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-- *Dinner Meeting Wednesday, November 16th* --

(see inside back cover for details)



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Our October speaker was John Winkler, General Manager, Pappio-Missouri River Natural Resource District (NRD). John graduated from UNO in 2001, having received both a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in Public Administration. He was the Plattsmouth City Administrator and the Economic Development Director for Cass County from 2001 until 2006, when he assumed his current position for the Pappio-Missouri NRD. John, nominated by Bellevue Mayor Rita Sanders, recently attended the National Security Forum

course at Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

After discussing the crucial financial decisions by several local government entities to replace the levees surrounding Offutt AFB and the ensuing decisions to repair and replace the runway, John focused the balance of his presentation on information he had learned at Air War College: the assessment of threats facing our country. The continuing global shortage of water, particularly in Southwest Asia and parts of Africa, is a major concern as the shortage is likely to worsen. In 2050, water quantities are expected to be 30% lower than today. John noted that water scarcity leads to food scarcity that leads to mass migration which often leads to conflict. Another worldwide concern is cyber security as the threat can come from individual actors as opposed to entire countries or nations. John noted that the only existential threat to the United States today is Russia and our diminished military is significantly smaller. He noted, for example, that we had 188 fighter squadrons twenty years ago; today we have 49. Our military is really stretched and that



Jeff Mikesell, John Winkler, and Ron Russell

limits diplomatic actions. John then discussed the growing Chinese expansion in the South China Sea and implications for our Navy. He also noted the unique growth of various groups participating in the conflict in Syria and the ensuing complications for a negotiated solution.

John is an excellent speaker and he had a very important topic. By sharing some of the key information he received at Maxwell, he gave us a better perspective on the threats that our nation is facing now and will be facing in the future.



Our speaker, John Winkler,
NRD General Manager

Paula Muth, our Surviving Spouse Liaison, is being recognized as a co-winner of the 2016 Surviving Spouse Excellence Award. The letter from our CEO, Lt Gen Adkins noted the enormous contributions she has made to our Chapter and her community. Paula was invited to go to the Annual Meeting in Arlington to accept the award, however, she asked me to pick it up for her. We will be presenting this award to Paula at our December meeting.

We participated in the Offutt AFB Retiree Day at the Base Exchange on Sunday, October 16th. I thank Dick Doolittle for driving through the thick morning fog to set up our table and Ron and Sharon Russell, and Gold Star Wives, Cindy Keyes and Carol Maasdam for helping at our table.

We will be participating in the Bellevue Veterans' Day Parade on Saturday, November 5th. We will be riding in a Beardmore Chevrolet pick-up with Heartland of America magnetic signs. We will take on passengers by stopping at the Family Fare (the former No Frills) on

Highway 370 (1510 Harlan Drive). We should be there by 8:40 am and will depart at 9:00 am for the parade line-up. Please join Ron Russell and me in showing the MOAA brand.

Our November 16th meeting is our annual ROTC event. Each of the five ROTC units we support—Air Force, Army, and Navy from UNL, Air Force from UNO, and Army from Creighton--will be represented by two cadets/midshipmen and their detachment commanders. Each of the cadets will be speaking about an aspect of their ROTC experience. I do believe it is one of our best meetings of the year. If you would like to sponsor a cadet's dinner, please let Sharon or Ron know when you make your reservations.

Our December 14th, we will have our holiday meeting that will begin with a performance by the Sarpy Serenaders. Their program will start at 6:30 pm so

please try to arrive by that time. After dinner, we will have installation of officers and the affixing of another Five Star Award streamer to our MOAA flag.

Our first meeting of 2017 will be on January 18th and will include a presentation by Dr. Michael L. McGinnis, Brig Gen USA (Ret), the Executive Director of the SAC Museum. Dan Donovan d.donovan1@cox.net 402-339-7888

Virtual Career Fair
(MOAA website)

Highlighting Healthcare Industry Opportunities and Open to all transitioning service members, veterans, and spouses!

