



# Jayhawk Chapter MOAA Newsletter

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## March Program:

Our program will be member Herschel and Jacque Stroud presenting "Abe and Mary: A Family Portrait."

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## President's Comments. . .



2016 started with a bit of chaos as we had to move our Dinner Meeting location, then postpone it a week due to weather and finally conduct the meeting at Maceli's. We also had to change the Guest Speaker as the one scheduled had a conflict with the date we postponed to. A big Bravo Zulu goes out to Captain Jim Cooper, USN, Ret for the work he did managing the changes in location, date and Guest Speaker. We had a good turnout of approximately 45, including a great contingent of KU Air Force ROTC Cadets, and our Guest Speaker, Capt. Jim Cooper who gave a presentation on Vietnam – 50 Years After He had been in Vietnam as a dependent just before the war started, served during the Vietnam War, and returned as a tourist last year with his wife Sandy and daughter LT Veronica Cooper, USN.

On February 13 Jayhawk Chapter Hosted the Quarterly MOAA Kansas Council of Chapters (KCC) Meeting at Lawrence Country Club. Items of interest included KCC "Storming the Hill" on 23 February in Topeka, MOAA "Storming the Hill" 11-14 April in Washington D.C. and the KCC Symposium and Kansas Guard Association of Kansas (NGAKS) Conference on April 22-23 in Manhattan.

I want to say "Thank You" to all who submitted your MOAA and Community Activities input for 2015!! I used it in preparing the Level of Excellence Award Nomination for the Jayhawk Chapter submission, and submitted it to MOAA National Headquarters.

To repeat myself on a point I frequently try to make, the single most important thing we can do individually and collectively is to be actively engaged at the local Chapter and state Council levels as it is critical to the success that MOAA can achieve at the National level. I would politely request that you respond to the multiple "Call for Action" items that come to us from MOAA in e-mail form, as letters (February 2016 MOAA Magazine) and/or postcards (March 2016 MOAA Magazine) to sign and mail to certain key Congressional leaders. These are used by MOAA National to present our position on priorities for 2016. The letters and postcards for February and March of 2016 specifically address MOAA positions on health care reform which leaders of both the House and Senate Armed Services committees have said they intend to make a major element of the 2017 National Defense Authorization Act that they will craft this year (gathering information now, start drafting in April).

It is a distinct honor and privilege to continue to serve and represent our Jayhawk Chapter in 2016. Thank you for this opportunity, and "Never Stop Serving".

*Mike*

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\* Reservations should be sent  
to **Jim Cooper** by  
**24 March**



# JAYHAWK CHAPTER NEWS



**CHAPTER DUES (\$20.00) were due in January. Please send your check to CAPT (Ret) Jim Cooper 1115 Stone Meadows Drive, Lawrence, KS 66049-3961 as soon as possible so we can finalize the Club Directory.**

**REMINDER: Our March meeting has been delayed to March 29 to coincide with the completion of remodeling at Lawrence Country Club.**

## PERSONAL NEWS

### From Dean Bevan:

My play, "Cindy," a re-working of the Cinderella story, was performed at the Cider Mill Playhouse in Binghamton, NY February 19-20. My "Grim Reaper" will be performed by Stage Door Productions in Fredericksburg, VA, April 7-9 and 14-16.

**Congratulations to MG Vic Braden** on his recent promotion and assignment as Commanding General of the 35<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division at Ft. Leavenworth. The Jayhawk Chapter was represented at the Change of Command Ceremony by Mike Miller and George Pogge. Ray Rhodd, President of the Kansas Council, also attended.

### From Shirley Halladay:

Many of you already know that John had a heart attack on 25 January and after two days at Lawrence Memorial, spent four weeks at KU Med. He is now back at Lawrence Memorial in the newly remodeled 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Rehab Unit and they are expecting to release him on 11 March.

### “Abe and Mary: A Family Portrait”

The Lincoln Album was kept by the Lincolns while in the White House. The album was lost, but found again in 1985. Harold Holzer and Mark Neely wrote a book about the album, and the speech is based on their book, and what happened to the Lincoln descendants. We are not Abe and Mary, but Herschel and Jacque, appearing in period clothing and commenting about Abe and Mary.



## Army News LTC Davis McElwain, USA

### Greetings Jayhawk Chapter!

#### Jayhawk Battalion Commissioning Ceremony

On December 19, 2015, the Jayhawk Battalion commissioned two Cadets, 2LT Hopkins and 2LT Nitchals. 2LT Hopkins received a Reserve Component Commission into the Adjutant General Corps. 2LT Nitchals commissioned into the Missouri Army National Guard as a Signal Officer.

