

February 2020

Website: <http://lincolnlandmoaa.org>

Upcoming Events

- Friday February 7, 2020—Northfield Center
- Friday April 10, 2020—Poe's on the Hill
- May 30, 2020—Golf Outing, Shambole Golf Course, Petersburg, Illinois.
- June 12, 2020, South Side Country Club, Decatur
- August 14, 2020, Island Bay Yacht Club, Lake Springfield, Illinois.
- October 9, 2020, Northfield Center.

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THE SALUTE—Never Stop Serving...



Next Meeting Information

YOU ARE INVITED!!

February 2020 Meeting

Our February 2020 meeting will be Friday February 7, 2020 at Northfield Center, Springfield, Illinois 62707.

North field Center is located at 3280 Northfield Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62702.

We will be honoring our Spouses and Surviving Spouses.

Our very special guest speaker will be Chaplain (COL) Steve Foster. Chaplain Foster is the State Chaplain for the Illinois Army National Guard and works full time at Camp Lincoln.

Social hour starts at 6:00 PM with Dinner at 7:00 PM.

Check out our NEW Chapter website: lincolnlandmoaa.org

A reminder our 2020 Golf Outing will be May 30, 2020 at Shambole Golf Course in Petersburg. Please plan on attending, we have a GREAT Time!!!

**RSVP NLT Wednesday, February 5, 2020 to the
contact below:**

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**Looking forward to 2020 and seeing all of you
at our February Meeting!!**

President's Corner

I am honored to have the privilege to be your President! Thank you for your vote of confidence and I will work very hard to continue the excellent leadership and management by Col Roll.

We have a GREAT group of leaders! I look forward to working with 1VP Dave Falk, 2VP Dave Knieriem, Treasurer Gene Bian, Secretary Nate Clemmer and Immediate Past President Darrel Roll.

Please join us at Northfield Center, 3280 Northfield Drive, Springfield on February 7th, for recognition of our Spouses and Surviving Spouses. Our Very special guest speaker will be Chaplain Steve Foster, Illinois Army National Guard State Chaplain.

Thanks to COL Tyler, who will remain our Legislative Liaison, Our Scholarship Committee headed by Mark DePue, and our Surviving Spouse Representative Chris Milchuck. Contact information for the Board is outlined below. A Special Thank you to Gene Bian for continuing to serve on our Board. Gene is an outstanding Treasurer!!

We will be Co-Hosting the Annual Golf Outing 30 May 2020 at Shambole Golf Course in Petersburg, Illinois. Please spread the word about this event. Attached is the 2020 Golf Outing Flyer.

I encourage each of our members to "Talk Up" MOAA and our Chapter this year. Please do what you can to encourage active and retired officers to join the Chapter.

Looking forward to seeing you at the February meeting.

Dave Miller

IL-03 Lincoln Land Chapter

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*BOD = Board of Directors



Legislative Update

The good news is the NDAA passed and was signed into law. Included in it was the elimination of the “Widows’ Tax” (Finally!); however, nothing happens in 2020. The actual pay implementation will not start until 2021. Likewise, we were happy MOAA's advocacy efforts paid off with legislation halting military medical billet cuts. The fight to ensure Military Health System (MHS) Reform improves the military health care benefit is far from over. Despite concerns from advocacy groups, the recently enacted NDAA indicates Congress is not backing down on its vision for MHS Reform.

For decades, various committees, commissions and federal government entities have issued reports highlighting a need to re-evaluate or restructure the MHS. It is difficult to overstate the magnitude of Congressionally directed change currently underway within the MHS. The FY17 NDAA alone includes 131 pages of MHS Reform provisions. It is helpful to think about MHS reform in terms of three main lines of effort: **TriCare reform**, the **Transition** of all US military hospitals under a single administration and management structure, and **Transformation** which includes a reconfiguration of the direct care system with a greater focus on readiness and maintaining medical provider currency.

Transformation hasn't officially started but will eventually include right-sizing, realignment, and expanded eligibility for MTF care for veterans. MOAA is concerned that DoD has so far approached MHS Reform as a cost-cutting exercise, without the focus on readiness and beneficiary care improvements Congress intended. Our 2020 health care advocacy efforts will be laser focused on ensuring MHS Reform improves care for beneficiaries while maintaining the value of the military health benefit.

