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MOAA Monthly Meeting

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

**"CAPT Erin Stone, JAGC,
USN (Ret) "**

Senior Director, MOAA Council and
Chapter Affairs

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

Born and raised in Lockport, Ill., Capt. Erin E. Stone JAGC, USN (Ret), earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics (Operations Analysis) from the U.S. Naval Academy.

A member of the Virginia Bar, she received her Juris Doctor from the Georgetown University Law Center and her Master of Laws in Litigation and Dispute Resolution from the George Washington University.

CAPT Stone retired from the Navy's Judge Advocate General's Corps in 2017. Over the course of her Navy career, she played a central role in the development, implementation, and execution of strategic plans and policy; oversaw worldwide provision of criminal defense and legal aid services for service members and their families; and personally defended countless military members in criminal cases and administrative hearings.

CAPT Stone joined the MOAA team in January 2018 serving as Program Director first for Engagement and then for Council & Chapter Affairs.

Currently, as Senior Director for Council and Chapter Affairs, she develops strategy and builds relationships to maintain a nationwide affiliate system which supports MOAA's goal to achieve and sustain maximum influence in shaping relevant government policy.

RSVP and Mask Requirements for the July 2021 meeting.

There is no need to submit an RSVP for the July meeting.

If you have been vaccinated for Covid-19 there is NO mask requirement for this meeting; however, if you have not been vaccinated we suggest that you wear a mask in the meeting, with the exception of when you are eating.

If you have been vaccinated and still feel more comfortable wearing a mask, then please do so.

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DoD Retiree and Expired ID Card Extension Update

The previously announced extension was scheduled to end 30 June 2021.

Now effective 7 June all ID cards with **expiration dates** between 1 Jan 2020 and 31 July 2021 will be extended as described below:

- Through 31 August 2021 for all Foreign Affiliates and their dependents.
- Through 31 October 2021 for active-duty dependents, as well as Reserve and Guard servicemembers and their dependents.
- Through 31 January 2022 for retirees, their dependents, and all other Uniformed Services ID (USID) beneficiaries.

ID cards that expired prior to 1 January 2020, or will expire after 31 July 2021, must follow regular ID card replacement protocols.

President's Letter


I hope you were able to enjoy our celebration of Independence Day. It was great to take my family back to a public celebration with all the music, games, food, and fireworks. In addition to Independence Day, this month has several military anniversaries. On 1 July, the Women's Army Corp & Cadet Nurses Corp was established in 1943 and the Air Force Nurses Corps was established in 1949. On 27 July, the Korean War Armistice was signed in 1953 and on 30 July the Navy Women's Reserves (WAVES) were established in 1942.

Our June meeting was enlightening and enjoyable as our own COL Sam Whitson, USA Retired spoke on his experiences serving in the TN House of Representatives. He shared stories of bipartisan friendships, the intensity and pace of work, and some behind-the-scenes anecdotes. He also shared his and Pam's goal of visiting each of the 95 county court houses in TN along with photos of some of the most notable they have visited. I want to personally thank Representative Whitson for taking time to speak to us.

I want to thank all of you for your membership in MOAA and encourage you to continue asking all former US uniformed officers to join. With so much competing for legislative priority, it is more important than ever to have a robust MOAA membership to keep support for our military visible and strong. With your membership and support of MOAA, they have been able to keep issues like Toxic Exposure Reform, Tricare Parity for Young Adults, and Food Insecurity for Military Families in the forefront of the current budget process. Our elected officials cannot overlook the size and influence of MOAA, so never underestimate the good you are accomplishing with your membership.

I looked back to last year before composing this letter, only to be reminded that we had to cancel our meeting and that we were unsure how things were unfolding on a week-to-week basis. That was frustrating but it sure makes this summer all that more special. And as you saw at our June meeting, our meeting attendance is back up and moving forward. We still have a few members who have yet to pay their 2021-chapter dues, so if you are unsure whether you paid, or if you would like to coordinate payment, please email to info@mtcmoaa.org.

I look forward to seeing you on 27 July. This month we will have another special meeting because our presenter will be CAPT Erin Stone, USN Retired, the Senior Director of MOAA Council and Chapter Affairs.


Michael Patenaude
LTC, USA Retired
President

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 U. S. Public Health Service

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Upcoming Programs & Events

21 July 2021; 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

"TN Council of Chapters Meeting"

(Sammy B's Restaurant, Lebanon, TN)

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

MTC Monthly Luncheon Meeting

"CAPT Erin Stone, JAGC, USN (Ret) "

Senior Director, MOAA Council and Chapter Affairs

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

3 August 2021; 7- 8:00 AM

"MTC Monthly Board Meeting"

NGATN Office, 4332 Kenilwood Dr., Nashville, TN

24 August 2021; 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

MTC Monthly Luncheon Meeting

"Homeland Security Brief "

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

7 September 2021; 7- 8:00 AM

"MTC Monthly Board Meeting"

NGATN Office, 4332 Kenilwood Dr., Nashville, TN

28 September 2021; 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

MTC Monthly Luncheon Meeting

"Tennessee Valley Healthcare System"

Jennifer Verdal-Baron

Director

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

5 October 2021; 7- 8:00 AM

"MTC Monthly Board Meeting"

NGATN Office, 4332 Kenilwood Dr., Nashville, TN

20 October 2021; 1130 AM-1:30 PM

"TN Council of Chapters Meeting"

22 October 2021

"Military Retiree Appreciation Day"

Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, AL

Legislative Update

Federal

MOAA Advocacy in Action (AiA) Virtual Calls on our U.S. Senators and Congressmen wrapped up on 6/24/2021. The TN Council of Chapters were represented by President Jim Thomasson of the Memphis Chapter; MTC was represented by Doug Minton & Scott Findley, with the rest of the Team coming from the Upper Cumberland Chapter, Stones River Chapter, Ft. Campbell Chapter and Roane Mountain Chapter, with an assist from the Chattanooga Chapter. The intent was to have at least one constituent calling upon each elected representative.

The following topics were discussed in the Zoom calls:

Toxic Exposure Reform

H.R. 2436 /S. 437 Veterans Burn Pits Exposure Recognition Act

H.R. 2127/S. 927 Toxic Exposure in the American Military (TEAM) Act

TRICARE Parity for Young Adults

H.R. 475/S. 1972 Health Care Fairness for Military Families Act

Food Insecurity and Military Families

H.R. 2339/ S. 1488 Basic Needs Allowance Act

As of 7/1/2021 Congressman Cooper and DesJarlais have co-sponsored H.R.2436; Congressman Cooper, Green, Harshbarger and Kustoff have co-sponsored H.R.2127; Congressman Cohen and Cooper have co-sponsored H.R.475; and no TN Congressman has co-sponsored H.R.2339.

As of 7/1/2021 Senators' Blackburn and Hagerty have co-sponsored S.437 and S.1972. No TN Senator has co-sponsored S.927. Senator Blackburn has co-sponsored S.1488. To determine if your Representative has joined the co-sponsors on these bills go to [Congress.gov | Library of Congress](https://www.congress.gov), and look up each bill, returning to the first page of the lookup for each bill.

To learn more about this initiative and then take action asking your Representative and Senators to get behind these bills, go online to <https://takeaction.moaa.org/moaa/?1> or call their local office to make a verbal request. *Please Take Action!*

State

Tennessee Veterans (TNVET) will hold their annual in-person meeting on 7/24/2021 at OSDTN. Their annual "Day on the Hill" we be scheduled for a date yet to be determined in February 2022.