



Heartland of America Chapter

-- **We Never Stop Serving** --
-- **We Are One Powerful Voice** --
--- **for Every Officer at Every Stage of Life and Career** ---

*******March 2022*******



*Nearly 58220 killed, over 300,000 wounded, and 1,618 missing
(NOTE: March 29th is one of those days you just have to remember !!)*

Next *SCHEDULED* Dinner Meeting??

March 16th at Anthony's Steak House, 72nd & F St.
(see inside back cover for details)

Check out our website at www.heartlandMOAA.us or call (402)339-7888

The Bulletin Board

is the Newsletter of the Heartland of America Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America. Content is from members, MOAA's [Take Action](#), [Legislative Action Center](#), and other military-oriented sources. Material used is public domain or attributed as to source and copyright. Our editorial policy is the same [non-partisan policy as MOAA](#).

Lt Colonel Patrick L. Jones, USAF(Ret) Editor & Webmaster - (402)650-4457

Volume XXXVI

Number 2

February 2022

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Our February speaker was Rita Sanders. She is a Nebraska State Senator and represents Bellevue District 45. She was born in Honolulu, Hawaii. She attended high school and college in California and married Rick Sanders in 1998. She moved to Bellevue in 1983 and is a commercial real estate developer. She served 8 years as Mayor for the City of Bellevue, Nebraska, home of Offutt Air Force Base. She was elected in 2010 and re-elected in 2014. She then worked as a legislative aide for 1st District Congressman Jeff Fortenberry. In 2020, she ran for and won the election to

represent District 45. She serves on two committees Education and Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs. She is also on the Homeland Security Policy Group. Senator Sanders has received many awards and is in many organizations. She is currently an active member of the Offutt Advisory Council and the US STRATCOM Consultation Committee. She reviewed the legislative bills she has sponsored or co-sponsored in the current session. Two of them will provide additional funding for Offutt AFB. The first, LB 1232, appropriates funds from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Department of Economic Development for a capital construction grant for the United States Strategic Command Nuclear Command, Control, and Communications public-private partnership facility. The second, LB 1233, will repurpose \$30 million of the \$50 million previously set aside for construction of the U.S. Space Command Headquarters. The money will be sent to the Military Base Development Fund. It will be matched by the private sector 100% or more. The new fund will be administered by the Commission on Military and Veterans' Affairs with the intention to build non-mission-critical infrastructure and amenities on and surrounding Offutt AFB. Another bill that will



benefit 100% disabled veterans, LB 1080, will extend the need to reapply for the homestead exemption to every 5 years rather than every year. Senator Sanders then answered many questions from attendees. It was a wonderful informative presentation.

The President of the University of Nebraska, Ted Carter, Vice Admiral USN (Ret), was to have been our March speaker for our final meeting at Anthony's on March 16th. Unfortunately, he cannot make that March date. We currently have a date of September 21st for him to speak to us. Craig Jacobs, Director of Human Resources at the Henry Doorly Zoo will be our March 16th speaker. He has spoken to us in the past and he is always entertaining and interesting. Our April dinner will be at Spezia, 3125 S. 72nd St, Omaha, NE 68124.



Chapter President Dan Donovan presenting our Heartland Chapter Challenge Coin to our speaker, Nebraska State Senator Rita Sanders

Our 2022 Advocacy in Action (formerly Storming the Hill) will not be in Washington but here in the State. We will try to have in-person meetings with our two senators and three congressmen in April.

ROTC and JROTC presentations start in two months. Certificates and medals have been ordered and should be here on time. We need volunteers to present the



Dick Doolittle and Dan Donovan found Senator Sanders' presentation very interesting and informative.

awards to the cadets at their school awards ceremony event. If you would like to help with a presentation, contact Doug Pikop at (402) 690-4338.

Chapter member George Abbott announced that a groundbreaking ceremony for the Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Memorial will take place at SumTer Amphitheater, 11691 S.108th St., Papillion on March 29th at 2:00 pm.

Dan Donovan - d.donovan1@cox.net - 402-339-7888

COLA Index Increases at Highest Rate in 40 Years

(MOAA NL 17 Feb)

By: Kevin Lilley

The latest figures tracking consumer prices – numbers that determine the annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for military retirees, disabled veterans, and many others – show an increase not seen in decades.



Mark and Linda Olson shared a great dinner and informative speaker with George Abbott

The last time these rates were recorded, legislation designed to right the federal budget nearly cost military retirees their COLA. Time will tell whether history repeats itself, and whether MOAA will again need to join with other advocacy groups to combat such proposals.

