should consider:

1 Samuel 30:21–25 (NIV84) — **21** Then David came to the two hundred men who had been too exhausted to follow him and who were left behind at the Besor Ravine. They came out to meet David and the people with him. As David and his men approached, he greeted them. **22** But all the evil men and troublemakers among David's followers said, "Because they did not go out with us, we will not share with them the plunder we recovered. However, each man may take his wife and children and go." **23** David replied, "No, my brothers, you must not do that with what the LORD has given us. He has protected us and handed over to us the forces that came against us." **24** Who will listen to what you say? The share of the man who stayed with the supplies is to be the same as that of him who went down to the battle. All will share alike." **25** David made this a statute and ordinance for Israel from that day to this.

There are several things in this passage which are good for us to consider:

Some were forced to remain behind because of physical limitations. Rather than seeing weakness, I see faithful soldiers who gave their all.

They were all brothers who did the job assigned to them.

They all were protected by God, and It was the Lord's victory.

They all deserved to share the honor, respect, and victory of the moment.

I hope this has been an encouragement to all you who have served our country. God bless each one of you.

Justin L. Everson



Honorary Chaplain

Major Charles L. “Dust-off” Kelly, U.S. Army, Jefferson County, Georgia**10 April 1925 – 1 July 1964****Laid to Rest: Screven County Memorial Cemetery, Sylvania, Georgia****By Patrick H. Brady**

“Major Charles L. Kelly was DUSTOFF and DUSTOFF was “Combat Kelly.” The two became synonymous in Vietnam in 1964. As commander of the 57th Medical Detachment (Helicopter Ambulance), Kelly assumed the call sign “DUSTOFF.” His skill, aplomb, dedication, and daring soon made him famous throughout the Delta. The silence of many an outpost was broken by his radio draw, “...this is DUSTOFF. Just checking in to see if everything is okay.” And when there were wounded, in came Kelly “hell-bent for leather!” On 1 July 1964 Kelly approached a hot area to pick up wounded only to find the enemy waiting with a withering barrage of fire. Advised repeatedly to withdraw, he calmly replied to the ground element’s advisor, “When I have your wounded.” Moments later, he was killed by a single bullet. Kelly was dead but his “DUSTOFF” became the call sign for all aero-medical missions in Vietnam.

“When I have your wounded” became the personal and collective credo of the gallant DUSTOFF pilots who followed him. Major Charles L. Kelly was inducted into the DUSTOFF Hall of Fame on 17 February 2001.”

Those words set the standard and example for generations of Dust-off crews, which provided helicopter aeromedical evacuation from the battlefield. They were also the death rattle of Maj. Charles Kelly. In terms of lives saved, his sacrifice was perhaps the most productive U.S. combat death ever. Kelly’s story may be instructive in demonstrating the shabby state of evacuation and care of wounded warriors today.

A World War II veteran, Kelly was in command of the 57th Medical Detachment (Helicopter Ambulance) in Vietnam in 1964. At the time, the 57th covered Vietnam with five UH-1 helicopters, better known as “Huey’s.” The primary mission was recovery of U.S. casualties. Nearly 16,000 GIs were in country, mostly as advisers, and they suffered few casualties. Thus, the 57th did not fly a lot.

Although patients had been moved by helicopter in World War II and Korea, there was no doctrine on the control and use of Dust-off in combat. Kelly’s boss, Brig. Gen. Joe Stilwell (son of the famous “Vinegar Joe” – we called him “Cider Joe,” but not to his face), had put the 57th helicopters under a transportation unit. This was a scheme doomed to fail, and it quickly did. The transportation guys were not trained as medics; that’s why they were called transportation soldiers. A helicopter ambulance is a medical resource, and all medical resources had been under medical control since the Civil War.

But Stilwell was determined to control the 57th birds. Shortly after Kelly's arrival, Stilwell announced that he would use portable red crosses for medical missions and remove them for ash-and-trash missions. Kelly was outraged, and the two men went toe-to-toe. Stilwell said he would take his case to the surgeon general, who was his friend. Kelly replied that he might be a friend, but he was no fool. Kelly had been shot and almost died in World War II. He was morally and physically fearless. He had also been court-martialed three times and cared more about doing what was right than about his career.

I was in the unit when Kelly returned from his meeting with Stilwell. After warning that the higher-ups did not wish us well, he said that if we were to save Dust-off we had to prove we could rescue patients better than anyone else. He led the way, and we tried to follow. Our helicopters were moved to the areas of heaviest combat. Kelly marketed us, covering the countryside to tell our advisers that we were there for all casualties, day and night – and on the battlefield. Up to this time there had been little night flying. Reaction time is immeasurable in lifesaving. Why must a patient wait for sun-up when helicopters fly just as well – actually, better – at night, and the crew is safer from enemy fire?

