



Jayhawk Chapter



MOAA Newsletter

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January Program

Time: Tuesday 18 Jan 2022

Lawrence Country Club

6:00 PM Cocktails/Social Hour

7:00 PM Dinner

Speaker-Captain Erin Stone, Jag Corps, US Navy (Ret)

Senior Director of Council and Chapter Affairs at MOAA National

DUES

Dues for 2022 are due 1 January 2022 in the amount of \$20.

If you have not already done so, please send your check to:

*Jim Cooper, 5216 Brown Lane,
Lawrence, KS 66049-5112*

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President's Comments

All:

Welcome 2022! It came in with a bang, dumping undesired sleet and snow on us the first day of the year – here's hoping we don't have much more of that this winter! I do hope that you and yours had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



We had a super November meeting with Brad Allen, the Director of the Lawrence Public Library, and the KU NROTC folks were with us as it was Navy Night. The January meeting (Tuesday the 18th) will be great as well, with Captain Erin Stone, Jag Corps, US Navy (Ret), Senior Director of Council and Chapter Affairs at MOAA National. It is always a rare treat to hear from MOAA National staff leadership, so please don't miss this opportunity. This will be Air Force night, so we'll have folks from the KU AFROTC unit with us as well. We'll also elect a new slate of officers. Please join us at about 6 pm for cocktails, dinner at 7 PM. Hope to see you there!

A reminder on dues – it is now 2022, so \$20.00 annual dues are due – please send a check made out to “Jayhawk MOAA” and send to me, Jim Cooper, at 5216 Brown Lane, Lawrence, KS 66049-5112.

Some sad news to pass on – on October 25th we lost another one of our longtime members, Jim Stokes. Jim was a Navy veteran, a “tin can” sailor who served on a destroyer in the Pacific in World War II. I already miss his ready smile and easy-going manner at our meetings.

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

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 Bernie Kish: I had a very productive meeting two weeks ago with the LCC people—Elizabeth-Sergio and the Chef (who since resigned and they have a new Chef). I asked Jim Cooper if I could meet with them since I was very disappointed in our November meal. I mentioned to them that we are LCC's best and longest customer-having meetings there with meals since our founding in the 1980's. So-I will meet with them prior to each meeting a couple weeks out to select the menu. We will have a very nice selection among Steak-Fish-Chicken and Pork. One thing they requested—that we get our count to them the Thursday prior to our Tuesday meetings/dinner. So-please get your RSVP to Coop NLT the Thursday prior to our meeting.

Bernie and Judy Kish-50th Wedding Anniversary. Bernie and Judy celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on December 18th. They were married at the First Presbyterian Church in Lawrence on December 18, 1971 and honeymooned in San Francisco. Their entire family-Bernie and Judy-Daughter Keri and husband Dave Suvak and Daughter Kathryn, husband Jon and grandkids celebrated the event with a week at the MayaKoba Fairmont Resort south of Cancun in Mexico.

From John Halladay: Shirley and I attended the Sunflower Chapter Christmas party today. David and Olean Kent were there and asked us to relay their greetings to all our members and to wish each of you a Merry Christmas/Happy New Year for them.

From Alan Van Loenen: American Legion Post 14 / 3408 W 6th Street in Lawrence, KS. (1) Thursday country music and meal: Meal I believe \$13 or \$14 at about 6PM; live music 7PM to 9PM, bar available, dancing available. (2) Wednesdays and Saturdays are bingo nights: Door open at 4:30 PM for pull tabs games; snack bar drinks at 5PM, snack meals available at 5:30 PM; bingo games start at 6:45 PM; all proceeds go to support American Legion Post 14 functions. (3) Coffee hours for American Legion and military veterans on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9AM to 12PM.

From Herschel Stroud: Herschel organized the Topeka, Kansas Re-dedication of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, 7 November 2021, at Gage Park. Brig. Gen. Edward Garhardt (Ret.), delivered remarks and a re-dedication Wreath was presented. The American Legion Post #400 Military Honor Rifle Detail delivered three rounds in Honor of all our fallen, and Capt. Herschel Stroud (Ret.), sounded Taps, to conclude the Ceremony.





