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Heartland of America Chapter

******* August 2017 *******



***NOTE !! Our Special Guest !! Nebraska 2nd District Congressman
Don Bacon BGen USAF (Ret) will be our August speaker***

***-- Dinner Meeting, Wednesday, August 23rd --
(see inside back cover for details)***

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The speaker for our July dinner meeting was National MOAA President and CEO, Lt Gen Dana Atkins, USAF (Ret). Despite the unusually hot temperature, this meeting was well attended. Prior to our cocktail hour, General Atkins met with the Board members for a brief meeting on chapter issues. During his career, he flew more than 4000 hours and was a demonstration pilot for both the European A-10 demonstration team and the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds. He later commanded a fighter squadron, two fighter wings and an operations group. He was Vice Commander of the 7th Air Force and U.S. Air Force Korea, Director of Operations (J3) U.S. Pacific Command, and Special Assistant to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe during the air war over Serbia. He finished his career as Commander of Alaskan Command, Alaska NORAD Region, Joint Task Force Alaska and 11th Air Force at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.

Following his 2012 retirement, Gen Atkins served as president of a large communications and digital media company in the Augusta, Georgia area until 2016 when he was selected to become the leader of MOAA. Those four years exposed him to the corporate world and gave him a solid foundation into best business management procedures in areas such as marketing, sales, finance and operations. His proven leadership in both the military and corporate worlds makes it appear that he was destined to lead MOAA. In the 18 months as MOAA leader, Gen Atkins has done a major assessment (strategic review) of the organization and established a new and more responsive organizational structure that includes best practices, new goals, and priorities.



LtGen Atkins and LtGen Smith



LtGen Atkins' wife, Laura, and LtGen Smith and his wife, Mary Jo listening to MOAA's President make a point

On membership, Gen Atkins noted that some military organizations have continued to lose members while MOAA is holding its own. A related issue is determining the best way to communicate with the millennial generation as many have abandoned email and communicate with newer social media. We learned that Gen Atkins has two Twitter accounts.

On finances, Gen Atkins admitted that some of the changes were painful: chapters having to pay for ROTC/JROTC medals, restructuring the Alexandria staff, and reductions in travel expenses. He noted that the MOAA investment portfolio, after a few years of losing value, has started to rise. He also looked at the products offered by our affiliates, (USAA, PenFed, Mercer, etc.) to determine if they are meeting our members' needs. A new possibility is pet insurance.

In his legislative update, Gen Atkins noted that the House-proposed budget generally meets our MOAA priorities but that the Senate proposal does not. The Senate wants to reduce the active duty pay raise from 2.4 to 2.1%, starting another era of less pay and more retention problems. The Senate is proposing TRICARE enrollment fees that would increase faster than the rate of inflation. The Senate also proposes to pay for continuation of SSIA, as a solution for the offset of SBA by DIC, by incrementally establishing and increasing co-pays of the pharmacy program.

Following his presentation, Gen Atkins recognized Paula Muth who had been national MOAA Surviving Spouse of the year; presented certificates to Pat Jones for being named a Harris Communication Award winner in both the newsletter and the webmaster categories; and presented MOAA coins to Dick Doolittle and Merlin (Steve) Stevens for their work at the SAC Museum restoring the EC-135 Looking Glass and hosting a splendid Chapter meeting at the Museum. (Hank Carriger was not available for this meeting and will receive his coins at a future event.)



Paula Muth and LtGen Atkins



Col Donovan and Barb Jones look on as LtGen Atkins presents MOAA awards for the chapter newsletter and website



Chapter President Dan Donovan presenting Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts' certificate to LtGen Atkins promoting him to Admiral in the Nebraska Navy

After presenting Gen Atkins with our Chapter coin, I presented him with the certificate from Governor Ricketts promoting him as an Admiral in the Nebraska Navy. We ended the evening by thanking Gen Atkins and by noting that his leadership ability and business experience will continue to be factors in our ability to accomplish the MOAA mission.

Our next meeting will be the 4th Wednesday of August at Anthony's and our speaker will be our Chapter Chaplain and Congressman/General Don Bacon. We are finalizing arrangements for our September speaker.

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Programs

(from Ken McClure, Maj USA (Ret))

Our August 23rd meeting will be headlined by the 2nd District Congressman Don Bacon, BGen USAF (Ret).

He is also a member of our Chapter Board. Please note that this meeting will take place on the 4th Wednesday of the month, not the normal Wednesday.