Our casualty load increased significantly, breaking all previous records. Kelly became a legend, flying up to 150 hours a month. Entire villages turned out for his pickups, and a Pulitzer Prize-winning writer began covering him. Because our night missions were unprecedented, many thought that Dust-off was specially trained for night flying. One commander ordered a study into how we did it, which concluded that night operations were too dangerous. But Dust-off defeated those dangers every night.

Dust-off pilots, of course, were not specially trained. But through repetition, we became specialists in combat pickups at night, in weather and under fire. Through trial and error, we found ways to get patients with an alacrity previously unknown. If we encountered a situation beyond our capability we could call Kelly, but we never left a patient in the field; the welfare of the patient was our universe. We were a free-enterprise operation. Individual initiative ruled. We determined the risk (although I don't remember ever hearing that word) by launching immediately and flying to the site. We had our own radio frequency and call sign and dealt directly with the grunts at the pickup site. There were no middlemen. Although we had three categories of patients – urgent, priority and routine – we responded to all calls instantly if we had the resources. This is the only way to prevent overclassification.

It was unheard of to use two ships – a “gaggle” – or to waste time waiting for gunships except in extreme situations. Area security was undefinable, and a waste of time, between grunt and crew. We set a simple definition: stand up and help us load, and we will come in.

The issue of portable red crosses was still pending in late June 1964 when, as Stilwell was leaving country, Kelly presented him with a plaque listing our tail numbers. “Here, General,” Kelly said.

On July 1, Kelly was called into a supposedly secure area for an urgent U.S. patient. As he came to a hover, the enemy – mixed in with friendlies, as they often were – cut loose. The friendlies screamed at Kelly to get out. He replied stubbornly, “When I have your wounded.” He then curled up from a single bullet shot right through his heart, the 149th American to die in Vietnam. The ship curled with him, and the rotors beat it to pieces.

The entire U.S. and Vietnamese hierarchies attended Kelly’s funeral. Stilwell wept when told of his death. In a December 1966 McCall’s article titled “A Gift of Love,” Gen. William Westmoreland chose Charles Kelly out of thousands as a beautiful example of “the greatness of the human spirit.” He said Kelly was “a living legend” who stood out among those who gave “America more than they have taken from her ... for when the going gets rough, and an extra ounce of effort is needed, Maj. Kelly’s last words still shine brightly: ‘When I have your wounded.’”

Inspired by Kelly, Dust-off became the most revered and effective battlefield operating system in Vietnam, with close to 1 million souls rescued and unprecedented survival records. Indeed, Dust-off did the most dangerous flying in Vietnam, with crews readily willing to risk their lives at any time for the grunts who risked theirs every day.”

MOAA Accomplishments in 2022

Active Duty

Executing a Credible Game Plan for Health Care Oversight --

This issue also impacts Families, Retirees, and Survivors.

Maintaining Pay Raise Comparability

Families

Securing Comprehensive Privatized Military Housing Reform*

Securing a Basic Needs Allowance for Families Facing Food Insecurity

Temporary BAH Increase for High Cost-of-Living Areas

Enhanced Leave for Military Families

Support for Public Schools Serving Military-Connected Children

Guard & Reserve

Securing Major GI Bill Upgrades to Include Transferability and Improving Benefits for Those on Title 32 Orders*

Improving Guard and Reserve TRICARE Coverage (and Securing a Premium Cut)

Ensuring Guard and Reserve Retirement Age Credit for Active Duty Service

Retirees

Protecting TRICARE For Life*

Lessening the Impact of TRICARE Fee Hikes

Defeating 'COLA Minus 1 Percent'*

Boosting Compensation Significantly for Retirees With 50% VA Disability (and Fighting for Full Concurrent Receipt)*

Ensuring TRICARE Coverage Evolves to Keep Up With Commercial Plans and Other Government Payers

Survivors

Repealing the SBP-DIC Offset ('Widows Tax')

Veterans

Comprehensive Toxic Exposure Reform

Providing Wounded Warrior Protections and Caregiver Enhancements*

Expanding Veterans' Health Care, Benefits, and other VA Compensation and Support Programs

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Our Purpose—Serving the entire Military Community locally & nationally

Our Motivation—Supporting our most reliable asset—the US military member

Our Means—Informing legislators, supporting local events & organizations

Our Membership—Commissioned Officers of the Eight Uniformed Services (USA, USMC, USN, USAF, US Space Force, USCG, NOAA, USPHS) who strongly believe in supporting a volunteer force for the safety and security of our country

MISSION OF THE LINCOLN LAND CHAPTER

Military Officers Association of America

The Lincoln Land Chapter's mission is to foster fraternal relations among the retired, active and former uniformed services and their National Guard or reserve components;

to protect the rights and interest of same to include dependents and survivors;

to further promote useful services for members of the former and current members of the Armed Forces and their dependents and survivors;

and to serve the community to the fullest extent possible.

