

April 2021

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Upcoming Events

- 9 April 2021—Northfield Center.
- 11 June 2021—Decatur-The Beach House, Lake Decatur.
- 17 July 2021—Golf Outing, Shamblee Golf Course, Petersburg. We will be partnering with Gold Star Mission, Survivor Outreach Services, Coordinator and several local Veterans groups.
- 13 August 2021—Island Bay yacht Club.
- 01 October 2021—Northfield Center.
- 10 December 2021—Annual Christmas Party—Wyndham Hotel, Downtown

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THE SALUTE—Never Stop Serving...



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Cash Bar at 6:00PM, Dinner at 7:00PM It important that the members make their reservations by April 5th.

Our very special speaker will be PJ Staab. He will be presenting a program about the Gold Star Memorial efforts here in Springfield.

You can sign up for our April meeting on the Chapter website—lincolnlandmoaa.org or

Contact one of the two individuals listed below.

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President's Corner

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Our 2021 golf outing is scheduled for 17 July 2021. We are planning another evening program and meal after the golf outing.

We haven't met for a year—We will be crediting everyone thru December 15, 2021. Your membership dues will be payable starting in January 2022.

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*BOD = Board of Directors



From the Survivor Outreach Services Coordinator

Hello! I hope this edition finds you all well. As indicated in the previous column, this one provides some additional recommendations for end-of-life planning. Pre-planning is for anyone of any age. Think of it as a stress reducer for yourself and your loved ones. Preparation really does provide peace of mind.

With so many things today being digital (phone, computer, tablet), many people password-protect these devices, as well as the accounts they access using them. Some examples include email and social media accounts; bank and credit card accounts; investment and retirement accounts, health, life, home, and vehicle insurance accounts.

It is worthwhile to consider now who you want to have access to these accounts and what you want to happen with them when you are gone. Then, create a list of passwords, account numbers, and document location for anything needing management upon your death. Some documents to put in one file in a safe location include insurance policies, will, bank and investment account documents, vehicle titles, previous year's tax return, safe-deposit box location information, and prepaid burial plot information, if applicable.

Consider contacting these entities now and ask what specific steps you can take to expedite management of your affairs later. Lastly, assemble a list of bills with due dates and amounts and include how you receive statements and make payments (electronic or mailed).

Some other things to consider doing now are:

Create an advance directive to convey your wishes regarding end-of-life medical treatments and to designate a healthcare agent to honor your wishes in the event you are unable to speak for yourself.

Ensure your will is current. You can create a simple will online for minimal cost, have a personal lawyer create one for you, or visit the military legal office for assistance with will preparation, if you possess a military ID card.

Review beneficiaries and update, if necessary.

Update military ID cards for family members, if close to expiration or expired.

The next newsletter will provide a few more recommendations on this topic before we move onto a new one. If you would like resources for legal assistance with will planning, or have any other questions, comments, or concerns, please contact me using the information located below. I look forward to hearing from you and hope you continue to stay safe and healthy!

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Legislative Liaison Update

As I noted earlier, it is a new year with new legislative bodies in both DC and Springfield. COVID has captured our legislators' focus and their respective budgets.

The national budget process is already behind schedule and with the COVID expenses we can expect Congress to look for ways to “economize” in other areas. OMB proposals have included additional TriCare enrolment fees, increased prescription copays, and reductions in basic allowance for housing (BAH) for active-duty members.

This year's annual MOAA visit to the Hill has been renamed to “Advocacy in Action” and will be a virtual event again. Illinois has five visiting teams who will be setting up virtual or in-person (at local offices) visits with the Illinois congressional delegation to take place in May.

MOAA's selected topics for these visits are: Toxic Exposure; TriCare for young adults; and Basic Needs Allowance. Detailed information on these issues can be found at the Advocacy tab on MOAA's web site.

Because of COVID restrictions nearly all of last year's Illinois veteran legislative issues died and need to be reintroduced this year.

Conversations from Illinois Representatives at a recent IVAC meeting indicate that most of these initiatives will be reintroduced. There is hope for the property tax relief bill for widows of disabled service members along with several other bills affecting veterans.

If you “bump” into your state representative, make sure you tell them that you care about what they do for Illinois veterans. It is going to be an interesting legislative session both here and in DC.

You can check the progress of state and federal legislation on the Chapter's website and you can monitor federal advocacy on the MOAA site.

As always – Never Stop Serving!

Semper Fi – Bob

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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.

A very special Lincoln Land Chapter meeting in Decatur

Our 11 June 2021 Meeting will be held in Decatur. We are doing this to recruit new members for the Chapter and establishing a greater presence in the Decatur area. Details of the meeting are listed below:

Date: 11 June 2021 (Friday)

Host: Major (USMC, Ret) Dave Falk (Chapter First Vice President)

Start time: 6:00 PM Social Hour

7:00 PM Dinner

Program immediately following Dinner.

Guest Speaker: State Representative Dan Caulkins discussing Current Legislative Issues for Veterans and Military in Illinois. Dan is a Veteran and a current Member of the Chapter.

Location: The Beach House

2301 East Lake Shore Drive

Decatur, Illinois 62521

Dinner menu:

Chicken Marsala

Italian Stuffed Meat Loaf

Green Beans Almondine with Bacon atop

Twice Baked Cheesy Potatoes Au Gratin

House Salad/choice of Dressing

Warm Dinner Rolls with Butter

Please make a special effort to join us in Decatur. The Executive Board is committed to expanding our presence and recruiting more members.

The Chapter Executive Board

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: take.action.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.



Third Annual 2021 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, July 17, 2021

101 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

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

Sponsoring organizations:



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, July 17, 2021

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

P.O. Box 9435

Springfield, IL 62791-9435

Deadline is a week prior or until full

for questions contact

Steve Cadle at 217-741-9297 or

Dave Miller at 217-761-3973

Lincoln Land Chapter Military Officers Association of America Scholarship Program for Academic Year- Fall 2021

Lincoln Land Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (“MOAA”) announces its Scholarship Program for the Academic Year which begins in the Fall 2021. The Scholarship Program for Academic Year-Fall 2021 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 2021.

A. The Scholarship Program for Academic Year- Fall 2021 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, 2021** 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 2021, 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. Attend a military or other military-related ceremony and interview people present.

F. The following items constitute the Applicant's Scholarship Program for Academic Year- Fall 2021 submission. Only those Applicant submissions that contain ALL items listed below will be eligible for consideration:

1. 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.
2. CERTIFICATION of relationship to a Lincoln Land Chapter MOAA Member and Applicant Age. (The enclosure to this announcement shall be used for this purpose.)
3. The designation of an institution of higher education that Applicant will be attending in the Fall 2021. Applicant must provide the name and address of the institution of higher education Applicant is, or will be, enrolled in for the Fall 2021 semester (or equivalent).

G. ELIGIBILITY.

- A. An Applicant to this Scholarship Program for Academic Year- Fall 2021 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, 2021.
- C. Applicant must be enrolled in, or accepted for enrollment into an institution of higher education for the Fall 2021 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, 2026.

H. 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. 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.
- C. 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 2021, providing Awardee meets the eligibility requirements in paragraph II C (for any semester equivalent through Spring 2022) the Awardee retains the right to receive this Scholarship Amount.

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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 2021 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)