

June 2022

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## Upcoming Events

- June 10, 2022—  
Decatur, Illinois at  
the Beach House.
- August 12, 2022-  
Outdoors-Island Bay  
yacht Club, Lake  
Springfield
- Fourth Annual Golf  
Outing, 27 August  
2022, Shambole  
Golf Course, Peters-  
burg.
- October 14, 2022,  
Northfield Center,  
Springfield.
- December 09, 2022,  
Northfield Center,  
Springfield

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# THE SALUTE—Never Stop Serving...



## Next Meeting Information

### June Meeting at Decatur Beach House

*Please join us at the June meeting on Friday 10 June, 6 PM social hour, at The Beach House, in Decatur.*

*Guest Speaker is Illinois Representative Dan Caulkins, MAJ USA (Ret) to speak on current legislative issues for Veterans and our Military in Illinois.*

*Last year was a great event at this venue. Please don't let the easy 45min drive from downtown Springfield keep you from this great event.*

### Beach House Information:

*2301 S Lake Shore Dr*

*Decatur, IL 62521*

*Social Hour (Cash bar) at 6 PM*

*Dinner at 7 PM*

*Master of Ceremonies— Maj (USMC, Ret) Dave Falk*

*Dress: Tropical Casual*

*\$30 per attendee*

*Reservations must be made not later than 5 PM Monday 6 June.*

*Here is the link to register for this event:*

*Make Reservations Here (Click Here) < Caution-<https://www.lincolnlandmoaa.org/dinnermeeting20220610> >*

## President's Corner:

*Our next meeting will be June 10, 2022, at The Beach House on Lake Decatur, Decatur, Illinois.*

*The Beach House is located at:  
2301 S Lake Shore Drive, Decatur*

*You can easily register for the meeting by going on our website: [lincolnlandmoaa.org](http://lincolnlandmoaa.org)*

*If you prefer you can call the below individuals:*

*Dave Miller—217-415-2837 or 217 529-8014*

*or*

*Dave Knieriem—217-899-5526*

*Please make a SPECIAL effort to attend this meeting. State Representative Dan Caulkins will be our guest speaker. The Beach House is an EXCELLENT venue and the food is excellent. Major Dave Falk will be hosting the evening activities.*

*Please, Please, spread the word about our scholarship. We really need to award one this year.*

*Also, three other items:*

- 1. The Council is reorganizing the State. These plans are outlined in this newsletter. Lincolnland will be picking up more counties, we need your help to recruit additional officers. This reorganization is effective 1 May 2022. We will discuss this at our August meeting.*
- 2. We have started a new recruiting initiative (see below). We would appreciate everyone working to recruit a new member. You can see the benefits of this effort outlined in the box below.*
- 3. Please spread the word about our Annual Golf Outing!! This is our Fourth outing and we need to continue to grow attendance and involvement each year. If you are willing to volunteer to help rather than golf, we can use your talents!!*

*See you at the Beach House!*

*Dave Miller*

## Chapter Recruiting effort

**We have started a recruiting effort and would like to see maximum participation! We are asking each chapter member to bring a fellow veteran officer—Members who get a new member to join, get a complimentary 1-year extension on their Chapter membership! And of course, the new member's first year Chapter membership is also complimentary!**

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

Due to the deaths of several service members within the last month, it seemed appropriate to focus on how to obtain military funeral honors when a military loved one passes. It is helpful to know that located at Camp Lincoln is the Casualty Operations Office, which includes the Military Funeral Honors program and the Survivor Outreach Services program. It is also helpful to know that each branch of services performs services only for their own branch. Not too long ago, a family member could request Army Military Funeral Honors for their deceased service member, even if the service member was Air Force, for example. Today, the request can still be made, but it is up to each branch to approve or deny the request. In the pictures located below, you will see contact information for all branches of service. This is good information to keep with your funeral planning documents that family members will use upon your death.