MOAA is the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers. It is an independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organization.

While MOAA is permitted by law to lobby—and does so actively—its status as a tax-exempt veterans organization precludes it from participating in political activities, which are defined as intervening directly or indirectly in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Stated briefly: the association may advocate issues, but it may not advocate the election or defeat of particular candidates or political parties. This newsletter follows the policies of MOAA National.

**Now and Always
We'll be There.**



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MOAA Legislative Action Center

You can help MOAA by visiting their legislative action center and contacting your elected officials regarding pending legislation MOAA is working. You can reach the Legislative Action Center at the following email address: [take action.moaa.org](mailto:takeaction.moaa.org)

Reasons to Join a MOAA Chapter

You know the value of belonging to MOAA and your chapter. But when you're talking to a potential new chapter member, it's important to remember that many officers might have only limited knowledge of MOAA's chapter system.

Creating a dialogue and asking open-ended questions is the best way to find out if and how a chapter membership could help a prospective member.

Find out as much as you can about their priorities in order to tailor a response that is more likely to resonate with them personally.

Here are some aspects of membership that may appeal to them.

- 1. Make yourself heard.** MOAA's chapters provide critical grassroots support for MOAA's national legislative agenda. Chapter members let their legislators know what's on their minds and open doors for MOAA's legislative team in Washington, D.C.
- 2. Give back to the community.** Chapter members are MOAA's ambassadors in their communities, supporting countless programs that make a difference in the lives of others. These members continue to serve and are giving back in the truest sense.
- 3. Value added to chapter members' lives.** MOAA chapters sponsor interesting programs and opportunities to interact with civic, political, military, and business leaders on issues important to members.
- 4. Networking with fellow officers.** Chapters include second-career members in the work force and retired service members who have contacts in their communities that can be valuable to transitioning officers.
- 5. Stay informed.** Chapter newsletters, websites, and meetings provide you with the latest information on local, state, and national issues and changes to military benefits.
- 6. Influencing state legislation.** Most states have a council of chapters that unites chapters in the state. These councils, and independent chapters in states without a council, often lobby for and pass state-level legislation that affects military members and their families, such as exempting military retired pay from state income tax or increasing funding for state veterans' programs.
- 7. Camaraderie with a purpose.** MOAA chapters unite active duty, former, and retired officers from every branch of service, including National Guard and Reserve, as well as surviving spouses, offering the opportunity to connect with others with similar backgrounds and interest and develop close and lasting friendships.

LINCOLN Land Chapter Leadership 2022-2023**IL-03 Lincoln Land Chapter**

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*BOD = Board of Directors



2023 Lincoln Land ChapterMOAA Meeting Dates

February 10, 2023—Northfield Center, Springfield

April 14, 2023—(indoors) Island Bay Yacht Club, Springfield

June 9, 2023—The Beach House, Decatur

Fifth Annual Golf Outing— August 26, 2023—Shambole Golf Course, Petersburg, Illinois

August 11, 2023—(Outdoors) Island Bay Yacht Club, Springfield

October 13, 2023—Northfield Center, Springfield

December 8, 2023—Northfield Center, Springfield~Annual Christmas Meeting/Member Auction



