

July 2020

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Upcoming Events

- August 14, 2020, Island Bay Yacht Club, Lake Springfield, Illinois.
- September 12, 2020—Golf Outing, Shambole Golf Course, Petersburg, Illinois.
- October 9, 2020, Northfield Center.
- December 11, 2020, Wyndham Hotel, downtown Springfield. Plan on attending this event, it is one of our best meetings of the year.
- 2021 dates—We are locking in 2021 dates at this time.

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THE SALUTE—Never Stop Serving...



Next Meeting Information

Good News, we will restart our meetings!!

YOU ARE INVITED!!

Annual Island Bay Yacht Club Meeting

Our August 2020 meeting will be Friday August 14, 2020 at Island Bay Yacht Club, Springfield, Illinois 62712. **Cost will be \$30.00 per person.**

Island Bay Yacht Club is located at 76 Yacht Club Road, Springfield, 62712. Social hour starts at 6:00 PM with Dinner at 7:00 PM. We will meet again on the back patio. The Yacht Club will furnish a Dockside bar for our event. We will practice social distancing for dinner and there will be hand sanitizers at the start and end of the buffet line plus at the drink table. Need your reservations NLT August 12th.

Come out and enjoy a GREAT evening with us!!

Check out our Chapter website: lincolnlandmoaa.org

A reminder our 2020 Golf Outing has been rescheduled to September 12, 2020 at Shambole Golf Course in Petersburg. We will be hosting the event along with Gold Star Mission. Proceeds from the golf outing will go to support the Gold Star Family Memorial at Oak Ridge Cemetery. Please plan on attending, we have a GREAT Time!!!

**RSVP NLT Wednesday, August 12, 2020 to the
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President's Corner

I hope all of you are well and weathering this Covid storm. Chaplain Woehrmann sends the following prayer:

"Almighty and Eternal God Who has created everything and still controls all things and events and Who has said " Come unto Me all who you labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest", we come to you in fear and trembling with the arrival of this disease on our Nation's shores. We mourn the loss of life which has occurred in many parts of the world and now in our nation and state. We pray that this angel of death will no longer pass over us and by your hand be put to death

Grant wisdom to us all so that we may deal responsibly with this disease, taking all necessary precautions and being obedient to those who have experience and authority in these matters. To that end bless our President, our Governor and all local officials with wisdom and courage to deal with this matter as You direct them and guide us safely until the crisis has past.

And as we are in the Holy Season of Lent in which we dwell with thanksgiving on the sacrificial work of Your Son at Calvary, cause us to remember that it is He who heals all our diseases and guarantees eternal life for all who trust in Him as Savior,

Hear us and bless us for His Sake, Amen."

Details of our August meeting are outlined on the front cover. We have requested the Yacht Club help us with social distancing and other measures to ensure you are safe. Our menu will be Caesar salad, Pasta salad, and Potatoe Salad, Barbeque ribs and Fried chicken, Baked Beans, Au Gratin Potatoes, Corn on the Cob, Rolls and Butter. Desserts will be Peach and Blueberry Cobbler, Texas Sheet Cake squares and Lemon bars. Drinks will be Iced Tea, Water and Lemonade. There will be hand sanitizers at the start and end of the buffet line and at the drink table.

We really need your support and assistance to make the Annual Golf Outing this year a success. All proceeds will go to the Gold Star Memorial Committee to support the memorial planned for Oak Ridge Cemetery. Your help in maximizing attendance will be greatly appreciated!!

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Yacht Club.

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Legislative Update

As you have seen in the MOAA e-newsletters and the *Military Officer Magazine* the Virtual Storming event in May was very successful.

All of the congressional offices were contacted and 53% of the teleconferences included the Congressman.

Accordingly, Congress has paused the planned changes to the Military Healthcare System and has included language in the Defense Authorization Bill directing the application of “lessons learned” from the COVID response before any more changes are made.

That’s success!

On the state level, SB-110 extending the disabled veteran’s property tax exemption to the surviving spouse is still in committee. We continue to push for action on this bill during the upcoming Veto Session.

If you get a chance to “whisper” in your state legislator’s ear, please do so!

As our veteran numbers diminish it becomes even more important that we never stop serving and that we continue to educate our elected officials about issues important to America’s veterans.

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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Dear Soldiers, Civilians, Family Members and Soldiers for Life:

On July 26, we celebrate the 72nd anniversary of the official end to racial segregation in the U.S. Armed Forces. However, just as neither the thirteenth amendment nor the Civil Rights Act eliminated racism from American society, the integration of our military did not eliminate racism from our ranks.

The past few months have reminded us that we still have a long way to go on our never-ending journey to be a more perfect organization.

The U.S. Army did the right thing 72 years ago, but admittedly, some leaders in the Army were reluctant. A common phrase both then and now is that the Army is not a social experiment, and that is true. But the Army does not need to experiment to know that our strength lies in the diversity of our people and, more importantly, inclusion.

Defending the Constitution and protecting the American people requires great leadership, and the best leaders are those capable of understanding multiple perspectives and empathizing with those whom they lead.

Our best leaders are those who know how to inspire others and make each person feel like a valued member of a team, whether that person is a Soldier, an Army Civilian, a Family Member, or a Retiree/Veteran Soldier for Life. That is how you recruit and retain America's best and brightest. That is how you defend a Nation from all enemies, foreign and domestic.

Our Army's philosophy is People First, and our attitude is Winning Matters. That means treating each other with dignity and respect. It means putting the right people in the right place at the right time. It means building cohesive teams that are highly-trained, disciplined, and fit. "Project Inclusion" is a new holistic effort to eliminate both overt prejudice and unconscious bias.

The elimination of DA photos from promotion boards is just the first step. "This Is My Squad" is the foundational element to inculcate an Army culture of taking care of each other. Your "squad" includes your leadership, your battle buddies, your subordinates, and your family, whether you are a private, a civilian, or a general. And when a member of your squad is in trouble - from harassment, assault, mental health concerns, or prejudice - you take action because you care.

We are proud to serve with the greatest Soldiers in the world and be a part of the greatest fighting force. Today, let us celebrate how far we've come as we work to continue moving forward together.

People First - Winning Matters - Army Strong!

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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 Seven Uniformed Services (USA, USMC, USN, USAF, 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.



The Hershel “Woody” Williams Medal of Honor Foundation is a charitable 501c3 nonprofit organization that pursues the vision of Medal of Honor recipient Hershel “Woody” Williams to establish Gold Star Families Memorial Monuments in communities throughout the country, sponsor Gold Star Family outreach programs, provide Living Legacy scholarships to eligible Gold Star Children, and to advocate for educational benefits for all Gold Star Family members.

Our Mission:

*To honor, recognize, and serve
Gold Star Families and the
legacy of their Loved Ones who
have paid the ultimate sacrifice.*



Second Annual 2020 Golf Outing

Honoring our Military Heroes and Families

AT SHAMBOLEE GOLF COURSE IN PETERSBURG

We honor all of the veterans and active military
who have served our country.

Saturday, September 12, 2020

442 South Shore Drive, Petersburg, IL 62675

\$75 per player: 18-hole shotgun start,
cart and 2 drink tickets per person

11:30 sign-in, lunch & 12:30-12:45 start

Proceeds Benefits: Gold Star Families Memorial Monument (GSFMM) to
be located at the Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, IL

Sponsoring organizations

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<http://hwwmohf.org/monuments/springfield-il.html>

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