To perform military funeral honors, proof of military service and the type of discharge is an absolute requirement. The easiest proof to obtain is the service member's DD-214. For National Guard Soldiers, an NG-22 is acceptable proof, as well. The information below provides information to obtain proof of military service by contacting the National Archives. A website link is listed, but you may also contact them by phone at 314-801-0800. Another place to check for a DD-214 is the Department of Veterans Affairs. Their website is [www.va.gov/records/get-military-service-records/](http://www.va.gov/records/get-military-service-records/) or, you may call them at 800-827-1000.

As has been mentioned in several columns previously, advanced, end-of-life planning will alleviate the administrative stress at the service member's time of death. Do yourself and your loved one a favor and assemble a packet containing your most current DD-214, how and where you want to be buried, insurance policies, and account numbers for any outstanding debts, banking, and/or investment accounts. For additional assistance in end-of-life planning, after-death assistance for Survivors, and resources for every stage of life, MOAA offers resources on their website. Below are two resources offered that are specific to end-of-life planning and beyond.

1. **Your Guide to Military Burials** [https://www.moaa.org/uploadedfiles/content/publications\\_and\\_media/moaa\\_publications/publication\\_downloads/burial-guide-2019\\_small.pdf](https://www.moaa.org/uploadedfiles/content/publications_and_media/moaa_publications/publication_downloads/burial-guide-2019_small.pdf)
2. **Survivor's Checklist: First Steps for Moving On** <https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/moaa-publications/survivor-checklist-detail/>

As always, **Survivor Outreach Services** is here to assist our Survivors, as well. You may reach me by email at [christine.a.milchuck.ctr@army.mil](mailto:christine.a.milchuck.ctr@army.mil) or by telephone at 217-761-3382.

Chris Milchuck

To schedule honors for each service branch:

## ARMY

CHICAGO: (217) 685-4878  
ng.il.ilamg.list.funeral-and-honors---  
chi@army.mil

MACOMB: (217) 685-4377  
ng.il.ilamg.list.funeral-and-honors---  
mac@army.mil

DECATUR: (217) 494-3268  
ng.il.ilamg.list.funeral-and-honors---  
dec@army.mil

MARION: (217) 494-3265  
ng.il.ilamg.list.funeral-and-honors---  
mar@army.mil

CASUALTY ASSISTANCE CENTER:  
(800) 350-7746

## Other Branch Contacts

NAVY: (866) 203-7791 or (904) 542-1536

USMC: (866) 826-3628

AIR FORCE: (618) 256-4586

COAST GUARD: (216) 902-6269  
or (314) 606-6792

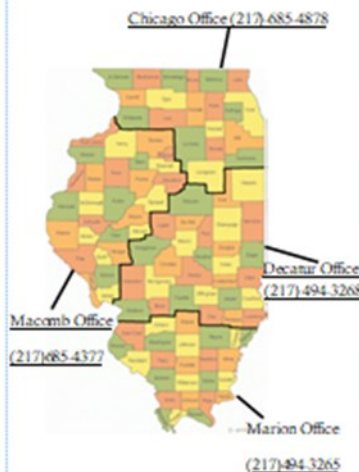


For more information on Military Funeral Honors contact your local office using the map below or:

Address: Military Funeral Honors  
1301 N. MacArthur Blvd  
Springfield, IL 62702

Phone: (217) 761-2908

E-mail: ng.il.ilamg.list.funeral-and-honors@army.mil



More information can be found at  
<https://mfh.dmdc.osd.mil/mfh/>

## ILARNG Military Funeral Honors Program



HONORING THOSE  
WHO SERVED

## History

The United States Military has a time-honored tradition of honoring their fallen.

On January 1, 2000, Military Funeral Honors (MFH) became a statutory benefit to all Veterans with the signing of the National Defense Authorization Act. The law requires that, upon a family's request, every eligible Veteran receive a Military Funeral Honors ceremony to include, a Two-Soldier Detail for the sounding of "TAPS", folding and presenting the United States Flag.

## Mission

The ILARNG provides professional Military Honors in accordance with service tradition to all eligible Veterans when requested by an authorized representative. Soldiers in the ILARNG Military Funeral Honors program are selected and trained using the same standards as Arlington National Cemetery.