LTC McElwain administers the Oath of Office to 2LT Hopkins (left) and 2LT Nitchals receives his Oath of Office from a family member (right).



Commissioned Officers are responsible for leading and training enlisted Soldiers, planning missions, and organizing the internal and external affairs of the Army. These two former cadets are now



part of a unique and special group that only a small portion of our ranks belongs to. We trust these young officers will uphold the high standards of moral and professional development of the Soldiers under their command. Additionally we wish them the best of luck with their future assignments.

**Command Sergeant Major Waterhouse visits the Jayhawk Detachment**

Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Waterhouse, 3<sup>rd</sup> ROTC Brigade, came to visit the Jayhawk Detachment Cadre and Cadets on February 26, 2016. During his visit, CSM Waterhouse had the opportunity to tour campus, observe



Military Science classes, and observe the Jayhawk Detachment weekly Leadership Lab, Situational Tactics, in a field environment at Clinton Lake. Despite typical February weather, CSM Waterhouse took

the time to present the 3<sup>rd</sup> ROTC Brigade coin to CDT William Trout (left) and CDT Steven Galluzi for their sound judgment, decision making skills while operating in leadership positions, and unique contributions to the program.

**Jayhawk Battalion Blood Drive**

On February 5, 2016 the Jayhawk Detachment conducted their semi-annual blood drive. New cadets were encouraged to donate in order to determine their blood types while promoting the importance of giving. Donating blood is an integral part of the health and wellbeing of America. The need is constant and there is no substitute for volunteer blood donations. Every two seconds, someone needs a blood transfusion and each Cadet who donated has the potential to save up to three lives. (Right) CDT Moes donating blood for a good cause.)



**Upcoming Jayhawk Battalion Events**

On April 9, 2016 the Jayhawk Battalion will host the 22nd annual Ranger Buddy Competition at Sesquicentennial Point, Lawrence, KS. We expect at least 188 two-person teams from ROTC programs coast-to-coast to participate in the one day event. The day starts before dawn at around 0445 hours. Cadets will start the day's competition with the 10K Ruck March (which is also a qualifying event). After the ruck march Cadets will go through situational lanes that focus on technical and tactical skills that challenge cadets' mental agility and problem-solving skills under pressure. Some of the challenges the Cadets will have to face are how to send up reports, how to negotiate an obstacle, land navigation, combat life-saving skills, troop leading procedures, and movement techniques, amongst other physical and mental challenges. The day will culminate with a 2-3 mile buddy run. Ultimately three teams in each category, male/male, female/female, and male/female teams will place and receive awards. As always, friends of the Jayhawk Battalion are welcome to join us as spectators at Sesquicentennial Point for this year's Ranger Buddy Competition. Please contact the KU Army ROTC Department at 785-864-3311 if you have questions about this or any of our events.

Check out our website at [www.armyrotc.ku.edu](http://www.armyrotc.ku.edu) for more details on these events, and take a look here <http://armyrotc.ku.edu/-ranger-buddy-competition> Additionally, find us on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/KUArmyROTC> and follow us on Twitter: [http://twitter.com/KU\\_ArmyROTC](http://twitter.com/KU_ArmyROTC)



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**ALL IN!  
JAYHAWKS LEAD THE WAY!**

*LTC Davis McElwain*



**Navy News  
CAPT Dave Meron, USN**



**Greetings from the Jayhawk Navy!**

The spring semester is in full force and the unit has been busy with guest speakers and multiple events. The unit played host to RADM Jeffery R. Penfield, as well as the CO and CMC of the USS Jacksonville (SSN -699). Officer Candidate (OC) Anthony Reid attended the Black Engineer of the Year Awards (BEYA), and three of our senior midshipmen formally selected their first duty stations.

RADM Jeffery R. Penfield is Commander Operational Test and Evaluation Force, and our Aviation Flag Officer sponsor. During his visit to KU he addressed the Battalion

and dispensed valuable insight into the capabilities and technologies that our newest vessels, airplanes, and submarines will provide to future officers. He also discussed the importance good mentors can have on a successful career, and described strategies of how to seek out and find the right mentor.

CDR Stephen Faulk, the Commanding Officer of USS Jacksonville and his Chief of the Boat (COB), provided a presentation on "life as a submariner" to our nuclear interested midshipmen. In addition our students were



given time to talk one-on-one with CDR Faulk to ask detailed questions on how to succeed in their future community. Midshipmen also were able to discuss with the COB the relationships between officers and enlisted in general, and how Chief Petty Officers are instrumental in developing junior officers.



