

# Jayhawk Chapter



## MOAA Newsletter

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### September Program

Time: Tuesday 28 Sept 2021

Lawrence Country Club

6:00 PM Cocktails/Social Hour

6:40 PM Dinner

Speaker-Representative from the  
Douglas County Health Department  
Update on the Covid Situation

### DUES

Dues for 2021 were due 01 January 2021 in the amount of \$20.

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## President's Comments

We're finally resuming in-person meetings at the Lawrence Country Club on Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, gathering at 6 PM for cocktails/social hour. PLEASE join us! We'll be following Douglas County Health guidelines. I ask that if you are coming that you ensure that you have been vaccinated. Our speaker will be from the health department, so we'll be able to get an update on the Covid situation and you'll have a chance to ask any questions that you have. It will also be Army night, so we'll have Army ROTC folks in attendance!



As for a Covid booster, Sandy and I have already received our third jab. We're going to Spain for two weeks before the meeting, and for extra insurance, and also since Sandy has asthma related health issues, we went ahead and got the shot. It is being offered for free at pharmacies, grocery store pharmacies, etc. I urge you pursue the third jab. When asked if you are immunocompromised the answer is "yes" – hey we're all getting into our health susceptible years, so we're all immunocompromised. Get your shot!

Our meal will be \$30 per person. While I realize that this is an increase (of only \$6), here is food for thought: we've been paying the club \$24 per plate since January 2014. That is a whopping 7½ years! Actually when I arrived in 1999 we were all paying \$18 a plate, so in 20 years that level of increase is really not bad. For \$30 we receive a plated, full-course dinner in the city's premier country club, with table service. It is really a good deal. And if you haven't been out to eat since Covid yet, you'll notice that EVERYBODY has raised prices – that is just the way it is. At \$30 we're still getting a **very good** deal and a **very good** meal.

I'll be traveling to MOAA's annual meeting in Arlington, Virginia in October and will receive our 2020 FIVE star award, and will have it at the November meeting. Congratulations to all of you for continuing to contribute and pitch in during these weird and unprecedented times.

And again, my offer stands - in case any of you are in need of any kind of assistance regarding the Covid 19 vaccine or anything else whatsoever, please contact myself or one of the other members of the board of directors. And, as always, if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please email or call me: (785) 979-7279 or [jscooper36@hotmail.com](mailto:jscooper36@hotmail.com)

Stay smart, stay safe, stay cool, practice reasonable safeguards against the virus, and get the vaccine! And the booster!

*Coop*



# Jayhawk Chapter News

## PERSONAL NEWS

**From Alan VanLoenen:** The American Legion Post 14 at 3408 W. 6th Street in Lawrence, is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9AM to 12PM for coffee and conversation for military veterans.

Also every Wednesday and Saturday there are bingo games at 6:45PM; doors open at 4:30 PM for pull tabs games; and snack bar opens at 5PM. All bingo sales go to support the American Legion Post 14 in our efforts to support our military veterans and Lawrence's local youth sports programs and other local community items. There is a progressive black out bingo game that usually has a pay out ranging from \$1,500 to \$7,000 plus pay out as the game advances from session to session.



**In Memoriam:** Military graveside service with full military honors were held for Donald Earl Sheriff, 94, Lawrence, on 10 September 2021 at Leavenworth National Cemetery. Donald passed away 24 August 2021 at his home.

Don was born on April 10, 1927, to William "Earl" and Kay Malott Sheriff, in Hamilton, Ohio. He enlisted in the Army Air Forces in June 1944. Don retired as a regular USAF Major in July 1967. Later, he retired from Trans-World Air Lines. He graduated from Hamilton High, University of Nebraska, Omaha, USAF Navigation School, and the USAF Command and Staff College. His USAF rating was Senior Navigator.

He married Darlene M. Kuhlman on October 12, 1950 in Fort Collins, CO. They spent 17 years of their married life in the Air Force. Upon retirement, they moved to Darlene's parents farm where they built a two-story log house. They enjoyed 68 years of married life together.

He was a life-member of the Dorsey-Liberty Post 14, American Legion; of the 40 & 8 Voiture 762. Kansas City, KS; of the Disabled American Veterans; of the Jayhawk Chapter, Military Officers Association of America; of the 301<sup>st</sup> Bomb Wing Association; of the Air Force Navigators-Observers Association. He was a past member of the Kansas Easter Seal Board of Directors; a Boy Scout Master in Hamilton, OH; Nome, Alaska, and Fort Collins, CO. He served 15 years on the Fort Leavenworth Retiree Council, and 10 years as Treasurer, Rural Water District 10, Leavenworth County.

