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***"It actually happened",
After all these years, military retirees
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(See pages 6 & 10 for details)

Next Dinner Meeting September 16th

(see inside back cover for details)

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The signs of the end of summer are all around us as colleges and the local school systems are trying to reopen without the Covid-19 affecting them. We plan to have our first dinner meeting in six months on September 16th with our featured speaker, Bill Williams, of Patriotic Productions. Bill and his wife Yvonne have sponsored flights of veterans to Washington, DC and they continue to arrange events celebrating veterans' experiences.

I missed our July 10th Board Meeting as I was hospitalized. I want to thank our Vice-President Ron Russell for running that meeting. I also thank Ron for contacting my daughter, getting my address, and encouraging get-well cards. They are numerous and I thank you for sending them.

I was able to make our August 13th Board Meeting where we approved two changes. The first was replacing Brook Stafford, our ROTC/JROTC liaison, with Doug Pikop. Brook is re-entering the full-time workforce and will have limited time to support this important role. We thank Brook for his more than five years in this position. Doug was a natural replacement as he spent some four years as an Assistant Professor at UNO in the Air Force ROTC Department and is very familiar with this important position.

Another change came with Board Member Jack Nelson agreeing to take over the Transition Liaison function. After his retirement from the Navy, Jack served as vice-president of a software company. I had done this function because of my 17 years split between First Data and Ameritrade who both had specific hiring and firing policies.

I would like to describe my medical issues and why I feel very lucky today. I was surprised to learn that several Chapter members had been treated for prostate cancer and I thank them for sharing their experiences with me. My PSA test for prostate cancer reached 10 in late 2019. After having a biopsy on my prostate, my urologist gave me a choice of radiation treatment or watchful waiting. When he

explained watchful waiting would mean an annual biopsy (somewhat painful), I elected to proceed with radiation therapy at CHI Bergen Mercy.

Starting in January 2019, I had 43 radiation treatments that ended in March 2019. My cancer was gone. Nine months later, I noticed some blood mixed in with my feces. A January 2020 colonoscopy diagnosed it as radiation proctitis that was caused by the prostrate radiation treatments. When my hemoglobin count went low as the bleeding continued, I was hospitalized into the Intensive Care Unit. Bergen Mercy is Creighton's medical teaching hospital and one day the cardiac instructor listened to my heart murmur and told his medical students accompanying him to listen to my murmur if they had never heard one. The doctor also told me to make an appointment with the Bergen Cardio department.

I had three more colonoscopies and the external bleeding slowed down, I met with the Cardio staff and learned I needed a new aortic valve. A week before the surgery to replace the valve, the doctors checked the blood vessels to my heart. They entered my body through my left wrist and discovered I needed two stents. (This meant that two blood vessels were at least 70% blocked.) For the actual valve replacement (Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement {TAVR}), they went through a blood vessel in my groin. The surgery was a success but the real miracle was discovering that I had needed the stents. I was probably close to a heart attack. I was extremely lucky that day when that doctor listened to my heart murmur. I am now going through Cardio rehab twice a week.

Hopefully, we will have our September 16th meeting with Bill Williams. He is an excellent speaker and he will be followed by another fine speaker on October 21st when Don Burman of the Omaha VA visits us.

Dan Donovan

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MOAA Joins National Voter Registration Efforts

(MOAA Newsletter 23 July)

Voter registration deadlines for the 2020 election are fast approaching.

MOAA is partnering with National Voter Registration Day (NVRD) to get the word out on registration so service members and their families can focus on the mission at hand. MOAA will direct military voters to the resources available through the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP). FVAP provides voting assistance for service members and their families, and all U.S. citizens overseas.

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The MOAA Foundation is committed to connecting military families with the resources to make a difference in their communities and at large.

“We are proud to be a National Voter Registration Day partner again this year,” said Amanda Centers, MOAA's vice president of development. “Due to the nature of their service, the military community faces additional obstacles when registering to vote. We aim to help alleviate confusion and perceived obstacles by providing information, reminders, and links to credible resources for service members and their families to quickly and easily access what they need to successfully cast their ballot.”

You can fulfill your civic duty no matter where you are in the world; register to vote and request an absentee ballot at the same time by filling out the Federal Post Card Application. When completed, print out the form and mail it (the proper mailing address will be provided based on the information you submit) to receive your absentee ballot. It is suggested doing so ASAP to ensure you meet your state's registration deadline and receive a ballot in time.

