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## ***Heartland of America Chapter***

**\*\*\*\*\* September 2018 \*\*\*\*\***



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-- Our Next Official Dinner Meeting, Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> of September --

(see inside back cover for details)

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# The Bulletin Board

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

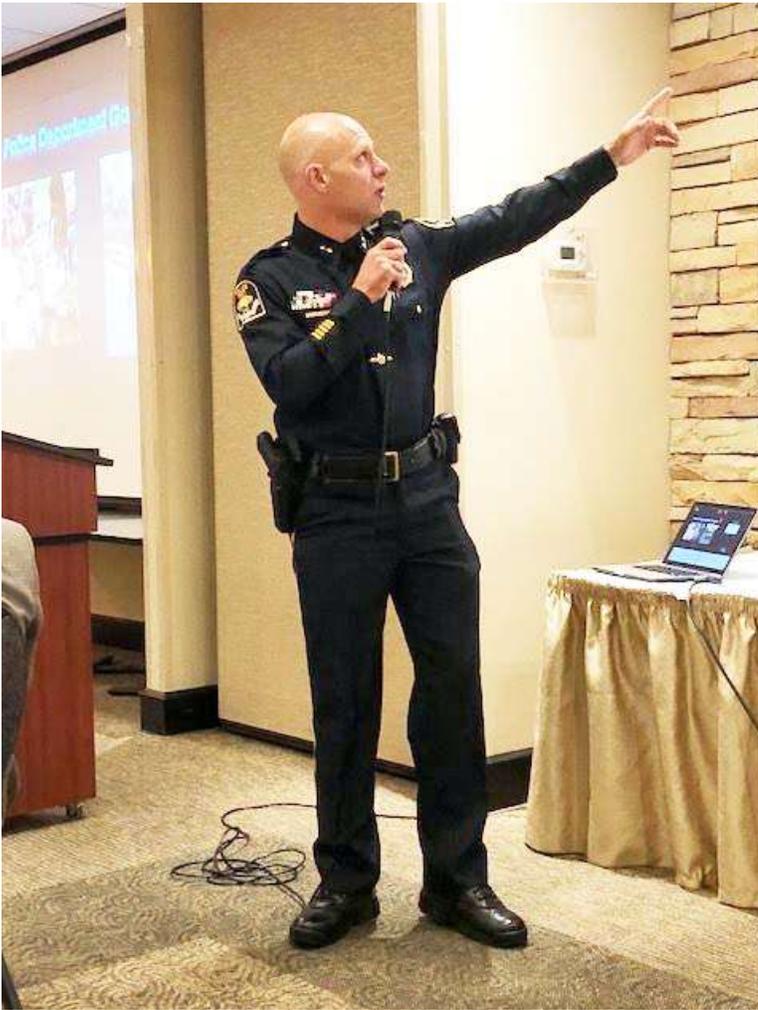


**Our August dinner meeting featured a remarkable presentation by Omaha Police Department Deputy Chief Ken Kanger. An Omaha native, he graduated from Creighton Prep and attended Northern Illinois University on a football scholarship. He initially served for five years as a Douglas County Deputy Sheriff and in 1997 became an Omaha police officer. After serving in the Northwest and Northeast Precincts, he served in the Special Victims, Homicide, and Narcotics Units. In 2007, he was promoted to Sergeant and was made supervisor of the Northeast Precinct and then the Homicide Unit. In 2010, he was promoted to Lieutenant and assigned to the Criminal Analysis Unit, and in 2012, the Gang Unit. In 2017, he was promoted to Captain and directed Special Operations that oversees the Gang and the Narcotics units. This June, he was promoted to Deputy Chief and now oversees Criminal Investigations for the Omaha Police Department. Ken volunteers as a coach for Police Athletics for Community Engagement (PACE). He has been recognized for his leadership and community involvement on multiple occasions.**

**Ken's presentation was remarkable on several levels: his very effective speaking skills, his thorough knowledge of Omaha gang activity, and his ability to describe in detail the causes, impacts, the role of police, and possible solutions to this brutal gang activity. He stated that gang activity in Omaha started about 1980 and has continued to increase to approximately 2500 gang members today.**



B/Gen Paul Cohen meets our speaker, Chief Ken Kanger



Chief Kanger's slides were excellent, informative, attention-holding, and reinforced his vocal presentation.