Survivors include his two daughters, Kathy Lathrom, Boston, MA, Melanie Proctor, Lawrence, KS; and a son, Howard Sheriff, Aurora, CO; five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

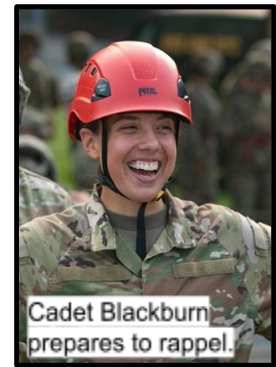
The family suggests memorial in Don's name to the Optimist International Foundation or the General Clay Comfort Scholarship Fund at Kansas University Alumni Association and may be sent in care of Warren-McElwain Mortuary, 120 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Lawrence, KS 66044.



# Army News

A hearty and hot hello from the cadre and cadets of the Jayhawk Battalion! The Jayhawks – who have spent this past summer all over the world – have come home to roost, and the semester is in full swing. In my July note, I described the crucible for rising seniors at Fort Knox, Kentucky known as Advanced Camp. I'm pleased to report that the KU cadets who attended Advanced Camp performed superbly: of the 15 Cadets who attended Advanced Camp, ten received a rating of either "outstanding" or "excellent." These evaluations (outstanding, excellent, proficient, capable, and unsatisfactory) are made by cadre on a forced distribution model for a cadet platoon (consisting of 50 cadets); only the top 14% can receive an "outstanding" and only the top 49% can receive an "excellent." Suffice to say that the KU cadets outperformed their peers. The importance of these ratings cannot be understated as they will largely determine each cadet's component (Active Duty, National Guard, or Reserve) and branch (Infantry, Armor, etc). Our seniors will find out their components in mid-September and their branches by mid-November.

Our Advanced Campers weren't the only denizens of Ft. Knox this summer, though. We also had four Basic Camp attendees. "Basic Camp" is a program designed to catch cadets up who missed out on ROTC during their freshman or sophomore years. Like Advanced Camp, Basic is truly rigorous and unlike Advanced Camp, Basic is run primarily by drill sergeants. Again, the Jayhawks performed well with one of the four (Cadet Amondre Street) receiving the Warrior Spirit Award – an award given to the top 2% of performers. We also had cadets participate in internships across the United States and as far afield as Taiwan!



We can't rest on our summertime success, though. The Jayhawk Battalion's high OPTEMPO has continued into the Fall '21 Academic Year. KU and all our satellite schools (Washburn, St. Mary's, JCCC, Baker, and Haskell) have all started in-person classes. The Jayhawk Battalion hosted a New Cadet Orientation (NCO) from 18-20 August to aid in-processing and on-boarding 30 new members of the Jayhawk Battalion. NCO consisted of an introduction to the Battalion by both cadre and the cadet chain of command as well as (of course) physical training. We conducted a fitness assessment for scholarship recipients and capped the event with a friendly match of Ultimate Frisbee. This set the stage for the first week of classes and physical training, as well as the first Leadership Lab, all of which went well.



During a recent PT session, Jayhawk Seniors were introduced to the “KU 1000.” Modeled after the famous “Bisbee 1000,” the KU 1000 takes runners on a roundabout tour of the KU Campus and ascends 1000 stairs (750’ total elevation gain) over 3.75 miles. The seniors loved it and it will be incorporated into normal PT.

The next month will remain very busy. Besides normal battle rhythm events (classes and PT), we have a “Super Lab” at Fort Riley (to ensure our sophomores can fire on a pop-up range), we have Combat Water Survival Training, tryouts for the Ranger Challenge Team (competition in October), tryouts for the Army 10-Miler (with a competition also in October), and a diagnostic Army Combat Fitness Test for cadre and cadets. We also have the great good fortune of welcoming a new Recruiting Operations Officer – Mr. Lawrence Jenkins, and two new officers: CPT Ty Roberts and CPT Travis Emery.

***Rock Chalk!***

**LTC John D. Finch  
Professor of Military Science**



# Navy News



## **Greetings from the Jayhawk Battalion!**

The fall semester is underway and the Jayhawk Battalion is back to normal operations with 100% in-person activities. We are excited to have our newest Jayhawk midshipmen, along with returning battalion members, back on campus as they had busy summers conducting a variety of training. Whether the midshipmen were attending New Student Indoctrination (NSI) at Naval Station Great Lakes, embarking on ships and submarines in Norfolk or San Diego, learning to fly aircraft in California, or attending Marine Corps Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia, our midshipmen had an outstanding time learning what life is like in the Fleet.