If you are planning to vote in person, you may find resources at [vote.gov](https://www.vote.gov). Voter registration deadlines vary state to state and may change based on whether you're voting in person or absentee; learn about local deadlines here, along with voter ID requirements [here](#).

The 2020 election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 3. In addition to voting for president and other federal offices, many state and local seats will be on ballots across the nation.

While MOAA remains a nonpartisan association, you may track military related issues and contact your legislators [here](#). MOAA continues to fight to protect earned service member benefits through advocacy work and through the combined voice of 350,000 association members. To help strengthen our ranks, join now.

CDC updates symptoms list for COVID-19

By: Military Health System Communications Office – 14 Aug()

With the year more than half over, many people remain concerned about catching the respiratory virus COVID-19. The number of confirmed cases worldwide has increased from about 3 million at the end of April to more than 20 million as of Aug. 12. In the United States alone, the total number of cases during this time period grew from 981,000 to approximately 5.1 million, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The good news: Most people who become infected with COVID-19 will recover, according to the CDC, and without needing special medical treatment. So there's no need to panic if you get sick. What is important is knowing what to do next to help ensure a full recovery and avoid infecting someone else.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 include fever at or above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, cough, and shortness of breath. The CDC says these symptoms can occur anywhere from two days to two weeks after becoming infected. Other symptoms may include muscle or body aches, fatigue, headache, chills, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, and new loss of taste or smell.

Emergency warning signs that require immediate medical attention include trouble breathing, chest pain or pressure, and bluish lips or face. The CDC advises anyone experiencing these symptoms to call 911. If possible, put on a face covering before medical help arrives.

Some people may become seriously ill from COVID-19 and have difficulty breathing. The virus may be especially dangerous for people who have chronic or long-term health conditions that affect the immune system. Those conditions include heart or lung disease, diabetes, treatment for cancer, and HIV/AIDS.

For cases that are not emergencies, experts advise people to stay home. Don't go to a military medical treatment facility or urgent care clinic because that may expose others to the virus. Instead, contact the [MHS Nurse Advice Line](#). Registered nurses will screen for COVID-19 exposure or infection. They also will offer advice for self-care and, if appropriate, coordinate virtual appointments with health care providers.

“Virtual care has proven to be a valuable tool for health care providers and patients during the coronavirus pandemic,” said U.S. Public Health Service Lt. Bobby Taylor, program manager for the MHS Nurse Advice Line. “This resource allows you to practice social distancing and still get the answers to your health questions and concerns,” he said.

The CDC offers advice for managing COVID-19 symptoms at home. It includes resting, staying hydrated, and monitoring symptoms to make sure they don't get worse. Sick people also should isolate themselves from others, including family members. That may require staying in separate rooms of the house and using a separate bathroom, if possible.

Health care providers can offer advice for when people can stop isolating. The most recent CDC guidance notes that isolation and other precautions generally can be discontinued 10 days after symptom onset, 24 hours of no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications, and improvement of other symptoms.

TRICARE beneficiaries can [sign up for email updates and get the latest information on COVID-19](#), including emergency and urgent care options and pharmacy home deliveries. Health care providers and military families can learn about CDC-based guidance on COVID-19 through a [Spotlight page on defense.gov](#). said Army Col. (Dr.) Jennifer Kishimori, director of chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear medical countermeasures policy in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs. The page also offers force health protection guidance

Progress on Military and Veterans' Issues in Nebraska

(by Past Heartland Chapter President –B/Gen (Ret) Paul Cohen)

Recently, many of our members received a farewell email from State Senator Sue Crawford. In that email, Senator Crawford added a personal line tailored to each recipient along with the broader message she sent to all. It was a classy thing to do, but that's what we have grown to expect from her over the eight years of her term that will end on December 31st.

Senator Crawford included a chart listing the issues of critical importance to veterans, currently serving military members and military families in Nebraska. These issues were identified in studies done by the Legislature following the 2008 Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) actions, and included some items from previous studies and recommendations presented to the Legislature since 2000 from a variety of sources including this Chapter. Senator Crawford's office studied the status of the earlier recommendations and then began to seek partners in turning the stoplights to green.