Many of us were surprised with the large areas of Omaha that claimed by the Bloods and the Crips (and their sub-units). Young men join gangs for money and recognition. If a family member is already in a gang, a young man has a “birthright” to be part of the gang. In any case, the initiation could be committing a crime or being jumped by another gang. The gang becomes the extended family with the lifestyle of crime, money, and drugs.

The brutality of their senseless crimes is well reported. Ken was Kerrie Orozco’s superior when she was killed by a fugitive gang member three years ago. There is tremendous pressure on police members who work in the gang or fugitive branches and there is an attempt to rotate members out of these units after about five years.

**To prevent young men from joining gangs, Ken advocates for partnerships with community organizations such as the 360 Group, the YMCA, the Boys Club, and PACE.**

**The most remarkable thing about Ken Kanger is his deep passion and that was felt by all in attendance. He was given a rare standing ovation for sharing his strong convictions on resolving Omaha’s gang problems.**

**On September 19<sup>th</sup>, Major General Rick Evans will give us on update on the new STRATCOM Headquarters building. It has had a a lot of troubles and cost overrun that has resulted in building changes and significant delay in becoming operational.**





**At our October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will be hearing from Jim Hegarty of the Better Business Bureau.**

**On Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, The Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum will host a Patriots' Day Program & Lunch that will be free to Museum Members, First Responders, and Military. The speaker will be State Senator Tom Brewer. He is a retired Army colonel, the recipient of multiple Purple Hearts, and is the sponsor of LB-121, the current bill to**

David Heer must be telling a great story, Bonnie Comstock and Cindy Keyes are raptly enjoying his story!

**exempt military retired pay from Nebraska income tax. We must register at the museum's website: [deb@strategicairandspace.ccsend.com](mailto:deb@strategicairandspace.ccsend.com).**

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**Programs**

(from Ken McClure, Maj USA (Ret))

**Sep 19 – M/Gen Rick Evans – new STRATCOM HQ**

**Oct 17 – Better Business Bureau**

**Nov 14 – ROTC cadets & cadre from Creighton, UNL, UNO**

**Dec 12 – Election of 3 board members, Holiday celebration with music program by Sarpy Serenaders Barbershop Chorus, including some of our MOAA members!**



Program Chair, Ken McClure

**Changes Coming for TRICARE Retiree Dental**

(Dean Kenkel CW5, USAR (Ret), 4 June from Benefeds.com)

**Note: This medical care change is so significant that we have kept info about it readily available to you again. More info is later in this newsletter. – editor**

**On December 31, 2018, the Defense Health Agency's TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) will end. Don't worry! You can enroll in dental coverage for next year, effective January 1, 2019, but it will be under a different program, the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP), offered by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM).**

**Vision coverage is also available to you for the first time under FEDVIP. Retirees and their families, who were eligible for TRDP, and family members of active duty service men and women, will now be eligible to enroll in a FEDVIP vision plan, if enrolled in a TRICARE health plan.**

**You don't need to take action yet. But, if you would like dental and/or vision coverage next year, effective January 1, 2019, you must select and enroll in a FEDVIP plan during the next Federal Benefits Open Season. Open season is your annual opportunity to sign up for FEDVIP, and this year it runs from November 12 through December 10, 2018.**

**Note: If you're currently enrolled in a TRDP plan, you will not be automatically enrolled in a FEDVIP plan for 2019. You must enroll during open season.**

**FEDVIP is popular among Federal employees. The more than 3.3 million people already enrolled give the program high marks for quality and value. With 10 dental and four vision carriers to choose from, and some plans offering both high and standard options, FEDVIP offers great flexibility when selecting the right coverage for you and your family.**



Joan Wicklund seems to enjoy the photographer getting howled at by hubby Col. Bob Wicklund. (photographer hadn't seen that look on Wicklund since he worked for him in the early eighties! Something about a bet on the Husker - Oklahoma football game & Sooner Magic)