All about MOAA

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is the country's leading organization protecting the rights of military service members and their families. Those who belong to MOAA not only lend their voices to a greater cause, but they also gain access to extensive benefits tailored to the needs and lifestyles of military officers. MOAA members proudly hail from every branch of the uniformed services. To them, we have made the same promise that they have made to their country: Never Stop Serving. MOAA's greatest mission is to improve the lives of those who serve and their families, which is achieved largely through the tireless advocacy efforts taking place in our nation's capital. MOAA's experts in Washington are there to support legislation that benefits the military community and are equally vigilant when fighting to stop legislation that threatens our livelihood. The larger our numbers, the greater our voice. Membership is open to active duty, former, retired, and National Guard and Reserve commissioned and warrant officers of the uniformed services and their surviving spouses. MOAA is the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers. It is an independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organization. With more than 350,000 members from every branch of service - including active duty, National Guard, Reserve, retired, former officers, and their families - we are a powerful force speaking for a strong national defense and representing the interests of military officers at every stage of their careers. MOAA's highest priority is providing first-class service to our members. We are the leading voice on compensation and benefit matters for all members of the military community. We provide expert advice and guidance to our members. While the association does advocate a strong national defense, it does not, as an association, become involved in matters pertaining to military strategy or individual weapons systems of the various services. The association's board of directors has long believed that such decisions can be made only by those who have all of the facts available to them: today's actively serving military leadership. The association plays an active role in military personnel matters and especially proposed legislation affecting the career force, the retired community, and veterans of the uniformed services. MOAA's overarching goals are captured in its resolutions, which reflect the views of the entire membership. The membership provides input and votes on resolutions every two years (on even years). While MOAA is permitted by law to lobby - and does so actively - its status as a tax-exempt veterans organization precludes it from participating in political activities, which are defined as intervening directly or indirectly in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Stated briefly, the association may advocate issues, but it may not advocate the election or defeat of particular candidates or political parties.

Lincoln Land Chapter Military Officers Association of America

Scholarship Program for Academic Year-Fall 2023

Lincoln Land Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America ("MOAA") announces its Scholarship Program for the Academic Year which begins in the Fall 2023. The Scholarship Program for Academic Year-Fall 2023 award shall be made solely based on an Applicant's submission in response to this announcement. No other criteria will be considered.

INFORMATION FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR ACADEMIC YEAR- FALL 2023.

The Scholarship Program for Academic Year- Fall 2023 essay topic shall be:

"Reflections on those who Serve America"

There will be one Scholarship Award in the amount of: \$2,000.00.

To be considered, Applicant essay and required documents must be postmarked on or before Jun 1, 2023 and mailed (no other form of delivery is permissible) to:

Lincoln Land Chapter, MOAA

Scholarship Program for Academic Year-Fall 2023 Care
of: LTC (Ret) Mark R. DePue

613 Catskill Drive

Springfield, IL 62711

The Scholarship Program Award Winner will be contacted not later than July 2023, and the award presentation date will be during the Chapter's Island Bay Yacht Club event in August 2023.

In satisfaction of the Scholarship Program, Applicant shall attend a meeting or event of a military or veteran's organization or military institution, spending sufficient time with the members of the organization to prepare observations. Following the activity, the applicant will write an essay (see essay requirements below) on that organization or event, and what they learned about the service, sacrifice and commitment of current or former military members to their country. Organizations or events could include the following or similar activities: (Applicant should not attend events or facilities which would cast MOAA in an unfavorable light.)

Attend drill with a local National Guard or Reserve unit, interacting with unit leaders and others.

Attend a veteran's discussion group at a local veteran's center.

Spend time with a college ROTC unit.

Volunteer at the Illinois Military Museum or similar institution.

Attend a military or other military-related ceremony and interview people present.

The following items constitute the Applicant's Scholarship Program for Academic Year- Fall 2023 submission. Only those Applicant submissions that contain ALL items listed below will be eligible for consideration:

The scholarship essay will be type-written on the announced topic and in accordance with the instructions in paragraph E, above. The essay shall contain a minimum of 1,000 words and a maximum of 1,500 words. Applicant shall develop the topic as they deem appropriate, however, the essay must be the original and exclusive work of the Applicant.

CERTIFICATION of relationship to a Lincoln Land Chapter MOAA Member and Applicant Age. (The enclosure to this announcement shall be used for this purpose.)

The designation of an institution of higher education that Applicant will be attending in the Fall 2023. Applicant must provide the name and address of the institution of higher education Applicant is, or will be, enrolled in for the Fall 2023 semester (or equivalent).

ELIGIBILITY.

An Applicant to this Scholarship Program for Academic Year- Fall 2023 can be a Member or the: spouse; natural, adopted or foster child; stepchild; grandchild; great grandchild or parent of any Member of the Lincoln Land Chapter MOAA. A Member of Lincoln Chapter MOAA is a person who meets the membership requirements specified in Article IV of the Lincoln Land Chapter MOAA Bylaws and who is considered "in good standing" (current in payment of Chapter dues).

Applicant must be at least 18 years of age on or before September 1, 2023.

