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\*\*\*\*\* **April 2020** \*\*\*\*\*



**Not since 1918 when the Spanish Flu ravaged the world, have we  
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**No MOAA dinner in April**

**Next Scheduled Dinner Meeting May 20<sup>th</sup>**

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(see inside back cover for details)

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# The Bulletin Board

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



**Your Chapter Board cancelled our March Dinner Meeting because of concerns for the coronavirus pandemic. Since that Board meeting, State and local mandates have led to colleges, schools, and businesses shutting down and the number of assembled people allowed in a specific location has dropped from 50 to 10. Our March speaker was to have been Craig Jacobs, Director of Human Resources at the Henry Doorly Zoo. Craig retired as a Senior Master Sergeant with 26 years before beginning his very successful civilian career. He had spoken to us two years ago and it was a most enjoyable presentation.**

**The limit of 10 people at a gathering has been extended to April 30<sup>th</sup> which covers our April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting that we planned to have at Lo Sole Mio. Our speaker was to have been Nebraska Adjutant General Daryl Bohac. He was going to give us a Guard Update that would include the use of the Camp Ashland site for the early coronavirus patients and the role of the new Bellevue Readiness center. We will try to reschedule him for later in the year.**

**Since the area schools are closed, there will no JROTC presentations this spring. I thank those who had signed up to present the certificates and medals.**

**National MOAA's annual "Storming the Hill" has also been cancelled. I was scheduled to fly to Washington next week and I had made appointments with both our senators, our three congressmen, and the Nebraska Breakfast. There are several issues to be discussed. One major issue is maintaining Military Healthcare as copayments continue to increase. Another major issue is to protect Recruiting and Retention by sustaining military pay-raise comparability with the private sector and blocking erosion of compensation and non-pay quality of life benefits. We will be meeting with, or electronically contacting, all of our legislators in the next few months to discuss these issues.**

**Finally, the Midwest Regional Leaders Workshop scheduled for May 1-2 in Kansas City, Missouri has also been cancelled. That meeting would have included chapter presidents, plus legislative, membership, and surviving spouse chairs from the surrounding states.**

**On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Dick Doolittle, Doug Pikop, and I participated in the Nebraska National Guard Association's annual convention at the Talon room in Lincoln. We had a MOAA information table and discussed the benefits of membership. Having supported this annual event for many years, we knew several attendees including Maj Gen Rick Evans, current Adjutant General, Maj Gen Daryl Bohac, and former Adjutant General, Maj Gen Roger Lempke. I was asked to speak to the group and describe the benefits of membership. After I finished, Gen. Lempke went to the podium and reiterated the many benefits of MOAA membership. We acquired four new Premium memberships and four-chapter memberships.**

**The annual Level of Excellence (LOE) submission date is May 1, 2020. We have a wonderful record of achieving the 5-star award since at least 2004. A big part of our success has been our many members who are active volunteers in military and community activities. Please email me your activities so that I can include it in our submission. Thank you.**

Dan Donovan

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**Scammers using promise of phony COVID-19 test kits to get Tricare recipient personal private info**  
(from MilitaryTimes Newsletter Update, Mar 26)

**If someone calls with a promise of a COVID-19 test kit, hang up and contact Tricare at [link](#). Beneficiaries should avoid any solicitation regarding a COVID-19 test kit by anyone other than their attending physician, according to the release.**



**The scam involves direct calls to beneficiaries with an offer to ship or sell COVID-19 testing kits. The calls include requests for personal information such as Social Security numbers, bank or credit card information. Any unsolicited attempt to sell or send a COVID-19 testing kit should be immediately reported to this [link](#).**

**If you are a Tricare beneficiary and feel you might have symptoms of COVID-19, have been in close contact with a person sick with COVID-19, or traveled to an area with widespread or ongoing community spread of COVID-19, do not make an appointment or walk into your local hospital or clinic. Instead, remain home and contact your medical provider. You will be assessed and screened for potential or**

**suspected exposure, and if necessary, an appointment with a physician will be arranged. Legitimate COVID-19 tests will be ordered by a physician after the assessment and screening.**

**Recently, the Food and Drug Administration and the Federal Trade Commission issued a joint statement warning seven companies against attempting to sell fraudulent products that claim to prevent or treat COVID-19. While there may be no connection to scam testing kit calls, beneficiaries should be on alert for any unsolicited outreach involving claimed COVID-19 treatments.**