FEDVIP dental plans	FEDVIP vision plans
▪ <b>Aetna Dental®</b>	▪ <b>Aetna Vision®</b>
▪ <b>Delta Dental®</b>	▪ <b>FEP BlueVision®</b>
▪ <b>Dominion Dental®</b>	▪ <b>UnitedHealthcare Vision</b>
▪ <b>EmblemHealth®</b>	▪ <b>VSP Vision Care®</b>
▪ <b>FEP BlueDental®</b>	
▪ <b>GEHA®</b>	
▪ <b>Humana</b>	
▪ <b>MetLife</b>	
▪ <b>Triple-S Salud®</b>	
▪ <b>United Concordia Dental®</b>	



John and Barb Hampton about to be served their sirloin steak & salmon

**Note: Plan details and rates for the 2019 plan year will be available in October 2018.**

**Active duty uniformed service members: The TRDP transition to FEDVIP doesn't impact you. Your dental and vision coverage will still be provided by TRICARE. And your family members will still be eligible to enroll in the TRICARE Dental Program (TDP). Your family members may benefit from this transition however, since they will now be eligible for FEDVIP vision coverage, if they are enrolled in a TRICARE health plan.**

**Federal and U.S. Postal Service (USPS) employees and annuitants: Your FEDVIP coverage, if already enrolled, and/or your eligibility to enroll will not be impacted as a result of the TRDP transition to FEDVIP. FEDVIP rates are reviewed and updated annually, if necessary. Although rates may be different based on the region where you live or the plan you select, they will be the same across eligible groups, including the newly eligible members of the uniformed services.**

**(From: Nebraska Veterans Coalition, Dean Kenkel CW5, USAR (Ret) [dkenkel@cox.net](mailto:dkenkel@cox.net))**

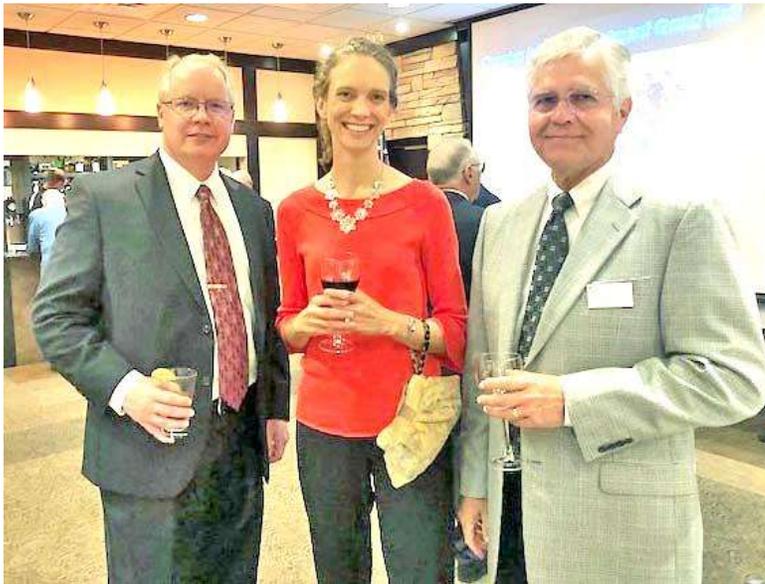
**President Trump Approves Pay Raise For Troops, No TRICARE Fee Increases**  
(MOAA Newsletter- 16 Aug)

**President Donald Trump approved H.R. 515, the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019. The President signed the legislation in front of huge crowd at Fort Drum, N.Y.**

**"There is no better place than right here at Fort Drum to celebrate its passage. No better place," Trump told the cheering crowd, which included many uniformed service members. "After years of devastating cuts, we're now rebuilding our military like we never have before. Ever. Because we know that to survive, and having that survival of**



Marty Didamo, Carol Maasdam, and Janice Cook, the photographer wants to recommend them to replace TV's Golden Girls!! Just look at those smiles !!



Eric and Kim Otten were talking with Doug Pikop when photographer interrupted. But they smiled anyway.