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



Program Chair, Ken McClure

TRICARE Changes Coming Soon

(MOAA Top Issues – Jun 9)

The 2017 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) brought sweeping health care reforms, many of which will take effect in just a few months. MOAA is working closely with TRICARE program officials to learn what new processes and responsibilities these changes will bring for TRICARE beneficiaries and when they will occur.



Deanna and Ken Fortney with Mike McDermott and John Williamson

The new TRICARE Select option, which replaces TRICARE Standard and Extra, begins Jan. 1, 2018 -- just 6 short months from now. TRICARE Select is the self-managed preferred provider organization (PPO) option. It provides freedom of choice of providers, with reduced/fixed fee beneficiary out-of-pocket costs for care in the network. TRICARE Prime, TRICARE Reserve Select, TRICARE Retired Reserve, and TRICARE Young Adult and TRICARE for Life will remain as is.

Under the new model, beneficiaries must make an active, annual choice of health plan for themselves and/or their family. Because 2018 is the first year of the plan, there will be a grace period, and beneficiaries will be automatically renewed in their existing TRICARE option as of Dec. 31, 2017. This means beneficiaries currently in TRICARE Standard or Extra will be converted automatically into TRICARE Select.

Active duty family members newly entitled to TRICARE will be automatically enrolled in TRICARE Prime if they live in a Prime Service Area (generally around a military treatment facility). If not, they will be enrolled in TRICARE Select.

Two populations may be at risk of losing coverage:

- 1. Active duty members who retire and do not elect to enroll in an option. MOAA is advocating for a seamless enrollment default option for this population, as well as increased transition education services.**
- 2. Retiree beneficiaries who fail to pay their enrollment fees. Officials have stated that eligible beneficiaries will never lose their benefit, as they will always be eligible for care at military hospitals. However, this would most likely be on a space-available basis.**



Maj Donald Spain and Maj Ken McClure



LtCol John and Ann Williamson

Enrollment Details

- **Year 1 (2018): Auto renewal (Jan. 1, 2018) and grace period: Can change TRICARE Prime or Select at any time in 2018**
- **Year 2 (2019) and beyond: Can elect TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select coverage (enroll, dis-enroll, or change) only during annual open season (1 Nov - 20 Dec) or if the beneficiary has a qualifying life event:**
 - **Marriage, divorce, or annulment**
 - **Birth or adoption of a child**
 - **Placement of a child by a court in a member's home**
 - **Change in sponsor status**
 - **Loss of eligibility (due to age, Medicare, etc.)**
 - **Move to a new ZIP code**
 - **Loss/gain of other health insurance**
 - **Death of a sponsor, spouse, or child**
 - **Change in eligibility status of any single family member in another family (e.g. joint service member)**

All qualifying life events require a Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) update. If beneficiaries request a change in coverage, it must occur within 90 days of the life event.

Beneficiary cost shares will be based on the sponsor's "date initially entered into service" (DIEMS). Per the 2017 NDAA, those who have entered into service prior to Jan. 1, 2018, are grandfathered into existing cost shares - unless the 2018 NDAA incorporates provisions from the administration's budget proposal to repeal grandfathering (see "TRICARE Fees to Get a Big Raise").

As many of these changes show, beneficiaries will be expected to take more responsibility for their health care. MOAA will continue to work closely with DoD to ensure program changes will be beneficiary-centered and clearly communicated to all stakeholders.



What is the most important thing you can do right now? Make sure your DEERS information is updated for both you and your family. Here's how to update DEERS. There will be much more to come over the next few months.

Who's Affected by New TRICARE Changes

(from article by Gina Harkins, Senior MOAA staff writer Jul 14)

Big changes are coming for TRICARE users, and MOAA wants to make

Mary Jo Smith, LtGen Smith's wife & Laura Atkins, LtGen Akins' wife
sure you and your family are prepared to take a more proactive approach in selecting the best health care plan.

New enrollment rules and fees are hitting in 2018 for many TRICARE users. MOAA is working with the Defense Health Agency to help craft communication materials to inform TRICARE users about the changes — but with so many new rules on the horizon, we want to help our members understand who will be affected and when.

Capt. Kathy Beasley, USN (Ret), director of MOAA's government relations health affairs, gives her assessment of the new program in which Beneficiaries have to make an active annual choice of their program.

Here's a look at how the changes could affect you. Stay tuned to our website and magazine for more on this topic.

What should active duty families expect?

Beasley: For active duty servicemembers, there's going to be virtually no change for them. They get all of their care predominantly in military treatment facilities, and that will not change. They won't be charged any fees, and if they need care on the outside, it will continue to be authorized.

