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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



We observed the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I with a wonderful presentation by Lincoln historian Mark Hall. Originally from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Mark followed many of his relatives into military service and spent four years in the US Army. He was assigned to Fort Myer, Virginia, and assigned to the Army's Presidential honor guard. He served in the White House, participated in over 800 funerals at Arlington Cemetery, and participated in the internment of the Unknown Soldier of Vietnam. Following his Army service, Mark returned to South Dakota and graduated from the

University of South Dakota with a double major in History and Anthropology. He attended graduate school at USD and UNL, and taught history at the University of Sioux Falls and at Buena Vista University. After moving to Lincoln, Mark served as a docent at the SAC Museum from 2005 to 2008. While teaching is his passion, he has been successful in retail. He has served as a manager for Walmart for 14 years, and for the past two years, he has been a store manager for a Lincoln Shopko. And, he continues to teach classes at UNL.

Mark's presentation focused on six topics that focused on Nebraska's role in the Great War. The first topic was the Fort Omaha Balloon School where 800 men were initially assigned to the Aviation Section, US Signal Corps at Fort Omaha and trained to provide forward observation for the artillery. More than 16,000 men went through the school. The second topic was Orville Ralston, an aviator and Nebraska's only ace from World War I. He shot down 5 German aircraft and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. He returned to the Army Air Corps in World War II as a Major, and was killed in an early model B-17 (that had fabric-covered control surfaces) in a thunderstorm over Montana in 1942.

The next topic was Jarvis Offutt from Omaha and a graduate of Yale. Following his graduation, he was selected to be trained by the Royal Flying Corps of Canada. In 1918, he deployed to Europe and was assigned to ferry aircraft from factories in England to bases at the front in France. He was anxious to join a

pursuit squadron and on his very first pursuit flight, he crashed and was killed. It is unknown whether his death resulted from enemy action or an aircraft accident.

Mark's next topic was General John Pershing. After graduating from West Point in 1886 and serving in the Calvary where he fought in the Indian Wars and was noted for his marksmanship. From 1891 to 1895, he was assigned as the Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He formed a select drill team and supporting organization that was renamed the Pershing Rifles that still exists. In World War I, our French and British allies were anxious to insert or amalgamate American troops into their armies. Pershing noted that the best way for the American forces to establish their effectiveness was to fight as an American unit. While he did agree to some amalgamation below division level, Pershing was correct.

The final vignette in Mark's presentation was the important work done by female doctors in World War I. Nebraska provided one of the most highly decorated doctors in the war, Dr. Olga Stastny, a graduate of the University of Nebraska medical school.

Mark Hall had provided us with an entertaining and very interesting presentation.

Please note that we will not have a July dinner meeting. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, August 15th when our speaker will be by the Omaha Police Department Gang Unit. Our September 19th speaker will be Major General Mark Evans, and our October 17th speaker will be Jim Hegarty of the Omaha Better Business Bureau. Dan Donovan d.donovan1@cox.net 402-339-7888

Trump Embraces Space Force As Russia, China Threaten Critical U.S. Systems
(Forbes – by Loren Thompson)

If you thought President Trump was just musing when he publicly broached the subject of a U.S. "space force" in recent months, guess again. On Monday, he disclosed at a meeting of the National Space Council in Washington, D.C. that he is directing the establishment of a sixth military branch to address operations in space. And he didn't mince words about what he had in mind:

"We are going to have a Space Force. An Air Force and a Space Force. Separate, but equal."

That is a stunning prospect, given the modest state of the current military space program. What we have, basically, is a collection of satellites orbiting the Earth that have almost no capacity to defend themselves, much less conduct offensive operations against the orbital assets of other countries. The satellites are crucial

to terrestrial civil and military operations -- they consist mainly of communications, navigation, weather and surveillance satellites -- but none of them was conceived with an eye to waging war in space.

However, because the satellites have become integral to how America conducts military operations on Earth, Russia and China are developing ways of degrading or destroying U.S. satellites in wartime. If such attacks achieved their intended aims, they would thoroughly disrupt the U.S. military's ability to conduct war anywhere. For instance, the U.S. Army figures each of its armored brigades contains over 2,000 pieces of equipment that rely on space assets to function. Kill the satellites, and the brigades are hobbled.

