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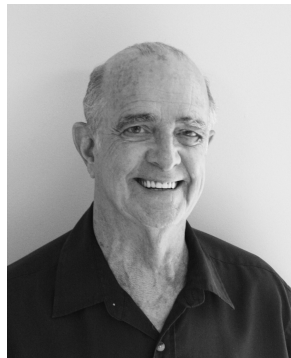
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President's Corner . . .

However we may feel about the work of our lawmakers in Washington, we welcome the news that the recent budget deal has restored some of the cuts inflicted on the military by the sequestration process. The result isn't perfect, but it's an improvement.



The year 2013 has been a good one for Jayhawk Chapter recruiting. As I write, we've added eleven new members (including two new Ensigns from KU), with two more possible. Welcome to all our new members! We look forward to seeing you at our January 21 meeting.

Once again, Jayhawk Chapter has supported the Salvation Army by providing bell ringers at Checkers supermarket, from noon till 6 PM on December 14th. Thanks to John Halladay for organizing the event, and thanks to the twelve of us who braved the cold to witness people's generosity.

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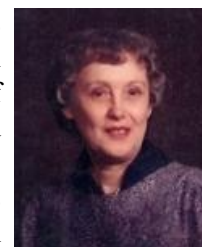
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CONDOLENCES



Sandra Gordon "SanDee" Nossaman, 73, wife of **Jerry Nossaman**, was born March 15, 1940 and raised in Medicine Lodge, Kansas. She was a graduate of Texas Christian University. SanDee was very active in a myriad of volunteer activities throughout her life and cared deeply for her friends and family. SanDee died at Lawrence Memorial Hospital on November 1, 2013 and is survived by her husband of 50 years; son Cale Nossaman, daughters Cali Nossaman, and Cara Nossaman Anderson, grandsons Winton and Wrenner Anderson, and sister Mary Gordon Wafel from Keenesburg, Colorado. A Celebration of Life will be held between 5-8 p.m. Saturday, December 7, 2013 at KU Alumni Center. Memorials may be sent in her name to Douglas County CASA, Lawrence Meals on Wheels, or Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center.

Mary Virgene Woolston Schweppe, 90, wife of **Earl Schweppe**, passed away on November 2, 2013 in neurological palliative care at The University of Kansas Hospital. She graduated from the Kansas City Business College in 1942 and over the years served as secretary for North American Aviation in North Kansas City, Aetna Insurance Company, and played a significant role in the development of "Curriculum 68: Recommendations for Academic Programs in Computer Science." Mary is survived by Earl at home; daughter Marla in Rochester NY and her son Devin in Seattle; Eric in Lawrence with Donna Eades and her children Isabel and Jack; and Roger and wife Darlene in Topeka and their sons in Lawrence; Justin with Janelle Bachand, and Derick and wife Amy; one cousin Charles Ramsey in Carrollton MO; and numerous nephews and nieces. An informal Celebration of Life for Mary was held at Liberty Hall on Saturday November 30.



Archie L. Mills Funeral services for Archie Lloyd Mills (U.S. Navy Retired LCDR), 99, Lawrence were held on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at Warren-McElwain Mortuary in Lawrence. Interment followed at Oak Hill Cemetery. He passed away Friday, December 13, 2013 at the Pioneer Ridge Retirement Community.

Archie was born July 14, 1914 in Brentwood, Arkansas and moved to Lawrence with his family in 1919. Archie was a career Navy Pilot and was assigned to PBV-5 rescue planes. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for sending the first torpedo into a huge Japanese transport in the first attack of the Battle of Midway. He was also awarded the Medal for a successful night bombing mission against a Japanese air base in the South Pacific.

Upon retirement, Archie worked with his brother, Lawrence, at Securities Investment Co. He dedicated many hours to the University of Kansas Relays.

Archie is preceded in death by his first wife, Violet McKone Mills, brother, Lawrence Mills, son, Patrick "Skeeter" Mills and wife, Cathy Anderson Mills.

