



# HEART OF AMERICA CHAPTER

## Military Officers Association of America

(Visit our Web Site at [www.moaahoa.org](http://www.moaahoa.org))

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# A Missouri Veterans Commission Representative to speak at Luncheon

Regrettably our originally scheduled speaker, Chris Kuehl, had to cancel due to a health problem requiring surgery. Kevin Colyott is a Service Officer with the Commission and has kindly arranged on short notice to speak at our January luncheon.



The Missouri Veterans Commission provides our Veterans with timely benefits assistance, skilled nursing care and a final resting place with honor. It is a state agency established by Missouri Statute to aid all Veterans, their dependents, and legal representatives by providing information regarding the rights of Veterans and their dependents and to assist Veterans accessing their available benefits through State and Federal Government.

Our Meeting will be held January 27, 2018 (4th Saturday) at the new DAV (Disabled American Veterans) building at 14605 East Hwy 40, Kansas City, MO 64136. The Auxiliary Luncheon begins

at 1145 hours with the MOAA Luncheon beginning at 1215 hours. Cost of the lunch is \$12.00.

To get to the DAV from Independence, Missouri, exit off I-70 onto Noland to go south for 1 mile to E Hwy 40. Turn left and drive one-half mile. DAV is on the south side of E Hwy 40.

Everyone must have a meal reservation by Wednesday of the week before the luncheon. Substitute meals must be made at time of reservation. Cancellations must be called in by 9:00 a.m. Saturday of the luncheon.

To make reservations, contact Samuel or Judy Leonard by telephone at 816-792-0744 or by e-mail at [jlynn2@kc.rr.com](mailto:jlynn2@kc.rr.com) by Wednesday before the meeting.

## Meeting Information

**TOPIC:** Veterans Benefits Assistance

**SPEAKER:** Kevin Colyott  
Missouri Veterans Commission

Saturday, January 27, 2018

**TIME:** 10:30 a.m. - Executive Board Meeting  
11:30 a.m. - Auxiliary  
12:15 p.m. - MOAA

**MENU:** Salisbury Steak, Vegetable, Salad, Mashed Potatoes/Mushroom Gravy, Roll/Butter, Dessert, Coffee, Iced Tea, Desert

*(Substitute Meals of Baked Chicken Breast or Hamburger Steak must be requested at Time of Reservation)*

**LOCATION:**  
Disabled American Veterans  
14605 East Highway 40  
Kansas City, Missouri 64136

Call Sam and Judy Leonard at 816-792-0744 for Reservations or e-mail [jlynn2@kc.rr.com](mailto:jlynn2@kc.rr.com)

## 2018 Meeting Calendar

27 January*	No July Meeting
24 February	25 August*
24 March *	22 September
28 April	27 October*
19 May * (3rd Sat)	17 November* (3rd Sat)
23 June (Chapter Picnic)	8 December (Holiday Party)

**NOTE:** All Meetings are on the 4th Saturday EXCEPT as indicated. They vary according to a holiday or available date.

\*(Exec Council meets at 10:30 am)

**Web Site:** [www.moaahoa.org/](http://www.moaahoa.org/)

# Notes from the President



by Jerry Magliano



As I was beginning to write this newsletter message, I received the unfortunate word that our speaker, Chris Kuehl, had to cancel due to a serious health issue requiring surgery. He is hopeful that after a month or two of recuperation, he will be able to attend and deliver his

presentation at a future meeting. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

I would first like to wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year. I also want to thank Bruce and Susan Eveland for their exemplary and dedicated leadership of the Chapter and Auxiliary over the past several years.

I look forward to working with our new leadership team members Grant Montgomery and Mike Neer and returning members Emma Toops and Keith Pechak as well as all the members of the various committees and the Auxiliary led by Diane Christianson without whom this Chapter could not perform its mission.

A special thanks to Jim Davis who has agreed to stay on as Secretary until we find a replacement.

During the coming year we will continue with our Scholarship Program, VA Hospital visit and Family Assistance Program. Without your generosity, none of these programs would be possible and without your membership dues, we would not have a Chapter. If you have not already done so, please renew your membership as soon as possible so we can better plan for the coming year. We will also be applying for a grant offered by MOAA National to help fund our Family Assistance Program.