The Heartland of America Chapter was also looking for a partner at that time. Term limits and elections had changed the cast and we, too, were in the recruiting business. Several Senators joined with us and the education process began again. Bills of importance were passed, mostly with behind the scenes assistance from

Progress on Military and Veterans' Issues

At the end of my first year in the Legislature, I met with key stakeholders to discuss progress on the 2008 Nebraska BRAC Task Force Recommendations, and introduced LR201 (2013) to further identify top policy priorities for our military and veteran families and military assets. I have worked to ensure that Nebraska makes progress on the identified priorities. The stoplights below show progress from 2013 to 2020 on these issues. In 2013 only three of 11 priorities had been met. Now in 2020, Nebraska has met all of the priorities.

-Senator Sue Crawford



Prepared by the Office of Senator Sue Crawford, last updated August 2020

Senator Crawford and others who served as facilitators with those who could move specific legislation.

The elusive bill was the one that would grant tax exemption for military retired pay. Veterans of our Chapter know the story of the attempts to convince Nebraska governors and legislators of the value of keeping retired military members and their families in Nebraska. Colonels, USAF (Ret) Joe DeCarlo and Rene Dreiling worked the halls by themselves for several years and, in fact, did get a bill introduced and passed. It did not resemble the legislation requested, but was altered intentionally by the committee chair to be purposely so restrictive and poorly constructed that it was ruled unconstitutional before the governor even had the opportunity to consider signing it. The issue, however, received a lot of legislative attention and significant support.

Undaunted, the Chapter kept at it. In 2013, several bills were introduced, all with the same intent. The committee was seriously considering two. We had high hopes of passage. Senator Crawford worked on the compromise bill that emerged and passed. It was less than satisfactory, but the alternative was no bill at all. This one offered something and could possibly be revised later.

The Nebraska Veterans Coalition appeared on the scene soon after. Assuming the leadership following the death of its founder, Ron Dupell, CMSgt, USAF (Ret), assisted ably by Chapter member Dean Kenkel, CW5, USAR(Ret), made it their almost obsession to get an acceptable tax exemption bill passed. They spent hours walking the halls of the Capitol, emailing members of the Coalition, setting up websites and engaging on social media. They made untold contacts with the Governor and other top leaders of the State. Senator Tom Brewer championed the bill at the request of the Governor and the tempo increased.

Behind the scenes, out of the view of most, others were quietly working to keep everyone in line and often smoothing feelings that may have been hurt in the political process. Network connections were in contact with Chapter President Donovan and the Chapter's Legislative Chair, Jeff Mikesell, Colonel, USAF(Ret), with questions and concerns. Meetings were held out of the limelight to solve procedural questions and many phone calls among a long list of interested parties were held to solidify and explain certain strategic moves that brought this bill to reality.

It, too, isn't perfect. It, is though, a giant step toward making Nebraska closer to competitive with our neighbors than we have been. It is the absolute best solution that could be achieved in this session of the Legislature under the current environment and the unknown fiscal future just ahead.

The major lesson to take from all of this is a single line in Senator Crawford's email: "This has been a group effort and you have been an important part of this effort." The "you" is everyone in receipt of her effort." The "you" is everyone in receipt of her email. There were many. Each of them had a cadre of workers that are included by reference in the 'you.'

The list of accomplishments toward making Nebraska a major veteran friendly state took persistence and a host of dedicated people. Advocacy is a key part of what MOAA does. On the national level, the organization has no peer when it comes to legislation that takes care of all the military community. Locally, we can be proud of what we have done as an organization and as a partner with the Veterans Coalition. We can do more, but only if others are willing to add some time and effort to the process.

We will miss Sue Crawford. We did not always agree, but we found ways to settle any differences for the ultimate goals we achieved together. She was unselfish and more than willing to find others she thought might be better able to advance legislation than she. Others sought our help through her for information and connection when they had independently elected to move on an issue. The process is sometimes slow and frustrating, but it is the process and Sue Crawford helped us navigate it.

The Heartland of America Chapter presented Senator Crawford with its Certificate of Appreciation at our December 2018 meeting. Now, it's fitting that we say, "Thank you for your service, Senator Crawford!", and wish her well.

