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MOAA Luncheon Meeting

25 August 2020; 11:30 AM–1:00 PM

"Meeting Cancelled"

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

As indicated in the President's Letter, we have again cancelled our luncheon meeting due to a temporary closing of the dining facilities at our meeting location.

Unfortunately, this also meant cancelling our Lipscomb University speakers who were going to discuss the Lipscomb University Lifelong Learning Program. However, all is not lost as here are some thoughts on the subject from the American Society on Aging, by Sandra von Doetinchem, Chair of the Lifetime Education and Renewal Network; as well as a link to the Lipscomb 2020 program:

Lifelong learning has become a glamorous term in adult education. Although in the U.S. the term is nowadays mainly used regarding learning in older adulthood, lifelong learning emphasizes that humans learn in different contexts and forms over their entire life span.

Many developed countries in the world, including the U.S., are experiencing an aging of their populations, which results in a reversal of the population's age structure. Important factors for this global population growth and aging are decreasing fertility, declining mortality rate, and an increased life expectancy due to improvements in public health and health care.

While the number of adults in retirement age increases, the number of individuals in working age decreases. Also, the time spent in the post-occupational/retirement phase has become an independent life stage that needs to be filled with meaning. These developments consequently lead to the questions of how the workforce and current retirement systems can be maintained in the future as well as how retirement time can be filled with meaning.

As a strategy, society and educational politics need to increasingly acknowledge and utilize the skills and knowledge of the elderly as an important resource through, e.g., "Encore career" opportunities or volunteer work, as well as provide possibilities for ongoing participation in organized education and professional development over the life span. Furthermore, lifelong learning can contribute to active aging. In this regard, research suggests that continuous learning provides numerous benefits for all individuals regarding cognitive functioning, health and well-being, civic participation, and self-confidence.

Here is the link for Lipscomb University's Fall 2020 Virtual Lifelong Learning Program, which will run from 1 September to 19 November:

<https://t.e2ma.net/webview/j3v8bd/be4256cf8ff4b464dc3e92a4615c52e3>

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MTC MOAA Table at OSDTN Event

Our Chapter has sponsored a table at the annual Heroes Breakfast for Operation Stand Down TN for the last several years. This year's event will now be held on Thursday, November 12 and will consist of an in-person breakfast with health protocols in place, combined with a virtual option for those who feel it unwise to attend in person. **They are asking a minimum donation of \$100 per person to attend the breakfast and we would like to have a minimum of 10 people as we have had in the past.** Operation Stand Down TN provides value to our veterans community and our Chapter has always supported their endeavors.

Please join me in supporting this worthy event in support of our veterans. If you would like to be a part of the Heroes Breakfast this year, please email to me directly at patenaudemg@gmail.com to let me know, and mail your check for \$100 to:

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**(On the memo line of your check, write
2020 OSDTN Heroes Breakfast.)**

President's Letter

We have some great news. Our Middle Tennessee Chapter will be continuing our 5 Star status again in 2020! Congratulations to all members of our Middle Tennessee Chapter of MOAA for our recent award of 5 Star Chapter status. This award is a direct result of our strong membership, our local member enrollment in MOAA national, and our strong chapter participation in community support and advocacy in 2019.

We also have more good news regarding helping others. As I announced last month, Matthew 25 was able to identify a veteran in need who subsequently received one of the MOAA National \$500 relief grants for financial difficulty incurred from COVID19. So, this month I am grateful to report that OSDTN also identified and applied for a veteran in need who received one of the MOAA National \$500 relief grants. Thank you to Matthew 25 and OSDTN for helping these veterans in need with the MOAA relief grants.

We had to cancel our August membership luncheon due to a temporary closing of the Old Natchez Country Club dining room. I am hopeful along with many of you, that things will calm down enough in the near future for us to reestablish our monthly meetings.

As we continue to work through this pandemic, I wish the best for all of you and your families. And since we have not had the benefit of sharing a prayer together at our monthly meetings, I share this prayer of perseverance:

"Heavenly Father, thank you that your perfect love drives out fear. When our brothers and sisters in the military feel daunted by the pressures of their work and lives, increase their faith that they may depend on your strength for their success. May they know your all-conquering power in their life and work. Thank you that you feed your people from the tree of life and give us living water to drink so that we may be satisfied in you. Be exalted above the heavens, O God. Let Your glory be above all the earth."