Facts and Figures:

Each year's COLA increase comes from the average increase of the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

for July, August, and September of the previous year. The 2022 figure of 5.9% came from an average CPI-W of 268.421 for those months in 2021 compared with 253.412 in 2020, for example. The Social Security Administration breaks down the math.

MOAA tracks the monthly release of CPI-W figures on [its COLA Watch page](#). The January 2022 figures, which came out last week, offer more than just a jump on the COLA Watch chart – they represent the largest year-over-year increase for CPI-W to begin a calendar year *since 1983*.

While the January figures don't factor directly into the COLA calculation, each month's release provides a trend line toward those critical summer months. And the 8.23% increase from January 2021 to January 2022 stands out among recent data; no January number has been more than 5% above the previous January number since 1991.

So What?:

When COLA figures skyrocketed in the early 1980s, Congress took action – and not in a good way for beneficiaries.

- **First, a budget reconciliation act in 1982 delayed the effective date of the COLA by a month for each of the next three years – from a March payout in 1982 to a June payout in 1986.**
- **Then, the 1983 omnibus specifically targeted “military and entitlement spending” as part of efforts to reduce the federal budget.**
- **The Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (better known as the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act) stopped COLA entirely for some beneficiaries, offering exemptions to veterans’ compensation but not military retirees.**
- **The COLA set to take effect Dec. 1, 1985, was suspended, and no adjustment was made until the following December.**

The short version: As costs rose and benefits increased, legislators attempted to weaken the purchasing power of military retirement pay significantly in the name of budget reform. And if rumblings of benefit cuts are any indication, military members past and present could be in the fiscal crosshairs yet again.



Loretta and Dick Doolittle were happy our chapter has resumed monthly dinner meetings and told chapter president Dan Donovan so

Now What?:

MOAA stood up to protect these benefits when they came under threat decades ago. The Retired Officers Association (TROA, which became MOAA in 2003), co-led the formation of The Military Coalition as part of its work to turn back this legislation. That coalition now represents about 5.5 million members of the uniformed services community, and its members stand ready to protect what’s been earned through service and sacrifice.

While legislators or think-tank reports may see a cut to your COLA as a way to make the math work, MOAA recognizes it could make a significant difference in the daily lives of so many military retirees and their families. As fewer legislators bring uniformed service to the Hill, MOAA and our Military Coalition partners will continue to ensure these lawmakers understand the impact of such actions. While the figures may reflect those from the early 1980s, we will work to avoid a similar, damaging legislative cycle.

Keep track of these efforts and others at MOAA’s [Advocacy News page](#) or via [The MOAA Newsletter](#).

Want to thank troops and families for serving? Don't cut their benefits
(by Dana T. Atkins, LtGen, USAF(Ret), president and CEO of MOAA - 9 Feb)

At the podium, political power brokers are quick to thank those who serve and have served in America's military, and their families, for their sacrifices on behalf of a grateful nation. Away from the public lens, they're often fed false narratives from think tank "experts," saying the men and women in uniform cost our nation too much — a potentially damaging process in a Congress where less than 15 percent of members have worn a uniform.

That's creating a much different, unsettling message: "Thank you for your service and sacrifice, especially after two decades of war, but we need to cut your pay and benefits to modernize."

Among the chief offenders in this regard is a recent report from the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) suggesting personnel costs are "unsustainable," while confirming they've remained at one-third of the Department of Defense's overall budget, where they've been since 2001. Or, a report in the December issue of *The Economist*, which sets up a false choice between bullets and benefits, claiming the money needed to preserve what's been promised to troops and veterans could "crowd out" modernization efforts in the face of threats from China and Russia.



Our speaker, Nebraska State Senator Rita Sanders, obviously had our MOAA members full attention

These efforts might be new, but the idea of cutting compensation to benefit the Pentagon's bottom line certainly isn't:

- **Military pay raises fell below the Employment Cost Index — the level prescribed by law — for three years (2014 through 2016), creating a "pay gap" that's yet to be meaningfully addressed.**
- **Fees and pharmacy costs under TRICARE, the health system that active duty families and military retirees use, have far outpaced cost-of-living adjustments for retiree pay, weakening this critical benefit.**
- **The Blended Retirement System, entering its fifth year, has lessened the benefit of serving a 20-year military career. It's unclear whether this money will go back into the Pentagon's budget, at the expense of those in uniform,**

or will need to be used to cover rising retention bonuses as mid-career service members consider leaving early — and taking their wealth of experience out the door with them.