Paul Cohen, Brig. Gen, USAF(Ret) - Past Chair, Chapter Government Relations

What's at Stake as the NDAA Conference Nears
(Update from MOAA 23 July Newsletter with 27 Aug MOAA NL)

The House passed its version of the FY 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) by a strong bipartisan vote of 295-125, and the Senate by an 86-14 margin. While these votes mark significant steps forward in the process, it's far from over.

This is a critical juncture for the FY21 NDAA. The bill will advance to a conference committee. Members of the House and Senate will negotiate behind closed doors.

The NDAA is one of the most important pieces of legislation regarding the service-earned pay and benefits for our uniformed services community. Last year, our advocacy efforts achieved repeal of the "[widows tax](#)" through the NDAA. This

year, there are several critical issues MOAA is monitoring; The Military Coalition (TMC), a group of military and veterans service organizations representing a combined 5.5 million-plus membership that includes MOAA as a co-chair, wrote an Aug. 20 letter to Armed Service Committee leaders in both the House and Senate outlining 15 of those issues. You can read that letter at [\[READ THE TMC'S LETTER\]](#).

The future of four key issues remains unclear, as proposals to address them were included in only one chamber's NDAA draft. It is critical to engage your lawmakers – not just those on the committee, but all lawmakers – and seek their support for these fixes in the final bill:

- **Halt Medical Cuts.** Sections 715 and 716 of the House NDAA ([H.R. 6395](#)) would provide the needed legislation to ensure both military treatment facility restructuring and proposed medical billet cuts allow for transparency, greater DoD reporting requirements, and congressional oversight. These provisions will take the needed steps to ensure any changes to military health care are in the best interests of the beneficiaries and promote military readiness.
- **Preserve Commissaries and Exchanges.** While MOAA acknowledges reform of DoD business operations to improve quality and achieve efficiencies is important, the Defense Resale System, together with MWR and other quality-of-life programs it supports, represents a vital and fragile ecosystem. Section 633 of the House NDAA draft would require DoD to update its Business Case Analysis to address the concerns [raised by the Government Accountability Office](#) regarding the DoD's planned consolidation efforts.
- **Add Agent Orange Presumptives.** Bladder cancer, hypothyroidism, and Parkinson's-like symptoms meet the scientific threshold to be associated with exposure to Agent Orange. Section 1090B of the Senate NDAA version ([S. 4049](#)) would add these three "presumptives" to the federal list of conditions linked to Agent Orange, extending crucial care and benefits to tens of thousands of veterans.
- **Establish Fair Hazardous Duty Incentive Pay (HDIP) for the Reserve Component.** Both the active and reserve components maintain the same standards for specialty codes qualifying for HDIP. Reserve component members only receive 1/30th of the monthly HDIP when they perform duty. These members often perform more hazardous duty in a month than their active duty counterparts, who still get the full month of pay. Section 613 of the House NDAA version would address this disparity so those who meet the same standards will be paid at the same rate for hazardous duty.

[TAKE ACTION: [Ask Your Lawmakers to Cover These Conditions Via the NDAA](#)]

It is also an opportunity to thank your elected officials where success has been achieved – areas where total or partial agreement between the House and Senate NDAA drafts should ensure passage of these provisions as part of the final bill. MOAA and The Military Coalition thank Congress for:

- A Strong Military Pay Raise. Both the House and Senate have included a provision to provide a 3% raise for FY 2021. This success is heartening news to MOAA. We also remain alert for opportunities to engage Congress to restore the 2.6% accumulated losses from pay raises that lagged behind the Employment Cost Index between 2014 and 2016.**
- The New "Safe to Report" Provision. This sexual harassment and assault program has made it through to conference. This program protects service members who make a report. MOAA also supports other measures in the NDAA that would improve accountability measures on sexual harassment and assault in the military.**
- Work to End the "180-Day Rule." The House and Senate each have provisions to repeal the 180-day "cooling off" waiting period required for recent retirees who apply for DoD civilian positions. The Senate NDAA version includes language authorizing a three-year, DoD-wide pilot program allowing military retirees to transition to DoD GS-13 and below positions directly after retirement. The House version repeals the rule for all depot-level positions. Learn more about the process [here](#).**

"Mission Impossible" succeeded !!