For active duty family members, however, there will be some changes. Changes will be minimal for those on TRICARE Prime. But during the new open enrollment season for 2018 — which is expected to run from the end of November through December [2017]— active duty family members need to know that they'll be automatically enrolled in TRICARE Prime unless they opt out during that period.

What about the under-65 military retiree?



Beasley: They will also be automatically enrolled during that same November-December [2017] period into the plan they're already in. For example, if they're on TRICARE Prime, they'll automatically be enrolled in that same plan unless they opt out. If they're on TRICARE Standard, they'll automatically be enrolled in TRICARE Select, which is the new name for TRICARE Standard.

If someone wants to switch from TRICARE Standard into TRICARE Prime, or they want to drop their coverage

because they're picking up insurance elsewhere, they'll

Max Moore & Dick Doolittle having a genial dialogue on current issues have to make that change during the open enrollment period. This is a new change for folks.

And how about those over the age of 65 who use TRICARE for Life?

Beasley: There are no changes for them.

Will anything change for dependents between the ages of 21 and 26 who use Tricare Young Adult?

Beasley: TRICARE Young Adult is separate and will remain as is.

How will the TRICARE Overseas program be affected by these upcoming changes?

Beasley: That will be changed to TRICARE Select, so anyone who wants that plan will need to be aware of the enrollment period to elect the coverage. Other than that, though, nothing should really change about the coverage.

What about TRICARE Reserve Select?

Beasley: That will stay as TRICARE Reserve as it stands right now. But anyone who uses or wants that plan will need to make sure they enroll for it during open enrollment later this fall.

Have a question about the new TRICARE rules? Send it to ginah@moaa.org and we'll get our subject-matter experts to weigh in.

Repeal Sequestration
(from MOAA TOP ISSUES Jun 28)

Unless current law is changed, sequestration will return next year and automatically trigger deep cuts to the Defense Department. These severe cuts will exhaust our resources and capabilities in immeasurable ways—the toll on our military and their families will likewise be incalculable.

The congressional session is underway. Please engage your members of Congress—encourage them to make it their priority to repeal sequestration. You notify them in several ways:

- 1. Click on the link, [MOAA ISSUES](http://capwiz.com/moaa/issues/alert/?alertid=74607626). (or cut and paste into your browser address line <http://capwiz.com/moaa/issues/alert/?alertid=74607626>) & use MOAA's email or letter assist.**
- 2. Send the suggested message, or your own version, email or U.S. Mail, or both.**
- 3. Use MOAA's toll-free Capitol Hill Hotline (866) 272-6622**

Coming Soon

(by Tom Philpott, MOAA website, 27 July)

The last time Forrest Cornelius, 51, shopped in a base exchange was in 1989, when he completed his six-year stint in the Marine Corps. He recalls saving 10 to 15 percent on department store goods and that shoppers paid no sales tax.

Last month, Cornelius began to enjoy those advantages again as one of 12,000 or so “beta test” participants for veterans' online exchange shopping, which is to open for millions of honorably discharged veterans on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

All veterans are being encouraged to take the same first step Cornelius did by confirming veteran eligibility status at <https://www.vetverify.org>. It might be a multi-step process, if the Defense Manpower Data Center lacks information to verify a veteran served and received an honorable discharge.

But for Cornelius, it went smoothly. He also got an email inviting him to be a test participant and begin to shop immediately through four exchange service portals: www.shopmyexchange.com for Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES);



LtCols Ron Russell and Rick Croasdale,
the Beaver Lake Dynamic Duo

www.mynavyexchange.com for Navy exchanges; www.mymcx.com for Marine Corps stores; and www.shopcgx.com for Coast Guard exchanges.

Cornelius said his email invitation was timely. He had lost his sunglasses and the replacement pair of Ray-Bans, priced at a local retail outlet near his Texas home, would cost \$180. Using AAFES online to comparison shop, he found a special sale, \$20 off any pair of sunglasses costing \$100 or more.

“So I got that discount,” he said, “plus it was 10 to 15 percent cheaper than retail, plus tax-free, plus free shipping. I wound up paying about \$120 total, saving me quite a bit.”

His wife then used his benefit, shopping for undergarments that were on sale with a major retailer, but out of stock in the sizes and colors she wanted. AAFES had them, and she saved money too, he said. Soon they were buying sportswear for their son. Every item was timely shipped, he said, and arrived three days later.