These budget lines aren't the only places where personnel cuts show through. Recent headlines have described awful housing conditions and health hazards for families on military installations, as well as a [growing need for food banks](#) near bases as junior enlisted members attempt to make ends meet. These examples indicate a larger problem, and a willingness to serve may be declining across the nation as a result.

Even the budget process itself has proved harmful for those in uniform. Stop-and-start negotiations and continuing resolutions make the kind of long-term planning needed to shape and modernize a fighting force difficult, if not next to impossible. Improvements to benefits passed in authorization acts come months after a fiscal year has started, and then sit idly for months as appropriators find the funds to enact them.

A bipartisan push to address one of these issues does bring some hope; House members have pledged to make improved military pay and benefits a priority in this year's budget discussions. It's a welcome step away from conversations deriding the costs of military personnel, and a move toward ensuring that we protect what they've earned through service. Otherwise, we risk having a weakened force and an insurmountable recruiting and retention challenge — in the face of [growing global threats](#).

Our economy may fluctuate, but our resolve on behalf of service members cannot. We must support the greatest weapon system in America, one that has never failed us: our uniformed service members and their families.

Keep Your Nebraska State Senator Informed

[Contact your Senator and the Speaker of the Legislature](#)

- Nothing Ventured, Nothing Gained... You just might make the difference!



Our successful dinner meetings are so well done due to the hard work and behind the scenes coordination of Ron and Lidiya Glinka. Thank you, Ron and Lidiya.

MOAA Announces Dates, Topics for Spring Advocacy in Action Campaign

(From article by Dan Merry, MOAA NL Feb 17, 2022)

MOAA's annual Advocacy in Action (AiA) event is taking shape, and while there's more than a month until the official launch, there are several ways MOAA members can begin showing their support as the campaign draws closer.

First, the basics: The 2022 AiA event will be held virtually from April 1-29. Based on Capitol Hill security measures and nationwide health challenges, we will again exercise appropriate measures of caution to bring our messages to legislators via virtual engagements. However, there may be opportunities for you to engage your legislators in person (safely) when they are home during Congress' spring break (April 11-22).

This year's advocacy topics:

- **Support the Major Richard Star Act (concurrent receipt for combat-injured service members)**
- **Reduce TRICARE Mental Health Copayments**
- **Enact a 4.6% Military Pay Raise in the FY 2023 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)**

Learn more about each topic, and how MOAA chooses the topics, below. But first:

What You Can Do Now

Contact a MOAA Chapter (our Heartland chapter phone is (402) 339-7888). Most engagements during the April campaign will originate from MOAA's councils and chapters. Their legislative leaders and volunteers make most of the appointments and arrangements with legislative offices. One of the advantages of the virtual environment is the use of online meeting platforms (Zoom, Teams, etc.) which can facilitate engagement from home; please contact your local chapter to see if they can add you to their efforts – it could be as easy as sending you a link to a meeting.

[\[Find Your Local Chapter\]](#) | [\[Check out MOAA's Virtual Chapters\]](#)

Save the Date. If you are not near a chapter, please mark your calendar for April 1 as the kickoff for AiA engagements. We will share another article like this one with more up-to-date information, talking points, and fact sheets on our three topics, as well as links to the latest information and MOAA's web-based letters, along with the phone number for MOAA's Capitol Switchboard if you would rather call your legislators.

Stay Informed. Be sure to subscribe to the weekly *MOAA Newsletter* for the latest AiA news and updates (MOAA members can click here to update their newsletter preferences). Keep up with all the latest advocacy news at MOAA's Advocacy News page.

How MOAA Picks the Topics

People often ask how we come up with the topics each year, and some wonder if their priorities are being considered in that process. I can assure our members we consider all the priorities, which are usually found within groupings of these priorities on our website. The decisions are driven by guidelines established by our board of directors. We want to ensure we are taking care of the currently serving troops and their families – as members of an officer association, we should be proud MOAA maintains this important perspective.

We also want to address an issue within our health care portfolio, as our members continue to see this as one of their priorities. When conditions permit, we also seek to leverage momentum on important issues – often the case in the second session of a Congress as they wrap up work from the previous year.

