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MOAA Legislative Affairs Luncheon

26 September 2017; 11:30 AM

"Williamson County Crime Stoppers"

Mr. Clint McCain

Old Natchez Country Club
115 Gardengate Drive
Franklin, TN 37069

Crime Stoppers is a nationwide initiative whose objective is to motivate public involvement with local law enforcement efforts by providing applicable levels of law enforcement with information about criminal activity that might otherwise be unobtainable. The program is quite similar county to county across the state and the nation.

At this month's program we will be hearing from Mr. Clint McCain Chairman of the Williamson County Crime Stoppers.

This organization is made up of a board of civilian volunteers coordinated through the Williamson County Sheriff's Office of Crime Prevention Division. It serves all the communities in Williamson County, including: Franklin, Fairview, Nolensville, College Grove, Triune, Arlington, Thompson Station and Spring Hill.

Often citizens do not contact the police with information that could help solve a crime out of fear that if they reveal their own identity they would expose themselves or their family to acts of retaliation by the criminal. Through Crime Stoppers citizens who have knowledge of a specific crime are encouraged to contact the police with this information. Crime Stoppers allows any citizen to come forward with information and remain anonymous. The citizen is assured that their identity is protected and that any information reported will be utilized. Citizens are issued a code number that will be used to identify them. This code number is used to inquire on the status of the reported crime and collect reward money if any is offered.

Williamson County Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1000 for information called into 615-794-4000 that leads to an arrest and indictment. Callers remain anonymous, known only by the code number they are issued.

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Event Date Correction

Please note that last month we incorrectly reported the NROTC National Security Symposium to be held in the Langford Auditorium at Vanderbilt University as being on 4 October 2017 at 6:00 PM. **PLEASE CHANGE YOUR CALENDARS to show that it will be on 6 October 2017 at 4:00 PM.**

7th Annual OSDTN Heroes Breakfast.

The 7th Annual Heroes Breakfast on 18 August 2017 was a big success, with over 900 supporters in attendance. Our MOAA Chapter had approximately 26 members at the event (it was difficult to arrive at an exact headcount with that size crowd) in a variety of roles for a number of different veterans groups. Regardless of the organizational logo you may have been wearing that day, the important thing is that we were there in support of an organization that accomplishes a great deal in the Middle TN community. The 2018 event is scheduled to be held on 14 September in the Music City Center.

President's Letter

With all the weather action and discord with North Korea in recent weeks, our military has certainly been in the news. I think we can all be proud of the readiness of all services to save lives during weather emergencies while remaining ready to confront and deter international foes. Certainly, their professionalism and selflessness are examples for us all.

Last month, we initiated our annual scholarship campaign in support of the national scholarships for military dependents and for our local scholarships for veterans attending Lipscomb and Belmont Universities. As of early this week, we had made a great start but remain below what we have normally achieved in past years. If you have not given, please consider doing so in the next several weeks. You can send contributions to the chapter at MTC MOAA, P.O. Box 50252, Nashville, TN, 37205-0252, or bring them to our next lunch meeting on 26 September.

September is a big month for recognition of our armed services, military members and their families. Of course, September 11th will remain an important day to remember the terrorist attacks in 2001 and has been designated "Patriot Day." September 15th is POW/MIA Recognition Day. Many remain missing—let's not forget about them! Happy Birthday, US Air Force on September 18th! Finally, September 24th is Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day when we honor the families of our nation's fallen service members.

We have received some great comments about our programs in recent months and they will continue. We were honored to have Sen. Corker attend and be remarkably candid about his view of what is or is not happening in Washington and we appreciate it. This month, we will return to an item of local importance when Clint McCain will talk about "Williamson County Crimestoppers" on 26 September for our monthly luncheon. The Crime Stoppers initiative has been very successful across the United States, and although we will be hearing from the Williamson County Program Director the program is quite similar to what exists in Davidson and the other surrounding counties. Please mark your calendars to join us!

L. S. Cotton, Jr.
CAPT, U. S. Navy (Ret.), President, MTC

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Happy 70th Birthday to the U. S. Air Force
formed 18 September 1947.

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Upcoming Programs & Events

19 September 2017; 7-8:30 AM

“Matthew 25 Annual Fundraiser Breakfast”

511 Union Street, 27th Floor, Nashville

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21 September 2017; 6:00 PM

“Marshall County Veterans Town Hall”

Church Street Church of Christ Annex, Lewisburg, TN

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21-23 September 2017

“Military Retiree Appreciation Days”

“Huntsville MOAA Chapter Golf Scramble”

Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, AL

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26 September 2017; 11:30 AM

MTC Monthly Luncheon Meeting

“Williamson County Crime Stoppers”

Mr. Clint McCain

Chairman, Williamson County Crime Stoppers

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27 September 2017; 7:30 AM-12:30 PM

“MWR Four-Man Golf Tournament”

Presented by the Naval Operational Support Center
Smyrna, TN

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30 September 2017

“Military Retiree Appreciation Day”

Ft. Campbell, KY

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6 October 2017; 4:00 PM

“NROTC National Security Symposium”

Honorable Jeh Johnson

Fourth U. S. Secretary of Homeland Security
Langford Auditorium, Vanderbilt University Campus

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14-15 October 2017

OSDTN & VetLinX “Salute to Veterans”

Ft. Negley Park, Nashville, TN

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15 October 2017, Time TBD

“ASC 9th Annual Golf Scramble”

Stones River Country Club, Murfreesboro, TN

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24 October 2017; 11:30 AM

MTC Monthly Luncheon Meeting

“Jet Pioneer; A Fighter Pilot’s Memoir”

Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Carl Schneider, USAF

Legislative Update

Federal.

Choice Program. Since my last report in August, the VA Choice program received congressional support to fund the program for another six months. This \$2.1 billion funding bridge will hopefully allow congress to come up with a more permanent solution. Additionally, the administration’s plan to discontinue the Individual Unemployability benefit when a veteran becomes eligible for Social Security payments at age 62 has been dropped. This is due to the realization that Veterans “don’t suddenly stop suffering from a service-connected disability once they’re old enough to retire”.

State.

TVET. Doug Minton and I attended the inaugural Tennessee Veteran Empowerment Team (TVET) meeting on 2 Sept. TVET is a loose organization of TN Veteran Organizations focused on passing legislation supporting Veteran issues. During the last legislative session, TVET helped orchestrate the push that resulted in two major bills being passed; one of which was the restoration of the tax exemption limits for permanently and completely disabled Veteran home owners in TN.

Members of the Ft. Campbell MOAA Chapter have led the way in the creation of the TVET framework, primarily using the KY Joint Executive Council of Veterans Organizations (JECVO) as their model, and members of that organization attended this meeting. JECVO was organized in 1967 and has many years of experience pursuing the needs of KY’s 330,000 veterans. JECVO and the TVET organizers present all reinforced the principle of Veterans leverage through contact with their state representatives to voice their opinions on issues affecting veterans. Although we are blessed with supportive representatives on all aisles of the state legislature, issues proposed by other organizations often receive their funding over veterans issues because our voices have not been loud enough to be heard.

TVET is soliciting any issues and is identifying concerns for this coming legislation session. Please contact any of your MTCMOAA representatives with your concern’s and ideas.

Several Board members will attend a MOAA Regional workshop this month. One of our goals is to come away with ideas that will make us more effective at the federal level.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ COL Kent Crossley, USA Retired
Board Member and Legislative Affairs Liaison