Army News

Happy Holiday's from the cadets and cadre of the Jayhawk battalion! Since our last report, we have had a busy finish to the Fall Semester. The cadets and cadre will receive a short (but physically intense) break; then we will open up the throttle all the way through spring. We're looking forward to a fantastic new year; in the spirit of renewal, the Jayhawk Battalion has a new website: <https://armyrotc.ku.edu>. Working with our fellow Jayhawk affiliate KU Athletic Association, we have also secured the ability to rent Anschutz Pavilion to conduct physical training. At \$100 a pop, we're working through the funding, but if you would like to support, please feel free to send checks addressed to KU Army ROTC and send to KU Army ROTC, Military Science Building, 1520 Summerfield Hall Drive, Room #204. We've incentivized fitness over the holiday break with another Race Across America (miles logged in the Strava app for running, swimming, and cycling) and a Lift to the Moon. With luck, when the cadets return to campus, they'll be as fit as they've ever been.



In other news, the Jayhawk Battalion supported a number of veterans appreciation events over the month of November. Our cadets showed up in force to the Salute to Service Football game against K-State. Though the football team lost, the Jayhawk Battalion won big as MSG Richards (Senior Military Science Instructor at KU) was recognized for his incredible service. Jayhawks participated in the Veteran's Gala at the Dole Center, the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Campanile, and the Veteran's Day Vigil along Memorial Drive. The recognition continued at the KU Basketball Salute to Service on 12 November and finally at the KU Veteran's Day 5k on the 14th.



The Jayhawk Battalion also hosted the Commander's Cup in November. This fiercely contested event pits Navy Midshipmen against Army and Air Force Cadets as they vie for the Commander's Cup Trophy. This years Cup held events across military disciplines: physical fitness, historical knowledge, marksmanship, and teamwork; Navy deserves a hearty congratulations for wresting the cup from Air Force. The award was presented at the Joint Service Ball: an opportunity to eat well and appreciate the comradeship of our sister services. November wrapped up with a Staff Ride at Fort Leavenworth (covering the battle of Wanat in

Afghanistan – I requested a C17 and a battalion of Rangers to do the staff ride on the ground in Afghanistan, but was told that a virtual option was more cost effective) and the Army 10-miler. This latter event was conducted on home roads in Lawrence on a cold Saturday morning. Freshman Mason Patterson was the fastest male and Sophomore Regan Warburton the fastest female.

December has been focused on preparation for finals and recognition of our cadets. This year's class of graduating seniors received their components and branches. Of the 14 soon to be commissionees, four received Active Duty (Infantry, Armor, Adjutant General, and Nurse), one received Reserves (Aviation), and nine received National Guard (MI, Field Artillery, Armor, Aviation). Our single December grad – Sabiel Anderson – commissioned from Cadet to 2LT on Friday December 2017: an excellent way to kick off the holidays. Have a wonderful holiday from the cadets and cadre of the Jayhawk Battalion!

Rock Chalk!

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



Navy News



No input submitted this month



Air Force News

Happy new year from Detachment 280, the Flying Jayhawks!

Our cadets and cadre sprinted through the finish line of the fall semester, enjoyed the down time to regroup and spend time with loved ones, and are now gearing up to take on the spring semester with vigor. Here are a few notes on the latest happenings.

Our FY22 graduating cadets received their AFSC assignments in mid-November. Classifications were made into the Cyber Warfare, Aerospace Physiology, Weather & Environmental Science, Ammunition, Missiles, Finance, Air Battle Manager, Combat Systems

Operator, Remotely Piloted Aircraft, and Pilot specialties. Each notification was received with a varied (mostly positive) level of excitement, but I'm confident they're all champing at the bit to get started.

