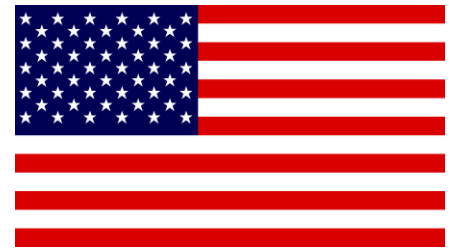




Lincoln Land Chapter Dinner Meeting and Annual Report Presentation



Bistro 537
Richland Community College
Decatur, IL



• PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.





Dinner to Be Served Chef Brian and the Bistro 537 Staff





Lincoln Land Chapter Annual Report 2026

October 9, 2026

**Presented by
David Knieriem, Major, USAF (Ret)
Chapter President**

The Lincoln Land Chapter's mission

- **To foster fraternal relations among the retired, active and former uniformed services and their National Guard or reserve components.**
- **To protect the rights and interests 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.**
- **To serve the community to the fullest extent possible.**



Highlights for Year 2026

- **MOAA Chapter Awards Received for 2025 from National**
 - **5-Star Level of Excellence**
 - **5 Star Communications Awards (Website and Newsletter)**
- **Six (6) Chapter Meetings held/scheduled**
- **Scholarships Awarded**
- **ROTC/JROTC Support**
- **Several successful projects and fundraising activities**



Level of Excellence

- Chapter received a 5-Star Level of Excellence Award from MOAA National
- Indication of supporting and fostering programs that directly support the MOAA mission and their communities
- 400 MOAA affiliates
 - 158 councils and chapters earned LOE award for 2025



Website (<https://lincolnlandmoaa.org>)

- **2025 5-Star Communications Award - Website from MOAA National**
- **Col. Marvin J. Harris Communications Awards recognize councils and chapters that achieve excellence in communicating with their members and communities.**
- **Continued development and ongoing upkeep of our Chapter website – Always a “work in progress”**
- **Suggestions/Comments are always WELCOME. This year, over 90% of dinner reservations were made online**



Newsletter

- **2025 5-Star Communications Award – Newsletter from MOAA National**
- **Continued significant effort and improvements to the newsletter**
- **Available on the Chapter Website and Email blast to the membership**
- **Send any and all newsworthy items to Lt Col Miller for inclusion in the newsletter**



Meetings - 2026

- **February 13, 2026 –Dinner Meeting**
Northfield Center, Springfield, IL
PROGRAM: Lt Col DePue - Presentation of Interview with Adm Ron Thunman,
- **April 10, 2026 – Dinner Meeting**
Motorheads 66 Bar and Grill, Springfield, IL
PROGRAM: : Dr Scott Blomberg: Served as the optometrist for the 101st Airborne when they were on occupation duty in Iraq in 2003 - Spoke about the experience
- **June 12, 2026 – Dinner Meeting**
Doherty's Pub and Pins - Decatur, IL
PROGRAM: Colonel Bob Tyler – Synopsis - Advocacy in Action 2026)



Meetings – 2026 (Continued)

- **August 14, 2026 – Dinner Meeting/Summer Outing** Island Bay Yacht Club, Springfield, IL
Summer Outing and Chapter Scholarship Award
PROGRAM: Visit and Presentation by MOAA National Staff – CW04 Lelia Jackson, USMC (Ret)
- **October 9, 2026 – Dinner Meeting**
Bistro 537 – Richland Community College, Decatur, IL
Annual Business Meeting
PROGRAM: Brian Czarnecki, Currently Serving Advisory Council
- **December 4, 2026 – Christmas Gala and Scholarship Fundraiser**
Northfield Center, Springfield, IL (Planned)



Facebook (<http://facebook.com/moaaLincolnland/>)

- Facebook Page continues as a work in progress
- Updated regularly.
- Please help by informing Maj Knieriem of needed updates and improvements to the page.