(by editorial comment – Pat Jones)

Many of us thought it would never happen. It made common sense for Nebraska to provide tax relief for military retirement pay. Every state around Nebraska already did and the state was losing many highly-educated and well-trained proven leaders with security clearances, their own medical plans, retirement income, with knowledge and skills needed in Nebraska. IT MADE SENSE, but it seemed impossible to convince the Legislature. Our chapter has been deeply involved in trying to convince them for several years. Joe DeCarlo, Paul Cohen, Dan Donovan, Rene Dreiling, and I, amongst others, testified many times. Many of you wrote letters to the Senators. I must admit that I had become pretty cynical after my 4 times, and it was tempting to think unfavorable thoughts about some Senators concerning their intelligence, motivation, loyalty, and sanity.

However, it happened. LB-153 passed and was signed into Law on August 24th at a ceremony in Kearney. Our Chapter President, Dan Donovan, attended and will likely comment in the next newsletter. It is too late in the year to implement next year so it will become effective in 2022. 50% of your military pay will be exempt from Nebraska State Tax. It is a "Win – Win" for Nebraska and veterans.

An Opportunity to Help

(from LtCol Mike DeBolt)

The Omaha Parks Foundation will sponsor “Veterans Shine” on Thursday, Nov 5th, at the WWII Memorial Park. Our own B/Gen Paul Cohen was the speaker last year and our own LtCol Pat Jones and the Sarpy Serenaders provided great patriotic music. You are all invited to attend. You are also invited to help the Omaha Parks Foundation fund such events at [Omaha Parks Foundation donation](#).

Another Opportunity to Help

The MOAA Foundation COVID-19 Relief Fund offers financial assistance for currently serving (including National Guard and Reserve), spouses of currently serving, veterans (with an honorable discharge), and caregivers of the same who are experiencing an unexpected, short-term financial setback due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Open to all ranks and U.S. uniformed services, preference will be given to those who are not eligible for support from service relief societies. You, as a MOAA member, can participate in two ways; by [donating to the fund](#) and/or by coordinating an applicant needing the grant.

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Click on the link for MOAA Foundation COVID-19 Relief Grant Materials for Councils and Chapters for more information and guidance:

<https://www.moaa.org/content/campaigns/moaa-foundation-covid-19-relief-grant-application-chapters/>

Please refer to the links below for further information concerning general info, eligibility, application forms, verification forms, and procedures:

- [MOAA Covid-19 Relief Fund](#)
- [MOAA Covid-19 Relief Application](#)

As the nation endures the effects of the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the MOAA Foundation is focused on providing enhanced levels of support and services to those currently serving, veterans, and their families.

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As MOAA does, WE NEVER STOP SERVING....

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The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is the country's leading organization protecting the rights of military service-members and their families. Those who belong to MOAA not only lend their voices to a greater cause, but they also gain access to extensive benefits tailored to the needs and lifestyles of military officers and their surviving spouses. MOAA members proudly hail from every branch of the uniformed services. To them, we have made the same promise that they have made to their country: Never Stop Serving.

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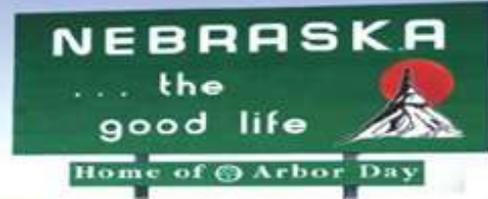
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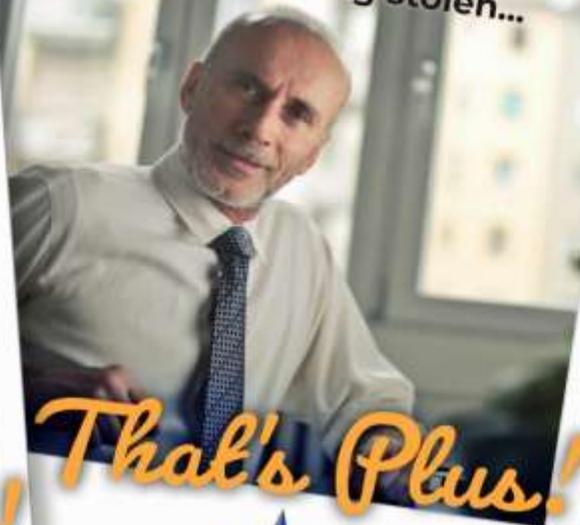


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Please specify names of attendees, meal choices and include a phone number in case we need to contact you.

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