This year's Storming event happens the last week of March. You can find more information on this year's issues in the forthcoming *Military Officer* magazine and on the MOAA web site (www.moaa.org).

On a separate topic, the Illinois House Bill -34, extending the disabled veteran's property tax exception to the surviving spouse is still in committee. Please encourage your Illinois legislators to support moving the Bill forward for ultimate passage.

Bob Tyler



Lincoln Land Chapter
Provided funding for ten
wreaths at Camp Butler
National Cemetery.
Thanks for supporting
Our Veterans Fund!!



Lincoln Land Chapter's Change of the Guard

Illinois Council President Robert Tyler officiated the installation of officers for the Lincoln Land Chapter on 6 December 2019 in Springfield Illinois, passing the gavel to President-elect David Miller. New 2020 Officers depicted, left to right: President Dave Miller, 1st VP David Falk, 2nd VP David Knieriem, Treasurer Gene Bian, and Secretary Nathan Clemmer.

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Our Purpose—Serving the entire Military Community locally & nationally

Our Motivation—Supporting our most reliable asset—the US military member

Our Means—Informing legislators, supporting local events & organizations

Our Membership—Commissioned Officers of the Seven Uniformed Services (USA, USMC, USN, USAF, USCG, NOAA, USPHS) who strongly believe in supporting a volunteer force for the safety and security of our country

MISSION OF THE LINCOLN LAND CHAPTER

Military Officers Association of America

The Lincoln Land Chapter's mission is to foster fraternal relations among the retired, active and former uniformed services and their National Guard or reserve components;

to protect the rights and interest of same to include dependents and survivors;

to further promote useful services for members of the former and current members of the Armed Forces and their dependents and survivors;

and to serve the community to the fullest extent possible.

**TREASURER REPORT
15 DECEMBER 2019**

GENERAL FUND

11/30/19 Balance		\$3235.22
12/6/19 Dinners Paid	1140.00	
Dues (D. Knieriem, 3yrs)	35.00	
Dues (Dick Little, 3yrs)	35.00	
Dues (Lou Myers, 2yrs)	25.00	
Dues (Sue Sackett, 1yr)	15.00	
Dues (Jerry Wilke, 3yrs)	35.00	
Dues (R. Woehrmann, 1yr)	15.00	
Dues (Dennis Stoll, 1yr)	15.00	
Poe's Catering	(744.37)	
Lincoln Souvenirs (Bust)	(65.85)	
Capitol Blueprint (Apprec, Certs)	(76.95)	
2020 Golf Outing Expenses	(132.40)	
12/15/19 Balance		<u>\$3530.65</u>

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

11/30/19 Balance	\$2552.66	
12/6/19 Donation (Dennis Stoll)	25.00	
Fund Raiser/Auction	955.00	
Donation (Bob Tyler)	5.00	
12/15/19 Balance		<u>\$3537.66</u>

VETERANS ASSISTANCE FUND


11/1/19 Balance	\$4642.00	
12/6/19 Donation (Dennis Stoll)	25.00	
Fund Raiser/Auction	955.00	
11/30/19 Balance		<u>\$5622.00</u>

TREASURY TOTAL

11/30/19 Balance	\$10,429.88	
12/15/19 Balance		<u>\$12,690.31</u>

MOAA is the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers. It is an independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organization.

While MOAA is permitted by law to lobby—and does so actively—its status as a tax-exempt veterans organization precludes it from participating in political activities, which are defined as intervening directly or indirectly in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Stated briefly: the association may advocate issues, but it may not advocate the election or defeat of particular candidates or political parties. This newsletter follows the poli-



Second Annual 2020 Golf Outing

Honoring our Military Heroes and Families

AT SHAMBOLEE GOLF COURSE IN PETERSBURG

**We honor all of the veterans and active military
who have served our country.**

Saturday, May 30, 2020

442 South Shore Drive, Petersburg, IL 62675

**\$75 per player: 18-hole shotgun start,
cart and 2 drink tickets per person**

11:30 sign-in, lunch & 12:30-12:45 start

Proceeds benefit:

**For more information visit the
sponsoring organizations' website**



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**Send Registration
and Payment to:**

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