



Jayhawk Chapter



MOAA Newsletter

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November Program

Time: Thursday 17 Nov 2022

Lawrence Country Club

6:00 PM Cocktails/Social Hour

7:00 PM Dinner

Speaker-

Bernie Kish-KU War Memorials

DUES

Dues for 2022 were 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,
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President's Comments

Daylight Savings Time is over and the KU football team is eligible for a post-season bowl game! When you read this, key political accountability in the mid-term elections has taken place.



For our chapter we've lost two members, COL John Halladay, AUSA, and Florine Creek surviving spouse of COL Roy Creek, USA. Among Florine's many good deeds in life was leading a chapter of Army Emergency Relief. We grieve with Shirley Halladay and take her into our chapter's arms as a surviving spouse member. A contributor like John Halladay is difficult to replace. If you would wish to serve as our new Chapter Secretary, please let me know

Our meeting at Lawrence Country Club will take place on Thursday, November 17th, which is a departure from our usual practice. We made this change to avoid conflict with the KU basketball game against Duke our usual third Tuesday date. Our guest speaker will be Bernie Kish who will speak on the significance of the War memorials on the KU campus. We will honor KU's Naval ROTC cadre and midshipmen at our November meeting.

On October 8, with sponsorship by State Representative Chris Croft, MOAA participated in a goal setting session for the 2023 session of the Kansas Legislature. Reps Croft, Proctor, and Coleman attended

Eight priorities were listed based on discussions at the meeting.

1. Extend Property Tax Exemptions on primary residence and autos for disabled veterans
2. Support full KCVA Office budget request
3. Provide sales tax exemption for veterans rated 100% disabled for purchases up to \$25K
4. Exempt currently serving military pay from Kansas Income Tax
5. Provide family caregivers of disabled veterans a tax credit
6. Design planned northeast Kansas skilled nursing facility for expansion beyond 72 beds
7. Expand veterans treatment courts, especially in rural regions
8. Permit permanent hunting and fishing licenses for disabled veterans

If you have any items for legislative action in Kansas or have questions about the items listed above, please let me know.

I attended the MOAA National Convention, held in Kansas City, Missouri late in October. Our chapter earned a Five Star Award streamer, due mainly to the excellence of Jim Cooper, our past president, and our collective steadfast efforts throughout the public health emergency to keep the chapter moving forward.

Finally, due to the efforts of our Kansas Council of Presidents Mike Slusser, who wrote and submitted my nomination package, I received an award for my legislative work. The award is the 2022 Colonel Steve Strobridge Legislative Liaison Award and is for superior service in support of MOAA's legislative agenda. I am deeply humbled by the award and remind myself there is much work to do to fight for our troops for better benefits.

Please join us at LCC on November 17th. Request your RSVP to Jim Cooper at jscooper36@hotmail.com or me at mkelly1123@icloud.com If you need any assistance or information please contact me so we can work your concern. Call or text me at 785-727-3329.

Thanks, Mike Kelly



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PERSONAL NEWS

In Remembrance



COL. John W. Halladay, 90, went to be with his Savior on Tuesday, 11 October, at his home. John was born on 10 June 1932, in a log cabin on Mormon Ridge, IA, the son of John Wesley and Martha (Charlier) Halladay. He graduated from Albion, IA, high school and enlisted in the Iowa National Guard at age 17. He received a direct commission in 1958 and went on active duty with the Army in 1961. In addition to numerous state-side assignments, he served two tours in Vietnam as an Intelligence Officer and two years in Puerto Rico as an Advisor.

In 1952, he married Amelia Maytag. They were married 42 years and had five children before she passed away in 1995. The family moved to Topeka in 1972, where John served as Secretary of the 5047th USAR School until his retirement. John had accumulated college credits along the way during his various assignments. He continued taking courses at Washburn and graduated with a degree in Accounting. After he retired from the Army, he worked for a number of years for the Coast Guard Pay Center as an auditor.

In June 1996, he married long-time family friend Shirley (Farmer) Hancock in Lawrence, KS. She survives at the home. Other survivors include his daughter, Zandra Golden, Percy, AR; grandchildren, Lucas Golden (Rachel), Nashville; Mandy Green, Baldwin, WI; Travis Green,

Dilynn Harvey (Jeff), Delinah Rank (Kris), Delanah Hendricks (Mike), Diana Bartlett (Brad), Angela Aragones, and Stephen Aragones, all of Topeka; 16 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

John was preceded in death by his children, Lynnette Green, Peggy Aragones, David Halladay and Emmett Halladay, his parents, three brothers and two sisters.

In addition to Crestview United Methodist Church, John was an active member of Masonic Lodge #6, Lawrence and Arab Shrine, Topeka. He was also active in the Jayhawk Chapter of MOAA (Military Officers Association of America) and the Kaw Valley MOAA Chapter in Topeka, as well as other Kansas chapters. As an amateur radio operator, he remained active as Assistant Executive Officer for Region 7 for MARS (Military Auxiliary Radio Service) until his death. Prior to being the Assistant Executive Officer for Region 7, John was the Executive Officer for Region 7. John was an avid golfer and continued golfing until he turned 90. He and Shirley were fortunate to be able to golf in all 50 states, two Canadian provinces and Puerto Rico.

Memorial services were held on 18 October, at Crestview United Methodist Church, 2245 Eveningside Drive, Topeka, KS. Burial will be later at Graceland Cemetery, Laurel, IA. The family suggests memorials in John's name to the Crestview United Methodist Church or Shriners' Crippled Children's Hospital.