At the start of every school year, our battalion hosts New Student Orientation (NSO)



where we welcome new midshipmen into our battalion and provide basic military training. It is an intense five days of classroom instruction, drill, physical fitness, and swim qualifications. The midshipmen learn Navy and Marine Corps customs and courtesies along with the academic and physical fitness requirements of the NROTC program. The midshipmen demonstrated determination as they persevered through early mornings and late days. On 21 August 2021, our eleven candidates were rewarded for their hard

work and graduated NSO earning them the title of Midshipman in the Kansas Naval ROTC Unit. I am confident that these young men and women will continue to learn and grow as they embark on a path toward a commission in the United States Navy and Marine Corps.

The Jayhawk Battalion held two important events this summer as one individual began their journey in our military and the other closed out their dedicated years of service. On 2 August 2021, the Battalion held a ceremony in the Kansas Union to commission 2ndLt Randall Lee. Surrounded by shipmates and family, he was sworn into the United States Marine Corps.



CAPT Trenton Lennard retired after 31 years of Naval service with his family at his side.

On 28 August 2021, former Commanding Officer of the Kansas Naval ROTC Unit, CAPT Trenton “Trigger” Lennard, retired after 31 years of outstanding Naval service. A ceremony filled with Naval traditions was held on campus where we honored his dedication to service and to our country. We give thanks to him for being such an outstanding leader and role model. Fair winds and following seas CAPT Lennard! Fly Navy and Rock Chalk!

***CAPT James “Nemo” Miller  
Professor of Military Science***



## *Air Force News*

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

It’s certainly an exciting time for the Flying Jayhawk Wing. I know both the cadre and cadets are thrilled to be back to 100% in-person attendance for all classes and events. I arrived in late June, and while I spent the summer educating myself on all things ROTC, our cadre and select Cadet Wing members were also all-in with enterprise-level support and professional development.

Major Todd Rapp and SSgt Shawn Lowe take the “service before self” prize, as both spent roughly two months of their summer supporting Field Training efforts. And it wasn’t just any Field Training. 2021 Field Training, the largest in history, was relocated from its normal Maxwell AFB location to Camp Shelby, MS to accommodate the record numbers. In addition to the normal number of cadets performing their rite of passage from GMC (lower class) to POC (upper class), an additional 1,400 cadets were on site due to being deferred last summer because of the pandemic. All 17 of our cadets performed well and are now part of the POC. Additionally, cadets Tarnowski and Crist were competitively selected to serve as cadet training

assistants. Both of our cadre members served as outstanding ambassadors from Det 280; SSgt Lowe was recognized as “Warrior of the Week” and named top-10% of NCOs!

Three of our cadets participated in Professional Development Training over the summer.



Cadets Hoffman and Schreffler were selected to attend Project Global Officers (GO) at San Diego State University. Project GO provides an opportunity for future military officers to improve language skills, regional expertise, and intercultural communication skills. Additionally, Cadet Weber served as an advisor at Spartan College’s Flight Academy, a CSAF-funded program for JROTC cadets. Flight Academy allows JROTC cadets to gain flight hours and earn college academic credits.

We are feverishly indoctrinating our newest cadets into our program. It’s exciting (and a little touch-and-go) watching them navigate the myriad changes and new responsibilities in their lives, while simultaneously beginning their development into future officers.

In other exciting news, Maj Stormi Brewer, our Academic and Recruiting Officer, was promoted on 1 Sep. Congratulations to her for reaching this milestone in her career and earning her new rank!

Lastly, I owe a brief personal introduction. I grew up here in Lawrence and am a proud Jayhawk alumnus ('03). I am a career AF weather officer, with many special duty assignments mixed in over the course of the last 18 years. I just completed squadron command at Hurlburt Field, FL, and jumped at the opportunity to come back home and be part of the Flying Jayhawks. Ashley and I purchased a home in the Deerfield neighborhood and absolutely love being back home. Our children, Stella (11), Vera (9), and James (6), keep us on our toes, but life is good! I certainly don’t need to explain to this group how special it is to live here.

It was great meeting CAPT Cooper and Col Kelly a few weeks back. Det 280 very much appreciates the support from MOAA and I look forward to continuing our relationship during my time in the seat.