## Eligibility

An eligible Veteran is any person (Active, National Guard, or Reserve) who has completed at least one enlistment or other obligated military service and received an honorable discharge.

Some of the documents used to determine eligibility include:

- DD-214 (for active duty or reserve component)
- NGB-22 (for National Guard Soldiers)
- Certificate of Honorable Discharge
- General Discharge under Honorable Conditions

Emergency Request for Proof of Military Service can be obtained at:

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/standard-form-180.html>



## Types of Honors

Two Soldier Detail provides a flag fold, presentation and sounding taps for honorably discharged Veterans.

Nine Soldier Detail provides pallbearers, flag fold and presentation, firing party, and sounding taps for a Medal of Honor Recipient, KIA, E-9, or an O-7 and above and any Retiree or an M-Day Soldier who is not serving in a combat situation.

1501 (Memorial) Services provides honors after a funeral has already been conducted

## Requesting Honors

A family member or authorized representative is encouraged to notify the funeral director or service coordinator of their desire to have Military Funeral Honors rendered at the interment of their loved one. The funeral director then contacts the appropriate branch of service in which the Veteran served.

The map on the back shows which ILARNG Military Funeral Honors Team to contact for Army services

**THERE IS NO CHARGE TO THE FUNERAL HOME OR FAMILY FOR MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS**



### Legislative Liaison Update

Advocacy in Action is complete. MOAA members from around the state made contact with all eighteen of our Representatives and both of our Senators. Colonels Roll and Tyler were part of the teams that met with the three Congressmembers representing Lincoln Land's members (R. Davis, LaHood, and Miller). The good news is, most of the Illinois House members have signed on as co-sponsors of the Richard Star Act and they seemed supportive of both the making mental health copays affordable and at least a 4.6% military pay raise for 2023.

The Illinois legislature passed the Medal of Honor Highway (US 20) resolution adding another link to completing that designation from coast to coast. The American Legion will be carrying the Banner across Illinois on route US 20 from the Iowa border to Indiana. Work is progressing on funding and making county Veteran Assistance Commission offices more effective in their support of Illinois veterans. Additionally, the legislature has directed a study to assess the impact of extending the property tax relief for disabled veterans to their surviving spouses.

So, while the Illinois legislature is in recess and Congress is working on next year's Defense Authorization (NDAA), we need to remain vigilant to ensure that the MOAA designated veteran issues make it into the final legislation.

As always, if you get a chance to reach out to your elected official on these topics, do so. Let's ***Never Stop Serving!***

Semper Fi – Bob Tyler

Legislative Liaison Lincoln Land Chapter MOAA



## Illinois Council of Chapters

### Reorganization Plans

#### The plan:

- Organize the state into four MOAA Regions
  - o Northeast - retains name as North Shore – Chicago (IL-01)
    - ✦ Incorporates West Suburban (IL-06)
    - ✦ Incorporates Northern (IL-04)
    - ✦ Includes current NS-Chi (IL-01) leadership & members
  - ✦ Northwest – retains name as Heart of Illinois (IL-09)
    - ✦ Incorporates Quad Cities (IL-08)
    - ✦ Includes current HOI (IL-09) leadership & members
    - ✦ HOI experiencing some significant leadership / membership challenges
  - ✦ Central – retains name as Lincoln Land (IL-03)
    - ✦ Incorporates East Central (IL-02) as a “Structured Satellite”
    - ✦ Incorporates some of HOI (IL-09) and SW (IL- 05) counties as well
    - ✦ Includes current LLC (IL-03) leadership and members

## Illinois Council of Chapters

### Reorganization Plans

#### The plan (continued):

- ✦ Southern – retains name as Southwest (IL-05)
- ✦ Incorporates Southern / Little Egypt (IL-07) – effectively already accomplished
- ✦ Incorporates some of East Central (IL-02)
- ✦ Includes current SW (IL-05) leadership and members
  
- ✦ Identify MOAA members in population centers within each region as “Area Coordinators”
  - Area Coordinators would function as “Unstructured Satellites”
- ✦ Gather members
- ✦ Provide information conduit
- ✦ Be local community face of MOAA
- ✦ Identify appropriate activities throughout each region for specific MOAA gatherings / presence
  
- ✦ Establish periodic (quarterly or semiannual) virtual state-wide MOAA meetings
  
- ✦ Expand Council web site to include regional activities and regional POCs

Purchase / establish virtual platform capability with administrative authorization by each regional leader.