This year's topics:

- The Major Richard Star Act (concurrent receipt for combat-injured service members). Target legislation is H.R. 1282 with 186 co-sponsors as of Feb. 14 – picking up 35 new co-sponsors this session. The Senate's bill, S. 344, has 55 co-sponsors as of Feb. 14. We will build on this momentum from last year to get these bills to a floor vote, or have the bill's language made part of the FY 2023 NDAA with support from House and Senate leaders. This legislation impacts over 50,000 combat-injured service members who were not able to serve their full 20 years due to those injuries. Passage of this bill will also impact current and future members who may face the same fate of early retirements due to combat injuries.**
- TRICARE Mental Health Copayments. MOAA supports the Stop Copay Overpay Act (H.R. 4824) – mental health is increasingly important, and the issue is getting attention on the Hill due to pandemic impacts and the effects of social media on children's well-being. This topic acknowledges the national shortfall of access to quality mental health care and addresses TRICARE's financial barrier to care when it is available – a problem MOAA can help fix. This legislation will benefit our currently serving families on TRICARE Select and our working-age retirees and their families.**
- Military Pay Raise at 4.6%. This will be worked in the FY 2023 NDAA with insights in the president's budget and input from the Armed Services**

Committees in both chambers. Some legislators are interested in adjusting pay tables for the junior enlisted. We have yet to see details of any such plans, but in the meantime, we remain focused on the 4.6% raise for all ranks. This topic addresses the currently serving and their families (pay and benefits) and is significantly important to those who are about to retire.

What's Next?

We will follow up with several actions over the coming weeks:

- The MOAA AIA website will be live in mid-March for those who want to get a head start on lobbying for these three important topics. Watch for updates at MOAA.org/AiA.**
- As noted above, around the same time our website goes live, a follow-up article at MOAA.org will share links to everything you would need to go it alone with your legislators. However, we ask that you consider reaching out to your local chapter to possibly join their efforts.**
- Your April issue of *Military Officer* (available to Life and Premium members) will include a message from MOAA's president highlighting the AiA efforts, as well as more details on the topics and what we are trying to achieve with your help. Very important: The publication also will include tear-out letters for you to fold, seal, stamp, and mail to House and Senate leaders, making them even more aware of our efforts and seeking their support. These letters will highlight the Major Richard Star Act.**
- Throughout April, we will provide articles and links to Calls to Action via our new Legislative Action Center, which allows you to send messages to your legislators via our web-based letter service.**
- April 11-22 is the congressional working period in the states and districts: Your legislators will be home and hard at work campaigning. This is a golden opportunity to seek an appointment in person or virtually, depending on the comfort level of those involved.**

Thank you for reviewing this timeline and putting some of these dates on your calendar. MOAA's reputation for advocacy is largely the result of our grassroots network across the nation; certainly, one of the main reasons *The Hill* news outlet has recognized MOAA as a top lobbyist for 15 years in a row. Our members have always been a part of this continued success.

STATE OF NEBRASKA



Proclamation

WHEREAS,

We remember the thousands of brave Americans, both men and women, who served honorably with courage and valor, in the United States Armed Forces during what was until that time this nation's longest war, fighting in Southeast Asia, facing extraordinary dangers; and

WHEREAS,

45 years ago, the last combat troops were withdrawn from Vietnam on March 29, 1973; and

WHEREAS,

The last of the Vietnam POWs held in North Vietnam arrived home on United States of America soil on March 29, 1973; and

WHEREAS,

Vietnam Veterans Day was commemorated by Presidential Proclamation and Public Law 93-232 on March 29, 1974, and by Presidential Proclamation and Congress Resolution on March 29, 2012; and

WHEREAS,

58,220 made the ultimate sacrifice, 396 of which were Nebraskans, and more than 300,000 were wounded; and

WHEREAS,

1,618 Americans are still missing and unaccounted for and their families, friends, and fellow veterans still endure uncertainty concerning their fate.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the 29th day of March, 2018 as

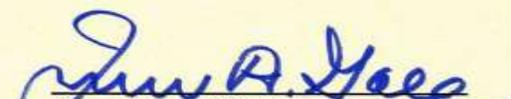
VIETNAM WAR VETERANS' DAY

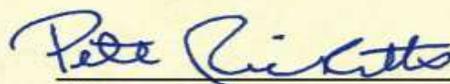
in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of the observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Twenty-ninth Day of March, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen.



Attest:


Secretary of State


Governor



MOAA's and Heartland Chapter's Missions are the Same.

