



HEART OF AMERICA CHAPTER

Military Officers Association of America

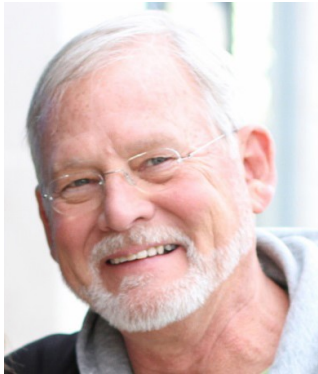
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Gary DeRigne, Author and Speaker, to Speak About Issues Facing Veterans

Gary DeRigne served in Vietnam as an infantry platoon sergeant with the Army's 1st Cavalry Division, and was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Purple Heart, and the Bronze Star, among other decorations. He is the author of *One Young Soldier*, a novel acclaimed for its realism in depicting the life of an infantry soldier in combat, and *Angie's War*, a new sequel that



brings the story forward to modern times and modern wars, and highlights the physical and emotional aftermath. Gary is the retired president of Kansas City's YARCO Property Management Company, an organization dedicated to providing decent, affordable housing for Americans with limited income. His earlier career was with Butler Manufacturing Company, where he

served as senior vice president of Information Technology and Engineering Services. A distinguished graduate of the Rockhurst University Executive MBA program, Gary taught for several years as an adjunct professor with Rockhurst's Helzberg School of Management, concentrating on Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility. He has also served as a volunteer, board member, officer, and committee chair with several of Kansas City's leading human services charities, and has been named a "Philanthropic Leader of Kansas City" by Ingram's Magazine.

Meeting Information

TOPIC: Issues facing Veterans
SPEAKER: Gary DeRigne
Saturday, February 22 2020
TIME: *No Executive Board Meeting*
12:15 p.m. - MOAA Lunch
MENU: Fried Shrimp/Cocktail Sauce, Au Gratin Potatoes
Vegetable, Salad, Roll/Butter. Coffee/Tea.
Cherry Dessert

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

LOCATION:

*Disabled American Veterans 14605 .
Highway 40 Kansas City, Missouri 64136*

Call David or Emma Toops at 913-967-9745 or email them at info@toopsconsulting.com

2020 Meeting Calendar

25 January*	No July Meeting
22 February	22 August*
28 March *	26 September
25 April	24 October* (3rd Sat)
16 May * (3rd Sat)	21 November* (3rd Sat)
20 June (Chapter Picnic)	5 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)indicated

Notes From The President



Jerry Magliano

President's Message

As many of you know, February is celebrated each year as African American History Month. In 1976, during the celebration of the United States Bicentennial, President Ford urged Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history" and designated February, the birth month of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, for this purpose.

A number of other countries celebrate this history as well. In spite of suffering the indignities, atrocities and injustice of slavery and segregation, African Americans have served this country honorably and valiantly during both peace and war. Executive Order 9981 was issued by President Harry Truman to abolish discrimination "on the basis of race, color, religion or national origin" in the Armed Forces of the United States. Recently, the newest class aircraft carrier was named the USS Doris Miller, after an African American sailor who was awarded the Navy Cross for heroism during the Pearl Harbor attack and who was later killed in action. Some of you may also remember Harvey Bayless, who was a Tuskegee Airman and Chapter member until he passed back in 2014. I hope you will reflect upon the sacrifices and accomplishments of the many great African Americans who served this country in the military, government and civilian life in spite of the obstacles they faced. I look forward to seeing you all on February 22nd. In the meantime, stay warm and stay healthy.

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Unlike many veteran's organizations, National MOAA and Local Chapters collect yearly dues independently. Chapter Dues are due in January and are currently \$20. The Auxiliary Dues are \$10. If there is an "*" after your last name in the address bar, we have not received your dues for the current year. Please send your Dues payment to **TREASURER, Vic Christianson, 10635 Hwy D, Napoleon Mo 64074. Thank you for continued support!**

Auxiliary News

Whew! January just flew by and here it is February. Happy Valentine's Day to each of you.

As always, Chris Kuehl, our speaker for January, was very informative to our large group in attendance. We look forward to hearing our next speaker. Our hostess for February will be Susan Eveland. Thank you to our hostess for January. Looking forward to seeing all of at our next meeting on Saturday, February 22.

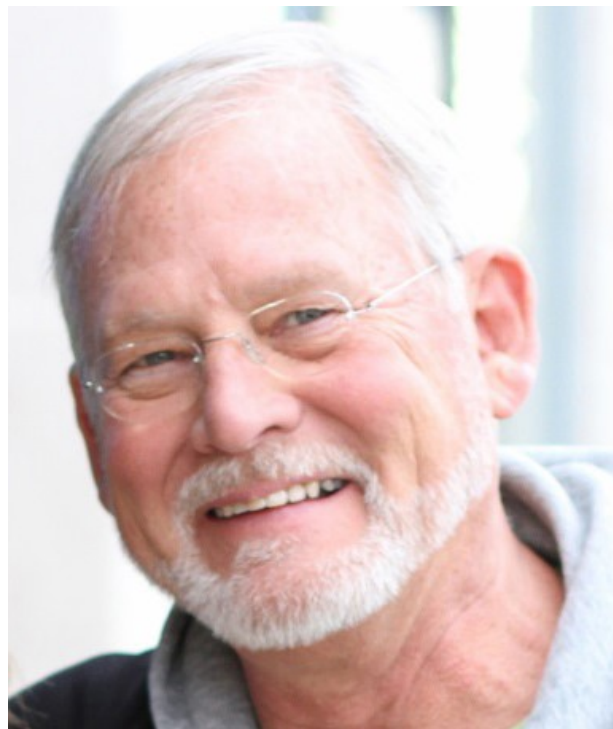
Thank you.

Tina Dawson
Auxiliary President
MOAA/HOA



Jerry with our January speaker Chris Kuehl

Our members at January Meeting



Our February Guest speaker Gary DeRigne



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

Date: _____ (Circle one) RENEWAL or APPLICATION

NAME: OFFICER _____ PRIMARY PHONE: Cell or Home or Work (circle one)

MAME AUXILARY _____

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Chapter Dues are \$20/yr (January to December) Auxiliary Dues are \$10/Yr Checks payable to HOAC-MOAA

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