

June 2023

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Upcoming Events

- June 9, 2022, The Beach House, Decatur
- August 11, 2022, (outdoors) Island Bay Yacht Club, Springfield
- August 26, 2023, Saturday, Fifth Annual Golf Outing at Shambole Golf Course, Petersburg
- October 13, 2023, Northfield Center, Springfield
- December 8, 2023, Northfield Center, Springfield

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THE SALUTE—Never Stop Serving...



Next Meeting Information

Dinner Meeting - Friday, June 9, 2023

**Location: Beach House
Nelson Park
2301 S Lake Shore Dr, Decatur, IL 62521**

**Social Hour (Cash Bar) at 6:00PM
Dinner at 7:00PM
Cost: \$35 Per Attendee
Dress: Business Casual**

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE NOT LATER THEN 5PM on
MONDAY, June 5th
MAKE RESERVATIONS ONLINE - PREFERRED METHOD**

**Lincolnlandmoaa.org
or by Contacting by Phone/Text Message/Email:
Dave Knieriem (dknieriem@casscomm.com)
Let us know how many will attend.**

Host: Major (USMC, Ret) Dave Falk - Decatur

**Program (Speakers Tentative)
Dr Rob Butts, Decatur VA Director
Rikki Parker - The Children's museum
Tentatively Lori Yotter, Illinois Raptor Center**

**MENU: BUFFET
Pretzel Encrusted Chicken Breast, French Onion Pork Tenderloin
Garlic Smashed Potatoes
Candied Brussels Sprouts, Salad,
Cheesecake Bites and
Brownie Bites.**

**We are excited to host this meeting in the Decatur area to aid recruiting new members
for the Chapter and establishing a greater presence in the Decatur area.**

President's Corner:

Our Chapter has a Facebook page presence on the web:

<https://www.facebook.com/MOAAincolnland> Check it out—Also, it may be accessed through our website by clicking the “F” logo near the top of the home page.

Please help us with the following major tasks we have in Lincolnland

Chapter:

1. Talk up the Chapter Scholarship Program—we need more applicants.
2. Talk up the Chapter Golf Outing—August 26, 2023 at Chambolee Golf Course on Lake Petersburg, Illinois. We need more golfers and sponsors.
3. Help us RECRUIT new members. Members are our best recruiters. Please talk to potential members within your Sphere of Influence about joining us as we NEVER STOP SERVING.
4. Please attend our meetings—We Need Your Support!



From The Survivor Outreach Services Coordinator Chris Milchuck

Greetings, MOAA Veterans and Family Members! I hope you are well and enjoying this beautiful, spring weather. As in previous columns, I tend to base the information provided on cases with Survivors that come up between columns. Since I have had about half a dozen cases related to assisting Survivors with burial information for their Veterans, I thought it would be good to revisit this topic with a focus on eligibility. Below is information from the Veterans Administration guide about Burial Benefits for Veterans and their Families. A link to the full Burial Benefits Guide in PDF format is available at: <https://www.va.gov/survivors/docs/NCAQuickGuideADA.pdf>. This guide will help you make burial choices and prepare for the future. Use this guide to learn about these benefits and to avoid making rushed, agonizing decisions at the time of need.

The following are excerpts from the guide for those without the time or ability to download the PDF.

The Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) and National Cemetery Administration (NCA) offer burial benefits to eligible Veterans, their spouses, and dependent children. These benefits are earned by military service to our Nation and are potentially worth thousands of dollars but are provided at no cost.

A national cemetery burial includes: The gravesite, opening and closing of the grave, a headstone or marker, and perpetual care as part of a national shrine.

Funeral home directors usually arrange for the following benefits by request of the family: A VA-provided headstone or marker for a Veteran buried in a private cemetery anywhere in the world, a burial flag to drape the Veteran's casket or urn during the funeral, a Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) honoring the Veteran, and Military Funeral Honors for the Veteran (e.g., burial flag folding and presentation, "Taps" played on a bugle or by recording).

National cemetery directors have the primary responsibility of verifying the Veteran's eligibility for burial in a national cemetery. The Department of Veterans Affairs regional offices (VARO) may also assist.

Those eligible for burial benefits Include:

- Active-duty members who die while serving honorably. Veterans who have served some active duty other than as a Reservist for training and were discharged under other than dishonorable conditions.
- Reservists and National Guard members who, at the time of death, were entitled to retired pay, or would have been entitled had they been over the age of 60.
- Certain National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and Public Health Service (PHS) officers and WWII Merchant Mariners.
- Spouses and surviving spouses who meet eligibility requirements.

