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MOAA Personal Affairs Meeting

23 February 2021; 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

"Tennessee Longterm Care Ombudsman Program"

Mrs. Jane Ziesmer

TN Ombudsman, Military Spouse

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

Mrs. Jane Krueger Ziesmer (pronounced ZEEsmer) was born in Richmond, Virginia in August 1941 and became part of the military family in 1962 when she married dentist Dale Ziesmer. Like most military spouses who must uproot their lives every few years, she had several interesting careers. During tours in the States and Europe she transitioned from kindergarten teacher to retail saleswoman, to newspaper reporter, to coordinator of activities for the Preparatory Division of Music at MHBU in Texas, to nursing home lifestyle coordinator. She found her passion in the healthcare field and decided to become a licensed Nursing Home Administrator at age 43.

When her husband retired from the Army, the two of them set up a pediatric dental practice in Temple, Texas where she served as office manager. When they sold the practice after 12 years, Dale and Jane moved to Nashville, Tennessee to be closer to their children and granddaughter.

Not one to sit still, she volunteered thousands of hours at her church and a local hospital. Her latest volunteer stint, built on her love of serving the elderly, began when she joined the Ombudsman Program for the State of Tennessee 5 years ago.

The Tennessee Long Term Care Ombudsman Program provides assistance to elderly Tennesseans residing in nursing homes, homes for the aged, and assisted care living facilities. The Ombudsman is available to help residents and their families resolve questions or problems and will advocate for solutions to problems for qualified residents of long-term care facilities.

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MTC Transition Initiative

Your Chapter is investigating an initiative to provide assistance for transitioning officers in the local area. The initial effort is to identify chapter members willing to mentor individuals seeking direction in particular fields of business, and/or those that could provide more process assistance for transitioning into the civilian workplace. At this point we are just looking to identify chapter members willing to talk about how this process could work, and then assist in formalizing that process. As officers we all remember how the guidance and direction of our seniors played a significant role in our development, and we are in hopes that the willingness to "continue to serve" will elicit a strong response from our chapter. The program development will be led by Lt. Col. Arlie Haddix, USAF (Ret.) and COL Kent Crossley, USA Retired. If you are interested, please reply to info@mtcmoaa.org.

President's Letter

We are meeting in person 23 February for lunch at the Old Natchez Country Club! Based on improving COVID statistics in Tennessee, we will continue with the same social distance measures as we used last fall; 6 people per table, more spacing between tables, plated meals, and masks while we are not eating. While it was energizing to see our meeting attendance last fall, I realize many of you need to protect your health during this pandemic, so please remain at home if you need to. This month's luncheon program will be about the Tennessee Longterm Care Ombudsman Program presented by Ms. Jan Ziesmer, who is also a military spouse. **You should have received an email requesting your RSVP if you plan to attend.** This is important for the club to set tables and order enough food for our meeting. So, if you have not already, please RSVP by 15 February.

Having our personal affairs in order is critical to helping those we leave behind so that they can avoid the confusion and anxiety of understanding things like their survivor benefits to include income, health care, etc. Mrs. Patricia Bergquist is our Middle TN Chapter Surviving Spouse Liaison, and Director/Board Member. She continues to remind us how many surviving spouses contact her out of frustration because they do not understand their survivor benefits.

It was great to see many of our members participate in the January "2021 Report to Members" meeting through Zoom. For those who could not attend, this presentation is available on our MTC MOAA website under the tab, General Chapter Info, titled "2020 MTC Report to Members" (since the report covers the year 2020).

In addition to being our meeting date, 23 February is the 92nd anniversary of the founding of MOAA. MOAA was founded in Los Angeles, Calif., on Feb. 23, 1929. The first leaders of the association hoped that by joining together they could provide assistance and advice to other military officers. This concern for others fostered natural fraternal relations among members from all branches of the uniformed services.

Hope to see you soon!


Michael Patenaude
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President

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Happy 92nd Birthday to MOAA!

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Upcoming Programs & Events

23 February 2021; 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

MTC Monthly Luncheon Meeting

**"Tennessee Longterm Care
Ombudsman Program"**

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23 March 2021

"MOAA National Birthday"

(Formed as TROA in 1929, renamed MOAA in 2003)

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2 March 2021; 7- 8:00 AM

"MTC Monthly Board Meeting"

NGATN Office, 4332 Kenilwood Dr., Nashville, TN

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23 March 2021; 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

MTC Monthly Luncheon Meeting

"God's Word for Warriors" (Tentative)

Dr. Tom Seals, USMC

Professor and Veteran's Chaplain Lipscomb University

Old Natchez Country Club, 115 Gardengate Drive,
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6 April 2021; 7- 8:00 AM

"MTC Monthly Board Meeting"

NGATN Office, 4332 Kenilwood Dr., Nashville, TN

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27 April 2021; 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

MTC Monthly Luncheon Meeting

"Tennessee State Senator Heidi Campbell"

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

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4 May 2021; 7- 8:00 AM

"MTC Monthly Board Meeting"

NGATN Office, 4332 Kenilwood Dr., Nashville, TN

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28 May 2021 - Time to be Determined

"MTC Memorial Day Remembrance"

Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery

Personal Affairs Message

As your Personal Affairs Officer, I have provided a 2021 checklist for your use and it was emailed to our membership. If you do not have email, contact us to have a copy mailed to you.

There are a number of questions we should ask ourselves. Why keep our personal affairs in order? What does my family need to know? Do I have a "planning ahead" checklist? How can I help my survivors now? MOAA knows how important it is to protect our loved ones, and there are many resources your MOAA National membership provides you access to, which is another reason you should be a MOAA National member.

Most military members keep meticulous records in our professional lives but often leave inadequate and incomplete records of economic and personal affairs. It is recommended that you review your records annually because none of us know if we will experience a debilitating illness or sudden death. Effective recording keeping and maintaining up to date information are unselfish gifts to your loved ones. You can prevent your family from suffering the consequences of being unprepared by keeping your personal affairs up to date now.

MOAA members are encouraged to use the many tools available to them via the MOAA website: www.moaa.org. There you have access to information ranging from "Help Your Survivors Now", "Estate Planning Guide", "Guide to Military Burials", "Financial Planning", "Survivors Planning Guide", "Survivors Checklist", and numerous others. Using these resources and providing up to date record-keeping and financial information regarding insurance, wills, and other matters for your loved ones is imperative. If you need to contact MOAA, call (800) 234-6622 or (703) 749-2311 for help with *any* question or to make any suggestions: MOAA membership support (join, renew, upgrade), change of address, legislative action, benefits information, magazine subscriptions, or for general assistance. You also may contact any staff member through those phone numbers. They routinely advise MOAA members on the full range of military and federal benefits - TRICARE, Medicare and TRICARE For Life, Social Security, VA benefits, and the Survivor Benefit Program, to name a few. MOAA Member Service Center representatives are ready to assist you Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Eastern time. You may also email: msc@moaa.org for assistance with *any* question or issue, as listed above. Use this e-mail address also to contact any MOAA staff member or board director. Additionally, MOAA Member Service Center representatives provide a wide range of assistance with personal concerns.

LTC Wanda Bruce Graham, USA Retired
MTC Personal Affairs Officer