

2020 Report to Members

**Military Officers Association
of America
Middle Tennessee Chapter (MTC)**

MOAA Levels of Excellence (LOE) 5 Star Chapter

- In September of 2019 MTC was once again designated a MOAA 5 Star Levels of Excellence (LOE) Chapter for the year 2018. This is our sixth consecutive year to receive this award.
- The 2018 MOAA LOE Awards were sent to the TN Council of Chapters for presentation. Pictured at right COL Doug Minton, President of the TN Council of Chapters presenting the Award to CAPT Dale Lewelling on 24 September 2019.



Annual Financial Report

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	2016	2017	2018	2019
Income:				
Dues	\$3,520.00	\$3365.00	\$3545.00	\$3295.00
MOAA Nat'l Incentive	250.00	335.00	100.00	90.00
Scholarship donations	4,285.00	4930.00	5680.00	5374.00
Total Income:	8,055.00	8630.00	9325.00	8759.00
Operating Costs:				
Luncheons	(509.00)	(576.00)	(455.00)	(176.67)
Administrative	(1,350.20)	(1,818.74)	(1,804.95)	(1,750.00)
Donations	(1,217.74)	(971.42)	(1,439.04)	(1,250.00)
Scholarships given	(4,285.00)	(5,000.00)	(5,680.00)	(5,374.00)
Cash for Luncheons	11.00	(5.00)	10.00	-
Total Operating Costs	(7,350.94)	(8,371.16)	(9,368.99)	(8,550.67)
Net Gain/(Loss)	704.06	258.84	(43.99)	208.33
Bank Balance Forward Jan. 01	5,204.50	5988.56	6,267.40	6,263.41
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Prepaid Dues 2020	80.00	20.00	40.00	40.00
Reconciling	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Bank Balance December 31	\$5,988.56	\$6,267.40	\$ 6,263.41	\$6,511.74

Legislative Affairs

Legislative Liaison

Federal

- MTC Members COL Doug Minton & Mrs. Patricia Bergquist participated in MOAA's 2019 *Storming the Hill* Event as part of their duties on the TN Council of Chapters (Minton) and the MOAA Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee (Bergquist) on 10 April 2019.
- NDAA 2020 was passed by Congress and signed by the President on 20 Dec 2019; highlights included:
 - A 3.1% pay raise for military personnel.
 - The FY20 NDAA completely eliminates the Widow's Tax, but in phases. No changes will take place in calendar year 2020. In 2021, one-third of the SBP will be restored. In 2022, two-thirds will be restored. On January 1, 2023, the SBP will be completely restored *and surviving spouses will receive their SBP and DIC payments in full.*

State

- Several MTC Members participated in the TVET "Veterans Day on the Hill" February 6, 2019 in support of legislative initiatives which were still in the developmental stage, due to the delay in beginning the legislative session.

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- Continued Veterans Day on the Hill issues:
 - ✓ Appointment of a veteran member to the statewide planning and policy council for the department of mental health and substance abuse services.
 - ✓ Selecting veterans to serve on State University and Community College Board of Regents
- MTC Member COL (Ret.) Sam Whitson was re-elected State Representative for District 65 (Franklin)
- New Commissioner for the Department of Veteran Services is Lt. Colonel (Retired) Courtney Rogers. Rogers has 28 years of service with the Air Force and Tennessee Air National Guard. Rogers served three terms as a state representative in the General Assembly prior to her appointment. She replaces COL (Retired) Many Bears Grinder.
- MG Jeff Holmes who had just been appointed as the Deputy Commanding General of 1st Army was appointed as the Commander, Tennessee National Guard. Prior to his 1st Army appointment he had served as the Deputy Adjutant General of the Tennessee National Guard.

Chapter Outreach

Reserve Officer Training Corps Support

- MOAA Outstanding Cadet medals and certificates awarded to three cadets from the respective four-year ROTC programs
 - ✓ Army ROTC (Vanderbilt University) – Cadet Lauren Couzens
 - ✓ Navy/Marine Corps ROTC (Vanderbilt University) – Midshipman 3/C Jacob Hardy
 - ✓ Air Force ROTC (Tennessee State University) – Cadet Thomas Norville
- Area ROTC Detachment Commanders advised of MOAA National scholarship and grant opportunities

Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Support

- 2019
 - ✓ Supported 13 JROTC units in 2019.
 - ✓ Chapter Members presented 12 awards to cadets at the JROTC units at Middle Tennessee high schools.
- 2018
 - ✓ Continuing to support 13 JROTC units in 2018.