## Illinois Council of Chapters

### Reorganization Plans

#### Questions:

- What is the status of Northern Illinois (IL-04)? Sometimes referred to as “Rockford.”
  - o They have been silent for over three years
  - o They transferred their treasury to North Shore – Chicago
  - o NS-Chi provided dues free membership to any Northern Members who joined NS-Chi.
  - o Has West Suburban’s (IL-06) request to close been accepted at MOAA National?
  - o Same question for Quad Cities (IL-08) and Southern/Little Egypt (IL-07)?
  - o What is the status of the “Voices for America” non-officer associates with MOAA Chapters? What is the approval process for this realignment? Will this realignment require new charters / designations?

#### Needed from MOAA HQ

Approval for this realignment

Zip code realignment with newly defined regions

LTC DeReu and Lt Col Forman engaged with MOAA C&C already and will provide revised map with county alignment

Development of a “Speaker’s Video Library” available for state-wide & regional meetings

E-mail blast to all MOAA members in Illinois

Col Tyler to provide draft once plan approved

Not contingent on Zip code realignment

Essential to have the capability to communicate with all MOAA members within designated regions – not just chapter members

E-mail blasts multiple times a year announcing regional activities

Contact information of MOAA members when allowed

Revise “potential member” data for regional use

Current list evaporates within a month

It would be useful if, like bank statements, membership chairs could look back at previous months for potential member information



## Illinois Council of Chapters Reorganization Plans

<u>Northeast Red</u>	<u>Northwest Blue</u>	<u>Central Green</u>	<u>South Yellow</u>
Boone	Carroll	Adams	Alexander
Bureau	Fulton	Brown	Bond
Cook	Hancock	Cass	Calhoun
Dekalb	Henderson	Champaign	Clay
DuPage	Henry	Christian	Clinton
Ford	Jo Daviess	Clark	Edwards
Grundy	Knox	Coles	Franklin
Iroquois	McDonough	Crawford	Gallatin
Kane	McLean	Cumberland	Hamilton
Kankakee	Mercer	Dewitt	Hardin
Kendall	Peoria	Edgar	Jackson
Lake	Rock Island	Effingham	Jefferson
LaSalle	Stark	Fayette	Jersey
Lee	Stephenson	Greene	Johnson
Livingston	Tazewell	Jasper	Madison
Marshall	Warren	Lawrence	Marion
McHenry	Whiteside	Logan	Massac
Ogle	Woodford	Macon	Monroe
Putnam		Macoupin	Perry
Will		Mason	Pulaski
Winnebago		Menard	Randolph
		Montgomery	Saline
		Morgan	St. Clair
		Moultrie	Union
		Piatt	Wabash
		Pike	Washington
		Richland	Wayne
		Sangamon	White
		Schuyler	Williamson
		Scott	
		Shelby	
		Vermilion	

Counties assigned to each af-  
filiate within Illinois.

## Illinois Council of Chapters

### Reorganization Plans

#### Col Tyler's discussion with National MOAA on the Reorganization

I told you I was thinking about additional support from MOAA HQ for the Illinois reorganization. And here's my thought and hope that MOAA HQ can support.

- During the workshop at the annual meeting last October, folks asked about the creation of a “speaker's library” of videos available on-line or live streaming for use by Chapters during Chapter meetings.
- In sampling several Illinois members across the state, I am hearing a desire for periodic virtual state-wide meetings to connect members and share information.
- I am also hearing my presidents look for ways to connect with folks in population centers within their catchment area.
- I am hearing that folks don't necessarily want to drive 50+ miles for meetings.
- I am exploring Zoom capabilities to:
  - o Host large scale virtual meetings
  - o Allow multiple “Hosts” on the one purchased account so that Chapters can use the same account for Chapter meetings
  - o What I am envisioning is the Council conducts 2 to 4 virtual state wide meetings a year covering important topics – basically an information dump prepared by MOAA HQ
  - o Pre Advocacy in Action brief on the targeted topics
  - o A pre NDAA / Federal budget brief on important “engagement” issues
  - o A post A in A brief on how we did
  - o An annual update (maybe)
  - o Will require state wide e-mail blast announcements from National as we don't have non-chapter members e-mails
  - o I am also hearing requests for the capacity to access and share topical presentations at Chapter meetings
  - o To be shared on-line during virtual meetings
  - o To be projected at live meetings
  - o To be projected and also shared on-line at combined live/virtual meetings