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, working to support military and their families at every stage of life. It actively petitions Congress on behalf of the military community on issues affecting the career force, the retired community, and veterans of the uniformed services. MOAA offers a wide range of personal and financial services exclusive to MOAA members. Whatever the stage of a career, MOAA membership delivers benefits geared specifically to you – and your family. You become part of the strongest advocate for our military and their families. Those with prior officer service in any of the seven uniformed services can become members. Consider joining today because every voice counts! You will be protecting not only your earned benefits but for all serving today. Our Heartland Chapter also focuses on state and local issues, interfacing with the Legislature and the Governor. We provide a really great environment for camaraderie and mutual support with our meetings, speakers, newsletters, website, and community involvement. We are like family.

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

We are One Powerful Voice –

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

Join Us !! You will be glad you did!

Selection of Membership

<p>When you join MOAA, you become part of the strongest advocate for our military's personnel and their families. The stronger our membership is, the stronger our voice becomes. Consider joining today because every voice counts. Three membership levels to meet the needs of all Officers.</p>	 BASIC	 PREMIUM	 LIFE
Features of each Membership level	No-cost electronic Membership designed for today's junior officers.	Full access to MOAA's career resources, countless discounts on products and travel, & access to all of MOAA-exclusive pubs & news updates. Full access to a wide variety of member benefits for today's career officer.	Receive all the benefits that PREMIUM membership has plus exclusive privileges and benefits.
Membership Dues	Free	1 year -\$48, 2 years - \$82 3 years - \$108	Dues are based on your current age
Support of critical advocacy efforts to protect the benefits of the entire military community.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic access to several of MOAA's news updates.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Discounts on products and travel.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Career transition resources MOAA helps transition efforts by hosting career fairs, resume critiques, training sessions & much more.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Expert advice on your military pay & benefits MOAA's team of highly trained professionals can help you receive the military benefits you've earned through one-on-one counseling.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Financial planning and investment advice		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Military Office magazine		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access to all MOAA-exclusive publications		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scholarships, interest-free loans, & grants		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MOAA Chapters - Take advantage of the opportunity to get involved & meet fellow offices in your community. A PREMIUM or LIFE membership makes it easy.	Dues vary by Chapter. (Heartland Chapter of Ne is \$20 per yr)	New chapter members receive a voucher good for one year of chapter dues.	New chapter members receive a voucher good for two years of chapter dues.
Bonus travel rewards and discounts			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Initiation fee waived at the Army and Navy Club of Washington, D. C.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Spouse Protection -membership benefits transfers if something happen to you.		Auxiliary Annual DUES 1 Yr - \$43 2 Yr - \$73 3 Yr - \$97	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

National Membership Form

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.

THE LARGER OUR NUMBERS, THE GREATER YOUR VOICE.

Why MOAA
membership matters.



Select YOUR Membership: LIFE PREMIUM BASIC

Name _____

Rank/Branch of Service _____

Active Retired Former Reserve National Guard Surviving Spouse

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Date of birth _____ Telephone _____

Email _____

To ensure deliverability of MOAA communications, please provide a personal email without a ".mil" domain if available. We value your privacy. MOAA does not rent or sell its members' emails to third parties. If you include your email address, you will receive e-communications from MOAA as a member benefit. Visit www.moaa.org/email for details.

Spouse Name _____

Spouse email _____

Your spouse has access to all of your MOAA member benefits.

Local Chapter Name _____

For LIFE or PREMIUM options, choose one of the following payment methods:
Method of payment

Check (please make payable to MOAA) Visa Mastercard AMEX Discover

Charge my card the full amount due \$ _____

Card number _____ Expiration date _____

Signature _____

For LIFE only, consider E-Z Pay with 10 convenient, interest-free installments

You'll receive monthly invoices, and your balance will reflect credit for any unused dues paid on your current annual membership.

Enclosed is my check payable to MOAA for \$ _____

(1/10th of my dues: invoices will be sent monthly for remaining dues)

Charge my credit card above in the amount of \$ _____

(1/10th of my dues: invoices will be sent monthly for remaining dues)

Check here to have your credit card automatically charged monthly for the remaining installment payments.

Dues to MOAA are not deductible as a charitable contribution for federal tax purposes.

Annual membership dues include a \$12 subscription to Military Officer magazine.

Send To: MOAA, PO Box 1488 • Merrifield, VA 22116-9820

For faster service, call (800) 234-MOAA (6622) or visit www.moaa.org/join.

LIFE
Membership Dues

Dues are based on your current age.

