

2016 End of Year Report

**Military Officers Association
of America**

Middle Tennessee Chapter (MTC)

MOAA Levels of Excellence (LOE) 5 Star Chapter

- In October of 2016 MTC was designated a MOAA 5 Star Levels of Excellence (LOE) Chapter for the fourth consecutive year.
- There are 409 MOAA Chapters. Our Chapter was 1 of the 121 Chapters to receive the Five Star Designation.





2016 Annual Financial Report

2016 MTC MOAA Annual Financial Report

	2013	2014	2015	2016
Income:				
2016 Dues	\$3,288.00	3,480.00	3,375.00	3,520.00
MOAA Nat'l Incentive	\$20.00	125.00	405.00	250.00
Scholarship donations	\$9,333.00	4,110.00	4,355.00	4,285.00
Total Income:	\$12,641.00	7,715.00	8,135.00	8,055.00
Operating Costs:				
Luncheons	(720.00)	(529.00)	(1,224.00)	(533.00)
Administrative	(1,632.85)	(1,428.57)	(1,622.05)	(1,350.20)
Donations	(1,575.00)	(1,900.00)	(945.02)	(1,217.74)
Scholarships given	(9,333.00)	(4,110.00)	(4,355.00)	(4,285.00)
Cash for Luncheons	(16.00)	0.00	(6.00)	11.00
Total Operating Costs	(13,276.85)	(7,967.57)	(8,152.07)	(7,374.94)
Net Gain/(Loss)	(635.85)	(252.57)	(17.07)	680.06
Bank Balance Forward Jan 01	6,110.29	5,474.44	5,221.57	5,204.50
Net Gain/(Loss)	(635.85)	(252.57)	(17.07)	680.06
Dues 2017-2020				80.00
Reconciling				24.00
Ending Bank Balance Dec 31	5,474.44	5,221.57	5,204.50	5,988.56



Legislative Affairs

Legislative Affairs Engagements

Federal

- Congressman Jim Cooper, 5th Congressional District
- Congressman Marsha Blackburn, 7th Congressional District

State

- Speaker Beth Harwell, Tennessee House of Representatives
- Senator Mark Green, 22nd Congressional District
- Keynote speaker at TN State Memorial day observance
- Day on the Hill event (February 2016) seeing 10 Representatives and Senators as part of a MOAA multi-chapter and partner veteran organizations

Beyond the Chapter:

- Patricia Berquist participated in MOAA Storming of the Hill (US)
- Kent Crossley participated in same day event as part of Centerstone, however covered much of the same ground and select representatives and MOAA topics

Legislative Affairs Issues Addressed in 2016

- Veteran's Treatment Court Mentoring Opportunities
- Restore VA DIC Compensation for Qualifying Survivors Who Remarry after Age 55
- Identified MOAA Legislative Affairs Liaisons Statewide for TN Council of Chapters
- Identified Spousal Burial Cost Policy for State Veterans Cemeteries

Chapter Outreach

Reserve Officer Training Corps Support

- MOAA Outstanding Cadet medals and certificates awarded to three cadets from the respective four-year ROTC programs
 - Army ROTC (Vanderbilt University) – Cadet Michael Lindsay
 - Navy/Marine Corps ROTC (Vanderbilt University) – Midshipman Austin Clark
 - Air Force ROTC (Tennessee State University) – Cadet Ralph Korpman
- Area ROTC Detachment Commanders advised of MOAA National scholarship and grant opportunities

Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Support

- 2016
 - Supported 13 JROTC units in 2016.
 - Presented 13 awards to cadets at the JROTC units at Middle Tennessee high schools.
- 2017
 - Continuing to support 13 JROTC units in 2017.
 - Two presentations already scheduled.

2016 Scholarships

- Chapter Scholarship donations totaled \$4755.00 (including \$400.00 of direct contributions to MOAA National)
- For the fourth year, MTC MOAA funded Veterans Scholarships at Belmont and Lipscomb Universities in the amount of \$1,000.00 each. Scholarship preference priorities for the Veterans Scholarships are:
 1. Disabled Veteran
 2. Wounded Veteran (Purple Heart)
 3. Any Veteran
- MTC contributed a total of \$2,585.00 (including the \$400.00 of direct contributions) toward MOAA National Scholarships.
 - The MOAA scholarships provide a small grant and an interest free loan to sons and daughters of active and retired service members, both officer and enlisted.
 - Included completion of the “balance owed” on our 3rd MOAA National Scholarship of \$300.00.