We were honored to send Officer Candidate (OC) Anthony Reid to the BEYA conference in Philadelphia, PA. OC Reid (who is selected for submarines) was introduced to many former and current Navy leaders, including Dr. William F. Bundy, from the Naval War College and the USTRATCOM Commander, ADM Cecil D. Haney. At the conference OC Reid was also given the opportunity to attend the Centennial Seven Submarine mentoring session. Attending events such as this, so early in their careers, can be instrumental in preparing our midshipmen for the challenges of the Fleet.

The end of February was an exciting time for three of our midshipmen who were awaiting ship and duty station selections. MIDN Sydney Jourdan, a Navy Nurse, chose Naval Medical Center San Diego as her first duty station. Our two future Surface Warfare Officers also selected their first ships. Officer Candidate Kyle Kaplan selected the USS Wayne E. Meyer (DDG 108) out of San Diego, and MIDN Nicholas Castans chose the Jason H. Dunham (DDG 109) out of Norfolk. All three can look forward to bright futures!

In the first week of March, for the first time in four years, we will be competing in the University of Colorado drill meet. This is a great opportunity for our midshipmen to display the skills they have worked so hard to perfect.

Thank you for your continued support of the Jayhawk Battalion!

***Rock Chalk and Go Navy!***

***CAPT Dave Meron***



## Air Force News

### LtCol Bill Pastewait, USAF

#### **Hello from Detachment 280, the Flying Jayhawks!**

We've hit the ground running in the Spring Semester with several training events geared towards preparing sophomore cadets to attend Field Training. This includes everything from marching, physical fitness, leadership development, expeditionary Air Force concepts, and hygienic rules for training such as the proper method for making your bunk and folding your clothes. Cadets will spend two-weeks in-garrison at Maxwell AFB, Alabama and two-weeks in an Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) environment at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. Sophomore cadets are currently competing for enrollment allocations to attend Field Training.

From a staff perspective we had several field training selections. I will attend AEF 1 at Camp Shelby as the Director of Support. Capt Rogers was selected as an alternate Flight Training Officer for AEF 1 as well. SSgt Anna Romero will attend AEF 2 as one of the NCO staff. It's great news for our staff to have so many people selected and it will certainly improve the training for future cadets.

The highlight of the semester so far is scholarship awards! Cadet Velia Colunga from Benedictine College and Cadets Shogun Thomas and Daniel Staudacher from the University of Kansas were recipients of a Type-II Air

Force ROTC scholarship for sophomore cadets. This competitive scholarship covers \$18,000 in tuition per year and includes books and stipend payments.

#### *Detachment update:*

Three cadets were selected for rated duty assignment with Detachment 280 scoring 100% (3 out of 3 candidates) selections. Cadet Dale Hupe and Alexander Pruss were selected for pilot slots and Cadet Adam Hopkins was selected for an Air Battle Manager slot.

#### *Coming Up:*

We are hosting an AFROTC Open House on Saturday, 9 April from 0900 – 1200. This is an opportunity for local area high schools, JROTC units or current college students to check out Air Force ROTC. Parents are also encouraged to attend and lunch will be provided for the attendees. We are hoping for a large turnout in another effort to grow the numbers of incoming freshmen cadets.

Very Respectfully,

***LtCol Bill Pastewait***

Commander, Air Force ROTC Det 280



# JAYHAWK CHAPTER MOAA

A membership meeting will be held **Tuesday, 29 March 2016**,  
at the newly remodeled Lawrence Country Club.

Dinner cost is \$24.00/meal.

*The Program:* Our program will be members Herschel and Jacque Stroud  
presenting "Abe and Mary: A Family Portrait."

*Social Hour: 1800 hours*                      *Dinner: 1845 hours*

*The Menu:* Because LCC is remodeling, Jim Cooper has been unable to get an exact menu.  
He says "a chicken entree with wild rice, salad & dessert."

*Send your reservation and check payable to Jayhawk Chapter MOAA  
to arrive no later than Wednesday, 24 March 2016, to:  
CAPT Jim Cooper, 1115 Stone Meadows Drive, Lawrence, KS 66049*

*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*

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

The cost is \$24.00 per meal. I am enclosing a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for meal(s).

Dues (\$20.00) \$\_\_\_\_\_

Clayton L. Comfort Award program contribution \$\_\_\_\_\_  
(Separate check made out to "KU Endowment")

**TOTAL:** \$\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU NEED A RIDE TO MEETINGS, PLEASE LET US KNOW HERE \_\_\_\_\_**

**AND GIVE US YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_**

**TEAR OFF AND RETURN THIS FORM WITH A CHECK PAYABLE TO:  
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**Tentative 2016 Meeting Schedule:**

Tuesday            29 March  
Tuesday            17 May

Tuesday            19 July  
Tuesday            20 September  
Tuesday            15 November



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