50 and under	\$851
Age 51-55	\$801
Age 56-60	\$757
Age 61-65	\$692
Age 66-70	\$615
Age 71-75	\$529
Age 76-80	\$434
Age 81-85	\$332
Age 86-90	\$234
Age 91-95	\$145
Age 96-99	\$88
Age 100+	FREE

PREMIUM
Membership Dues

One-Year PREMIUM

\$48 (Surviving Spouse – \$43)

Two-Year

PREMIUM

\$82 (Surviving

Spouse – \$73)



Three-Year

PREMIUM

\$108 (Surviving

Spouse – \$97)



BASIC
Membership Dues

FREE

Local Membership Form



Heartland of America Chapter
Military Officers Association of America
P.O. Box 1756
Bellevue, NE 68005-1756

LOCAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Heartland Chapter members must also be a National MOAA Member)

Membership: Initial or Renewal

Annual local dues \$20.00 \$10.00 (new ones after 1 July) Aux. \$5.00

Benefactor Donor: \$50, \$100 or more _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Nickname _____ e-mail _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone(H) _____ W _____ Cell _____

Rank _____ Service _____ Retired NOAA USPHS

Active Duty Regular Reserve Nat'l Guard Former Officer

Spouse's Name _____

National MOAA Membership # _____ Life Member? Yes No

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

Signature _____ Date _____

Contact Chapter Officers for more info: President Dan Donovan - 402-339-7888,
Membership: Michael DeBolt 402-980-0554, **Surviving Spouse Affairs:** Martha Didamo -
402-292-2194, **Legislation:** Jeff Mikesell - 402-990-2713, **Treasurer:** Rene Dreiling 402-
740-3127, **ROTC:** Doug Pikop - 402-690-4338, **Personal Affairs:** Teri LeHigh - 402-291-
2713, **Hospitality & Reservations:** Ron & Lidiya Glinka, 402-672-2020, **Webmaster &**
Newsletter: Pat Jones - 402-650-4457, **Advertising & Recruiting:** Dick Doolittle 402-871-
8409, **Transition Liason:** Jack Nelson - 402-679-3725

(PLEASE UTILIZE OUR ADVERTIZERS ON FOLLOWING PAGES)

Their support aids our programs

"How can we not be incredibly grateful for our Military? In Bellevue and Omaha, we are reminded often of unwavering dedication, seeing soaring planes preparing for eventful deployment. Our Military are honoring the rest of us. Our hearts stand at attention and honor and appreciate you in return. Your friends at Fort Crook Car Wash are so happy when you visit! We look forward to seeing you soon. Thank you for your service.



You are our heroes." –

Pete Zekauskas

613 Fort Crook Rd N. Bellevue, NE

ADVERTISERS SUPPORT US... LET US SUPPORT THEM !!

The advertisement for The Special Restaurant, Inc. features a green banner at the top with the text "The best in American food" in white. Below the banner is a photo of a sandwich and fries. To the left of the photo is a badge that says "2018 SARPY COUNTY PEOPLE'S CHOICE Awards WINNER". To the right of the photo is the restaurant's logo, which is a yellow oval with the text "THE Special RESTAURANT, INC" and a sunflower icon. Below the logo is the text "Open: Tuesday - Friday 11am - 8pm Saturday & Sunday 8am - 2pm Closed Mondays". At the bottom of the ad is the address "303 Fort Crook Rd. N. Bellevue | 402-884-0441" and a red button with the website "Thespecialrestaurantinc.com".

Peg Maloney

*Certified Distressed Property Expert
Certified Residential Specialist*

Mobile: (402) 598-3965
Direct: (402) 594-2000
Fax: (888) 270-3866

peg@maloney.com
www.pegmaloney.com



RE/MAX[®]
REAL ESTATE GROUP
Each Office Independently Owned and Operated



9805 Giles Rd. • Omaha, NE 68128



Now and Always We'll be There.



MOAA[®]
INSURANCE
PLANS

1-800-247-2192 • www.moaainsurance.com

Richmont
Senior Living
Villas, Independent Living, Assisted Living
and Memory Care

We're all about YOU!

702 FORT CROOK ROAD SOUTH • BELLEVUE, NE 68005
402.291.9800 • RICHMONTSENIORLIVING.COM



**USAA supports our ROTC
Recognition Dinner
Every November**

Thank You USAA !!