MOAA's Virtual Career Fair: Looking to connect with healthcare opportunities that aren't in your location? Are you willing to relocate to another area for the best fit job? Do you want to meet employers, but have limited time? MOAA has found that Virtual Career Fairs are very effective in connecting talented military and veterans with great companies who value your skills. And, because of the ease of connecting and

low cost (time and money), virtual career fairs are proving effective and on the rise.

To increase your chances of connecting with a great company take these important steps:

- **Be sure to upload a photo, current resume and your LinkedIn URL**
- **Research the companies prior and identify “best fit companies” you'd like to work for**
- **Keep conversations flowing with short text chats to “create the connection”**
- **Follow-up with companies of greatest interest**

MOAA's *free* Virtual Career Fair is specifically tailored for military personnel seeking positions within the healthcare industry, but also is open to all job-seeking military, veterans, and spouses. Space in these virtual events is limited so register today. *Date: Nov 09, 2016 to Nov 09, 2016, Time: 12:00 - 04:00 p.m*

<https://app.brazenconnect.com/a/moaa/e/4vExw#!eventLanding;eventCode=4vExw>

Exclusive member benefits are available to MOAA PREMIUM and LIFE Members. A MOAA BASIC Membership will be given to all eligible participants after this event.

Surviving Spouse Corner: Aging in Place
(MOAA Advocate, Oct 4th)

Statistics show 1 in 3 Americans now is over age 50, and by 2030, 1 in every 5 will be over 65. Nearly 90 percent of those over 45 want to age at home, referred to as aging in place. Often, home modifications to improve accessibility and livability help to ensure a safe, independent, and actively engaged lifestyle.



Band of Brothers? All Army, LtCol David McBlain, Maj Ken McClure, and CWO5 Dean Kenkel

It is important to think proactively about the aging process rather than react once an event occurs. Will your home will work for you as you age? Ask yourself: What is your goal for your house? How long do you want to live there?

Often this is a head, heart, and financial decision. Life is a journey of adaptation, and our homes tell us what we need to do. The best living environment is safe, comfortable, fosters and preserves independence, accommodates the potential need for assistance, supports the way you live, and will continue to be affordable down the road.

Experts say the three most dangerous areas in a home are the kitchen, bathroom (the No. 1 place for accidents in the home), and stairs. While individual needs vary, some home modifications to consider include installing:

- **ramps at home entrances, eliminate steps;**
- **handrails at existing steps and porches;**
- **remote-controlled blinds/shades;**
- **lever-style door handles;**
- **adequate indoor and outdoor lighting;**
- **a front-loading washer and dryer;**
- **pullout shelves in cabinets;**
- **a raised dishwasher;**
- **a front-control cooktop;**
- **lever-style handles on all faucets, including a pullout sprayer in the kitchen;**
- **side-by-side refrigerator (with slide-out shelves and a water/ice dispenser);**
- **larger, user-friendly cabinet and drawer pulls;**
- **a curbless shower (no step over and wheelchair-friendly, if necessary later) with grab bars, a slide-bar-type handheld shower nozzle, tub and shower controls close to the entry point, anti-scald devices, and entry doors at least 32-inches wide; and**
- **raised toilets.**



Ron Russell, visitor Dan Kalal,
and Mark Olson

Modifications can be made in all areas of your home, even in closets and garages. (Find more ideas in the AARP Home Fit Guide here.)

As you begin to examine your home and its condition, ongoing maintenance needs, and necessary changes, consider a variety of solutions and make informed decisions. Unbiased assessments by a certified aging-in-place specialist (CAP) can be helpful (\$300 average cost for home assessment).

Some CAPs are remodelers, but a growing number are health care professionals, designers, architects, or contractors who are trained to identify the unique needs of the older adult population, aging-in-place home modifications, common remodeling projects, and solutions to common barriers. CAPs provide a service, but eventually you'll need a professional remodeler to modify your home. Visit www.nahb.org/caps to find a CAP in your area.