Survivors include Rex and Marguerite Mills of Morton, IL, Marc Mills of Gilberts, IL, Julie and husband, David Sprague of Salem, NH, Pam Scott of Phoenix, AZ, Stuart and Roger Mills of Lawrence, Mike Mills of Overland Park, Suzanne Mills of Lawrence, Vicki Cathey and husband, Steve of Casper, Wyoming and Doug Anderson and wife, Brenda of Belton, MO. Archie also has seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial Contributions to Douglas County Visiting Nurse Hospice were suggested and may be sent in care of the mortuary.

**The newsletter is only as good as the material available,
so each member is requested to forward news and other items of interest to the editors.**

**CHAPTER DUES (\$20) ARE PAYABLE IN JANUARY
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JOHN HALLADAY AT OUR JANUARY MEETING OR SEND US A PICTURE
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Major John D. Finch, MI (son of **Ray and Jean Finch**) graduated from the US Army Command and General Staff College, Class 13-02, on 13 December 2013. Major Finch was also awarded with the Father Donald W. Smythe Military History Award. For his next assignment, Major Finch will be attending the School of Advanced Military Studies at Fort Leavenworth.

From Charles Heller: Just to let you know that a book I wrote is to be released sometime in January by Star Cloud Press, *In Advance of Fate: Portrait of a Abolitionist*. It is a biography of George L. Stearns the financial backer of John Brown (he owned the 200 Sharps rifles Brown brought to Harper's Ferry) the leader of the "Secret Six" and the recruiter of the famous Black regiment 54th Massachusetts (movie glory). The Secretary of War Stanton appointed him an Assistant Adjutant General for the Recruitment of Blacks, in the rank of Major, for the Union armies. One of his recruiters was Frederick Douglas and 2 of Douglas's were personally recruited by Stearns. He was influential in Kansas Relief in the late 1850s and even visited Lawrence to check on his Kansas Relief Agents. He was also active in bringing about Emancipation and the 14th and 15th amendments. He has not received the recognition he deserves with a small plaque in the State House in Boston..

From John Mosher: The picture at right was taken at the Veteran's Day Celebration at Brookwood Elementary School. The featured speaker at the event was the Honorable Joseph W. Westphal, Under Secretary of the Army of the United States. There were approximately 50 veterans in attendance with two being in uniform. The picture is myself and my son J.D., who is an art instructor at the school.



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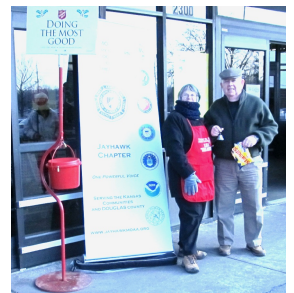
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Mike Devlin & grandson with Dean Bevan



Vicki & Jim McMurray



Ray Finch & John Finch



Shirley & John Halladay



"Mickey" Halladay in his 37th year as a bell ringer



Army News

LTC Storm Reynolds, USA

Greetings, Jayhawk Chapter!

It's a new year and a new semester at KU. The Jayhawk Battalion is getting ready for the Spring of 2014 starting 21 January. The battalion has been very busy over the last few months with performing several color guards for Veteran's Day events, attending functions, and conducting quality training. The cadets are gearing up for the upcoming Combined Field Training Exercise (CFTX) on 3-6 April at Fort Riley, Kansas, and for this year's 20th Annual KU Ranger Buddy Competition, which will be held on 19 April at Sesquicentennial Park. Last year we had a huge turnout with over a 165 teams from all over the country competing against one another for prizes and bragging rights.

KU ROTC attended "A Salute to Veterans Gala" held at the Dole Institute of Politics on 10 November. Each service took part in the Color Guard and a student from each, gave a speech honoring those who have served and on what the service means to them. Cadet Commander Stuart McConnell represented the Army. Mrs. Barbara Ballard who is the Associate Director of the Institute, did a fantastic job putting on the event. The Veterans in attendance were of all ages and everyone had a great time. There was plenty of food and drink followed by dancing to the music of The Moonlight Serenade Orchestra.

Every year KU ROTC holds a Joint Military Ball and this year it was held at the Holiday Inn in Lawrence.



At the ball, a branching ceremony was conducted for all the seniors. Seniors walked under a Sabre Arch as they were

introduced with their newly assigned branch. Recently, 30 ILE students from Fort Leavenworth visited the Military Science Building (MSB) and gave a branch presentation on their particular branch and talked with the cadets. The information the ILE students provide

may help a cadet decide what job he or she might want to do in the military.

