

2019 Report to Members

**Military Officers Association
of America**

Middle Tennessee Chapter (MTC)

MOAA Levels of Excellence (LOE) 5 Star Chapter

- In October of 2018 MTC was once again designated a MOAA 5 Star Levels of Excellence (LOE) Chapter. This is our sixth consecutive year to receive this award.
- The 2018 MOAA National Levels of Achievement Awards Banquet was held in Phoenix, AZ on 1 November 2018. We were one of three TN Chapters to receive 5 Star designation.



Annual Financial Report

2018

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	2015	2016	2017	2018
Income:				
Dues	3,375.00	3,520.00	3365.00	3545.00
MOAA Nat'l Incentive	405.00	250.00	335.00	100.00
Scholarship donations	4,355.00	4285.00	4930.00	5680.00
Total Income:	8,135.00	8,055.00	8630.00	9325
Operating Costs:				
Luncheons	(1,224.00)	(509.00)	(576.00)	(455.00)
Administrative	(1,622.05)	(1,350.20)	(1,818.74)	(1,804.95)
Donations	(945.02)	(1,217.74)	(971.42)	(1,439.04)
Scholarships given	(4355.00)	(4,285.00)	(5,000.00)	(5,680.00)
Cash for Luncheons	6.00	11.00	(5.00)	10.00
Total Operating Costs	(8,152.07)	(7,350.94)	(8,371.16)	(9,364.99)
Net Gain/(Loss)	(17.07)	704.06	258.84	258.84
Bank Balance Forward Jan. 01	5,221.57	5,204.50	5,988.56	6267.40
Net Gain/(Loss)	(17.07)	704.06	258.84	(43.99)
Dues 2018-2020			20.00	40.00
Reconciling				
Ending Bank Balance December 31	5,204.50	5,988.56	6,267.40	6263.41

Legislative Affairs

Legislative Liaison

Federal

- MTC Members COL Doug Minton & Mrs. Patricia Bergquist participated in MOAA's 2018 Storming the Hill Event as part of their duties on the TN Council of Chapters (Minton) and the MOAA Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee (Bergquist) on 18 April 2018. Their augmented team met with the elected Senator or Representative of both sitting Senators and all 9 Representatives to promote the MOAA Legislative Agenda.

State

- MTC Member LTC Doug Gilbert participated in the organizational Tennessee Veteran Empowerment Team (TVET) meeting, a state level organization of TN veteran organizations focused on passing legislation supporting veteran issues.
- Several MTC Members participated in the “Veterans Day on the Hill ‘18” on 7 February 2018 in support of the following legislative initiatives:
 - ✓ Property Tax Relief For Disabled Veterans During Temporary Relocations.
 - ✓ Procedures for Naming State Veteran Homes and Associated Buildings and Grounds
 - ✓ Stolen Valor.

Legislative Liaison

- Continued Veterans Day on the Hill issues:
 - ✓ Appointment of a veteran member to the statewide planning and policy council for the department of mental health and substance abuse services.
 - ✓ Selecting veterans to serve on State University and Community College Board of Regents
- MTC Member COL (Ret.) Sam Whitson was re-elected State Representative for District 65 (Franklin)
- New Commissioner for the Department of Veteran Services is Lt. Colonel (Retired) Courtney Rogers. Rogers has 28 years of service with the Air Force and Tennessee Air National Guard. Rogers served three terms as a state representative in the General Assembly prior to her appointment. She replaces COL (Retired) Many Bears Grinder.
- MG Jeff Holmes who had just been appointed as the Deputy Commanding General of 1st Army was appointed as the Commander, Tennessee National Guard. Prior to his 1st Army appointment he had served as the Deputy Adjutant General of the Tennessee National Guard.

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

- 2018
 - ✓ Supported 14 JROTC units in 2018.
 - ✓ Presented 12 awards to cadets at the JROTC units at Middle Tennessee high schools.
- 2019
 - ✓ Continuing to support 14 JROTC units in 2018.

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
- USMCR Toys for Tots Program
- Wreaths Across America at the Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery
- USO Nashville
- Transition Assistance

2018 Scholarships

- Chapter Scholarship donations totaled \$5,675.00 (including a special \$1,000 gift from The Charles A. Fleming, Jr. Trust—former member and a current member’s special gift of \$500).
- For the fifth year, MTC MOAA funded Veterans Scholarships at Belmont and Lipscomb Universities in the amount of \$1,000.00 each.
- Our Chapter also continued to build on the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America Endowed Veterans Scholarship at Lipscomb University and funded it with \$2,675 (including Lt.Col. Fleming Trust’s gift).
- MTC continued to support the MOAA National Scholarship Program with a direct gift of \$1,000. MTC has funded three (3) fully funded \$25,000 scholarships in the MOAA National Scholarship program.

Membership

MTC Membership

- At the end of December 2018 we had 265 members
- Membership is a mix of 6% currently serving, 9% former officers, 13% surviving spouses and 72% retired officers.
- We continue to add new members (13 in 2018); however we lost members that moved, or who elected to not continue to participate, and sadly those that passed away.
- We have 122 members that are MOAA National Life Members, 68 members that belong to MOAA National on an Annual basis, 6 members that have taken advantage of the Basic Membership program, and approximately 70 members that have yet to join MOAA National.

MTC Programs

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23 January 2018 – Annual Business Meeting

27 February 2018 – “Personal Affairs; Cyber Security” – TBI Special Agent Richard Littlehale

27 March 2018 – “Secret Squirrel Ops”– CDR Dave Winters

24 April 2018 – “Operation Stand Down TN”– COL (Ret) John G. Krenson

22 May 2018 – “The Nashville Predators” – Mr. Sean Henry, President

26 June 2018 – “TN Office of the Medical Examiner” - Dr. (CAPT) Julia C. Goodin

24 July 2018 – “Metro Nashville Police Trends” – Chief of Police Steve Anderson

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21 August 2018 – “TN Dept of Veteran Services” – Commissioner Many Bears Grinder

25 September 2018 – “Puerto Rico Hurricane Recovery” – Dep. Dir. Patricia Coffey, USACE Nashville District

23 October 2018 – “USO Update” – Director Kari Moor, Middle TN USO

27 November 2018 – “New VA Whole Health Program” – Dep. Dir. Suzanne Jené

December 2018 – No Meeting

2019 MTC Monthly Meeting Programs List

- **January** – Annual Business Meeting – *Committee Reports to Members*
- **February** – FBI (Ret.) Matt Dunn – *Cyber Security & FBI in Iraq*
- **March** – Chaplain (LTC) Kevin Wainwright – *Army Chaplain Lessons Learned*
- **April** – TBA - *Personal Affairs*
- **May** – TN Rep COL (Ret) Sam Whitson - *Legislative Process Experiences*
- **June** – CPT Jerry Neal - *WWII Bomber Pilot*
- **July** – Vanderbilt Chancellor Nick Zeppos – *Bass Military Scholarship*

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

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MTC Officers & Directors

- President – CAPT (R) Dale Lewelling
- 1st Vice President – LTC (R) Mike Patenaude
- 2nd 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 – Mrs. Patricia Bergquist
- Director – COL (R) Kent Crossley (Scholarship)
- Director – LTC (R) Doug Gilbert (Legislative Affairs)

Middle TN Chapter MOAA Web Site

<https://www.mtcmoaa.org>