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- **Dependent children under age 21, under age 23 if still in school, or of any age If disabled while qualifying in one of the former categories.**
- **To establish eligibility, you must provide the death certificate and the Veteran's DD Form 214, which shows the Period(s) of Active-Duty Service and Characterization of Discharge**

Note: Eligibility requirements were developed over many years through legislation and regulations. This guide does not cover all possible situations for or against establishing eligibility. Contact Call (800) 827-1000 to receive more information. Extensive information is also posted on the National Cemetery Administration's (NCA's) website at: <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/eligibility/>

Burial Allowances

VA burial allowances are flat-rate monetary benefits that are generally paid at the maximum amount allowed by law for an eligible Veteran's burial and funeral costs. Eligible survivors are paid automatically upon notification of a Veteran's death, without the need to submit a claim. If the Veteran had a service-related death on or after September 11, 2001, the maximum burial allowance is \$2,000.

***There are non-service-related death rates payable if the Veteran was hospitalized by the VA at the time of his or her death:**

- **If the Veteran died on or after October 1, 2019, VA will pay up to \$796 burial allowance and \$796 for a plot.**
- **If the Veteran died on or after December 1, 2001, but before October 1, 2011, VA will pay up to \$300 burial allowance and \$300 for a plot.**
- **An annual increase in burial and plot allowances for deaths occurring after October 1, 2011 began in fiscal year 2013 based on the Consumer Price Index for the preceding 12-month period.**

Rates Effective October 1, 2019

Benefit Rate Service-Connected Burial \$2,000

Non-Service-Connected Burial (Veterans hospitalized by VA) \$796

Non-Service-Connected Burial (Veterans not hospitalized by VA or indigent) \$300

Plot Allowance \$796

State Cemetery \$796

Headstone/Marker \$195

Philippine Half-Rate \$398

For questions or assistance with applying for burial benefits, please contact VA Regional Office at: 800-827-1000, Monday through Friday, 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM, (Central Time). TTY is 711.

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Chris Milchuck

Veterans, to make things easier for your family members, advise them of your wishes ahead of time and tell them where your discharge papers are kept. These papers are very important in establishing your eligibility. At the time of need, your family will contact a funeral home, who will assist them with making burial arrangements at the national cemetery. You may wish to make pre-need arrangements with a funeral home.

Surviving family members:

To schedule a burial, fax all discharge documentation to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 1-866-900-6417 and, follow-up with a phone call to 1-800-535-1117.

For cremation or burial expenses: The VA does not pay for cremation directly. Any item or service obtained from a funeral home will be at the families' expense. However, some Veterans' families may be entitled to a burial allowance, which may cover some of these expenses.

For burial at sea: The VA does not provide burial at sea. If you have any questions about the Burial at Sea program, please contact the United States Navy Mortuary Affairs office toll-free at 1-866-787-0081.

To obtain the Veteran's military discharge form (DD Form 214), contact the National Archives at 1-866-272-6272 or, visit: www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records

As always, I am happy to assist the Veteran or the Surviving Family Member with benefits and entitlements questions, so please contact me.

Chris Milchuck

618-581-6648

Chris.Milchuck.IL@gmail.com



From The Chapter Chaplain

On July 29, we will commemorate the 248th year since the birth of the Army Chaplain Corps. Older even than the United States, the Chaplain Corps was—and is—integral to the fabric of our nation, and instrumental to our military's success. As we prepare to mark this historic milestone, let's take a look at the story of how the Chaplain Corps' was formed.

In the summer of 1775, the Second Continental Congress convened in Philadelphia. Though members of the Congress would not sign the Declaration of Independence for another year, the colonies were already engaged in a difficult and bloody war against the most powerful military in the world, Great Britain.

But they were determined to stand up for their God-given rights.

With violence escalating and the war becoming even more gruesome, Congress commissioned George Washington as Commander in Chief of the Continental Army. Less than a month after taking charge, Washington made one of his first requests, something he knew would be a vital and necessary component for his military operation.

As a military commander, Washington anticipated the toll war would take on his troops, especially knowing the incredible effort on the part of the colonists to defeat a formal standing army. Of course, he knew how important it was for his soldiers to be physically prepared, but he also understood that he would need something more in the face of such odds: spiritual fortitude, and the moral strength to persevere.

Though many ministers were already volunteering alongside colonial troops, Washington wanted their services recognized and financially compensated, and for them to become an official part of the army.

On July 29, 1775, Congress granted Washington's request and the Chaplain Corps was born. There would be one chaplain for each regiment in the Continental Army. Receiving a captain's pay, they would attend to the spiritual, emotional, and even physical wellbeing of the troops.

Since the inception of the Corps, chaplains have served in every American war. Though the Army Chaplain Corps is the oldest branch of its kind, the Navy and Air Force later established their own chaplaincy programs. Throughout American history, over 400 military chaplains have died in war, sacrificing their lives for their troops, many of them receiving recognition for their valor.

Today, chaplain's corps have withstood the test of time as a valuable asset and a necessary institution critical to each branch of the U.S. military.