**Rock Chalk!**

**Lt Col Charlie Dorssom  
Professor of Military Science**

## ***MOAA LEGISLATIVE UPDATES***

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

Those who have email receive the full Legislative Updates each week. Let me know if you want additional info on any particular topic: [rayfin3@gmail.com](mailto:rayfin3@gmail.com)

### **NDA Update: Where Pay Raise, TRICARE Changes, and Other Priorities Stand**

SEPTEMBER 08, 2021

The latest step in the FY 2022 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) process offers a clearer picture of what MOAA priorities will make the bill's final version, what fights will continue in upcoming sessions, and where MOAA needs your help in pressing legislators to include much-needed reforms.

The House Armed Services Committee (HASC) finished marking up its version of the NDAA in the early hours Sept. 2 – a 14-hour session with a record-high 780 amendments introduced that resulted in a 57-2 committee approval. While the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) completed its markup of the NDAA earlier this summer, bill text from both committees is not publicly available, and limited changes could come via floor amendments and the conference process before the bill is finalized.

Here are some highlights of the FY 2022 NDAA so far:

What's In

**Pay Raise:** Both the House and Senate versions include a 2.7% military pay raise. While MOAA is happy to report this raise remains tied to the Employment Cost Index (ECI), it fails to address when pay raises fell below ECI in 2014-2016, resulting in a pay gap of 2.6%. This shortfall is increasingly important for servicemembers' families who face soaring costs for rent, extremely high spousal unemployment rates compounded by the lack of with DoD child care capacity, and growing out-of-pocket PCS costs. Making up the 2.6% shortfall remains a problem for Congress to correct.

**Basic Needs Allowance (BNA):** This [Advocacy in Action](#) topic has overcome several obstacles thanks to MOAA member engagement. Pending any surprise outcomes from the NDAA conference, BNA will be included in the final NDAA. This provision supports young military families with multiple dependents who have struggled with food insecurity - many relying on food banks on or near installations. Members of the HASC and SASC have included language from the [Military Hunger Prevention Act](#) in both versions of the NDAA.

**Reserve Component Pay Parity:** There are provisions in the House and Senate versions providing parity for National Guardsmen and Reservists for aviation and hazardous duty incentive pays. The move comes as 2020 marked the largest mobilization of the reserve component since World War II; it shows great progress on improving benefits for the stretched force, though Congress still must address further reform of the component's [complicated duty status](#).

**Medical Billet Reductions:** The House version of the NDAA contains a provision extending the halt of proposed medical billet reductions for 180 days after the bill's passage. Maintaining quality medical care is more important than ever. Recent medical personnel deployments to local hospitals, the uncertainty



around COVID-19 variants, and the plan to cut children's hospital outpatient service reimbursements (a threat to network participation/access to civilian care) are all areas of concern for MOAA.

**Arlington National Cemetery:** The House bill includes ANC language that voiced concern over those who could be forced to a different cemetery and required DoD and the VA to submit "a joint report on the location of the next national cemetery." The amendment, approved with unanimous consent via the "En Bloc" process, comes amid concerns over proposed eligibility changes. This impactful report language signals intent from Congress to DoD to continue the benefit of full military honors like those provided at Arlington. MOAA has reached out to staff at ANC and the draft eligibility changes are still on track to be published (as directed in the 2019 NDAA) in the late fall of 2021. Stronger language is still required for congress to intervene. MOAA continues to advocate for language that would require DoD and the VA to maintain current eligibility standards at ANC until the next location is operational.

The NDAA language was submitted by Rep. Lisa McClain (R-Mich.) and supported by work from Reps. Anthony Brown (D-Md.) and Marc Veasey (D-Texas) as well as members of the [For Country Caucus](#). MOAA members have made a significant impact on Congress through letters and calls to their representatives and senators; it remains important to ask your senators to include the ANC language in the final NDAA.

**Parental Leave and Child Care:** The HASC included language to expand parental leave to 12 weeks for qualified servicemembers, including the long-term placement of a foster child. MOAA and The Military Coalition submitted a [letter](#) to HASC and SASC leadership supporting legislation like this to bring parental leave rights of servicemembers in line with those of the federal sector and many civilian employers.

The House bill would expand the pilot program for in-home child care and requires a report on the status of license applications for in-home care providers, including numbers applied for and granted, length of the process, and recommendations for improving the process.

