

July 2021

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Upcoming Events

- 13 August 2021—  
Island Bay yacht  
Club.
- 01 October 2021—  
Northfield Center.
- 10 December 2021—  
Annual Christmas  
Party—Wyndham  
Hotel, Downtown  
Springfield
- February 11, 2022-  
location TBD
- April 8, 2022-  
location TBD
- June 10, 2022—  
Decatur, Illinois at  
the Beach House.
- August 12, 2022-  
Island Bay yacht  
Club, Lake  
Springfield, Illinois.

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## THE SALUTE—Never Stop Serving...



### Next Meeting Information

**LincolnLand MOAA Chapter Dinner Meeting/Outing, Friday,  
August 13, 2021**

**Location: Island Bay Yacht Club**

**76 Yacht Club Road, Springfield, IL 62712**

**Cocktails at 6:00PM, Dinner at 7:00PM**

**Cash Bar Available During the Evening**

**Cost: \$30.00 per attendee**

**Dress: Nice Casual**

#### **MENU: *BUFFET STYLE DINNER***

**Salads:** Caesar Salad; Sliced Tomatoes Drizzled with Balsamic; Mediterranean Style Pasta Salad with Artichoke Hearts and Sun Dried Tomatoes; House Made Picnic Potato Salad

**Entrees:** Smoked Barbecued Ribs with Sweet Baby Rays Barbecue Sauce; Fried Chicken

**Side Dishes:** Brown Sugar Bake Beans with Bacon; Cheesy Au Gratin Potatoes; Corn on the Cob with Butter; Sister Schubert Rolls and Butter

**Desserts:** Peach Blueberry Cobbler; Texas Sheet Cake Squares with Walnuts; Lemon Bars

**Drinks:** Iced Tea, Water and Lemonade

**Program: Annual Social Event and Chapter Information Update to  
Membership**

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WEDNESDAY, August 11th**

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*Let us know how many will attend.*

## President's Corner

**Our next LincolnLand MOAA Chapter Dinner Meeting/Outing will be  
Friday, August 13, 2021**

**We will be meeting at the Island Bay Yacht Club, 76 Yacht Club Road, Springfield, IL 62712.**

**Cocktails at 6:00PM, Dinner at 7:00PM. The cash Bar will be available During the Evening.**

**Cost will be \$30.00 per attendee and dress will be Casual (Hawaiian shirts are appropriate).**

**Our golf outing was a great success! Thanks to all who helped make this another successful fund raiser. Special thanks to Steve Cadle, COL Roll, all of our sponsors, and Shambole golf course staff.**

**Our June meeting was also a GREAT success!! Thanks to Maj Falk and COL Tyler for organizing the event. We plan on holding another meeting in Decatur next June. I hope more of our Springfield folks will attend.**

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**Looking forward to seeing you at the Yacht Club.**

**Regards, Dave Miller**

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## **From the Survivor Outreach Services Coordinator**

While finding resources for an elderly Survivor recently, I ran across a resource that was new to me and may be to you, as well. The resource is Senior Citizen Discount List and the website address is [www.seniorcitizendiscountlist.org](http://www.seniorcitizendiscountlist.org). You can search by state and by city. The discounts include restaurants, retail stores, grocery stores, and travel. This is a great resource not only for those of us who fall into this category, but also for those caring for parents and/or grandparents.

One of my go-to resources for senior Survivors is the Illinois Department on Aging. The website address is [www2.illinois.gov/aging](http://www2.illinois.gov/aging). The programs offered by the agency include adult day services, adult protective services, benefit access, community care program, legal assistance, long-term care ombudsman program, older adult services, senior health insurance program, and many more. If surfing the web is not your thing, you can call the Senior Help Line at 800-252-8966 (TTY is 888-206-1327). The information line is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and provides information about all the programs offered by the IL Department on Aging. If you prefer to stop in and visit with someone in person, the office is located at One Natural Resources Way, Suite 100 in Springfield.

If you are not familiar with the Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) in Illinois, the IL Department on Aging can provide you with information about the program and answer any questions you have about it. Briefly, SHIP is a free statewide health insurance counseling service for Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers. SHIP counselors are trained to educate consumers and answer questions about Medicare, Medicare Supplement, long-term care insurance, Medicare HMOs, private fee-for-service and other health insurance; Organize and assist in filing Medicare and Medicare Supplement claims; and Analyze Medicare Supplement and long term care policies.

Another Survivor I assisted recently was looking for caregiver resources to assist her mother with caring for her father in-home. In addition to connecting her with the eldercare resource offered by the Illinois Department on Aging, I also provided the Eldercare Locator resource offered by the U.S. Administration on Aging. The website address is <https://eldercare.acl.gov/public/index.aspx>. They also have a phone number to call for information: 800-677-1116.

If you need additional resources or know of other great resources for eldercare or seniors, please let me know and I will share the resources in the next newsletter.

Take care,

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## Legislative Liaison Update

It is summer break time for our legislative bodies. That means it is a good time to reach out to your elected officials to let them know that they need to be attentive to veteran issues.

While MOAA's *Advocacy in Action* event was mostly successful in reaching our Congressional members, Congress is facing several challenges that may overshadow Veteran issues.

MOAA newsletters have highlighted several potential impacts from cost-of-living caps to TriCare increases that invite our continued watchfulness and engagement.

Similarly, the folks in Springfield have recessed until October leaving many veteran issues in limbo. During our June Chapter meeting,

Representative Dan Caulkins noted several "in process" veteran initiatives before the Illinois legislature. As the veteran population declines, it is all too easy to overlook the commitment made to those who have served in this nation's Armed Forces.

As former officers we need to make sure that our elected officials never forget their duty to honor that commitment to all our servicemembers.

In that regard, we need to remind them, like us, to ***"Never Stop Serving!"***

Semper Fi – Bob Tyler

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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.**

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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: [takeaction.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.