**Beneficiaries are reminded if they are called by anyone other than their attending physician, they should not provide any personal health or financial related information. Guidance for TRICARE beneficiaries related to COVID-19 can be found by visiting this [link](#).**

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For every officer at every stage of life and career...**

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**Selection of Membership**

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<p><b>MOAA Chapters</b> - Take advantage of the opportunity to get involved &amp; meet fellow offices in your community. A PREMIUM or LIFE membership makes it easy.</p>	<p align="center">Dues vary by Chapter. (Heartland Chapter of Ne is \$20 per yr)</p>	<p align="center">New chapter members receive a voucher good for one year of chapter dues.</p>	<p align="center">New chapter members receive a voucher good for two years of chapter dues.</p>
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<p><b>Initiation fee waived at the Army and Navy Club of Washington, D. C.</b></p>			<p align="center"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Brief Bio: (entered service: branch: assignment summary: Interesting career anecdotes:

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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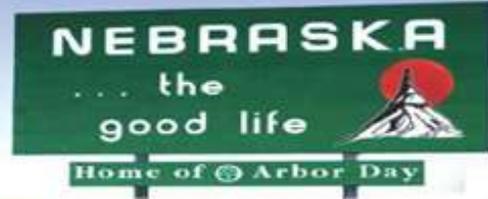
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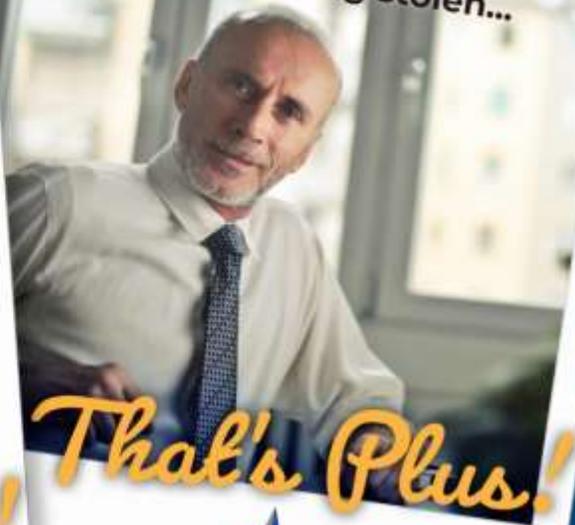
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### **May They Not Be Forgotten:**

I mean the men and women who have answered the call and paid the ultimate price so that we and future generations could have the freedoms so cherished by human beings. We must ever be vigilant and prepared to defend our way of life against those who would deny it. Callous politicians, power hungry egotists, corrupt individuals, adversarial religions, and even our latest self-oriented generations pose grave threat to the preservation of what many take for granted. Every citizen should take a few moments from time to time and reflect on the benefits we have in our country. They should give thanks to those who have served and preserved our way of life.



Hopefully, they will also pledge to do their part to keep it so. – PLj

### **Wandering Mind of An Old Retired Guy**



**I JUST discovered my age group! I am a Seenager (Senior teenager).**

**I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later.**

**I don't have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month.**

**I have my own pad. I don't have a curfew. I have a driver's license and my own car. I have ID that gets me into bars and the wine store, I like wine stores.**

**The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant, or being drafted, or failing English 4, they aren't scared of anything, they have been blessed to live this long, why be scared? And I don't have acne!  
Life is Good!**

**"GOOD FRIENDS ARE THE RARE JEWELS OF LIFE,  
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**TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN, YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE,  
SO ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS."**

**Dinner Reservations are NOT available yet**

At **Anthony's Steak House, 72<sup>nd</sup> & F st. Omaha**  
**Social hour at 6pm**

After dinner, we will have an interesting speaker.

**Remember the expression, "The more, the merrier"?**

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**NOTE: IF YOUR RESERVATION HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED BY  
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**Please specify names of attendees, meal choices and  
include a phone number in case we need to contact you.**

**Reservations should be in by Monday night before the dinner! If you must cancel  
your reservation, please call Ron or Lidiya at (402) 672-2020 prior to 4:00 pm on the  
day of the event; otherwise the chapter will be charged if you are a NO-SHOW and  
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**The status of the May dinner will be decided in the near future and members notified**

**Meal selections will be made available in next newsletter & email  
if the May dinner is a go!**

***CHEERS TO YOU ALL!  
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