**Impact Aid:** The House bill would authorize \$50 million to support local educational agencies with military dependent students and an additional \$20 million to support military children with severe disabilities.

**Military Justice Reform:** The House and Senate will update the Uniformed Code of Military Justice this year and address disturbing trends in rates of sexual harassment and assault, and notable personnel and capacity shortfalls in the investigatory and legal functions identified by DoD's independent review committee. Provisions adding sexual harassment as a punishable offense, creating specialized military prosecutors, and placing decision authority to refer a case to courts-martial with a military prosecutor are likely for inclusion into the final version of the NDAA. There are also provisions that would authorize commanders to provide victims with results such as general officer letters of reprimand, relief for cause evaluations and separation actions that result from an incident of harassment or assault.

There are provisions that differ between the Senate and House on military justice reform, with the Senate proposing a wider role for special military prosecutors. MOAA will continue to follow this reform closely through the conference process.

**Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) Open Season:** An amendment submitted by Rep. Michael Waltz (R-Fla.) would authorize an SBP Open Season for VA-rated service-disabled veterans who withdrew prior to the "widows tax" repeal in 2020, allowing them to catch up on any missed premiums. The open enrollment period, as defined in the adopted amendment, would begin the day the NDAA took effect and end Jan. 1, 2023.

Selective Service Enrollment for Women: The National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service recommended to Congress last year that women should register for selective service. This year, that provision is likely to be included in the final NDAA. With only 20% of 18-to-21-year-olds in the U.S. able to meet the physical and psychological standards for service, it is difficult to ignore half of the population in the event of a national emergency. MOAA remains committed to protecting the all-volunteer force and not returning to the draft.

What's Out, for Now

Concurrent Receipt: The Major Richard Star Act, a piece of [concurrent receipt legislation](#) supported by more than half the Senate and nearly 120 House members, is a pending NDAA floor amendment. The Star Act amendment is timely, as the news is replete with tragedies in Afghanistan, leaving many veterans thinking of sacrifices and those we lost. Servicemembers forced to retire because they were injured in combat – like Maj. Richard Star, USAR, who [passed away earlier this year](#) – had their retirement pay reduced for every dollar of VA disability compensation they were awarded.

Sen. Jon Tester (D-Mont.) and Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-Fla.) are expected to propose the Star Act as an amendment; contact your lawmakers and ask them to support this effort:

TRICARE Young Adult: [Legislation that would expand TRICARE eligibility to young adult dependents](#) up to age 26 (military kids lose TRICARE coverage at age 21 or 23 if a full-time college student.) to bring TRICARE in line with commercial plans, another of MOAA's Advocacy in Action topics, did not make it into the SASC or HASC bills. Military kids face extraordinary challenges throughout their childhoods – as they transition to adulthood, we must ensure they have the same health care protections as their civilian peers.

**Reserve Component Benefits Are at Risk. Ask Your House Member to Act Now**

**AUGUST 18, 2021**

While the FY 2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) remains in its early stages, initial drafts released by the Armed Services Committees reveal some potential wins for servicemembers in the reserve component (RC). Included in the Senate bill summary is a provision to provide Aviation Career Incentive Pay (ACIP) and Hazardous Duty Incentive Pay (HDIP) parity for the reserve and active components.

Over the past year, members of the reserve component have proven how valuable they are serving overseas, securing our border, or helping to protect our communities with COVID-19 relief operations – all part of the component's largest mobilization since World War II. Members fought forest fires, supported law enforcement, issued vaccines, and provided emergency evacuation from floods.

Hazardous Duty and Flight pay were well earned by these servicemembers, and fixing the incentive pay disparity would ensure those who are required to maintain a proficiency earn the same as their active duty counterparts.

Our nation has increasingly relied on the RC during emergencies, and parity of benefits is an important part of retention. Correcting this parity gap now is essential after the revelation that those in the National Guard are [twice as likely](#) to be experiencing food insecurity as the general population.