**Your Ad
Could be right here!!
Call
Dick Doolittle 402-871-
8409**

INTER-TECH
COLLISION CENTERS

**GRETNA'S
NEW LOCATION
OPENING 2019**

**All Insurance company
repairs accepted**



6 LOCATIONS

Elkhorn - Gretna - Millard

Bellevue - Ralston - Omaha



www.intertechcollision.com

CLOSEST BASE LOCATION

23rd & Cornhusker

402-293-1154



WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SERVICE

2015 Pratt Ave., Ste 105
 (Southeast Corner of
 Cornhusker Road & South 21st)
 Bellevue, NE 68123
 Phone: (402) 991-3448
www.firstwatch.com

10% Off Every Day for Active & Retired Military



Arlene Cohen

Realtor®
 NP Dodge Real Estate
(402) 598-7916



Let my professionalism and expertise assist you today!

BEARDMORE

Brian Kucks General Sales Manager

Phone 402-734-2525
 Toll Free 800-734-0271
 Fax 402-738-7615
 Email bkucks@beardmorechevy.com

418 Fort Crook Road North, Bellevue NE 68005
www.beardmorechevy.com

Jessie Moscato
 Operations Manager
 Fry Cook & Cashier

Phone: 402.401.5489
 Fax: 972.905.4242
 Cell: 402.358.7551
jmoscato@raisingcane.com
www.raisingcane.com

950 Cornhusker Road
 Bellevue, NE 68005



In Memory of
 Ben F. Comstock

POW WWII 8 Dec 1941
 (taken prisoner at Wake
 Island)

Past National Director
 AMERICAN
 EX-PRISONERS OF WAR



2016 Cornhusker Road
 Bellevue, Nebraska 68123
 (402)292-2337
 Open Monday to Saturday
 6:30 AM to 10 PM



One family. Many services.

RESIDENTIAL CARE AND REHAB

Hillcrest Country Estates

Continuing care retirement community
Hwy 370 & 60th Street, Papillion
(402) 885-7007

Hillcrest Shadow Lake

Compassionate long-term care
1507 Gold Coast Road, Papillion
(402) 339-6010

Hillcrest Health & Rehab

Post-acute rehab & long-term care
1702 Hillcrest Drive, Bellevue
(402) 291-8500

Hillcrest Firethorn

Post-acute rehab & long-term care
8601 Firethorn Lane, Lincoln
(531) 739-3500

Hillcrest Millard

Post-acute rehab & long-term care
13225 Westwood Lane, Omaha
(531) 365-3000

Hillcrest Silver Ridge

Assisted living & memory support
20332 Hackberry Drive, Gretna
(402) 332-4280

Hillcrest Mable Rose & The Club

Assisted living, memory support & adult day services
Hwy 370 & 48th Street, Bellevue
(402) 291-9777

Freedom Village of Bellevue

Opening Fall 2022
55+ active adult neighborhood
Hwy 370 & Hillcrest Drive, Bellevue
(402) 682-6866

HOME AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Hillcrest Home Care

Skilled home health & telehealth
Omaha **(402) 682-4808**
Lincoln **(402) 682-6835**

Hillcrest Hospice

Compassionate end-of-life support
Nebraska **(402) 934-2282**
Iowa **(712) 435-4910**

Hillcrest Caring

Companions
In-home personal care
1820 Hillcrest Drive, Bellevue
(402) 682-6599

Innovate Physical Therapy

Outpatient therapy clinics
Bellevue **(402) 682-4210**
Omaha **(402) 682-6593**
Lincoln **(531) 739-3360**



*Providing the region's
widest array of
aging-related services.*

hillcresthealth.com

BANKING MADE SIMPLE

CHECKING • SAVINGS • LOANS • CREDIT CARDS



Stay True. Bank Blue.
402.292.8000 | cobaltcu.com



We salute bravery in action

Merrill proudly supports and thanks our military men and women for their courageous and patriotic service to the United States of America.



Eric E. Otten
Assistant Vice President
Financial Advisor
Portfolio Manager
402.496.5106
eric.otten@ml.com

Merrill Lynch Wealth Management
13321 California Street
Suite 200
Omaha, NE 68154
402.496.5100
fa.ml.com/eric-otten



Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (also referred to as "MLPF&S" or "Merrill") makes available certain investment products sponsored, managed, distributed or provided by companies that are affiliates of Bank of America Corporation ("BoFA Corp."). MLPF&S is a registered broker-dealer, registered investment adviser, Member SIPC and a wholly owned subsidiary of BoFA Corp.