Cell Phones for Soldiers

- MOAA is no longer conducting regional or nationwide CPFS Collection
- From January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 MTC MOAA collected and delivered to AT&T 163 cell phones

Additional Chapter Outreach Opportunities

- MTC Memorial Day Service at the Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery
- Congressional Academy Selection Committee Participation
- A Soldier's Child Foundation
- Courage Beyond - Centerstone Military Services
- Joshua Chamberlain Society
- Matthew 25 Foundation (Homeless Veterans)
- MOAA Military Family Initiative
- The Mission Continues
- Operation Stand Down Tennessee (OSDTN)
- Tennessee Fisher House
- Building Lives Foundation
- USMCR Toys for Tots Program
- USO Nashville
- Transition Assistance



2016 MTC Programs

2016 MTC PROGRAMS

- **January 2016** – Annual Legislative Affairs Meeting: The Honorable Beth Harwell, Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives
- **February 2016** – Annual Personal Affairs Meeting: “Aging in Place” presented by Cynthia Natsch and Denise Becker
- **March 2016** – “Changing Roles of Women in the Military” presented by Colonel (Ret.) Julia Meade, USMC & MTC Member
- **April 2016** – “Resetting US and Cuban Relations” presented by Dr. Frank Robinson, VU
- **May 2016** – “Challenges for an Eight Member Supreme Court and the Role of the Attorney General in FBI Recommendations” presented by Former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales
- **June 2016** – “MOAA Councils and Chapters” presented by COL (Ret.) Barry Wright, USA, MOAA Council and Chapters Director

2016 MTC PROGRAMS

- **July 2016** - “Nashville Serving Veterans Community Board” presented by Lieutenant General (Ret.) Keith Huber, USA & MTC Member
- **August 2016** – “The Military Diplomat – Life at a U.S. Embassy” presented by Colonel (Ret.) John McDevitt, USAF & MTC Member
- **September 2016** – “Operation Stand Down Tennessee” presented by Colonel (Ret.) John Krenson, USA and OSDTN CEO
- **October 2016** - “The Craving Brain – Science, Spirituality, and the Road to Recovery” presented by Doctor Anderson Spickard, Jr.
- **November 2016** - “The Frontline Generation” presented by Captain Marjorie Eastman, USA & MTC Member
- No meeting was scheduled in December 2016

Program Suggestions? Contact CAPT (R) Dale Lewelling, USN, First Vice-President & Program Chair, dale.lewelling@comcast.net or 615-428-0490



Membership

MTC Membership

- At the end of December 2016 we had 265 members
- Membership is a mix of approximately 94% former and retired officers and 6% currently serving.
- We continue to add new members (31 in 2016); even as we lose members that have moved, or have elected to not continue to participate, and sadly those that pass on.
 - Our #1 challenge to membership continues to be capturing the interest and attention of actively serving officers in the Middle TN area.
 - Our #2 challenge is the fluctuating attendance of members at monthly meetings. We have averaged 42 per meeting during 2016, which is up from 35 per meeting in 2015.

2017

MTC Officers & Directors

- President – CAPT (R) Larry Cotton
- 1st Vice President – CAPT (R) Dale Lewelling
- 2nd Vice President - LTC (R) Mike Patenaude
- Treasurer/Director – Capt Hal Sauer
- Past President/Secretary/Director – COL (R) Doug Minton
- Past President/Director – LTC (R) Wanda Graham
- Past President/Director – CDR (R) John Ohlinger
- Director – LtCol (R) Karon Uzzell-Baggett
- Director – COL (R) Kent Crossley
- Director – Mrs. Patricia Bergquist

2017 MTC Monthly Meeting Programs List

- **January** – Annual Business Meeting – Committee Reports
- **February** – Personal Affairs – *Sitters and More*
- **March** – Program for High School Counselors
- **April** – TBD
- **May** – TBD
- **June** – TBD
- Welcome suggestions for the Membership about potential speakers

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