Passing this legislation would potentially mean hundreds of dollars into some servicemembers' pockets each month. Here's a look at some monthly incentive rates, and how much RC members stand to gain if Congress closes the gap between them and their active duty counterparts:

## Aviators

- **Active Officer (with over six years' service):** \$650-\$700
- **Reserve Component Officer (with over six years):** \$52-\$57

## Aircrew

- **Active enlisted:** \$150-\$240
- **RC enlisted:** \$12-\$20
- **Active warrant officer:** \$150-\$215
- **RC warrant officer:** \$12-\$17
- **Active officer:** \$150-\$250
- **RC officer:** \$12-\$20

## Parachute Duty (High Altitude, Low Opening)

- **Active:** \$150-\$225
- **RC:** \$12-\$20

**Other Hazardous Duties:** These offer \$150 per month to active duty members and \$12 to RC members.

Examples include:

- Demolition
- Experimental stress
- Flight deck
- Exposure to highly toxic pesticides
- Laboratory duty utilizing live dangerous viruses or bacteria
- Toxic fuels and propellants
- Handling chemical munitions
- Maritime visit, board, search, seizure (VBSS)
- Weapons of mass destruction civil support (WMDCS) team
- Diving

Despite efforts to fix this in last year's NDAA, the language left holes that would allow DoD to pay a lesser monthly rate to reserve component members who have the same proficiencies. This year's language works to close that loophole and adds ACIP alongside HDIP.

While the Senate has included the fix in its NDAA draft, it is unclear if the House will adopt this important provision. Your House member needs to hear from you to know this is a priority for this year's NDAA. The next opportunity to ensure a provision is added comes with the full House Armed Services Committee markup Sept. 1; act now and support [reserve component pay parity](#).

## Bipartisan Bill Would Reduce TRICARE Mental Health Copays

**AUGUST 10, 2021**

A bipartisan bill would reduce military family cost sharing for outpatient mental health visits, one of MOAA's [top priorities](#) since TRICARE copay increases went into effect Jan. 1, 2018.

MOAA supports the [Stop Copay Overpay Act](#), introduced by Air Force veteran Rep. [Chrissy Houlahan \(D-Pa.\)](#) and Navy veteran Rep. Guy Reschenthaler (R-Pa.), because military families should have access to mental health care at a reasonable cost.

The bill would cap TRICARE mental health copays at the level paid for primary care visits. TRICARE currently categorizes mental health care as specialty care, which has higher out-of-pocket costs.

The bill would reduce these mental health appointment copays for Group A beneficiaries (those whose sponsor entered service before Jan. 1, 2018) significantly:

- **TRICARE Select, active duty family members:** \$22 under the bill, down from \$34 (Note: active duty family members on TRICARE Prime do not pay copays, and would not do so under the proposal).
- **TRICARE Select, retirees and family members; medical retirees, family members, and survivors:** \$30, down from \$46.
- **TRICARE Prime, retirees and family members; medical retirees, family members, and survivors:** \$21 under the bill, down from \$31.

“The importance of mental health care is indisputable, particularly for military families who face unique challenges as their servicemembers support and defend our Nation,” said Lt. Gen. Dana T. Atkins, USAF (Ret), MOAA president and CEO. “Yet, military health system reforms have meant steep TRICARE copay increases for military families seeking mental health care. We thank Congresswoman Houlahan and Congressman Reschenthaler for introducing this bill that would reduce TRICARE copays for mental health visits and address a key barrier to accessing care.”

Houlahan explained why this legislation is so important in press releases accompanying the introduction of the [Stop Copay Overpay Act](#).

“The past year has been an incredibly difficult time for so many Americans, particularly in the veteran community,” she said. “Struggles with mental health saw a dramatic increase, and it’s crucial that our veterans and their families have access to affordable mental health care.”

Reschenthaler, a co-chair of the Military Mental Health Taskforce, said he was “proud to join with Rep. Houlahan to introduce the *Stop Copay Overpay Act*, which will ensure our servicemembers, retirees, and their families can access affordable mental health care.”





# JAYHAWK CHAPTER MOAA



A membership meeting will be held **Tuesday, 28 September 2021**

at the **Lawrence Country Club**

**Dinner cost** is \$30.00/meal.

**The Program:** Our program will be

**Social Hour: 1800 hours      Dinner: 1840 hours**

**The Menu:** House salad; Entrée- White wine poached salmon with caper lemon sauce, seasonal vegetables, potato hash and bacon; Dessert – Chocolate pudding

Send your reservation and check payable to Jayhawk Chapter MOAA to arrive no later than Wednesday, 22 September to: **CAPT Jim Cooper, 5216 Brown Lane, Lawrence, KS 66049-5112**

*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 \$30.00 per meal. I am enclosing a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for meal(s).

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

**TEAR OFF AND RETURN THIS FORM WITH A CHECK PAYABLE TO: JAYHAWK CHAPTER MOAA (CAPT Jim Cooper, 5216 Brown Lane, Lawrence, KS 66049-5112)**

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