

# **2018 Report to Members**

**Military Officers Association  
of America**

**Middle Tennessee Chapter (MTC)**

# MOAA Levels of Excellence (LOE) 5 Star Chapter

- On October of 2017 MTC was designated a MOAA 5 Star Levels of Excellence (LOE) Chapter for the fifth consecutive year.
- There are 409 MOAA Chapters. Our Chapter was 1 of the 125 Chapters to receive the Five Star Designation.



# Annual Financial Report

# 2017

## Annual Financial Report

	2014	2015	2016	2017
<b>Income:</b>				
Dues	3,480.00	3,375.00	3,520.00	3,365.00
MOAA Nat'l Incentive	125.00	405.00	250.00	335.00
Scholarship donations	4,110.00	4,355.00	4,285.00	4,930.00
Total Income:	7,715.00	8,135.00	8,055.00	8,630.00
<b>Operating Costs:</b>				
Luncheons	(529.00)	(1,224.00)	(509.00)	(576.00)
Administrative	(1,428.57)	(1,622.05)	(1,350.20)	(1,818.74)
Donations	(1,900.00)	(945.02)	(1,217.74)	(971.42)
Scholarships given	(4,110.00)	(4,355.00)	(4,285.00)	(5,000.00)
Cash for Luncheons	0.00	(6.00)	11.00	(5.00)
Total Operating Costs	(7,967.57)	(8,152.07)	(7,350.94)	(8,371.16)
<b>Net Gain/(Loss)</b>	(252.57)	(17.07)	704.06	258.84
Bank Balance Forward Jan. 01	5,474.44	5,221.57	5,204.50	5,988.56
Net Gain/(Loss)	(252.57)	(17.07)	704.06	258.84
Dues 2018-2020			80.00	20.00
Reconciling				
Ending Bank Balance December 31	5,221.57	5,204.50	5,988.56	<b>6,267.40</b>

# Legislative Affairs

# Legislative Liaison

## Federal

- Omnibus spending bill more than a \$1 trillion effort which included helping boost the military, includes a \$15 billion increase in supplemental defense spending.
- Veterans Affairs. The President began a “Veteran Complaint line” for those veterans wanting to direct their concerns to the President.
- MTC MOAA members participated in the first Tennessee Veteran Empowerment Team (TVET) meeting, a state level organization of TN veteran organizations focused on passing legislation supporting veteran issues.

## State

- Planning and participation in “Veterans Day on the Hill ‘17”.
  - ✓ Restored \$175,000 property tax exemption for 100% totally and permanently disabled veterans. This bill increases the property tax relief from its current \$100k to \$175k and is available for any low-income property owner over 65 years of age regardless of war time service.
  - ✓ Hiring preference for Veterans, Spouses and widows/widowers.
- MTC MOAA’s own COL Sam Whitson (ret.) won District 65 (Franklin).

# 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 Jessica Andree
  - ✓ Navy/Marine Corps ROTC (Vanderbilt University) – Midshipman Madeline Hoffman
  - ✓ Air Force ROTC (Tennessee State University) – Cadet Tria Xiong
- Area ROTC Detachment Commanders advised of MOAA National scholarship and grant opportunities



# Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Support

- 2017
  - ✓ Supported 13 JROTC units in 2017.
  - ✓ Presented 13 awards to cadets at the JROTC units at Middle Tennessee high schools.
- 2018
  - ✓ Continuing to support 13 JROTC units in 2018.
  - ✓ Two presentations already scheduled.

# 2017 Scholarships

- Chapter Scholarship donations totaled \$5,000.00 (including a special \$1,000 gift from The Charles A. Fleming, Jr. Trust—former member)
- For the fourth year, MTC MOAA funded Veterans Scholarships at Belmont and Lipscomb Universities in the amount of \$1,000.00 each.
- The Chapter also established the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America Endowed Veterans Scholarship at Lipscomb University and funded it with \$2,000, including Lt.Col. Fleming Trust's gift.
- MTC continued to fund MOAA National Scholarships for dependents with a direct gift of \$1,000. MTC's three (3) \$25,000 scholarships for the MOAA National Scholarships continue to fund dependent scholarships.

# 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
- Wreaths Across America at the Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery
- USO Nashville
- Transition Assistance



# MTC Programs

# 2017

## MTC Programs

**24 January 2017** – Annual Business Meeting

**28 February 2017** – Personal Affairs – “Sitters and More”

**28 March 2017** – “My Hostage Experience during the Gulf War” – Lynne Smith

**25 April 2017** – “Drugs, Thugs, Immigrants & Factories: Understanding the U.S. – Mexico Relationship, Past and Present” – Capt. Aileen Teague

**23 May 2017** – “Sea Stories: A Memoir of a Naval Officer” – Lt. Gary Slaughter

**27 June 2017** – “My Enemy, My Friend” – General Dan Cherry

**25 July 2017** – “South China Sea: U.S. - China Flashpoint” – CDR Patrick Ryan

# 2017

## MTC Programs

**22 August 2017** – “National Legislative Update” – Senator Bob Corker

**26 September 2017** – “Williamson County Crime Stoppers” – Clint McClain

**24 October 2017** – “Jet Pioneer: A Pilot’s Memoir” – Major General Schneider

**28 November 2017** – “Tennessee Legislative Update from the 2017 Session” – Speaker of the Tennessee House, Beth Harwell

**December 2017** – No Meeting

**Program Suggestions?** Contact LTC (R) Mike Patenaude, USA, First Vice-President & Program Chair, [patenaudemg@gmail.com](mailto:patenaudemg@gmail.com), 615-945-4089

# Membership

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- At the end of December 2017 we had 265 members
- Membership is a mix of 6% currently serving, 11% former officers, 71% retired officers and 12% surviving spouses.
- We continue to add new members (14 in 2017); 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 is the fluctuating attendance of members at monthly meetings. We have averaged 41 per meeting during 2017, which is down from 42 in 2016, and up from 35 per meeting in 2015.



# 2018

## MTC Officers & Directors

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

# 2018 MTC Monthly Meeting Programs List

- **January** – Annual Business Meeting – Committee Reports to Members
- **February** – Personal Affairs TBI Special Agent Littlehale– *Cyber Security* in light of recent Equifax data breach
- **March** – CDR Dave Winters – *Secret Squirrel Ops*
- **April** – COL John Krenson, USA (ret.) *OSDTN Update*
- **May** – Sean Henry, President, *The Nashville Predators*
- **June** – Dr. Julia C. Goodin, *TN State Medical Examiner*
- **July** – Steve Anderson, Chief, *Metropolitan Nashville Police*

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