**our freedom, it depends upon the might of our military."**

**The last time Congress passed a defense bill this early was over 20 years ago with the FY 1997 NDAA.**

**"The NDAA is a great example of bipartisan support for our military," said MOAA President and CEO Lt. Gen. Dana T. Atkins, (USAF Ret.). "Our Congress, and president, by signing this bill into law, recognize the selfless service of those in uniform by providing a proper pay raise and housing allowances. They**

**also recognize the need to increase troop strength to support Secretary Mattis' National Defense Strategy."**

**The legislation includes a 2.6 percent increase in basic pay for troops, which President Trump described as "the biggest increase in a decade."**

**President Trump also highlighted "\$11 billion for military construction, including family housing."**

**"Every day the military is fighting for us, and now we are fighting for you, 100 percent," Trump told the troops.**

**Other highlights of the FY2019 NDAA include:**

**-Authorization for active duty end-strength increases over FY 2018 levels for each service to put them better in line to meet the requirements of the National Defense Strategy (485,741 in the Army, 331,900 in the Navy, 186,100 in the Marine Corps, and 325,720 in the Air Force).**



Tom Meyers with Maria and Ron Bailey

- No increases to TRICARE fees.**
- No reduction to the basic allowance for housing.**
- Progress on modernizing the 38-year-old Defense Officer Personnel Management Act to provide more flexible options to the services.**
- Authorization for \$40 million in DoD supplemental impact aid and \$10 million in impact aid for severely disabled military children.**
- Eligibility expansion for Special Victims' Counsel services to victims of domestic violence and other aggravated violent offenses.**
- Establishment of a new punitive article on domestic violence in the Uniform Code of Military Justice; and authorization for military judges and magistrates to issue military protective orders.**



**Sharon & Ron Russell have been our hospitality team for several years. They are making plans to spend several months with their son, daughter-in-law, AND, GRANDAUGHTER in Florida. We need a replacement team for them. Otherwise our dinner nights will become a messy long dragged out affair with long ordering & payment lines. Call them at 402-297-4244 to find out how much is involved.**

**Get a Glimpse Inside VA's Major Overhaul**

**(By: Cmdr. René Campos, USN (Ret), MOAA staff, 14 August)**

***“Do you remember the VA MISSION Act- the massive, most comprehensive health care reform bill passed out of Congress in over 25 years and signed into law by President Donald Trump on June 6?***

***VA has quietly begun working on implementing these major changes but recognizes it can't do so without veterans' help.***

***VA wants to know what questions veterans have about the VA MISSION Act as VA moves forward in rolling out these huge health system changes.***

***While MOAA and other veteran service organizations (VSO) have started working with VA to implement the legislation, veterans are central to making the transformation smooth and in helping the department meet the very tight deadline mandated by Congress.***

***Passage of the VA MISSION Act signaled Congress' readiness to implement major changes in VA's health care system - seen by some congressional leaders as long overdue reform.***

***One of the most significant changes veterans will see in the next few months is the elimination of the Veterans Choice Program, established in 2014, to provide temporary relief and help VA rebuild internal capacity to reduce long wait times for veterans seeking health care. A new, streamlined community care program will replace Choice and consolidate multiple community care programs currently managed by VA into a single program.***

***A few other major changes veterans can expect to see are:***

***-the expansion of VA's comprehensive caregiver support program, opening up the program to eligible pre-9/11 veterans;***

***-veterans and their doctors will be able to decide the best option on where the veteran should get their care, whether inside VA or in the community;***

***-walk-in health care services with local community providers.***

***What would normally take three to five years to implement such massive system changes, Congress gave VA one year from the enactment of the MISSION Act to replace the Choice Program and two years to implement the caregiver program expansion.***

***VA provided MOAA and other VSOs a little peek under the tent as to the rough timelines the department is working under to combine and implement the new community care program and walk-in care services over the next year. Here's generally what we know:***

***-Phase 1, June - October 2018. Build the operating structure, access and eligibility criteria, new veteran care contract agreements, and new competency standards for community providers; and, draft regulations.***

***-Phase 2, November 2018 - February 2019. Complete and test the operating structure and elements initiated in Phase 1; continue rollout of the new community care provider network; begin educating and training VA staff; and, finalized regulations.***

***-Phase 3, March - June 2019. Transition and begin operation of the new walk-in care and community care program; continue educating VA staff; continue rollout of new community care provider network; begin using new competency standards for community providers; publish regulations; and, end the Choice Program.***

***So here's what MOAA needs from you. We need you to send us your questions about the VA MISSION Act that you want VA to answer and communicate to veterans now and throughout the implementation of the system reforms.***

**To help get you started, here are a couple questions MOAA has already provided to VA we think veterans will want to know:**