So my real “ask” is: Can we develop MOAA HQ virtual support for large virtual presentations? Can we populate some sort of a National MOAA virtual library of topical presentations for chapter use?

## **MOAA's Legislative Priorities for 2022**

- **Sustain pay raises and adequate BAH for the troops and COLA raises for retirees.**
- **Ensure the Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Public Health Service continue to receive pay during a government shutdown.**
- **Protect the value of the military health care benefit.**
- **Protect the Military Health System pharmacy benefit, and achieve flexibility in TRI-CARE pharmacy copays.**
- **Address barriers to accessing care within the MHS, including TRICARE coverage gaps and mental health care access challenges.**
- **Protect family support programs, and ensure military-provided services (housing, PCS, child care, youth programs, financial counseling) are readily available and meet standards for quality and costs.**
- **Achieve equity of benefits, protections, and administrative support for Guard/Reserve members consistent with their active-duty counterparts.**
- **Sustain Veterans Health Administration (VHA) foundational missions and services.**
- **Reform the presumptive process to support veterans claiming service-connected disabilities for toxic exposures.**
- **Achieve concurrent receipt of service-earned retirement pay and VA disability pay.**
- **Protect full military honors and burial at Arlington National Cemetery for those currently eligible.**
- **Improve Survivor Benefits.**
- **Support a quality transition experience from active duty to veteran status for all servicemembers.**
- **Recognize the pandemic continues to affect the lives of our servicemembers.**

## **MOAA accomplishments in 2021**

- **Repealing SBP-DIC offset**, known as the ‘Widows Tax’ – saving up to \$12,000 per year for nearly 67,000 surviving spouses.
- **Executing a credible game plan for oversight of DoD’s health care** – protecting continued access to quality care.\*
- **Securing comprehensive privatized military housing reform** – improving housing, establishing Tenant Bill of Rights, and Congressional oversight.\*
- **Lessening impact of TRICARE fee hikes** (Family = \$300 vice \$900) – fighting multiple efforts to end grandfathering for those who entered service before Jan. 1, 2018.\*
- **Protecting TRICARE For Life (TFL)** – blocked five consecutive administration budgets proposing TFL enrollment fees (2013-2017).\*
- **Maintaining pay raise comparability** – ensuring pay raises for our uniformed services keep pace with civilian sector increases.\*
- **Providing Wounded Warrior protections and caregiver enhancements** – securing multiple improvements to VA caregiver programs.\*
- **Defeating ‘COLA Minus 1 Percent’** – ending Congressional attempts to reduce retired pay, costing an E-7 retiring after 20 years \$83,000, and an O-5 \$124,000, by age 62.\*
- **Securing major GI Bill upgrades to include transferability** – and improving benefits for National Guard on Title 32 orders.\*
- **Boosting compensation significantly for retirees with 50% VA disability** – still fighting for the rest to include those medically retired.\*
- **Improving Guard and Reserve TRICARE coverage** – and securing a premium cut.
- **Ensuring Guard and Reserve retirement age credit for active duty service** – now allowing 90 days to stretch over two consecutive years.