Chapter Scholarships

- **MOAA Chapter \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to Ronald Cole, Son of Ron Cole, Chapter Member**
- **Awarded \$300 Scholarships to 3 senior JROTC Cadets**
- **Awarded \$25 to ROTC Cadets (3 – UIUC, 1 – EIU)**
- **Awarded \$25 to 6 junior JROTC Cadets**



ROTC/JROTC Support

- **The Chapter currently supports**
 - **Four (4) University ROTC units**
 - **Six (6) High School JROTC units**
- **ROTC/JROTC Liaison – Lt Col Jim Forman**



ROTC/JROTC Support

- **ROTC**

- **Units Supported**

- **University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign (UIUC)**
 - **Air Force ROTC**
 - **Navy ROTC**
 - **Army ROTC**
 - **Eastern Illinois University (EIU)**
 - **Army ROTC**



ROTC/JROTC Support

- **ROTC**

- **Award ceremonies at the ROTC units in April/May 2026**
 - **Chapter President Dave Knieriem attended the UIUC ceremony.**
 - **MOAA Medal/Certificate and \$25 check recipients:**
 - **Army Cadet Zyon Coltas**
 - **Navy Midshipman Andrew Heritage**
 - **Air Force Cadet Ishrak Jalaluddin**
 - **Chapter JROTC/ROTC Liaison/2nd Vice President Jim Forman attended the ceremony at EIU**
 - **MOAA Medal/Certificate recipient and \$25 check**
 - **Army Cadet Ashton Power.**



ROTC/JROTC Support

- **JROTC**

- **Units Supported**

- **Danville High School - JROTC**
 - **Richland County High School – Olney**
 - **Mattoon High School**
 - **Springfield High School**
 - **Springfield Lanphier High School**
 - **Springfield Southeast High School**



ROTC/JROTC Support

- **JROTC**
 - **MOAA Medals and Chapter Certificates and \$25 check (Juniors):**
 - Mattoon High School
 - Danville High School
 - Richland County High School, Olney
 - Springfield High School:
 - Springfield Lanphier High School
 - Springfield Southeast High School
 - **\$300 Scholarships (Seniors)**
 - Richland County High School, Olney
 - Mattoon High School
 - Danville High School
 - **2027 – Additional Scholarships for JROTC cadets (Seniors)**
 - Springfield High School
 - Springfield Lanphier High School
 - Springfield Southeast High School



Golf Outing 2026

- **Golf Outing was one of our major fundraisers for our scholarship program**
- **Due to lack of chapter support, this event was cancelled this year**
- **Alternative fund sources are needed to maintain our current scholarship priorities**

Legislative Support

- Chapter plans to continue full support of the Council and National MOAA on legislative issues and other efforts,
- National/State Issues sent to membership via Website/Email
- Our Chapter Legislative Liaison, Col Tyler is fully engaged and provides updates/current information
 - Published on website and newsletter
 - Attended 2026 MOAA Advocacy in Action effort in Washington DC. and supported the Summer 2026 Advocacy effort



Partnerships

- **Survivor Outreach Services (SOS)**
- **Illinois National Guard (ILNG)**
- **Gold Star Mission**
- **P.J. Staab and the Staab Family**
 - **“Veterans Memorial Foundation”**
 - **Staab funeral homes have been staunch supporters of Gold Star families for many years.**



MOAA Foundation Grant

- **Applied for and received a \$1,200 grant from the MOAA Foundation to support Gold Star families (Community Outreach Grant)**
- **Use and distribution of funds is in process under the review of Lt Col Dave Miller**
- **Plans are to request another Foundation Grant for 2027 to continue the partnership**



Wreaths for Camp Butler

- **Wreaths Across America**
- **Plans are in work to contribute to wreaths for the 2026 Holiday Season.**
- **Wreaths will go to Camp Butler National Cemetery**
- **Program Managed by SOS Coordinator with the ILNG.**
- **Chapter members dhightly encouraged to provide “hands on” participation on the day oif the event
(Time/Date will be Provided when Available)**



Illinois Council of Chapters Support

- **We continue our full support of the Council on legislative issues and other effort**
- **Chapter Members serving on the Council of Chapters:**
 - **President: Robert Tyler, Col, USMC (Ret)**
 - **1st Vice President: Darrell Roll, Col, USA (Ret)**
 - **2nd Vice President/Webmaster: David Knieriem, Maj, USAF (Ret)**
 - **Secretary: James Forman, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)**
 - **Communications Officer/Newsletter Editor: Lt Col David Miller, Lt Col, USA (Ret)**



Chapter Membership: (As of 9 Oct 2026)

- 39 members
- Received approximately 500 potential members via MOAA National Database in our Chapter Catchment area.
- Investigating options to increase membership,
- Potential Options
 - Satellite clubs/chapters
 - Virtual membership
 - ????????