“It was great. It was super easy. And the thvetverify.org process took five minutes. I entered my full name, the last four of my social [security number], and it said 'You've been verified.' ”

By early July, 90,000 veterans had attempted to register to exchange shop online starting Nov. 11. Twelve percent of them got invitations to shop immediately. AAFES was monitoring shopping patterns to ensure their online portal and distribution system are ready for waves of new shoppers this fall, said Ana Middleton, president and chief merchandising officer for AAFES.

“My worst fear,” said Middleton, “is a tsunami on November 11th, if everybody decides, 'Hey, I'm going to check this out' and they sign on that day” and also at the same moment.

AAFES is building website capacity to allow for 30,000 simultaneous shoppers at any given time. A lot of shoppers “would have to be signing on at that exact same millisecond to stress it out. So yes, I feel that we are sized appropriately.”

Of “beta” veterans shopping, surveys showed their top reason was the tax break. But a surprisingly close second reason, said Middleton, was an appreciation that exchanges support military quality-of-life and base support programs.

Exchange use profits to pay staff salaries, fund store operations, and ensure adequate website capacity - but even more profits are distributed to on-base Morale, Welfare and Recreational activities including child development centers, fitness centers, outdoor recreation, and, overseas, on-base school lunches.

“Everything is just turned back to our customers,” Middleton said, and “not paying anything to any shareholders” as retail stores must.

Besides discounts and tax breaks, AAFES online promises a price match.

“If we are not the lowest price -- say you found a vacuum cleaner below our price at Walmart -- you can challenge our price, and we will match it,” she said.

Shoppers will find prices particularly attractive on certain items like premium running shoes and children’s clothing. Profit margins on electronics are narrow everywhere, so exchange prices “are close to comparable,” Middleton said.



Steve Gallager sat with several new attendees

Exchange services aren't sure how many veterans ultimately will shop online. AAFES will be pleased if one to two million do so, Middleton said, though “we probably don't need that many” to declare the effort a success.

In its business plan, as leading advocate for opening exchanges online to veterans, AAFES estimated its annual sales would climb by \$185 million to \$525 million and earnings would increase by \$18 million to \$72 million, easing budget pressure on the Army and Air Force, which have had to divert more and more appropriated dollars to family support programs as on-base store sales have been hit by force drawdowns and store closures overseas.

Veterans with only Reserve or National Guard experience have asked if they too will be viewed as “veterans” for online shopping. That remains unclear. Last December, Congress did bestow honorary “veteran” status on Reserve and National Guard retirees who completed careers of drill time but had not completed an active duty period under Title 10 to meet the legal definition of “veteran” and receive a DD-214 “Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty.”

Reserve retirees 60 and older do have exchange shopping privileges. But what about Reserve and Guard veterans who didn't retire or didn't receive a DD-214? Here's what AAFES could tell us:

“The litmus test for access to the veterans online shopping benefit resides with each veteran's electronic records. All honorably discharged veterans, according to official government sources such as the Defense Manpower Data Center, are

considered authorized to shop military exchanges online via the veterans online shopping benefit. Veterans can confirm their eligibility by visiting VetVerify.org."

Veterans who do shop online, said Middleton, will find products "competitively priced. Are we across the board lower than everybody? No."

Beta shoppers so far have focused, as expected, on "male-dominated" categories such as electronics, running shoes, and sports apparel. Baby care, children's clothing, and cosmetics, however, also are selling briskly.

"The reality is [married couples] share in the purchase-making decisions," Middleton said. "It's like if I had a Costco card, and my husband didn't -- would he still want to make buying decisions with me if I came home and said, 'Hey there's a great price on a TV?' Probably. This benefit is afforded to the [veteran] military member. ... If your spouse is using your password we have no way of knowing."

Merchandise selection is wider online than in base stores. The only goods veterans are barred from purchasing are military uniform items.

Exchanges are delighted to be offering this new benefit, Middleton said, particularly to so many veterans who didn't get to enjoy it more while serving.

"The sad reality is so many of these kids went to basic [training] and then to war, so their recollection of who we are is a Coke and bag of chips in a war zone. Do they have an understanding of the breadth of products we sell?" Soon, many more of them will.

Top Apps for You

(from Aug issue of MOAA magazine)

Many of our older members might ask what is an App? But, almost every one of our younger members knows what they are. It is a small program on a cell phone or computer that quickly provides answers to questions you might have.

Following is a list of several that might make life easier for you or more fun. Most are free from the App Store on you cell phone or computer.

Base Directory: Find the most needed phone numbers and hours of operation of U.S. military establishments world-wide.