Training!!! The Fraternal Order of Police allowed us to use their facility to conduct scenario based lanes training for our Juniors (MSIIIs) and use the firearms range. Each cadet got to fire 30 rounds through a Beretta (M9) handgun. For some, it's the first time they have gotten to fire a firearm.



Since it is the end of the semester, it's out with the old and in with the new. A Cadet Change of Command ceremony was held after the final APFT. LTC Reynolds transfers the flag from outgoing c/BC Stuart McConnell to incoming c/BC Daniel Stork.



As always, thank you for your support to the Jayhawk Battalion.

Check out our website at www.armyrotc.ku.edu for more details on these events, and take a look here <http://www.armyrotc.ku.edu/#rbc-video> for Videos professionally produced by the 3rd BDE ROTC featuring the KU 18th Annual RBC. Additionally, find us on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/KUArmyROTC> and follow us on Twitter:

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LTC Storm Reynolds



Navy News

CAPT David Schweizer, USN



(No reports received)



New Ensigns commissioned on 20 December:

ENS Justin Davis on the left and ENS Brandon Ware on right.



Air Force News

LtCol Brian Salmans, USAF

Hello from the USAF AFROTC Det 280, the Flying Jayhawk Wing,

As we wrap-up this semester, we can reflect on an outstanding fall semester. The cadets went above-and-beyond in their activities -- from volunteering hundreds of hours for local charities to an amazing Veterans Day Weekend remembrance including the 24-Hour Vigil at the KU War Memorials, their formation at the KU Veterans Day flag ceremony, and the Remembrance 5K Run. The cadets also finished a challenging semester of leadership education, training and development. In addition to making high grades in their college degree programs, the cadets had an excellent semester of ROTC Leadership Laboratory where they worked on leadership and followership skills required to be a successful Air Force officer.

The cadets also planned and implemented the highly successful annual Joint Military Ball where they, along with their joint partners in the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, celebrated the heritage of serving in the Department of Defense and also recognized the seniors graduating this academic year. The cadets learned many important planning and coordination activities for this event which included over 480 attendees. Colonel Hal Hoxie, retired, the President of Central Christian College motivated the audience with his experiences in the Air Force and presented important leadership

lessons as the cadets and midshipmen prepare for service in the Armed Forces.

The spring semester is dominated with the preparation of cadets for field training, which will occur during the summer. More senior cadets work on improving their leadership, motivational and training skills as they take on the challenging task of preparing our cadets for field training. The senior cadets now know the career field they will be entering in the USAF, so they can begin preparing to enter the service as they graduate and get commissioned in May. The cadet wing is completely reorganized for the new semester, giving all cadets different areas in which to develop their leadership skills as well as enabling them to work with a different set of cadets within their cadet squadrons.

MOAA Jayhawk Chapter, thank you again for your support. Detachment 280 is looking forward to another great semester educating and training our Air Force's future officers.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Very Respectfully,

Lt Col Brian Salmans

MOAA LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

This is a summary of the many items MOAA produces each week on legislative activities.

Those who have e-mail receive the full Legislative Updates each week.

MOAA Legislative Update, 15 Nov 2013:

Who Moved the Goalposts?

Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel recently outlined six budget priorities that will shape the Pentagon's FY 2015 budget proposal, which includes protecting investments while seeking "significant savings" in the area of personnel and compensation.

The six priorities are

- * Focus on eliminating middle management/"back-office" staffs.
- * Reevaluate how the military should organize, train, and equip.
- * Prepare for prolonged readiness challenges.
- * Protect investments in acquisition and procurement.
- * Reconsider the appropriate force mix across the services.
- * Slow the growth of pay and benefits.

The six priorities are a result of the secretary's earlier [Strategic Choices and Management Review](#) and reflect the department's continuing struggle to deal with the "too fast, too much, too abrupt, and too irresponsible" sequestration cuts.

One of Hagel's priorities is to protect investments in acquisition and procurement programs. This is the same area in which the Government Accountability Office (GAO) has found both cost and schedule growth remains significant. In their October report on [defense acquisition](#), the GAO cited "39 percent of fiscal 2012 programs have had unit cost growth of 25 percent or more." However, this costly growth area seems to be exempt from scrutiny by DoD.