This isn't just a military problem. Where would Google Maps be without access to global positioning data from at least four GPS satellites? It wouldn't take much to suppress U.S. space systems to a point where damage rippled through the military, the economy, and much of Western civilization. The Russians and Chinese wouldn't even have to destroy the satellites -- they might just jam the relatively weak signals originating from spacecraft many thousands of miles away, or compromise the functioning of ground control stations via cyber attacks.

So now you know why the Air Force, which leads military space operations for the Pentagon, is in a near panic over moves that Moscow and Beijing are making in space. It has undertaken a raft of initiatives aimed at building greater "resilience" -- its term -- into U.S. orbital constellations and launch plans. But it takes a long time to develop new space technology and architectures; the threat is advancing much faster than the remedial steps military planners say are needed.

Against that backdrop, the president's announcement today is arguably timely, because the military space program may be approaching a moment of crisis. Mr. Trump made it clear in his remarks that he wants America to regain its lead in space across all relevant areas -- military, civil and commercial -- but it is in the military realm where great-power rivalry is most apparent. If the Pentagon doesn't step up its game, the nation's security will be significantly degraded.

VA Releases Rankings of Best and Worst Nursing Homes
(MOAA News Letter 21 Jun, by Amanda Dolasins)

While ratings for many of its nursing homes were subpar last spring, the VA is reporting it has made drastic improvements for the same time period this year. The VA posted its full list of rankings here.

The VA said there are 11 nursing homes with the lowest rating - a decrease from about 60 facilities with that rating last year. The VA said it continues to improve its facilities.

The VA said its disclosure of the ratings aligns with its efforts to be more transparent, but it follows persistent requests from reporters from USA Today and The Boston Globe, who had been making requests to the VA dating back to at least 2017.

“Now that VA has made a commitment to reporting accurate, quality and comparative data on its nursing homes, we are pleased to begin adding that important information to our transparency portfolio for the benefit of veterans in making their health care choices,” said Peter O'Rourke, acting VA secretary, in a press release. “Further, we will release this data annually and use it to drive improvements across the VA nursing home system, including aggressive efforts to improve our 11 one-star facilities by sharing best practices.”
VA officials touted the system's direct attention to patients. Officials said nursing homes have a higher staff-to-resident ratio than private sector facilities, giving patients more direct attention.

Unlike nursing homes in the private sector, the VA often serves residents with challenging medical conditions, such as a higher proportion of residents with conditions like prostate obstruction, spinal cord injury, mental illness, homelessness, post traumatic stress disorder, combat injury and terminal illness. Officials from the VA have said quality ratings are also impacted by the system's responsibility to take in veterans, no matter how challenging their health conditions.

The top-rated VA nursing homes:

- Veterans Affairs Connecticut Healthcare System, West Haven Campus, Connecticut**
- Syracuse Veterans Affairs Medical Center, New York**
- Veterans Affairs Western New York Healthcare System at Batavia, New York**
- Erie Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Pennsylvania**
- Lebanon Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Pennsylvania**
- Wilmington Health Care Center, North Carolina**
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- **Louis Stokes Cleveland Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Ohio**
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- **Aleda E. Lutz Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Michigan**
- **Oscar G. Johnson Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Michigan**
- **Nebraska Western Iowa Health Care System - Grand Island Division, Nebraska**
- **Veterans Affairs Eastern Kansas Health Care System - Colmery O'Neil, Kansas**
- **Veterans Affairs Eastern Kansas Health Care System - Dwight D. Eisenhower Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Kansas**
- **Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Texas**
- **South Texas Veterans Health Care System- San Antonio, Texas**
- **West Texas Veterans Affairs Health Care System, Texas**
- **Cheyenne Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Wyoming**
- **Boise Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Idaho**
- **Portland Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Oregon**
- **Mann-Grandstaff Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Washington**
- **Central California Veterans Health Care System, California**
- **Livermore Veterans Affairs Medical Center, California**
- **Veterans Affairs Sepulveda Ambulatory Care Center, California**
- **Veterans Affairs Loma Linda Healthcare System, California**
- **Veterans Affairs Long Beach Healthcare System, California**
- **Carksburg - Louis A. Johnson Veterans Affairs Medical Center, West Virginia**
- **Jesse Brown Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Illinois**
- **William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital, Wisconsin**
- **Trinka Davis Veterans' Village Clinic, Georgia**