Investment products: **Are Not FDIC Insured** **Are Not Bank Guaranteed** **May Lose Value**

The Bull Symbol and Merrill are registered trademarks of Bank of America Corporation.

A Portfolio Manager can help clients pursue their objectives by managing on a discretionary basis his own Personalized or Defined Strategies, which may incorporate individual stocks and bonds, Merrill model portfolios, and third-party investment strategies.

© 2022 Bank of America Corporation. All rights reserved.

MAP3688508 | AD-01-22-2750 | 470953PM-0821 | 02/2022

2022 Donations for Scholarships, Awards, & Operations

Don Bacon, Ronald Bailey, Stephen Bartelt, Richard Bertrand, John Bezy III, Larry Biederman, Wayne Brunz, Edward Burchfield, Christopher Canada, Richard Carver, Paul Cohen, Charles Davis, Michael DeBolt, Martha Didamo, Daniel Donovan, Richard Doolittle, William Doyle, Jr., Mark Dreiling, Rene Dreiling, June Dunbar, Dean Eckel, Richard Evans III, Eileen Fleming, Robert Foley, Steven Gallagher, Doris Greendyke, David Heer, Shirley Hoover, Richard Hahn, Chester Harris, Gloria Harvey, Dorris Heaston, Charles Holderness, James Holland, Ralph Holtmann, Terrance Hummel, Edward Janeczko, Jr, Pat Jones, Dennis Kathman, Dean Kenkel, Cynthia Keyes, Edwin Koch, Gary Lee, Terri Lehigh, Roger Lempke, Carol Maasdam, Barbara Madden, Edward Maloney, David McBlain, Robert McEniry, Kenneth Meyer, Courtney Miller, Max Moore, John Murphy, Jack Nelson, William Nelson, Mark Olson, Dick Parcher, Sheree Patterson, Bruce Peters, Douglas Pikop, Donald Porter, James Reardon, Earl Rogers, Joan Rousseau, Ronald Russell, Sharon Russell, Rita Salucci, David Sanborn, Owen Saunders, Alfred Schapker, John Sheffield, Mark Spadaro, Raymond Stuart, Janet Stultz, Thomas Svoboda, John Taylor, Regis Urschler, Thomas Wagoner, Lawrence Weidinger, Wendel Wight, John Williamson, Ronald Witcofski, Henry Woidyla,

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



When you are retired, you have lots of time to speculate. Do you know Why February 2022 is really unique? Because It has:

**4 Sundays
4 Mondays,
4 Tuesdays,
4 Wednesdays,
4 Thursdays,
4 Fridays,
and
4 Saturdays**

and will not be duplicated for the next 823 years. .

So-o-o-o, LIFE IS GOOD

**"GOOD FRIENDS ARE THE RARE JEWELS OF LIFE,
DIFFICULT TO FIND AND IMPOSSIBLE TO REPLACE!**

**TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN, YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE,
SO ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS." And SMILE.... It'S CONTAGIOUS !!!**

March Reservations for Members & invited guests

Social Hour starts at 6 PM – dinner at 7 PM

After dinner, our speaker will be **Craig Jacobs** from Henry Doorly Zoo

Remember the expression, “The more, the merrier”?

We ask you to make our meetings better, with your presence.

**NOTE: IF YOUR RESERVATION HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED
BY RON OR LIDIYA, PLEASE CALL THEM**



RSVP: Lt Col Ron & Lidiya Glinka - Tel: 402-672-2020 - heartlandmoaa@hotmail.com

**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 we will have to send you a bill for the cost.**

Meal selections are as follows:

**Pork Tenderloin Medalloins w/ Smashed Potatoes & Roasted Vegetables -- \$37.00
(\$42.50 w/ Chocolate ice cream)**

**Salmon Filet w/ Smashed Potatoes and Roasted Vegetables -- \$42.50
(\$48.00 w/ Chocolate ice cream)**

**Thunderbird Salad with Grilled Chicken -- \$29.00
(\$34.50 w/ Chocolate ice cream)**

(Ice Cream has increased in cost)

New check writing procedures:

Make your check out to Heartland Chapter MOAA

OR....

use our stamp which will be provided at sign-in

**Nonprofit Org
Heartland of America Chapter,
MOAA
P. O. Box 1756
Bellevue NE 68005**

**Nonprofit Org
US Postage Paid
Omaha NE
Permit No. 1448**

MOAA Heartland Chapter Newsletter