What is troubling is Hagel's sixth priority — slowing the growth of pay and benefits. In his statement, he urges Congress to permit more reforms to personnel accounts, stating, "Without serious attempts to achieve significant savings in this area — which consumes roughly half of the DoD budget and is increasing — we risk becoming an unbalanced force, one that is well-compensated but poorly trained and equipped, with limited readiness and capability."

What concerns MOAA is he states personnel accounts consume roughly half of the DoD budget.

Who moved the goalpost?

In April of this year, DoD presented their FY 2014 budget submission, which stated, "The cost of military pay and allowances, combined with military health care, comprises about one-third of the Department's budget."

Now, seven months later, what appears to be part of a broader Pentagon public relations campaign to garner support for cutting currently serving and retiree pay and benefits is to state personnel costs consume roughly half of the budget. What changed?

What changed is the Pentagon's definition of personnel accounts. The new interpretation goes well beyond the traditional military personnel and defense health care accounts, which have remained relatively unchanged as a

third of the DoD budget for the past 30 years. Their definition now includes all pay and benefits — for current military and civilian personnel, retirees, and direct and in-kind services (such as DoD schools, commissaries, and more).

MOAA has shown members of Congress the military personnel accounts (to include health care) have remained steady for years, but now the Pentagon has thrown in the kitchen sink to make a more alarming and inflated statement.

The Pentagon uses terms like "slow the growth" and "bend the curve" to mask the very real impact those processes will have on people's lives. They're hiding behind budget jargon and vague words in an effort to avoid blame for what they're actually doing.

They hope this new math and ambiguous wording will provide them with the ammunition needed to cap pay and shift billions in health care costs onto beneficiaries, as if those who wear or have worn the uniform are a liability rather than our most precious national defense asset.

Sustainability of the all-volunteer force is key to securing our national defense. You sustain the force with pay that is comparable with private-sector pay and a retirement package that ensures a skilled career force.

The bottom line: It's no surprise DoD resorts to moving the goalposts and changing calculation methods in clinging to their case. But no matter how Pentagon leaders try to skew the data, the plain truth is military personnel costs are not breaking DoD's bank.

Budget Cutting Options Target Military:

As Congress negotiates a FY 2014 budget in hopes of avoiding another government shutdown, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) released a new report, "Options for Reducing the Deficit," that includes an array of spending cuts and revenue increasing options for FY 2014 and the beyond. Some of the options outlined in CBO's report would affect the American population at large, including:

- * Raise the age of Medicare eligibility to 67
- * Increase Medicare Part B premiums for all beneficiaries
- * Raise the full retirement age and the earliest eligible age for Social Security
- * Reduce Social Security benefits for new beneficiaries by 15 percent
- * Change the COLA formula for adjusting Social Security benefits

Others are aimed more specifically at military and veterans' programs. We've identified some of the alternatives that CBO published in its budget-option package:

- * Significantly reduce all services manpower
- * Cap annual military pay raises at 0.5 percent below the average American's
- * Raise out-of-pocket costs for TRICARE-for-Life by up to \$6,000 a year per married couple
- * Dramatically raise TRICARE fees for beneficiaries under age 65

- * Bar working-age retirees and families from using TRICARE Prime
- * Eliminate concurrent receipt of VA disability compensation and military retired pay
- * Change the COLA formula for military and federal civilian retired pay and VA compensation
- * Replace military personnel with civilians in certain positions

Many of these proposals have been around for years, and have been rejected by Congress before. Others are new – most notably the proposal to end concurrent receipt of VA disability compensation and military retired pay for disabled military retirees.

But in this political and budget environment, legislators pressed to come up with a budget package quickly may be disposed to simply grab some off-the-shelf options and worry about any potential consequences later. That means we could see some of these proposals surface in the next few months. The proposals to cut COLAs and raise TRICARE fees are ones to keep a particularly close eye on.

MOAA Legislative Update, 22 Nov 2013:

November Cola Released:

The Consumer Price Index dipped in November to 229.133. This is 0.5 percent below the new FY2014 COLA baseline of 230.327.