Facilities with the lowest rankings:

- **Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital, Massachusetts**
- **Veterans Affairs New Jersey Health Care System, New Jersey**
- **W.G. (Bill) Hefner Veterans Affairs Medical Center, North Carolina**
- **Tuscaloosa Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Alabama**
- **Carl Vinson Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Georgia**
- **James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, Florida**
- **Chillicothe Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Ohio**
- **Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Ohio**
- **Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System, Mississippi**
- **G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Mississippi**
- **Northern Arizona Veterans Affairs Health Care System, Arizona**

MOAA Shares Concerns about Commissary-Exchange merger

(MOAA News Letter 21 Jun, by Mike Barron)

DoD will require congressional approval and authority in order to move forward to consolidate the operations of the Defense Commissary Agency and the Exchange Services (Army and Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps) - collectively known as the defense resale enterprise, into one business enterprise. Regardless, it appears, DoD is pushing ahead with a special task force to provide recommendations that would support this objective.

In a meeting this past week with DoD Chief Management Officer (CMO) John Gibson, the case for why DoD put together a cross functional task force in order to complete the first phase of the community services reform effort was presented to the MSO/VSO community.

Deputy Secretary of Defense Patrick Shanahan in an earlier memo published May 29, 2018, stated that he agreed with the recommendation from DoD's Reform Management Group (RMG), to consolidation of the defense resale enterprise in order "to achieve the economies and efficiencies necessary for the survivability of the defense resale enterprise and the continued availability of these benefits to our total force, their families, and other authorized patrons."

In the meeting, MOAA along with others in The Military Coalition (TMC) expressed concerns to DoD about the premise that finding efficiencies in defense resale would best be realized through consolidation. Also expressed was the concern of where any potential savings would be best utilized?

It was widely agreed by the group attending the meeting that any potential savings gleaned from new efficiencies found in the defense enterprise by the task force should be put back into the military community and not used to fund other DoD readiness priorities.

MOAA and our coalition colleagues also made known to DoD officials, that efficiencies such as changes from variable pricing to fixed pricing by different regions - particularly overseas, among others, should be looked at by DoD's newly formed community services task force for cost savings and efficiencies first in presenting their business case analysis, before pressing Congress to agree to support through legislation, a complete move toward consolidation of the defense resale enterprise - an action that MOAA and our coalition colleagues believe could potentially further reduce this important earned benefit.

The Community Services Task Force is set to begin its work in July and will remain in operation for another four to seven months. Stay engaged with MOAA's updates on this topic for the latest information regarding one of your most important earned benefits.

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Programs

(from Ken McClure, Maj USA (Ret))

July – No official meeting (maby something un-official ???)

August – Omaha Police program concerning gangs/drugs

Sept – M/Gen Mark Evans – new STRATCOM HQ

Oct – Better Business Bureau



Program Chair, Ken McClure

Proposed 2019 NDAA Erodes Earned Health Care Benefits

(By: Capt. Kathryn M. Beasley, USN (Ret), MOAA Director of Government Relations, Health Affairs)

The House and Senate have both passed their respective 2019 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) proposals. The Senate's version shows currently serving TRICARE beneficiaries would experience zero to minimal relief on their existing higher cost shares. Even worse, retirees and their families under age 65 are targeted for another round of excessive increases to their TRICARE Prime and TRICARE Select enrollment fees.

These proposed fee increases are set to be implemented just as a large percentage of currently serving members - those who have served their entire careers during wartime - become eligible for retirement. MOAA viewed last year's large fee increases as a break in faith with currently serving families and those who have served full careers - this proposal by the Senate expedites the erosion of the service-earned health care benefit.

