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MOAA Monthly Luncheon

November 24, 2009
11:30 AM

Old Natchez Country Club
115 Gardengate Dr
Franklin TN 37069

Col Jackie Nave
Commander, 118th
Aeromedical Evacuation
Squadron

Colonel Jacqueline Nave is the Commander, 118th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, TN Air National Guard.

Colonel Nave directs the second largest aeromedical evacuation squadron in the Air National Guard. She is responsible for ensuring quality patient care during air transport of military and/or civilian patients in disaster or war time contingency.

Before assuming her duties as Commander, Col Nave served as the Command Nurse for the Air National Guard and Chief of Aeromedical Plans and Operations in Arlington, Virginia. Colonel Nave entered the Air National Guard on May 16, 1986, completing requirements for both Flight Nurse and Medical Service Corps Officer; after receiving her Bachelor Degree in Nursing from Middle Tennessee State University .

Editors Note: While there are not many things that are common to all of our military careers or experiences; the place of honor that we reserve for those in our medical professions does fall into that category. Regardless of when you served, those that care for our military as we go in harms way are owed a special debt of gratitude. Let's show our appreciation through attendance at this meeting

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Mrs. Patricia Bergquist

MTC Board Notes

In October, 23 spouses and members of our Chapter braved a continuous rain and visited Arnold Air Force Base in Tullahoma. We had a very enjoyable tour of the Arnold Engineering Development Center, followed by a very nice lunch at the Arnold Lakeside Club. It was a great opportunity to learn about the impact that Arnold has had on so much of our country's aviation history, as well as an opportunity to become better acquainted with a great group of Chapter Members. (A quick note on the Arnold Lakeside Club; they serve dinner Thursday through Saturday each week and are open to anyone with a military ID. They can be contacted at 1-931-454-3350 for more information.)

Congratulations are in order for : **LTC James Wilburn, Vanderbilt ROTC** who was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on 1 October. Many of you had the opportunity to hear from Jim when he spoke to the Chapter in September (another promotion following a presentation to our chapter!)

On Oct. 27, the U.S. House of Representatives approved legislation granting a federal charter for MOAA. The Senate passed an identical bill Sept. 24. It now will be sent to the president, who is expected to sign it into law. This action is way overdue, but is recognition of the leadership that MOAA has provided in Washington and for its advocacy on legislation affecting Military members and veterans.

And finally, Happy Birthday this month to the Marine Corps, and Happy Veteran's Day to each of you!

Doug Minton, President, MTC

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 for at least the last ten years, but our costs have continued inch ever upward. This will be a point of discussion and vote at the January Organizational Meeting.

Newsletter via Email

In October we began distributing our newsletter via email to those members that agreed with this distribution manner. We have sent an email on this subject to each email address in our files, but to date we have only heard back from 89 of 137 members with email. If you have email, and have not already responded please send your address to info@mtcmooa.org today.

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Upcoming MTC Programs

NO DECEMBER MEETING

January 26, 2010

Annual Chapter Organizational Meeting

February 23, 2010

Annual Personal Affairs Presentation

TN Council of Chapters Report

The TN Council of MOAA Chapters met on October 21 in Mt. Juliet. Your Chapter was represented by John Ohlinger and Doug Minton and Mrs. Patricia Bergquist. Highlights of the meeting:

- COL Mark Kelly, of the Fort Campbell Chapter, has accepted the leadership position as the incoming Tennessee Council of Chapters President, replacing Greer Ruble in January for a two year term.
- The TN Council of Chapters unanimously elected to forego our annual membership assessment (.50 per member) for the 2010 membership year.
- Greer Ruble presented an overview of the Personal Affairs Information currently available from MOAA National.
- Patricia Bergquist presented her understanding of the MOAA Auxiliary Liaison program and urged the other Chapters to pursue this initiative in order to grow their representation of Auxiliary members.

TRICARE News

TRICARE Regional Contract Update

Last week, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) upheld Humana's protest that the TRICARE South Region contract award to United Health Services didn't comply with the law and regulations. Transition to new managed-care support contractors for Tricare beneficiaries served by this region had been halted while the Government Accountability Office reviews protests filed by Humana. Depending on the outcome of the next round of negotiations, and taking into account the required 10-month transition; it is possible that a new contract for the South region will not take effect before the fall of 2010.

Legislative News

Widows Win SBP Lawsuit

On October 22, the Defense Department announced it will not appeal the August 2009 ruling of the U.S. Court of Appeals in the case of three widows who sued the government to keep both their VA survivor benefits and their military Survivor Benefit Plan annuities. At issue is a 2004 law that restored DIC payments to veterans' surviving spouses who remarry after their 57th birthday. Before the law changed, survivors lost DIC upon remarriage at any age. The Defense Department has issued guidance to the services and Defense Finance and Accounting Service to identify all SBP annuitants who are eligible for DIC and who remarried after their 57th birthday. Qualifying survivors will be eligible to receive both payments in full, retroactive to January 1, 2004 or the date of their remarriage, whichever is later.