Additional Chapter Outreach Opportunities & Events

- MTC Memorial Day Service at the Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery
- Congressional Academy Selection Committee Participation
- A Soldier's Child Foundation
- Centerstone Military Services
- Joshua Chamberlain Society
- Matthew 25 Foundation (Homeless Veterans)
- MOAA Military Family Initiative
- The Mission Continues
- Operation Stand Down Tennessee (OSDTN)
- Tennessee Fisher House
- USMCR Toys for Tots Program
- Wreaths Across America (Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery)
- USO Nashville
- Transition Assistance

2019 Scholarships

- Chapter Scholarship donations totaled \$5,374.00 (including a special gift of \$500 from CDR (Ret). John Ohlinger).
- For the fifth year, MTC MOAA funded Veterans Grants at Belmont and Lipscomb Universities in the amount of \$1,000.00 each.
- Our Chapter also continued building the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America Endowed Veterans Scholarship at Lipscomb University and funded it with \$3,374.00, including Lt.Col. Fleming Trust's gift.
- MTC continued to build on our 4th MOAA National Scholarship for dependents endowment with a gift of \$1,000. We currently have funded \$6,000 toward our 4th \$25,000 Endowment. MTC's three (3) \$25,000 endowed scholarships for the MOAA National Scholarships continue to fund dependent scholarships.

Membership

MTC Membership

- At the end of December 2019 we had 259 members.
- Membership is a mix of 4% currently serving, 10% former officers, 13% surviving spouses and 73% retired officers.
- We continue to add new members (16 in 2019); however we lost members that moved, or who elected to not continue to participate, and those that passed away (8).
- We have 123 members that are MOAA National Life Members, 58 members that belong to MOAA National on an Annual basis, 29 members that have taken advantage of the Basic Membership program, and approximately 50 members that have yet to join MOAA National.

MTC Programs

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23 January 2019 – Annual Business Meeting

27 February 2019 – “Cyber Security – FBI Perspective” Matt Dunn, FBI Retired

27 March 2019 – “Authentically American”– Dean Wegner, CEO

24 April 2019 – “Elder Law”– Ms. Barbara Moss, Esq. & Wanda Graham

22 May 2019 – “Legislative Experience” – Rep. Sam Whitson, COL, USA, Ret.

26 June 2019 – “WW2 Bomber Pilot” – Jerry Neal, Capt. US Army Air Corps

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24 July 2019 – “Vanderbilt Bass Military Scholars” – Vice Chancellor Brett Sweet

21 August 2019 – “Army Chaplain Corps” – Maj (CH) Jay Outen

25 September 2019 – “Weather” – Dan Thomas, Channel 4 Meteorologist

23 October 2019 – “Centerstone Military Services” – Dr. Jodie Robison

27 November 2019 – “Equine Therapy Program” – Curt Stacy, MS

December 2019 – No Meeting

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MTC Programs

January – Annual Update Program

February – MOAA Board of Directors – Dr. Don Thompson (Lt Col, ret)

March – Operation Stand Down – Brigadier General (ret) Eden Murrie

April – Personal Affairs – Ms. Jane Ziesmer, Military Spouse & TN Longterm Care Ombudsman

May – God’s Word for Warriors – Dr. Tom Seals, USMC Veteran and Lipscomb University Chaplain

June – MOAA National Speaker, TBA

President's Comments

Special Recognition

2019

MTC Officers & Directors

- President – CAPT (R) Dale Lewelling
- 1st Vice President – LTC (R) Mike Patenaude
- 2nd Vice President – Lt.Col (R) Karon Uzzell-Baggett
- Treasurer/Director – Capt Hal Sauer
- Past President/Secretary/Director – COL (R) Doug Minton
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<https://www.mtcmoaa.org>

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