**-How can veterans expect VA to communicate with them as progress is made in implementing the MISSION Act and how can veterans provide feedback throughout the process?**

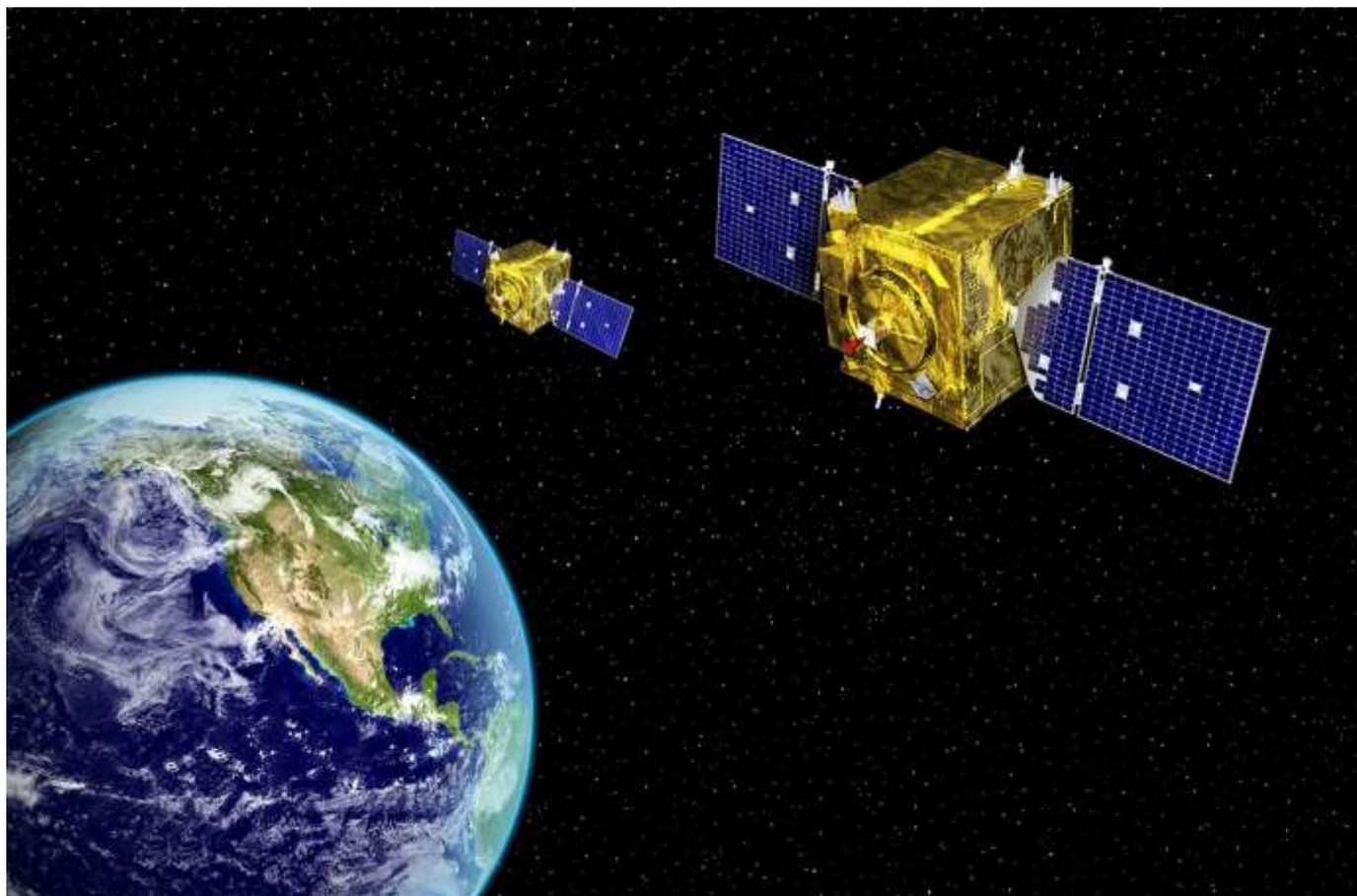
**-What does walk-in care mean and will I be charged for getting this care outside of my VA medical center?**

**Now, what questions are on your mind?**

**Please send your questions to [legis@moaa.org](mailto:legis@moaa.org) and we will share your questions with VA as well any communication and marketing materials as they become available.”**