Our greatest challenge will remain recruiting new members. Bruce and Keith have spent many hours on this effort and will continue to do so. Please assist them in any way you can. If you know of any potential members, let them know. Your leadership team is here to NEVER STOP SERVING. Your feedback is essential to performing our mission in the most effective and efficient manner possible.

## Heart of America Chapter Military Officers Association of America



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### 2018 Heart of America Chapter Officers

POSITION	RANK	OFFICER	HOME
President	Maj	Jerry Magliano	913-530-1761
1st Vice President	LTC	Grant Montgomery	913-494-7619
2nd Vice President	COL	Mike Neer	913-908-6621
Recording Secy	CAPT	Jim Davis	816-373-1523
Membership Secy	MAJ	Keith Pechak	913-915-2131
Treasurer	MAJ	Emma Toops	719-200-9530
Immed Past President	COL	G. Bruce Eveland	609-238-6141
Auxiliary President	Mrs.	Diane Christianson	816-240-8315

**APPOINTED OFFICERS:**

Chaplain VACANT

**STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS):**

Finance	Col	Gary Reeves	816-524-5571
Legislative	Maj	Bill Tudor	816-365-6148
Membership	Maj	Gary J. Fox	816-525-3592
Program	Capt	Don Dawson	816-741-4027
Scholarship	Maj	Victor Christianson	816-240-8315
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# Auxiliary News



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

Our new President, Diane Christianson, is recovering from her accident and will be at our January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. I spoke with Diane today, she sounded great; we are all anxious to see her getting back to a normal routine. To help her out I volunteered to write this newsletter for her, a quick review of December, 2017.

I cannot thank Tina Dawson enough for obtaining the family we adopted at Christmas. Tina was also an enormous help with the shopping for this family with 5 children. Both the Mother and Father have served in the military. This family, with two sets of twins ages 11 and 6, then a 4 year old, have their hands full. One of the 11 year old girls has cerebral palsy. Tina and I were heart struck when we saw their Christmas wish list. The first 3 items on the list were a warm blanket, snow shoes and a winter coat for each child. They received this along with other clothing, shoes and several toys. The parents were given gift cards for Walmart and HyVee to help with food purchases and other needs that could arise through the upcoming cold months. This was all made possible by you... the wonderful MOAA Heart of America Chapter members. Thank you for making the Christmas of 2017 a wonderful one for this deserving family.

Big thanks to Terrie Jo Fox, Madelon Kadlic, Sandy Rose and Tina Dawson for their help in setting up for our Christmas luncheon. We enjoyed spending time with friends, accompanied by marvelous electric harp playing.

Congratulations to our new slate of officers: President, Diane Christianson, Vice-President, Susan Eveland, Treasurer, Terrie Jo Fox and Secretary, Madelon Kadlic.

Our hostess for January is Mary Ann Robker. Please join us for our auxiliary meeting January 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am; following our meeting we will join the MOAA for their luncheon and program.

*Susan*

Susan Eveland  
Past Auxiliary President  
MOAA-HOAC

## Christmas Holiday Luncheon Photos



Top Picture is Maj Gen William Treu presents G. Bruce Eveland with the chapters Past President Pin. Middle picture is the instalation of the 2018 chapter officers. The bottom photo shows chapter members talking to each other before the Luncheon begins.



**YOU CAN HELP:** In November the Chapter will be mailing the 2018 membership dues statement. You can save the Chapter the cost of printing and mailing a dues invoice by completing the form below and mail the form with your check before 18 November 2017 or by purchasing your membership at the November 18 Chapter Meeting.



# Heart of America Chapter (HOAC) Chapter and Auxiliary Membership Application or Renewal

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Is this Renewal or Application Request: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Dues are \$20/Yr

Auxiliary Dues are \$5/Yr

Checks payable to: HOAC/MOAA

Mail to: Treasurer HOAC-MOAA  
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Shawnee, KS 66286