The Cadet Wing held its change of command at the Kansas Union on 2 Dec. Several cadets sought the role of Cadet Wing Commander and presented their qualifications and ideas for the spring semester. Ultimately, we selected Cadet Rachel Clark and we're all very excited to watch her perform in her new leadership role. Cadet Austin Crist was selected for the Cadet Vice Commander position. Cadets Sarah Tarnowski and Grant Geschwentner, the fall semester Cadet Wing Leadership team, did an outstanding job and left big shoes to fill.

We have several cadets currently participating in the AFROTC You Can Fly (AYCF) program. AYCF provides a \$3,500 scholarship to selected cadets to complete private pilot ground school and approximately 15 hours of flight instruction at authorized flight schools. The program addresses the Air Force Chief of Staff's priority to increase diversity among the rated force and is funded by the AF's Rated Diversity Initiative. It's a great opportunity for our cadets.

Finally, congratulations to our latest KU graduate and newest AF 2d Lt, Alex Cunningham! Lt Cunningham was commissioned on 20 December and will report to Keesler AFB, MS later this year to begin finance officer training.

Rock Chalk!

Lt Col Charlie Dorssom Commander, Air Force ROTC Det 280 University of Kansas



Det 280 Cadre and Cadet Wing, 2 Dec 21

MOAA LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

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

Those who are MOAA National members receive the full Legislative Updates each week. Let me know if you want additional info on any particular topic: rayfin3@gmail.com

CRDP and CRSC Open Season Begins in January. Here's What You Should Know

DECEMBER 28, 2021

Military retirees who are eligible for both Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP) and Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) can choose which entitlement they prefer to receive during Open Season, which runs Jan. 1-31, 2022.

If you are eligible to participate in Open Season, you should have received a letter detailing the benefits of each entitlement by mail earlier this month. Along with the letter, you'll receive an Open Season Election Form, which allows you to choose the type of payment you wish to receive. Federal law prohibits receiving both CRDP and CRSC.

You might base your decision on the difference in monetary value or on the effect each entitlement will have on your taxable income. You can read Frequently Asked Questions about the [CRSC](#) and [CRDP](#) programs to learn more. In addition, you can view a [chart which explains the differences between CRDP and CRSC](#).

When you review the comparison table, you'll notice several differences between CRDP and CRSC. Before making your decision, you may want to consider how these differences affect you. For instance:

CRDP is subject to federal taxes; CRSC is not.

CRDP is subject to division with a former spouse; CRSC is not.

SBP premiums can be deducted from CRDP, but not CRSC.

If you have questions about how your election will affect your taxes, you should contact your financial advisor or a tax professional.

If you feel the information reflected on your form is incorrect, you may contact DFAS Customer Care Center at 800-321-1080 from 0800 to 1700 EST, Monday through Friday. Because Monday is the busiest day, we recommend calling Tuesday through Friday for quicker service.

Forms should only be submitted if you are making a change, if you wish to keep receiving your current benefit you don't need to respond.

Responses must be postmarked by Jan. 31, 2022. If postmarked after this date, the form will not be processed and the current payments will continue.

Here's When You Can Expect Your Tax Forms From DFAS

DECEMBER 21, 2021

Military retirees, former spouses, and annuitants should have access to their IRS Form 1099Rs via their myPay accounts, but those awaiting mail delivery will need to wait a bit longer.

All tax statements mailed by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) will be sent no later than Jan. 31, 2022, the service announced in [a Dec. 13 statement](#).

Retirees and former spouses were to have access to their 1099Rs by Dec. 17, per the release, with annuitant 1099Rs available Dec. 21. Other key 2022 dates for myPay form delivery:

Jan. 4: Navy Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) W-2

Jan. 6: Reserve Army, Navy, Air Force, Space Force W-2

Jan. 8: Army Non-Appropriated Fund (NAF) Employee W-2 (other service's NAF employees receive tax forms via their respective service)

Jan. 15: Active/Reserve Marine Corps W-2

Jan. 20: Federal Civilian Employee W-2/1095 (DoD/Non-DoD)