Programs

(from Ken McClure, Maj USA (Ret))

16 NOV (Wednesday), our annual ROTC dinner with cadets and cadre. Our Heartland Chapter welcomes cadets from Creighton, UNO, and UNL ROTC programs, Air Force, Army, and Navy (including Marines). Chapter members are encouraged to buy a cadet's meal by ordering an extra meal when placing their own order.

14 December will be our holiday meeting (NOTE: THIS IS THE 2nd WEDNESDAY, NOT THE 3rd). We will have a musical program at 6:30 performed by the Sarpy Serenaders. Some of our members will sing with them!!!

Installation of officers and presentation of our latest Five Star Achievement Ribbon will occur.

18 January – Retired B/General Mike McGinnis, Executive Director of the SAC and Aerospace Museum will give a presentation about the museum, its improvements, and additions.

Your suggestions for future programs are needed. Please contact me, Ken McClure, at (402) 504-8796 or email kgmccclure@gmail.com

MOAA's and Heartland Chapter's Missions are the Same

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, working to support military and their families at every stage of life. It actively petitions Congress on behalf of the military community on issues affecting the career force, the retired community, and veterans of the uniformed services. MOAA offers a wide range of personal and financial services exclusive to MOAA members. Whatever the stage of a career, MOAA membership delivers benefits geared specifically to you – and your family. You become part of the strongest advocate for our military and their families. Those with prior officer service in any of the seven uniformed services can become members. Consider joining today because every voice counts! You will be protecting not only your earned benefits but all serving today. Our Heartland Chapter also focuses on similar state and local issues. We provide an environment for camaraderie and mutual support with our meetings, newsletters, website, and community involvement.

**As MOAA, WE NEVER STOP SERVING.... We are *One Powerful Voice* –
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*You will be glad you did!***



Program Chair Ken McClure

<p>When you join MOAA, you become part of the strongest advocate for our military's personnel and their families. The stronger our membership is, the stronger our voice becomes. Consider joining today because every voice counts.</p> <p>Three Membership Levels To Meet the Needs Of All Officers</p>	<p>BASIC</p>	 <p>PREMIUM</p>	 <p>LIFE</p>
<p>Features of each Membership Level</p>	<p>No-cost electronic membership designed for today's junior officers.</p>	<p>Full access to MOAA's career resources, countless discounts on products and travel, and access to all of MOAA-exclusive publications and news updates. Full access to a wide variety of member benefits for today's career officer.</p>	<p>Receive all the benefits that PREMIUM membership has plus exclusive privileges and benefits.</p>
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<p>Financial planning and investment advice</p>		<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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<p>Scholarships, interest-free loans, and grants For children of MOAA members seeking undergraduate degrees.</p>		<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>MOAA Chapters 1. Take advantage of the opportunity to get involved & meet fellow officers in your community. A PREMIUM or LIFE Membership makes it easy.</p>	<p>Dues vary by chapter.</p>	<p>New chapter members receive a voucher good for one year of chapter dues.</p>	<p>New chapter members receive a voucher good for two years of chapter dues.</p>
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Selection of Membership



With more than 380,000 members nationwide, the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is the country's leading organization protecting the rights of servicemembers and their families. Those who belong to MOAA not only lend their voices to a greater cause, but they also gain access to extensive benefits tailored to the needs and lifestyles of military officers. MOAA members proudly hail from every branch of the uniformed services. To them, we have made the same promise that they have made to their country: Never Stop Serving.