MOAA Honors Community Heroes:

More than 500 guests attended MOAA's third annual Community Heroes Awards ceremony in Colorado Springs on November 15. The awards spotlight the extraordinary efforts of everyday citizens, uniformed service members, and military spouses who support troops, military families and veterans.

Before calling awardees to the stage, Master of Ceremonies Lee Woodruff spoke about her experience as a caregiver for her husband, Bob, a journalist who was injured by a roadside bomb in Iraq in 2006. Lee noted a strong support system and humor were keys to Bob's successful recovery — leading him to find fulfillment as a new version of himself he calls "Bob 2.0." But as someone who felt disconnected to the military community before her husband was injured, Lee now knows how important education is to ensuring wounded warriors and their caregivers receive the support they need. "For the generation of warriors today — those in Iraq and Afghanistan, it's our children who will be called upon to care for them well into their old age," Lee said. "We have to do a much better job ... in helping to understand what it is we can do to make sure and ensure all of our families are cared for." Master Sgt. David Carr, USAF; members of the 50th Operations Group Standardization and Evaluations Division; and members of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 1st Space Brigade received the award under the Military Champion category. Civilian Champion award recipients were Cmdr. Milady "Bunny" Blaha, USN (Ret); the El Paso County Homeless Veterans Coalition; and The Home Front Cares. Each awardee received a framed copy of "Perseverance," a painting by retired Army Sgt. Peter Damon, who in 2003 lost both arms in an explosion in Iraq.

MOAA Legislative Update, 06 Dec 2013:

SecDef to Trim Staff:

Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel announced new funding and personnel cuts for the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) on December 3. Cuts include a 20 percent reduction in the operating budget and an 8 percent reduction in the total OSD workforce over the next five years. He estimates the cuts will save at least \$1 billion over the next five years. "With the Pentagon confronting historically deep and steep and abrupt spending reductions after a decade of significant budget growth, there is a clear need ... to pare back overhead and streamline headquarters across this department," Hagel said during a press conference. In a memo issued to senior DoD leadership, Hagel said that much of the savings will be achieved by using fewer contractors and significant reductions of civilian personnel. The final details of the planned cutbacks will not be available until the President submits his budget request next February.

MOAA Legislative Update, 20 Dec 2013:

Defense Bill Reaches Finish Line:

While the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 attracted the most attention in Washington this week (see article above), the FY 2014 defense authorization bill (H.R. 3304) cleared on Thursday night keeping intact the 52nd consecutive year of a defense bill passage.

The Senate cleared a final procedural hurdle on Wednesday to limit debate and ensure no amendments were brought forward for consideration so the Senate could make it home for the holidays.

The bill authorizes nearly \$527 billion in defense base budget spending with over \$80 billion for overseas contingency operations.

The final bill includes:

- * Military Pay Raise: The bill omits a critical provision that would have guaranteed service members a 1.8 percent pay raise in accordance with private sector wage growth. Without that protection, the President's executive authority, transmitted to Congress in September, will set the 2014 military pay raise at 1 percent.
- * End Strength: The bill authorizes just over 1.36 million active duty personnel, a reduction of over 40,000 from FY 2013 levels.
- * Executive Compensation Reform: Caps private sector compensation on DoD contracts at \$625,000 and allows for the cap to be adjusted based on the Employment Cost Index (why would congress allow defense contractors to see an increase of 1.8 percent, but cap military pay at 1.0 percent? It's baffling).
- * TRICARE: The bill flatly rejected all administration proposals to establish or increase TRICARE fees. It also included a grandfather clause for TRICARE beneficiaries affected by the reduction in Prime Service Areas. Those who were removed from of TRICARE Prime coverage will now have a one-time

option to remain in the program. Finally, it requires a study of TRICARE compound pharmacy policy.

- * Military Sexual Assault: The bill includes over 30 provisions that strengthen measures to combat military sexual assault within the chain of command.
- * Special and Incentive Pays: Provides one year extensions to several special and incentive pays.
- * BRAC: Prohibits the Pentagon from initiating another round of BRAC.
- * Disability Evaluations: Requires the Secretary of Defense to review the backlog of pending Integrated Disability Evaluation System cases and outline steps to eliminate the backlog.