### **Space Force to Become Sixth Branch of Armed Forces**

(MOAA Newsletter- 16 Aug)



**In a speech at the Pentagon, the vice president announced plans to establish a new combatant command -- U.S. Space Command -- as well as a Space Operations Force and a new joint organization called the Space Development Agency.**

**The announcement follows a seven-week review by DoD, directed by President Donald J. Trump, of “the process necessary to establish a space force as the sixth branch of the armed forces.”**

**“In his inaugural address to the nation, President Trump declared that the United States stands ‘at the birth of a new millennium, ready to unlock the mysteries of space,’” Pence said.**

**Space Force: Just as advances in aviation technology drove the emergence of air as a new battlefield in the 20th century, advances in space technology have made it clear that space is the new battlefield for the 21st century, the vice president said. The U.S. will meet the emerging threats on this new battlefield, he said, and carry on the cause of liberty and peace into the next great frontier.**

**“The time has come to establish the United States Space Force,” Pence said. It will be separate from, but equal to, the five other branches, he said. “To be clear: the Space Force will not be built from scratch, because the men and women who run and protect our nation’s space programs today are already the best in the world,” the vice president said.**

**“Across this department and our intelligence agencies, there are literally tens of thousands of military personnel, civilians and contractors operating and supporting our space systems -- and together, they are the eyes and ears of America's warfighters around the globe,” Pence said.**

**Peace Through Strength: Actions by U.S. adversaries make it clear that space is already a warfighting domain, the vice president said. “For many years, nations from Russia and China to North Korea and Iran have pursued weapons to jam, blind and disable our navigation and communications satellites via electronic attacks from the ground,” Pence said. “But recently, our adversaries have been working to bring new weapons of war into space itself.”**

**In 2007, China launched a missile that tracked and destroyed one of its own satellites, the vice president said. And Russia is working on an airborne laser to disrupt space-based systems, he added. “Both nations are also investing heavily in what are known as hypersonic missiles designed to fly up to 5 miles per second at such low altitudes that they could potentially evade detection by our missile defense radars,” Pence said. “In fact, China claimed to have made its first successful test of a hypersonic vehicle just last week.”**

**In every domain, America will always seek peace, the vice president said. “But history proves that peace only comes through strength,” he added. “And in the realm of outer space, the United States Space Force will be that strength.”**

**Action Steps: The report to be released represents a critical step toward establishing the Space Force, he said. It identifies several actions that DoD will**

**take as the nation evolves its space capabilities, “and they are built on the lessons of the past,” Pence said.**

**First, the report calls for the creation of the U.S. Space Command, a new unified combatant command for space. “This new command ... will establish unified command and control for our Space Force operations, ensure integration across the military, and develop the space warfighting doctrine, tactics, techniques, and procedures of the future,” he said.**

**Second, the report calls for the establishment of a Space Operations Force -- an elite group of joint warfighters, specializing in the domain of space, who will form the backbone of the nation's newest armed service. This force will draw from across the military to provide space expertise in times of crisis and conflict, Pence said.**

**“Third, the report calls for a new joint organization -- the Space Development Agency -- that will ensure the men and women of the Space Force have the cutting-edge warfighting capabilities that they need and deserve,” he said.**

**Finally, the report calls for clear lines of responsibility and accountability to manage the process of establishing and growing the Space Force, including the appointment of an assistant secretary of defense for space, the vice president said.**

**“Creating a new branch of the military is not a simple process,” Pence noted. “It will require collaboration, diligence and, above all, leadership. As challenges arise and deadlines approach, there must be someone in charge who can execute, hold others accountable, and be responsible for the results.”**

**Ultimately, Congress must establish the new department, the vice president said. “Next February, in the president's budget, we will call on the Congress to marshal the resources we need to stand up the Space Force, and before the end of next year, our administration will work with the congress to enact the statutory authority for the space force in the National Defense Authorization Act,” he said.**

### **Here's How Military Retirees Can Prepare for FEDVIP Open Season**

**(by CAPT. Paul Frost, USN (Ret) - MOAA newsletter – 16 Aug)**

***“You've probably heard TRICARE's Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) will cease coverage Dec. 31. You might have heard you will not be automatically enrolled in a new dental plan. However, if you were covered under TRDP, you are eligible to enroll in dental coverage through the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP).***