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Local Membership Form



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LOCAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Heartland Chapter members must also be a National MOAA Member)

Membership: Initial or Renewal

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Brief Bio: (entered service: branch: assignment summary: Interesting career anecdotes:

Signature _____ Date _____

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Read & heed the info below – pj

*We have two "reserved parking" signs we'll be using at Anthony's from now on. The reserved parking spaces are for our mobility- limited members, on a first come, first served basis. Use of these spaces will be on the honor system to help our members who need to park as close to the entrance as possible due to medically-related conditions. The MOAA reserved parking space locations will vary from month to month due to the other events hosted by Anthony's. We will attempt to find spaces as close to the Anthony's main entrance as possible but members will need to look for our reserved spaces. The signs are mounted on orange cones and will be placed at the entrance of the parking space. The driver or passenger must move the sign to the far end to allow the car entry. **Please bring the reserved sign in with you and give to Ron & Sharon. That reduces the risk of thievery and misuse by "others"**. – Three cheers for Ron & Sharon Russell*

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May They Not Be Forgotten:

I mean the men and women who have answered the call and paid the ultimate price so that we and future generations could have the freedoms so cherished by human beings. We must ever be vigilant prepared to defend our way of life against those who would deny it. Callous politicians, power hungry egoists, corrupt individuals, adversarial religions, and even our latest self-oriented generations pose grave threat to the preservation of what many take for granted. Every citizen should take a few moments from time to time and reflect the benefits we have in our country. They should give thanks to those who have served and preserved our way of life.

Hopefully, they will also pledge to do their part to keep it so. – pj



and

on

Wandering Mind of An Old Retired Guy



Is Honesty always the best answer? A long time ago, when I was in elementary school, my teacher asked me what my favorite animal was, and I said "Fried Chicken." She said I was not funny, but she could not have been right, because everyone else in my class laughed.

My parents had told me to always tell the truth. I did. Fried chicken is my favorite animal. I told my Dad what happened and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA, and said they love animals very much. I do too, especially chicken, pork, and beef. Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office. I told him what happened and he laughed too and told me not to do it again. The next day my teacher asked me what my favorite live animal was. I told her it was chicken. She asked me why.... So I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken. She sent me back to the principal's office again. He laughed and told me not to do it again. I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest but my teacher doesn't like it when I am. Then the next day my teacher asked me to tell her what famous military person I admired most..... I told her, "Colonel Sanders.".... Guess where the heck she sent me again? I think that is when I learned something that has helped me the rest of my life.... You should keep your opinions to yourself?

TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN, YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE, SO ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS.



**Heartland of America Chapter
 Military Officers Association of America, MOAA
Dinner Meeting – Wednesday, November 16th, 2016**

Anthony's Restaurant (72nd and F Streets)

Registration and Social Hour Begins at 6 pm - Dinner at 7 pm

Reservations are for meal selections only, and should be e-mailed to our central e-mail address or phoned to Sharon Russell. Please specify names of attendees, meal choices and include a phone number in case we need to contact you. **Reservations should be in by Monday night before the dinner! If you must cancel your reservation, please call Sharon at (402) 297-4244 prior to 4:00 pm on the day of the event; otherwise the chapter will be charged if you are a NO-SHOW and we will send you a bill for the cost.**

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Meal selections are as follows:

8oz Top Sirloin w/Smashed Potatoes & California Mixed Vegetables - \$28.90

_____ - With Chocolate Ice Cream - \$31.90_____

Chicken Cordon Bleu w/Rice Pilaf & California Mixed Vegetables - \$24.95

_____ - With Chocolate Ice Cream - \$27.95_____

Cobb Salad - \$14.40

_____ - With Chocolate Ice Cream - \$17.40_____

Payment will be collected in the party room.

A pre-made-out check to Anthony's is preferred. Cash will be accepted but it slows down entry and causes lines. Thank you for your support of this procedure. Note: Prices include tax and gratuity.

Program

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Remember the expression, "the more, the merrier"? We ask you to make our meetings better, with your presence. We strive to provide a good meal, a stimulating program, and camaraderie. We'll do our best to provide the first two, but only you can increase the camaraderie we share. Please attend.



Sharon & Ron Russell

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