This is a “Work In Progress”



Future Chapter Plans

- **Improve/enhance support to Chapter membership and National MOAA**
- **Potential changes in Chapter meeting venues and activities**
- **Continue interesting informative programs at most of our dinner meetings with diverse subject areas**
- **Entertaining the idea of smaller group meetings, for breakfasts, lunches, and social cocktail hours during the year to keep our membership connected**
- **Potential for Satellite Units and possibly Virtual Chapters**

WE NEED COMMENTS/INPUT FROM THE MEMBERSHIP TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN TO ENSURE GROWTH FOR MOAA AND THE CHAPTER



QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

**Col Gene Bian
Chapter Treasurer**



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GENERAL FUND



Operating Fund

Revenue

Beginning Balance	\$ 2,426.97	
Dinners Paid	\$ 4,076.00	
50/50 Drawing	\$ 357.00	
Dues Paid	\$ 15.00	
Docnations	\$ 26.00	
Adjust Ledger to Bank Balance	\$ 0.06	\$ 6,901.03

Expenses

Dinner Venue	\$ 4,517.55	
Liability Insurance (annual)	\$ 264.00	
Web Domain	\$ 50.25	
Web Hosting	\$ 415.61	
P.O. Box Rent (annual)	\$ 202.00	
Checkbook Refill	\$ 26.12	(\$ 5,475.53)
		\$ 1,425.50

Golf Outing

October 2025 Outing	\$ 3,423.61	\$ 3,423.61
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Community Outreach Grant

Beginning Balance

\$ 1,050.00

MOAA 2026 Outreach Grant

\$ 1,200.00

\$ 2,250.00

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SCHOLARSHIP & VETERAN SUPPORT FUNDS
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SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Revenue

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,535.24		
Christmas Fundraiser	\$ 1,252.00		
Donations	\$ 160.00	\$ 2,947.24	

Disbursements

JROTC Scholarships (3)	\$ 900.00		
Annual Scholarship Award	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,047.24

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VETERAN SUPPORT

Revenue

Beginning Balance	\$ 2,385.59	
Uncashed JROTC Awards (2)		
Christmas Fundraiser		
	\$ 50.00	
	\$ 626.00	\$3,061.59

Disbursements

Roses for Gold Star Memorial	\$ 200.00	
Wreaths Across America	\$ 258.00	
JROTC Awards (9)	\$ 225.00	
State Fair Vet Day Committee	\$ 500.00	
Checkbook Refill	\$ 26.12	\$ 1,209.12

\$ 1,852.47

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Treasury Total

Beginning Balance

\$ 11,035.44

Ending Total

\$ 9,998.82

RECURRING OBLIGATIONS

Scholarship Fund

JROTC Scholarship (6 @ \$300)	\$ 1,800.00
Annual Scholarship	\$ 1,000.00
2027 Obligation	<u><u>\$ 2,800.00</u></u>

Veteran Support Fund

JROTC Awards (12 @ \$25)	\$300.00
Wreaths Across America (\$258)	\$300.00
State Fair Vet Day	\$500.00
2027 Obligation	<u><u>\$1,100.00</u></u>

General Fund

Liability Insurance	\$264.00
PO Box Rent (annual)	\$212.00
Web Domain and Hosting (next due date is 2029)	\$465.86
	<u><u>\$941.86</u></u>

PROPOSED FUND TRANSFER

Scholarship Fund

Available for FY 2027

\$1,047.24

2027 Obligation

-\$2,800.00

2026 Scholarship Obligation

-\$1,000.00

-\$2,752.76

Proposed Golf Outing Transfer

\$2,800.00

\$47.24

Veteran Support Fund

Available for FY 2027

\$1,852.47

2027 Obligation

-\$1,100.00

\$752.47

Proposed Golf Outing Transfer

\$623.61

\$1,376.08

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

