



# Middle Tennessee Chapter

# Military Officers Association of America



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## MOAA Monthly Luncheon

September 22, 2009  
11:30 AM

Old Natchez Country Club  
115 Gardengate Dr  
Franklin TN 37069

**CDR Mike Neuser**  
Commander  
Naval Recruiting District  
Nashville

## Annual All Services Scholarship Program

We continue our focus on local Chapter Members as we hear from CDR Mike Neuser, the new of Commander of the Naval Recruiting District Nashville as he leads a discussion on the Military Scholarship Programs available from all of the Military Services.

This year CDR Neuser will expand the discussion to all forms of officer scholarships; discussing all of the scholarship programs available to young adults at different stages in their educational careers. We hope to have representation from all of the services; with a goal of continuing to build a lasting relationship with the counselors that will be present and hopefully increased recruiting activity via counselor referrals.

This program represents a very important opportunity for our Chapter to assist in facilitating the recruitment of officer candidates from the Middle Tennessee area. Please come and contribute as we ensure the future of our military leadership.

## Officers

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## Chapter Auxiliary Liaison

Congratulations and a big Thank You to **Mrs. Patricia Bergquist** who has graciously stepped forward to fill the position of Chapter Auxiliary Liaison for the Middle TN Chapter. The Liaison position is being created Nationwide to provide a voice as well as a resource for our Auxiliary Members. We will learn more about how we can continue to support our Auxiliary Members as the National program takes shape.

## 2010 Dues

At our August Board meeting we arrived at the decision that we would need to increase our annual dues to \$20.00 per year for regular members if we wanted to continue our current level of operations. At the same time we decided that dues for Auxiliary members should be maintained at their current level of \$5.00 per year. We did not arrive at this decision easily; however, our dues have been steady at \$15.00 per year since at least the year 2000, but our costs have continued inch ever upward. This will be a point of discussion and vote at the January Organizational Meeting.

## MTC Board Notes

Our August speaker, Col Gus Schettler presented a very clear picture of the constantly changing environment in which the Tennessee Air National Guard must operate, and of the continuous transformation that has become the norm as the Air National Guard strives to meet the needs of our State and Nation. The terms "space" and "cyber-space" were used frequently as new missions were described, and it was quite obvious that this reshaping of missions and organizational structures will be a long term journey rather than a short term destination.

Congratulations are in order for : **MAJ Matt Smith** who was promoted to Major on 28 July 2009 (the date that he addressed our Chapter on the deployment of the 278th ACR back to Iraq). **LCDR Scott Wheeler** who has returned from a successful tour of Iraq, and will be retiring in the Franklin area and possibly joining our Board.

In October we will begin addressing the option of being able to receive our newsletter electronically via email, rather than using USPS mail service for delivery. This is both a cost savings measure and a gain in efficiency for this organization and we are very excited about its possibilities. This is all the more reason to ensure that we have your correct email address on record!

The trip to Arnold AFB is morphing from a bus trip to a van trip augmented by individual drivers who have expressed the desire to drive. We will still need to know who is going and now who needs transportation as we continue to work this event.

Doug Minton, President, MTC

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## Upcoming MTC Programs

October 27

Tour of Arnold AFB

Our plan calls for us to assemble at Old Natchez Country Club at 6:30 AM, and depart from there no later than 7:00 AM for the drive to Tullahoma, TN. **If you want to drive independently, we will still need to get you on the roster for the tour.** Our guided tour of Arnold Engineering Development Center is scheduled to start at 9:00 AM and conclude at approximately 11:00 AM; at which time our current plan is to proceed to the Base Club for lunch. Following lunch we will return to Franklin, TN, with an approximate arrival time of 2:30 PM.

If you require transportation, then the cost will be \$20.00 per person; plus you will be responsible for your own lunch cost.

**We will continue to collect the transportation cost at the September meeting!**

November 24

**Col Jackie Nave, TN ANG**  
Aeromedical Evacuation

**NO DECEMBER MEETING**

January 26

**Annual Chapter Organizational Meeting**

## TRICARE News

### Retiree At-Cost Hearing Aid Program (RACHAP)

According to TRICARE, retirees may participate in the Retiree-At-Cost Hearing Program at participating facilities accepting retirees. You don't need to return to your service affiliation to participate in the program. RACHAP does not cover family members of retirees. For more information about RACHAP visit;

[www.militaryaudiology.org](http://www.militaryaudiology.org). Ft. Campbell is a participant ; call 270.798.8131 and falls under the category of "Yes w/civilian staff."

### TRICARE Regional Contract Update

Transition to new managed-care support contractors for six million Tricare beneficiaries across 30 states has been halted while the Government Accountability Office reviews protests filed by losing bidders. Tricare Management Activity (TMA) announced last month that UnitedHealth Military & Veterans Services of Minnetonka, Minn., would take over the South Region from Humana Military Healthcare Services. But Humana too is protesting the award, potentially worth \$21.9 billion. The protests, filed in late July, led to "stop work" orders on the two contracts until GAO rules on the protests. It does so routinely within 100 days. That delay, combined with the required 10-month transition, means new contracts for the North and South regions will not take effect before the fall of 2010.

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