Michael Patenaude
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President

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United States Coast Guard
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Upcoming Programs & Events

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25 August 2020; 11:30AM - 1:00 PM

MTC Monthly Luncheon Meeting

"Meeting Cancelled"

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

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1 September 2020; 7- 8:00 AM

"MTC Monthly Board Meeting"

NGATN Office, 4332 Kenilwood Dr., Nashville, TN

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22 September 2020; 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

MTC Monthly Luncheon Meeting

"Tennessee Veterans Services Update"

Commissioner Courtney Rogers

Lt.Col. (Ret.) USAF

Tennessee Department of Veterans Services
Old Natchez Country Club, 115 Gardengate Drive, Franklin, TN 37069

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6 October 2020; 7- 8:00 AM

"MTC Monthly Board Meeting"

NGATN Office, 4332 Kenilwood Dr., Nashville, TN

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27 October 2020; 11:30 AM - 1 PM

MTC Monthly Luncheon Meeting

"Tennessee Valley Healthcare System"

Ms. Jennifer Vedral-Baron

Director, Tennessee Valley Healthcare System,
CAPT (Ret.) USN

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

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3 November 2020; 7-8:00 AM

"MTC Monthly Board Meeting"

NGATN Office, 4332 Kenilwood Dr., Nashville, TN

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12 November 2020

"OSDTN Annual Heroes Breakfast"

Music City Center, Nashville, TN

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17 November 2020; 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

MTC Monthly Luncheon Meeting

"Sea Cadets and Wreaths Across America"

Ms. Sheryl Tannahill

CDR (Ret.) USN and Chapter Member

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

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No Meeting in December 2020

NDAA 2021 Update

In a strong bipartisan vote, House lawmakers on 21 July passed their \$740.5 billion plan for the annual defense authorization bill, including provisions for a hefty military pay raise next year, new restrictions on the president's war powers and requirements that the Defense Department rename bases honoring Confederate leaders. That last item prompted another veto threat from President Donald Trump earlier in the day, echoing his comments in recent weeks that renaming the bases would dishonor troops who served at those locations. The White House threat appeared to have little effect on House Republicans, as the measure passed with a veto-proof majority, 295-125.

The Senate on 23 July overwhelmingly passed their version of the 2021 National Defense Authorization Act with a provision to strip 10 Army posts of Confederate-linked names, setting up a veto showdown with President Donald Trump who has objected to such name changes. The 86-14 passage of the \$740.5 billion bill that sets annual Pentagon spending and policy priorities comes just two days after the House easily passed its version of the NDAA.

The two chambers now must conference to reconcile differences in their versions of the legislation, an effort that traditionally takes months. Lawmakers have said they do not expect the NDAA to be finalized ahead of the new fiscal year on 1 OCT. Both chambers passed their versions of the NDAA with more than a two-thirds majority, which would be needed for each body to override a presidential veto and make the bill a law without Trump's signature. Among the chief differences within the two chambers versions of the bill is the issue of the Confederate-named installations. The House version forces the Army to remove such names within one year of the bill becoming law, while the Senate version would require the building of a commission to study the issue with the goal of stripping Confederate names within three years.

Aside from the Confederate-named installations, there are other critical differences between the bills. The House version limits the president's ability to remove troops from locations across the globe, including Germany, South Korea and Afghanistan. The Senate did not vote on an amendment presented with similar limitations. The White House in its veto threat said it "strongly objected" to such measures in the House version, and it accused lawmakers of including them to "micromanage" the president's powers. The House version also would prohibit the use of Pentagon money for live testing of nuclear weapons, which the Senate version does not address.

MOAA was pleased that the House version of the NDAA addresses their concerns that changes in the health care landscape brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic could impact beneficiary access to care and military medical readiness requirements. Unfortunately the Senate did not recognize this issue.

MOAA National requests that all members be ready to visit virtually, call, or email your Senate offices to generate support for the provisions proposed by the House (Sections 715 and 716) in the FY 2021 NDAA..