***If you have TRDP and wish to maintain dental coverage in 2019, you must take action between Nov. 12 and Dec. 10. That four-week window from November to December, known as Open Season, gives you the opportunity to enroll in the dental plan that will meet your needs in 2019. Are you ready for Open Season? Here's one place to start.***

**Additionally, retirees and their families who are currently covered by a TRICARE health plan are eligible to enroll in vision coverage through FEDVIP. Visit the [BENEFEDS website](#) to explore your options for selecting dental and vision plans. MOAA recommends you start researching the numerous options for dental and vision plans you can enroll in during Open Season. Don't miss this opportunity to start deciding what will benefit you in 2019!**

**The BENEFEDS website is easy to navigate and provides a plethora of information on each plan. Below the welcome message, there are three links to help you decide where to go next. I'd recommend starting with Retirees. Click the Learn More option then the blue View Full Article option. On this subpage you can find information on the dental changes, a new vision option, preparation tips, and enrollment information.**

**By clicking this link ["Compare current 2018 plans and rates"](#) (link also available on the BENEFEDS site under the How to prepare section), you'll have access to the FEDVIP Plan Comparison Tool.**

**You'll open FEDVIP Plan Comparison Tool, which is a blue box under the subheading of the same name, and select which program type you want to compare (dental or vision), enter your zip code (yes, just like TRDP - where you live determines premium structure), and how frequently you intend to make payments.**

**Test Comparisons: (Your results will reflect different numbers as stated above) In my test, I found that a retiree, with a spouse, in Alexandria, Va., has a choice of 13 plans ranging from a low of \$36.14 a month up to \$107.92 per month. That's quite a disparity in premiums! Well, you're not done. Each plan has a "View Details" link that will provide you with some of that plan's finer points, plus there is a link to a .pdf file with the actual plan brochure from the provider - the "small print."**

**As a comparison, the cheaper plan (Dominion Dental, HMO) has \$0 deductible per person, covers 100 percent for Class A (basic) services with a \$10 per patient co-pay, 56 percent for Class B (Intermediate) services plus a \$10 per patient co-pay, and 40-percent co-pay for Class C (Major) services plus a \$10 per patient co-pay. There is no annual maximum benefit under this plan. Finally, you can only use this plan "In Network."**

**At the high end (Delta Dental, PPO), there's a \$50 deductible per person, but 100-percent/90-percent coverage (In/Out Network) for Class A services, 70 percent/60 percent for Class B services, and 50 percent/40 percent for Class C services. The annual maximum benefit per person is \$30,000/\$3000 (In/Out).**

**This family also would have to choose from eight vision plans ranging from \$12.76 to \$28.90 per month.**

**By comparison, a retiree in Jacksonville, Fla., would have to choose from 11 dental plans ranging from \$42.79 to \$92.80 per month.**

**Keep in mind, these comparisons are for the 2018 plan year, which ends Dec. 31. Plan information will be updated in October, according to BENEFEDS. Sign up for your BENEFEDS account today and use their comparison tool to start researching the best plan(s) for you and your family.**

***Intimidated by the abundance of choices being offered? Join MOAA's financial and benefits experts, Lt. Col. Shane Ostrom, USAF (Ret), CFP®, and Capt. Paul Frost, USN (Ret), AFC®, for a detailed [FEDVIP webinar](#) on Oct. 9, 2018. Sign up in September.***

***Shane and Paul will demonstrate “How to Shop for a Plan” - going through the details of how to compare the different options that each plan provides. Are you more comfortable with a higher premium with lower co-pays or vice versa? Is orthodonture coverage important for your family? This webinar's registration will be available in mid-September, but you can track all MOAA Career and Education events here at [MOAA Events](#).***

***Also, stay tuned for our Facebook Live town hall, hosted by MOAA's Health Affairs advocate Capt. Kathy Beasley, USN (Ret), FACHE, with a guest speaker from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), the human resources management office. A date for the Facebook Live town hall will be announced after the 2019 plan rates are available in October.***