These TRICARE fee increases amount to taking real money right off the top of service members' retirements. Most of those service members have endured multiple deployments to war zones.

This Congress has the fewest number of veterans in decades, causing a misunderstanding of what life has been like for these service members and their families for the past 17 years. Reflecting on these members' service might be

more appropriate than placing an additional tax on benefits earned through sacrifice. Let that sink in.

MOAA's key concerns are:

The proposal will result in zero-to-minimal reductions in cost shares for most beneficiaries. Grandfathered Prime retirees are already paying higher copays that match those of new entrants due to the increases which the Defense Health Agency implemented Jan. 1.

Unfortunately this proposal does NOT address one of MOAA's objections to the current copayment structure. That is the extraordinarily high copays for outpatient therapies requiring recurring appointments. For example physical/speech/occupational therapy and mental health visits are considered specialty care and are associated with much higher copays. These high costs would run unabated for many beneficiaries and serves as a barrier for beneficiary adherence to treatment plans.

The proposal targets retirees under age 65 for steep increases to grandfathered retiree enrollment fees. For example, TRICARE Prime enrollment fees increase 21 percent and TRICARE Select families would confront an unprecedented (and unexpected) fee of \$450 for individuals and \$900 on families.

Creates a new non-network deductible for TRICARE Select retirees. Select retirees would have to pay the first \$300 (individual) or \$600 (family) in medical expenses when using non-network providers even though at least 15 percent of beneficiaries don't have the option of choosing network providers because TRICARE Select was designed to cover only 85 percent of the beneficiary population. And the existing provider network has not yet reached this contractual requirement.

Last year's TRICARE fee increases were disproportionately high and broke faith with currently serving families and those who have served full careers. The addition of these new Senate-proposed fee increases do nothing but place a more disproportionate burden on military beneficiaries with the sole intent of raising revenues for defense programs unrelated to the costs of health care.

**SAC Airborne Command and Control Association Reunion
(Dick Doolittle LtCol USAF (Ret) & other sources)**

The SAC Airborne Command and Control Association is the group of flyers and ground support people that supported the mission for over 20+ years. We meet every two years. I am the Chairman of the Association Reunion this year which will be held September 12-15, 2018, here in Bellevue. We expect more than 100

attendees. The Courtyard Marriott has already booked 18 rooms and we have a block of 25. Many come from this area and others will be staying with friends here. Norma Kathman, 402-250-7065, is one of the reunion committee that is helping with publicity. She is doing a great job and placing the notices in many different publications. She was a Communications Officer that worked for me when we were flying the "Looking Glass". She also is one of the volunteers at the SAC museum. Her husband Dennis was also a Communications Officer that worked for me and he is also working at the museum.

General Hyten will be our guest speaker at the SAC Museum banquet on Saturday September 15. We have a variety of tours for the group

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

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, 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 for all serving today. Our Heartland Chapter also focuses on state and local issues, interfacing with the Legislature and the Governor. We provide a really great environment for camaraderie and mutual support with our meetings, speakers, newsletters, website, and community involvement. You will feel like family.

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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 and 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 on the benefits we have in our country. They should give thanks to those who have served and preserved our way of life.

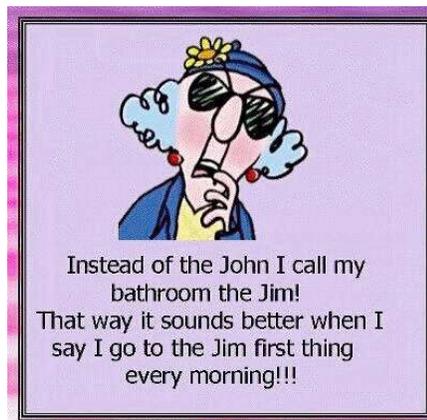


Hopefully, they will also pledge to do their part to keep it so. - pj

Wandering Mind of An Old Retired Guy



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**However, if you have an idea for a fun outing
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He will coordinate with others and if doable,
we will use our email list to inform members.

Perhaps we could have another fun event
like the Murder Mystery Dinner outing in April.

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