Jan. 22: Army SLRP W-2; Savings Deposit Program (SDP) 1099INT

Jan. 25: Active Army, Navy, Air Force, Space Force W-2

Jan. 26: Travel Pay 1099INT

Jan. 31: Military/Military Retiree IRS Form 1095; Travel/Miscellaneous W-2

Need a reissue of a previous year's tax form? [Visit this DFAS website](#) for information. Need to change your mailing address? DFAS recommends doing so via myPay, but retirees also can do so [via this change-ticket form](#). Other problems with myPay or DFAS? Contact the service at (888) 332-7411 or visit the [DFAS customer service website](#), which includes detailed contact information, myPay and other resources, and holiday hours for the DFAS Customer Care Centers.

Your Medicare Part B Rates Will Spike in 2022. Here's What You'll Pay

DECEMBER 01, 2021

Medicare Part B premiums will rise by the highest level in the program's history next year, with most Part B users paying 14.5% more than they did in 2021.

The Standard Part B 2022 premium of \$170.10 is up from \$148.50 in 2021. This is the monthly amount paid by beneficiaries who had a modified gross adjusted income of \$91,000 or less on their 2020 individual tax return or \$182,000 or less on a 2020 joint return.

The increase dwarfs last year's 2.7% standard rate hike. A Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) [fact sheet](#) offers three main reasons for the increase: Rising health care prices and utilization as patients return to provider offices for routine care while COVID-related expenses persist, a \$3-per-month increase brought about by a legislative fix that lessened last year's increase during the COVID-19 pandemic, and uncertainty regarding costs and coverage of Aduhelm, a new Alzheimer's medication.

Those who earned more pay an adjusted rate for Part B coverage by adding an Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) to the standard premium. The breakdown of those rates, [per Medicare.gov](#), is as follows (Note: as with the standard premium levels, these income levels have risen slightly since 2020):

Those with income from \$91,001 to \$114,000 on an individual return or from \$182,001 to \$228,000 on a joint return will pay **\$238.10 per month**, up from \$207.90 in this bracket in 2021.

Those with income from \$114,001 to \$142,000 on an individual return or from \$228,001 to \$284,000 on a joint return will pay **\$340.20 per month**, up from \$297.00 in this bracket in 2021.

Those with income from \$142,001 to \$170,000 on an individual return or from \$284,001 to \$340,000 on a joint return will pay **\$442.30 per month**, up from \$386.10 in this bracket in 2021.

Those with income from \$170,001 to \$500,000 on an individual return, or \$91,001 to \$408,999 when married but filing a separate tax return, or from \$340,001 to \$750,000 on a joint return will pay **\$544.30 per month**, up from \$475.20 in this bracket in 2021.

Those with income above \$500,000 on an individual return, or above \$408,999 when married but filing a separate tax return, or above \$750,000 on a joint return will pay **\$578.30 per month**, up from \$504.90 in this bracket in 2021.

Income Adjustment

If your income figures from 2020 don't reflect your current financial situation, especially in the event of a retirement, a divorce, or other life-changing events, you may qualify for a lower rate. You can file [Form SSA-44. Medicare Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount – Life Changing Event](#), or visit [your local Social Security office](#) to request an adjustment.

Qualifying events include: Marriage, divorce/annulment, or death of a spouse; Work stoppage or reduction; Loss of income-producing property; Loss of pension income; Employer settlement payment.

For more information, call the Social Security Administration (SSA) at 1-800-772-1213.



JAYHAWK CHAPTER MOAA



A membership meeting will be held **Tuesday, 18 January 2022**

at the **Lawrence Country Club**

Dinner cost is \$30.00/meal.

The Program: Captain Erin Stone, Jag Corps, US Navy (Ret), Senior Director of Council and Chapter Affairs at MOAA National

Social Hour: 1800 hours Dinner: 1900 hours

The Menu: *Steak-Twice Baked Potato-Seasonal Vegetable-Garden Salad and Hot Fudge Sundae.*

Send your reservation and check payable to Jayhawk Chapter MOAA to arrive no later than Tuesday, 11 January 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).

MOAA Dues for 2022-\$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 _____

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