The defense bill fell short on many MOAA-supported issues. The bill did not include provisions to:

- * End the SBP-DIC offset
- * Expand concurrent receipt
- * Expand Applied Behavioral Analysis TRICARE benefit
- * Establish that career reservists with no active duty service are deemed veterans of the armed forces
- * Allow a special needs trust for survivor benefit annuities

These provisions, along with restoring full COLAs for military retirees under 62 will be among MOAA's legislative priorities in 2014.

Tricare/medicare Cuts Avoided:

The Bipartisan Budget Act included a three month delay in scheduled cuts to the Medicare and TRICARE physician reimbursement rate. This patch will prevent a 24 percent cut scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2014. Such a drastic cut would lead to massive health care access problems for TRICARE and Medicare beneficiaries. The three month extension will give Congress until April 1 of next year to work out a permanent solution. For years Congress has kicked the can on this critical issue, postponing the cuts in a piecemeal fashion. But a permanent solution may finally be on the horizon, with legislators on both sides of the aisle nearing a deal this fall to pay for the \$130 billion permanent fix. The three month reprieve only postpones the need to secure a long-term solution to provide beneficiaries and physicians with health care access stability.

TFL Mandatory Mail-order Rx Coming:

Beginning February 14, 2014, TRICARE For Life (TFL) beneficiaries will be required to fill maintenance medication prescription refills through the TRICARE Home Delivery (mail-order) pharmacy system. Beneficiaries may opt out after using the mail-order refill system for a one year trial period.

The change stems from the FY 2013 defense authorization bill. In a bipartisan compromise to avoid large, across-the-board TRICARE pharmacy copay increases, Congress included a mandatory mail-order requirement to offset the cost.

The mail-order pharmacy system lowers costs for both beneficiaries and DoD. A 90-day refill of generic medication is free through the mail-order pharmacy, but costs \$5 per 30 day refill at a retail drug store. For brand name medications the cost is \$13 for a 90 day refill through mail-order versus \$17 for a 30 day refill at a retail store.

The mandate applies to maintenance medications only. Initial prescription can be filled at a retail store, and beneficiaries can fill up to two 30-day refills at a retail store during the transition.

Beneficiaries living near a military hospital or clinic can continue to fill their prescriptions there and do not need to enroll in the mail order program. Additionally, nursing home patients and those with other prescription coverage are also exempt.

TRICARE will begin reaching out to affected beneficiaries over the next month. You can enroll online or over the phone at 1-877-363-1303.

Individual waivers to opt out of the requirement may be granted on a case-by-case basis due to personal need or hardship, emergency, or other special circumstance.

COLA Dip Continues:

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MOAA's Holiday Wish to You:

On behalf of MOAA's entire staff, we wish you and yours the Merriest of Christmases, a Happy Hanukkah, and all the best in the New Year. We'll need all of our dedicated grassroots supporters back for what promises to be a challenging year in 2014.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

John & Shirley



JAYHAWK CHAPTER MOAA



A membership meeting will be held **Tuesday, 21 January 2014**, at the Lawrence Country Club.

Dinner cost is \$22.00/meal.

The Program: Our guest speaker will be Elizabeth Patton, Topeka liaison for Senator Jerry Moran

Social Hour: 1800 hours Dinner: 1845 hours

The Menu: Chicken, vegetable, rolls, salad, tea or coffee and dessert

Send your reservation and check payable to Jayhawk Chapter MOAA to arrive no later than **Thursday, 16 January 2014**, to:
CAPT (Ret) Jim Cooper - 1115 Stone Meadows Drive, Lawrence, KS 66049-3961

Dinner reservations are confirmed on Monday before the dinner. Cancellations, if necessary, should be made prior to Monday noon; otherwise, the Lawrence Country Club will charge us for those meals.

If you have any questions, you may contact Jim Cooper at 842-7037 or John Halladay at 843-6184.

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Yes, please make _____ reservations for me and my guests. (Spouse and other guests are welcome.)

The cost is \$22.00 per meal. I am enclosing a check for \$_____ for meal(s).

Chapter Dues (\$20.00) \$_____

Clayton L. Comfort Award program contribution \$_____
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2014 Meeting Schedule:

Tuesday 21 January 2014
Tuesday 18 March 2014
Tuesday 20 May 2014

Tuesday 15 July 2014
Tuesday 16 September 2014
Tuesday 18 November 2014



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