#### **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.**

**As MOAA does, 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

<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. Three membership levels to meet the needs of all Officers.</p>	 <b>BASIC</b>	 <b>PREMIUM</b>	 <b>LIFE</b>
<p><b>Features of each Membership level</b></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, &amp; access to all of MOAA-exclusive pubs &amp; news updates. <b>Full access to a wide variety of member benefits for today's career officer.</b></p>	<p>Receive all the benefits that PREMIUM membership has plus exclusive privileges and benefits.</p>
<p><b>Membership Dues</b></p>	<p>Free</p>	<p>1 year - \$43, 2 years - \$79 3 years - \$105</p>	<p>Dues are based on your current age</p>
<p>Support of critical advocacy efforts to protect the benefits of the entire military community.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Electronic access to several of MOAA's news updates.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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<p><b>Career transition resources</b> MOAA helps transition efforts by hosting career fairs, resume critiques, training sessions &amp; much more.</p>		<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>Expert advice on your military pay &amp; benefits</b> MOAA's team of highly trained professionals can help you receive the military benefits you've earned through one-on-one counseling.</p>		<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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<p><b>Scholarships, interest-free loans, &amp; grants</b></p>		<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>MOAA Chapters</b> Take advantage of the opportunity to get involved &amp; meet fellow offices 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>
<p><b>Bonus travel rewards and discounts</b></p>			<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>Initiation fee waived at the Army and Navy Club of Washington, D. C.</b></p>			<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>Protection for your spouse</b> Membership benefits transfer to your spouse should something happen to you.</p>		<p><b>SURVIVING SPOUSE DUES</b> 1 Yr - \$40   2 Yr - \$72   3 Yr - \$95</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>



The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is the country's leading organization protecting the rights of military 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 APPLICATION

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

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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**



Do you realize that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we're kids? If you're less than ten years old, you're so excited about aging that you think in fractions. "How old are you?" "I'm four and a half." You're four and a half.... going on 5! You get into your teens; and you simply jump to the next number. "How old are you?" "I'm gonna be 16." You could be 12, but you're gonna be 16, eventually! Then the great day arrives and you become 21. Wow! Even the words sound like a ceremony. You BECOME 21!! Then you turn 30. What happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk. He TURNED. What's wrong? What changed? You BECOME 21. You TURN 30; You're PUSHING 40. You REACH 50. Then you MAKE IT to 60. By then you've built up so much speed, you HIT 70. After that, it's a day by day thing. You HIT Wednesday.... You get into your 80's; you HIT lunch, you HIT 4:30. And it doesn't end there.... Into the 90's, you start going backwards, "I was JUST 92." Then a strange thing happens; if you make it over 100, you become a little kid again, "I'm 100 and a half."

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## Dinner Reservations

### Members, WE NEED YOUR HELP

*The Chapter has an urgent need for two to four volunteers to take over the Hospitality Committee. Ron and Sharon Russell, our current Committee members, will be leaving the Committee after the December Chapter Dinner, so we must have replacements, who can begin preparing now, to ensure a smooth transition of Committee responsibilities.*

*The Hospitality Committee Chairman is a Chapter Board position that requires four to five hours per month. If you are interested in supporting the Committee, that manages our monthly Chapter Dinners, please call Ron Russell, 402-297-4244, to discuss what is involved. The chapter needs you.*

Date: **Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

After dinner, M/Gen Rick Evans will speak about the new STRATCOM HQ.

**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.**

Time: Social Hour – 6PM

Dining Hour – 7:00PM

Place: Anthony’s Steakhouse

7220 F Street – Omaha

Meal selections are as follows:

Chicken Marsala Breast w/Herbal Red Potatoes & Green Beans Almondine - \$23.65

\_\_\_\_\_ - With Spumoni Ice Cream - \$26.65\_\_\_\_\_

Sliced Roast Pork Tenderloin w/Herbal Red Potatoes & Green Beans Almondine - \$27.60

\_\_\_\_\_ - With Spumont Ice Cream - \$30.60\_\_\_\_\_

Chef Salad - \$17.00

\_\_\_\_\_ With Spumoni Ice Cream - \$20.0\_\_\_\_\_

RSVP: Lt Col Ron & Sharon Russell - Tel: 402-297-4244 - [heartlandmoaa@hotmail.com](mailto:heartlandmoaa@hotmail.com)

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 Ron 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 have to send you a bill for the cost.**

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