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MOAA Monthly Luncheon

24 October 2017; 11:30 AM

“Jet Pioneer; A Fighter Pilot’s Memoir”

Major General (Ret.) Carl Schneider, USAF

*Old Natchez Country Club
115 Gardengate Drive
Franklin, TN 37069*

During his career in the United States Air Force, Major General Schneider flew more than 100 combat missions in Korea and served as a flight instructor. While assigned to the Second Air Division in Vietnam, he helped establish a forward air control/air liaison officer program with the Republic of Vietnam Air Force. Following his days in combat aircraft, Major General Schneider served as an Executive Officer to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force in the area of financial management. His later assignments included Deputy Commander for Operations and Commander of Moody Air Force Base in Valdosta, Georgia. Major General Schneider retired from the Air Force in 1978 as Chief of Staff for the Air Force Logistics Command.

He has had a number of leadership roles in Veterans and healthcare projects since leaving active duty. He helped establish Phoenix Children’s Hospital and helped found the Joe Foss Institute and the Adopt-A-Vet Program. In 2009, he was inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society. He continues as an advisor to See-4-Vets and the Veterans Heritage Project.

His book [Jet Pioneer: A Fighter Pilot’s Memoir](#) is the story of a thirty-two year U.S. Air Force career. Beginning in 1946 as a newly enlisted AAF private, he rose through the ranks to become a two star general—an accomplishment very few men in American history have ever achieved.

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MOAA Basic Membership Offer

A few years ago MOAA National created a Free BASIC electronic membership as a means of reaching young officers during their formative years. This model is working well amongst our young officers and is doing a nice job of introducing MOAA to a new generation of officers.

Fortunately for us MOAA has now turned their view to former officers and retired officers that **are not yet members at a National level** and has decided that the Free BASIC electronic membership is also a tool that can be used to introduce these officers to the National organization. **The Free membership has a three year window, and is designed to “bait the hook” in hope that officers will continue as a regular member following the initial three year offer.**

If you fit into this target group, and are interested (and we sincerely hope you are!), then please contact a Board member so that we can continue this conversation.

President’s Letter

Just as last month, we talked about how proud we can be of all the servicemembers who assisted others in response to the hurricanes and flooding, we can now be equally proud of many servicemembers who worked to save others in Las Vegas after the mass shooting. Our fellow military used their training and remarkable courage to save multiple people—while under fire themselves—, in this tragedy. Let’s not forget them or any of the victims and their families—they’re going to need our thoughts and prayers.

Our scholarship campaign is going well but we would like to wrap it up this month so we can commit the scholarships to veterans attending Lipscomb and Belmont Universities. Of course, we will continue to support MOAA’s national level scholarships for military dependents. Please consider giving this month, if you have not already done so. You can send contributions to the chapter at MTC MOAA, P.O. Box 50252, Nashville, TN, 37205-0252, or bring them to our next lunch meeting on 26 September.

Also, please take a look at the Legislative Affairs links on the MTC MOAA website: <http://www.mtcmoaa.org>. Kent Crossley has done a great job of summarizing the local and national efforts in his report and you should know that MOAA national has also been very active. During these tough budget times, programs important to our active duty, reserves and retirees, along with their families, continue to be under attack. Additionally, the concurrent receipt issue continues to affect many of our surviving spouses, but several legislators introduced new bills this week to allow full concurrent receipt.

Finally, Clint McCain presented an excellent brief on the **“Williamson County Crimestoppers”** at our September luncheon, and we have two more speakers for October and November (remember that we don’t have a monthly luncheon in December). On 24 October, one of our own, MG (ret.) Carl Schneider, USAF, will present **“Jet Pioneer: A Fighter Pilot’s Memoir”**. I know we’re all looking forward to it so please join us!

L. S. Cotton, Jr.
CAPT, U. S. Navy (Ret.), President, MTC

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Happy 242nd Birthday to the U.S. Navy
October 13, 2017

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Upcoming Programs & Events

14-15 October 2017

"Vet Fest"

Saturday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM,

Sunday: 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Presented at *no cost* by OSDTN and VetLinX
Ft. Negley Park, Nashville, TN

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15 October 2017, Time TBD

"ASC 9th Annual Golf Scramble"

Stones River Country Club, Murfreesboro, TN

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MTC Monthly Luncheon Meeting

"Jet Pioneer; A Fighter Pilot's Memoir"

Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Carl Schneider, USAF
MTC Member

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7 November 2017; 7:00 AM

"MTC Monthly Board Meeting"

NGATN Office, 4332 Kenilwood Dr., Nashville

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10 November 2017: 11:00 AM

"Franklin Veterans Day Parade"

West Main and Fifth

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11 November 2017; 11:00 AM

"Nashville Veterans Day Parade"

Broadway

"Nolensville Veterans Day Parade"

Oldham Drive—Nolensville Park

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11 November 2017; 7-11:00 PM

"USO Big Band Bash"

Lane Motor Museum, Murfreesboro Rd, Nashville

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28 November 2017 11:30 AM

MTC Monthly Luncheon Meeting

"Report on TN State Government"

Beth Harwell

Speaker of the House

TN House of Representatives

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No Meeting December 2017

Legislative Update

I recently had the opportunity to attend two briefings which highlighted a great deal of positive activity at the Federal VA level and MOAA. I attended a presentation in GA and met with DEPSEC VA Mr. Thomas Bowman. He explained in detail several of the landmark improvements in the VA and those soon expected.

-The VA has direction to become more community involved. I see this in action within the Nashville community and those I work with in the Regional VA office. There is high level direction to make this happen. The VA's focus is to improve timelines of service, quality of care and reduce suicides. The VA made it a priority to provide resources to the current opioid crisis where 91 Americans die each day from overdoses.

-The VA Secretary has legislative support to remove senior government employees who do not meet current standards of performance. The VA is embracing tele-health counseling to reach Veterans and their Families unable to travel to the VA centers. Interestingly, Dr. Shulkin the SECVA uses tele-health to care for Veteran patients he continues to provide care. In the future, Veterans will begin seeing programs which include lifetime care for Veterans. The creation of Joint Electronic Health care records between the DOD and the VA is one example.

-In a private discussion with Mr. Bowman, he explained mental health care for all Veterans, regardless of current eligibility, is a goal with strong possibility.

Several MTCMOAA Board members recently participated in the MOAA's Council & Chapter Affairs Leadership Workshop for the East South Central region in Memphis, TN. I attended the Legislative Affairs breakout meeting. There are several bills introduced at the Federal level which may apply to MTCMOAA members or their families. The **Shawna Hill Post 9/11 Education Benefits Transferability Act** authorizes the reassignment a Veteran's or Armed Forces Member's Post-9/11 education benefits to another eligible dependent in cases where the original designated beneficiary dies without having used all such benefits. The TN chapters present explained our association with the blossoming Tennessee Veteran Empowerment Team (TVET) organization and partnership with the KY Joint Executive Council of Veterans Organizations (JECVO). Several chapters are sponsoring Veteran Treatment Courts with mentors, recruit's mentors, and matches of mentors with veterans in the VTC program. VTC programs exist in many TN counties. Montgomery, Davidson, and Williamson Counties have programs in the MTCMOAA area.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ COL Kent Crossley, USA Retired
Board Member and Legislative Affairs Liaison