In addition to looking after the spiritual wellbeing of military troops, chaplains are tasked with upholding religious freedom, ensuring that the individual beliefs of military members are respected. Today, a diverse and expanding group of religions are represented among military chaplains, ranging from majority faiths like Christianity to minority religions like Judaism and Buddhism.

Regardless of a service member's personal religious beliefs, faith continues to be a source of strength, comfort and inspiration for those who risk life and limb to defend our most cherished freedoms. As First Liberty Institute client and retired Navy Chaplain Wes Modder put it, "when people come into the military, they don't leave their faith, they bring their faith with them."

The legacy of promoting and protecting spiritual fitness for America's troops is older than America itself. It's a part of our country's heritage, and today we ought to embrace that legacy, which continues to inspire thousands of courageous men and women to serve our country in uniform.

Legislative Liaison Update

It was good to be back in person in DC on April 26th for MOAA's annual Advocacy in Action 2023 event. The Illinois team consisted of CAPT Jim Murphy, who covered the two senate offices, while COL Bob Tyler & Kimberly Bruce (MOAA staff); and Col Richard Smith & Fahria Hossain (MOAA staff) visited the House of Representatives offices.

April 26th was a busy day on the Hill as many of the representatives were in and out of their offices, either on the "floor" for voting or in committee meetings. Because of the floor vote to raise the debt ceiling we were only able to meet with three of the eight principles we were scheduled to visit: Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky (D-IL-09), Congressman Bill Foster (D-IL-11), and Congressman Jonathan Jackson (D-IL-01).



We presented the three AiA issues: Restoring BAH to 100%; Restoring the TriCare pharmacy network; and general Support for the All-Volunteer Force to the congressional staff members for the remaining congressional offices.



I was able to meet with staff members for the Illinois districts within the Lincoln Land Chapter's area. From previous visits with Congressman LaHood, I knew he enjoyed snacking on Beer Nuts that are made in Bloomington-Normal, so for the fun of it, I gave his staffer, Austin Welter, a package of Beer

Nuts to share with the Congressman.

And we had a very good and lengthy visit with Dominick Namias from Congresswoman Mary Miller's office. It was a very good day on the Hill, but our work is not done.

Please be watchful as the Congress works through the priorities facing them this year. Sign up for and follow the advocacy news in the MOAA e-newsletter and take action when appropriate on the MOAA advocacy action link on the MOAA Webpage.



Semper Fi – Bob Tyler



PROVIDING **CRISIS RELIEF** TO OUR NATION'S HEROES

Together, we can offer support and stability to the uniformed services and veteran communities during a crisis.



OUR GOAL

Our goal is to raise \$1 million to endow The MOAA Foundation's Crisis Relief Fund and continue our great work.



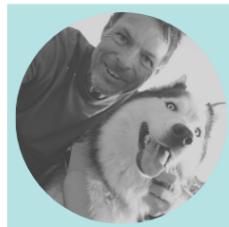
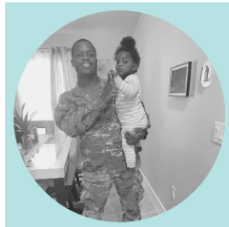
WHY CRISIS RELIEF?

More than 12 million veterans without a VA disability rating have virtually no support when disaster strikes.



CAN YOU HELP?

Our hope is your generous contribution will help us reach our goal to fund this program in perpetuity.



READY TO ASSIST

In April 2020, The MOAA Foundation launched an emergency COVID-19 Relief Fund to support uniformed services families impacted by the pandemic.

As the pandemic has ebbed, we know crisis-related needs of uniformed services families and veterans still exist.

To answer the call for help, we established The MOAA Foundation Crisis Relief Fund — an enduring emergency relief fund to assist uniformed services personnel, veterans, and their families (including caregivers and survivors) in the midst of crisis.

WHAT SETS US APART



Our streamlined application takes less than 20 minutes to complete, saving applicants the time they need to address other urgent priorities.



Funds reach an approved applicant's bank account within days of approval — timely relief when it can have the most impact.



Financial grants are awarded to qualifying applicants to help with housing costs, utilities, medical and insurance bills, groceries, and more.



100% of our Crisis Relief applicants would recommend our program to others in need.



(800) 234-6622



moaa_foundation@moaa.org



charities.moaa.org/crisisrelief

MOAA Accomplishments in 2022

Active Duty

Executing a Credible Game Plan for Health Care Oversight --

This issue also impacts Families, Retirees, and Survivors.

