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Lincoln Land Chapter, (MOAA)--Annual Report 2021

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The 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.**
- **To serve the community to the fullest extent possible.**

Overview of year: 2021 was a big improvement over 2020. The COVID Pandemic has been better and was not a severe negative impact like 2020. We were able to hold five meetings out of our six scheduled. We held the Golf Outing in July. The only meeting we were forced to cancel was February. Our Golf Outing was another great success!! The Chapter received two communications awards for the website and newsletter. The Chapter will also be awarded the Levels of Excellence Award.

Meetings held:

Feb 12, 2021—Meeting was cancelled

April 09, 2021—Northfield Center, Springfield

June 11, 2021—The Beach House, Lake Decatur

July 17, 2021—Golf Outing at Shamblee Golf Course, Lake Petersburg

August 13, 2021—Island Bay Yacht Club

October 01, 2021—Northfield Center, Springfield

December 10, 2021—Wyndham Hotel, Springfield

Website: “Lincolnlandmoaa.org” Thanks to Maj (USAF, Ret) Dave Knieriem for his excellent and dedicated work on development and ongoing upkeep of our new Chapter website. If you have not visited the site yet, please do.

Golf Outing 2021: Our 2021 golf outing was another excellent event. In addition to Lincoln Land Chapter, we are partners with Gold Star Mission and The Survivor Outreach Services office at Camp Lincoln. Approximately 54 Golfers participated along with several Gold Star riders and support staff. The Chapter generated funds that will go to support Gold Star families and other Military Families.

Partnership w/SOS, ILNG and Gold Star Mission: As mentioned above we have developed a GREAT working partnership with Chris Milchuck (SOS, ILNG and Chuck Kitson with Gold Star Mission. This partnership will continue into future events.

New Partnership—P. J. Staab: “Veterans Memorial Foundation”: PJ Staab with Staab Funeral homes has sponsored other events for us. We have started a partnership with PJ and the Staab family. Staab funeral homes have been strong supporters of Gold Star families for many years.

Wreaths for Camp Butler: \$150.00 for 10 wreaths—We plan to contribute to “Wreaths Across America” again this Holiday Season. All our wreaths will go to Camp Butler National Cemetery here in Springfield.

Support to Illinois Council of Chapters (CoC): We plan to continue to support the Council on legislative issues. A special thank you goes out to COL Tyler for his dedication and hard work not only as our Legislative Liaison but as President of the State Council of Chapters. **Thank You COL Tyler!!!!**

Chapter Membership: Another special thank you goes out to COL Roll. He took on managing our membership program and has done an excellent job over the past year. Our membership currently stands at 54 members and 2 Honorary members. A reminder to pay your dues before 31 December if you still have not done so.

Chapter Finances: We have an EXCELLENT Treasurer in COL Bian!! He is very detailed and keeps a very accurate record of our financial status. Our current finances are in great shape and we plan to keep that status into the future. Please thank COL Bian for his efforts on our behalf to manage the Treasury!

Chapter Scholarship: We did not give a scholarship this year. We will try again in 2022. Please talk up the scholarship to any young person you know who might be interested. The scholarship information will be attached to the first newsletter in 2022.

Goals for 2022: Attached are goals we have established for the next two years.

Future Plans for 2021: Looking forward to a better 2022. I hope you and yours have a blessed and wonderful Holiday Season. See you next year!

Dave Miller, LTC (USA, Ret)

Chapter President