Ultimate U.S. Military Campground Project: This App harnesses data form the U.S. Military Campgrounds and RV Parks website www.bit.ly/2tq0QKo - free for military version, \$3.99 for U.S. public campgrounds & \$1.99 for Canadian ones.

ACP Advisor Net: American Corporate Partners' online community connects veterans to business professionals looking to share their expertise. Current and former service members can ask career-related questions and network with experts.

REI Co-op Guide to the National Parks: Service members and their families can get free passes to national parks, and REI wants to make sure they never get

lost, by provided comprehensive trail maps, with each trail mapped individually, including vertical profiles. The app also notes points of interest along the way.



David McBlain and Jake Moore

Untapped: Do you enjoy unwinding with a trip to a nearby brewery? This app will tell you where one is and you get to rate the brews!

RunKeeper: For those who still run, this app is a tracker that maps your workout and analyzes pace, elevation, and calories burned.

High Intensity Tactical Training: For our younger members, follow along with the Marine Corps High Intensity Training

Program, specifically designed to enhance operational fitness.

The Big Moving Adventure: The creators of *Sesame Street* made this app for military kids age 2 to 5 facing a move. Great for their adjusting to moving.

Duolingo: Learn a new language or brush up on faded language skills. Practice listening, reading, writing, and speaking. You can download the companion app, Tinycards, to study new vocabulary.

Level of Excellence Award Advance Notice

(MOAA email to our chapter president 28 July)

“MOAA’s topnotch councils and chapters compete annually to receive a four or five-star Levels of Excellence (LOE) Award. The very best councils and chapters receive Five-Star Awards, and above-average councils and chapters receive Four-Star Awards. In April, a selection board was convened at national MOAA headquarters to evaluate the LOE submission packages.

You are receiving this advance notification of the results prior to the public release date. Your chapter received a ‘5 Star’ LOE Award.

.....The LOE winner announcement will also be posted to the website and highlighted in the Council and Chapter Update and featured in the Affilate electronic newsletters.

It is an honor to serve with each of you. Our Councils and Chapters are making a difference on the legislative front and in your communities.

Congratulations on your state-level LOE award honors!"

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* –

***For every officer at every stage of life and career... Join Us !!
You will be glad you did!***

Selection of Membership

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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

Annual local dues \$20.00 \$10.00 (new ones after 1 July) Aux. \$5.00

Benefactor Donor: \$50, \$100 or more _____

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National MOAA Membership # _____ Life Member? Yes No

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

Signature _____ Date _____

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

Wandering Mind of An Old Retired Guy



Life is full of missed opportunities. An old friend of mine was driving around the back woods somewhere in Appalachia and saw a sign in front of a broken down shanty-style house: 'Talking Dog For Sale' He rang the bell and an old geezer appeared and took him into the backyard to see a nice looking Labrador retriever. 'You talk?' he asked. 'Yep,' the Lab replied.

After recovering from the shock of hearing a dog talk, he asked 'So, what's your story?' The Lab looked up and said, 'Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young. I wanted to help the government, so... I told the CIA.

In no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping.'

'I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years running...

'But the jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger so I decided to settle down. I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security, wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded a batch of medals.'

'Then I got married, had a mess of puppies, so now I'm just retired.'

My friend was amazed. He asked the old geezer what he wanted for the dog.

'Ten dollars,' the old geezer said. 'Ten dollars? This dog is amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?'

'Because he's a dang blasted liar. He's never been out of the yard'.

My friend was stunned, thought he should back to town and think it all out.... trouble is, he has never been able to find the old geezers place again. Procrastination usually means lost opportunity!

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Date: Wednesday, August 23rd, 2017

GUEST SPEAKER:

Congressman Don Bacon, BGen USAF (Ret)

Time: Social Hour – 6PM

Dining Hour – 7PM

Place: Anthony's Steakhouse

7220 F Street - Omaha

Menu (Choice of):

10oz Prime Rib w/Baked Potato & Green Beans Almondine - \$36.75

- With Spumoni Ice Cream - \$39.75

Parmesan Crusty Roughy w/Rice Pilaf & Green Beans Almondine - \$28.90

- With Spumoni Ice Cream - \$31.90

Chicken Caesar Salad - \$18.35

-With Spumoni Ice Cream - \$21.35

RSVP by Date: Monday, August 21st

RSVP: Lt Col Ron & Sharon Russell

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Please specify names of attendees, meal choices and include a phone number in case we need to contact you.

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