## Lincoln Land Chapter MOAA

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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



## 2022 Meeting Dates

### Lincoln Land Chapter, MOAA

As of 26 October 2021

#### EXCOMM Meetings

13 January

10 March

12 May

14 July

8 September

10 November

#### Fourth Annual Golf Outing

27 August 2022—Shambole Golf Course, Petersburg, Illinois

#### Member Meetings

11 February—Northfield Center, Springfield

8 April—Indoors, Island Bay Yacht Club, Springfield

10 June—The Beach House, Decatur

12 August—Outdoors, Island Bay Yacht Club, Springfield

14 October—Northfield Center, Springfield

9 December—Northfield Center, Springfield



## **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 2022

Lincoln Land Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America ("MOAA") announces its Scholarship Program for the Academic Year which begins in the Fall 2022. The Scholarship Program for Academic Year-Fall 2022 award shall be made solely based on an Applicant's submission in response to this announcement. No other criteria will be considered.

### I. INFORMATION FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR ACADEMIC YEAR- FALL 2022.

A. The Scholarship Program for Academic Year- Fall 2022 essay topic shall be:

#### **"Reflections on those who Serve America"**

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

C. To be considered, Applicant essay and required documents **must be postmarked on or before Jun 1, 2022** and mailed (no other form of delivery is permissible) to:

Lincoln Land Chapter, MOAA

Scholarship Program for Academic Year-Fall 2021 Care of: LTC (Ret) Mark R. DePue

613 Catskill Drive

Springfield, IL 62711

D. The Scholarship Program Award Winner will be contacted not later than July 2022, and the award presentation date will be during the Chapter's Island Bay Yacht Club event.

E. 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.)

1. Attend drill with a local National Guard or Reserve unit, interacting with unit leaders and others.
2. Attend a veteran's discussion group at a local veteran's center.
3. Spend time with a college ROTC unit.
4. Volunteer at the Illinois Military Museum or similar institution.

5. The following items constitute the Applicant's Scholarship Program for Academic Year- Fall 2022 submission. Only those Applicant submissions that contain ALL items listed below will be eligible for consideration:

6. 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.

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

8. The designation of an institution of higher education that Applicant will be attending in the Fall 2022. Applicant must provide the name and address of the institution of higher education Applicant is, or will be, enrolled in for the Fall 2022 semester (or equivalent).

#### **F. ELIGIBILITY.**

A. An Applicant to this Scholarship Program for Academic Year- Fall 2022 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).

B. Applicant must be at least 18 years of age on or before September 1, 2022.

C. Applicant must be enrolled in, or accepted for enrollment into an institution of higher education for the Fall 2022 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.

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

#### **G. GENERAL INFORMATION.**

A. 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.

B. 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.

C. 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.

D. 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.

E. All decisions made by the Chapter Scholarship Committee are final.

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

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

H. 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.

I. 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.

J. 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.

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

L. In the event circumstances prevent the Awardee from attending an institution of higher education at the beginning of Academic Year-Fall 2022, 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 countersigned 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 2022 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)





# Fourth Annual 2022 Golf Outing

## Honoring our Military Heroes and Families

AT SHAMBOLEE GOLF COURSE IN PETERSBURG

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

**Saturday, August 27, 2022**

South Shore Drive, Petersburg, IL 62675

**\$75.00 per player: 18 hole shotgun start**

**Cart and two drinks per person**

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

Proceeds benefit: Gold Star Families, Memorial Monument-Veterans, Memorial Foundation, Springfield Youth Scholarships

Sponsoring organizations:

**MOAA**

Military Officers Association of America

Lincoln Land Chapter

[www.moaa.org/chapter/lincolnland](http://www.moaa.org/chapter/lincolnland)



[www.GoldStarMission.org](http://www.GoldStarMission.org)



**Send Registration  
and Payment to:**

Lincoln Land Chapter, MOAA  
Attn: Golf Outing Committee  
P.O. Box 9435  
Springfield, IL 62791-9435



# REGISTRATION FORM

Honoring All Our Military Heroes Golf Outing  
Saturday, August 27, 2022  
Shamblee Golf Course  
101 South Shore Drive, Petersburg, IL 62675

Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Please remit full payment of \$75.00 per  
player with Registration Form mailed to:

**Lincoln Land Chapter, MOAA**

Attn: Golf Outing Committee

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Deadline is a week prior or until full  
for questions contact

Steve Cadle at 217-741-9297 or

Dave Miller at 217-761-3973