Maintaining Pay Raise Comparability

Families

Securing Comprehensive Privatized Military Housing Reform*

Securing a Basic Needs Allowance for Families Facing Food Insecurity

Temporary BAH Increase for High Cost-of-Living Areas

Enhanced Leave for Military Families

Support for Public Schools Serving Military-Connected Children

Guard & Reserve

Securing Major GI Bill Upgrades to Include Transferability and Improving Benefits for Those on Title 32 Orders*

Improving Guard and Reserve TRICARE Coverage (and Securing a Premium Cut)

Ensuring Guard and Reserve Retirement Age Credit for Active Duty Service

Retirees

Protecting TRICARE For Life*

Lessening the Impact of TRICARE Fee Hikes

Defeating 'COLA Minus 1 Percent'*

Boosting Compensation Significantly for Retirees With 50% VA Disability (and Fighting for Full Concurrent Receipt)*

Ensuring TRICARE Coverage Evolves to Keep Up With Commercial Plans and Other Government Payers

Survivors

Repealing the SBP-DIC Offset ('Widows Tax')

Veterans

Comprehensive Toxic Exposure Reform

Providing Wounded Warrior Protections and Caregiver Enhancements*

Expanding Veterans' Health Care, Benefits, and other VA Compensation and Support Programs

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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: 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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***Treasurer, BOD:** Eugene (Gene) Bian, COL USAR, Ret, gb2416@comcast.net

***Secretary, Communications & Publicity, BOD:** Maj Kory Harms, Kory.l.Harms.mil@army.mil

Legislative Liaison: Dr. Robert Tyler, Col USMC, Ret, Colphdbob@gmail.com

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Scholarships: Dr. Mark DePue, LTC USA, Ret, DePuemr@outlook.com

Surviving Spouse Representative: Christine (Chris) Milchuck, Christine.A.Milchuck.ctr@army.mil

Honorary Chapter Chaplain: Justin Everson, je3453@gmail.com

*BOD = Board of Directors



2023 Lincoln Land Chapter

MOAA Meeting Dates

February 10, 2023—Northfield Center, Springfield

April 14, 2023—(indoors) Island Bay Yacht Club, Springfield

June 9, 2023—The Beach House, Decatur

Fifth Annual Golf Outing— August 26, 2023—Shambolee Golf Course, Petersburg, Illinois

August 11, 2023—(Outdoors) Island Bay Yacht Club, Springfield

October 13, 2023—Northfield Center, Springfield

December 8, 2023—Northfield Center, Springfield~Annual Christmas Meeting/Member Auction



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 2023

Lincoln Land Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America ("MOAA") announces its Scholarship Program for the Academic Year which begins in the Fall 2023. The Scholarship Program for Academic Year-Fall 2023 award shall be made solely based on an Applicant's submission in response to this announcement. No other criteria will be considered.

INFORMATION FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR ACADEMIC YEAR- FALL 2023.

The Scholarship Program for Academic Year- Fall 2023 essay topic shall be:

"Reflections on those who Serve America"

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

To be considered, Applicant essay and required documents must be postmarked on or before Jun 1, 2023 and mailed (no other form of delivery is permissible) to:

Lincoln Land Chapter, MOAA

Scholarship Program for Academic Year-Fall 2023 Care
of: LTC (Ret) Mark R. DePue

613 Catskill Drive

Springfield, IL 62711

The Scholarship Program Award Winner will be contacted not later than July 2023, and the award presentation date will be during the Chapter's Island Bay Yacht Club event in August 2023.

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.)

Attend drill with a local National Guard or Reserve unit, interacting with unit leaders and others.

Attend a veteran's discussion group at a local veteran's center.

Spend time with a college ROTC unit.

Volunteer at the Illinois Military Museum or similar institution.

Attend a military or other military-related ceremony and interview people present.

The following items constitute the Applicant's Scholarship Program for Academic Year- Fall 2023 submission. Only those Applicant submissions that contain ALL items listed below will be eligible for consideration:

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.

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

The designation of an institution of higher education that Applicant will be attending in the Fall 2023. Applicant must provide the name and address of the institution of higher education Applicant is, or will be, enrolled in for the Fall 2023 semester (or equivalent).

ELIGIBILITY.

An Applicant to this Scholarship Program for Academic Year- Fall 2023 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).

Applicant must be at least 18 years of age on or before September 1, 2023.

Applicant must be enrolled in, or accepted for enrollment into an institution of higher education for the Fall 2023 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.

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

GENERAL INFORMATION.

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.

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.

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.

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.

All decisions made by the Chapter Scholarship Committee are final.

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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 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 counter-signed 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 2023 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)

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(Member Signature)

(Print Name)



Fifth Annual 2023 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, August 26, 2023

442 South Shore Drive, Petersburg, IL 62675

\$75.00 per player: 18 hole shotgun start

Cart and two drinks per person

11:30 sign in, lunch, and 12:00 noon start

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

Sponsoring organizations:

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Minor Officers Association of America

Lincoln Land Chapter

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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 26, 2023
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:

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Deadline is a week prior or until full
for questions contact

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