Applicant must be enrolled in, or accepted for enrollment into an institution of higher education for the Fall 2023 semester (or equivalent) for a minimum of nine semester hours or equivalency. An institution of higher education may be a program, junior college, college, university, technical or trade school, which awards a degree, diploma or certification upon completion of its curriculum. Providing the institution meets the foregoing requirement, the Scholarship Award shall be made without regard to Awardee's academic level. As example, an Awardee may be a Ph.D. candidate, a graduate or undergraduate student, a junior college student, or a student at a trade school. For at least six of the nine qualifying semester hours (or equivalent) Applicant must be scheduled to attend courses in a resident, as differing from on-line (Internet) course enrollment status.

An Awardee may not be considered for another Scholarship Award for five years or until August, 2027.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

Only essays prepared in Word® can be accepted. Applicant must be prepared to submit an electronic version of their essay at the request of the Scholarship Committee Chairperson.

The Chapter Scholarship Committee will judge essays on the basis of grammar, spelling, topical development and presentation. The essay will be formatted in accordance with the latest Modern Language Association (MLA) guidance. Essays shall be evaluated using *Harbrace College Handbook* and *Webster's New World Dictionary* as guides. Sources used in the essay must be properly cited.

The Certification page, the enclosure to this announcement, shall be used as the cover page for Applicant essays. No title page or any other form of essay identification shall be used.

Applicant must designate and provide evidence of their acceptance into, or attendance at, an institution of higher education. Items considered to meet this requirement include acceptance letters, recent grade reports, or similar official documents. Based on this information, the Chapter Scholarship Committee shall determine if the residency requirement has been or will be met.

All decisions made by the Chapter Scholarship Committee are final.

All Applicant submissions become the exclusive property of the Lincoln Land Chapter MOAA.

Lincoln Land Chapter MOAA will not be responsible for any delays in receiving Applicant submissions.

If no Applicant essays are received; or if, in the judgment of the Chapter Scholarship Committee, the submissions are inadequate; or if the Scholarship Program Award Winner is later determined to be ineligible for Scholarship Award, the Scholarship Award may be suspended for that Award Year.

The Awardee will be notified in advance, and will be requested to attend, as a guest, a Chapter meeting to be recognized as the Scholarship Program Award Winner.

The Scholarship Program will be given maximum publicity by the Chapter and may include newspaper articles, Award presentation at commencement exercises, notification to school officials and other actions deemed appropriate. Awardee agrees to reasonably participate in such activities.

Any tax liability resulting from an Award shall be the sole responsibility of the Awardee.

In the event circumstances prevent the Awardee from attending an institution of higher education at the beginning of Academic Year-Fall 2021, providing Awardee meets the eligibility requirements in paragraph II C (for any semester equivalent through Spring 2023) the Awardee retains the right to receive this Scholarship Amount.

CERTIFICATION

On this form, Applicant must provide a statement of their relationship to a Lincoln Land Chapter MOAA Member, birthday and contact information. The lower portion of the form must be completed and counter-signed by the named Lincoln Land Chapter MOAA Member.

BY APPLICANT

"I, _____, hereby state that I am the _____ to
(Applicant Name) (Relationship)

_____, a Member of Lincoln Land Chapter MOAA." Further, I
(Lincoln Land Chapter MOAA Member's Name)

certify that my birthday is _____, and the in Fall 2023 I plan to attend the
(Month) (Day) (Year)
institution of higher education _____.

Date: _____
(Signature of Applicant)

Print Name _____

Applicant's Address _____

Applicant's Phone Number _____

Applicant's e-mail Address _____

BY LINCOLN LAND CHAPTER MOAA MEMBER

"I, _____, a Member in good standing of Lincoln Land
(Lincoln Land MOAA Chapter Member Name)

Chapter MOAA, certify that the above named individual, _____ is
(Applicant Name)

my _____."
(State Relationship)

Date: _____
(Member Signature)
(Print Name)



Fifth Annual 2023 Golf Outing

Honoring our Military Heroes and Families

AT SHAMBOLEE GOLF COURSE IN PETERSBURG

We honor all of our veterans, active military and military families who have served our country.

Saturday, August 26, 2023

442 South Shore Drive, Petersburg, IL 62675

\$75.00 per player: 18 hole shotgun start

Cart and two drinks per person

11:30 sign in, lunch, and 12:00 noon start

Proceeds benefit: Gold Star Families, Memorial Monument-Veterans
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Shamblee Golf Course
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Captain: _____ Phone# _____

Golfer 1: _____
Golfer 2: _____
Golfer 3: _____
Golfer 4: _____

Please remit full payment of \$75.00 per
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Deadline is a week prior or until full
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