From Alan VanLoenen:

American Legion Post 14 - 3408 W 6th Street, Lawrence, KS

(1) Every Tuesday and Thursday from 9AM to 12PM, "coffee and conversation" for military veterans and American Legion members. There have been some Jayhawk MOAA members that attend this "coffee and conversation"; but would like to see more; especially those MOAA members that are also American Legion members.

(2) Thursdays from 6-9PM there will be country and western music band playing and from about 6 to 9PM a meal is available for \$12. The AL post has a trained chef that prepares these meals and I doubt you could get a meal this good for \$12 in Lawrence; with the addition of a music band playing. The meal will be available until food prepared is sold. These will also be a bar open for drinks.

(3) Every Wednesday and Saturday there is American Legion bingo. Doors open at 4:30 PM with pull tabs games, bingo games start at 6:45 PM; there is a snack bar for drinks starting at 5PM, and food served starting at 5:30 PM. There is a special "progressive black out" bingo game that progresses in value each night until won in the posted number or less.

All of these events are open to the public, the Thursday meal and music; if not a Post 14 member you have to sign in; because of their being an open bar for drinks.



Army News

Warm greetings from the cadets and cadre of the Jayhawk Battalion! As is always the case with the mean green machine that is the Army, we've been full gas since the start of the semester. September was a phenomenal month for Team Jayhawk. Not only did we knock out several critical requirements (Fall Field Training Exercise at Fort Leavenworth, the Combat Water Survival Test at the Lawrence Indoor Aquatic Center, several cadre-focused events in Nebraska and Kentucky), but we also successfully on-boarded several new and important members of the team. We welcomed MSG Josh Geery as the new Senior Military Science Instructor, Ms. Keely Persinger as the University Administrator, Mr. Josh Richards as Human Resources Assistant, and – just last week – MAJ Kassondra Jiminez as the new Assistant Professor of Military Science. All four hit the ground running and are now operating like a well-oiled M4.



October was a max effort for the cadets and cadre of the Jayhawk Battalion. We kicked off fall festivities with a bang by sending eight cadets and two cadre across the country (in a rental van) to participate with thousands of other running aficionados in the Army 10-Miler. The team took the opportunity to visit the Washington Mall and sight see in the national capital, but the focus was the run. Several cadets set personal records and the overall top runner – CDT Mason Patterson – ran a 1:07 and our best female runner – CDT Regan Warburton – ran a 1:19. The following weekend was another large lift for cadets at the TF Ranger Challenge. The team performed well, finishing 7th overall, but identified areas that they will be able to address through training. We also participated in the Commander's Cup Competition with the other services in ROTC.

November has already been action packed with the Salute-to-Service Game against OSU and the Veteran's Gala (where Army Cadet Kusal Kularatne had the consensus best speech). We still have the vigil, wreath laying, and 5k to help celebrate and honor veterans. KU Army ROTC has also had an increased presence at recruiting events across the state and region. We have three "Gold Bar Recruiters" – recently commissioned 2LTs who are helping us to get the word out about ROTC. You too can help us by directing interested students and parents to <https://armyrotc.ku.edu/>. Until next time, Rock Chalk!

LTC John D. Finch, Professor of Military Science



Navy News



Greetings from the Jayhawk Battalion!

Once again, campus is filled with familiar and new faces and it is great to see the midshipmen making the most out of the Fall 2022 semester. The battalion has had a challenging course of academic, physical, and professional training this year, and I am continuously amazed by their determination and ability to work as a team.

After three years of hard work, our seniors received their long-awaited service assignments on October 5th. Midshipmen Hoffman, Robertson, and Winkler were selected for Nuclear Surface Warfare Officer, Midshipmen Devany and Percival were chosen for Student Naval Aviator, and Midshipman Stuart was selected for Surface Warfare Officer. Bravo Zulu Midshipmen!

Meanwhile, every member of the battalion has been undergoing intense physical training on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in preparation for the Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA). So far, the workouts have included gear runs around campus, hill sprints while carrying ammo cans, stairs and sprints at the local high school track, a buddy carry run along Jayhawk Boulevard, and long five-mile runs. Their hard work paid off during the actual PFA on October 5th when everyone improved their scores and many set a personal record. Keep working hard shipmates!

Most recently the midshipmen participated in the annual Commander's Cup competition against the Army and Air Force. This year's events were a scavenger hunt, a quiz bowl, a dodgeball competition, the smokeless rifle range, and a CASEVAC run. The midshipmen did an excellent job and we look forward to seeing the results at this year's Joint Service Ball. The battalion also celebrated the Navy's 247th Birthday at leadership lab this year by participating in friendly games of paintball. The fun ended with the reading of the official birthday message from Admiral Michael Gilday, the Chief of Naval Operations, and the traditional cake-cutting ceremony where the youngest and oldest members of the Command cut the cake together.

Lastly, I want to thank the KU Alumni and those who attended our Homecoming Tailgate on October 1st. The midshipmen had a great time playing yard games, grilling food, and hearing sea stories from alumni while the Jayhawks took on and beat the Iowa State Cyclones 14-11.

I am incredibly proud of everyone here at the unit and the work that they put in towards their own and their shipmates' development. I look forward to the rest of the semester and seeing what they accomplish. Rock Chalk and Fly Navy!

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***CAPT James "Nemo" Miller
Professor of Military Science***



Air Force News

Hello from Detachment 280, the Flying Jayhawks!

Det 280 cadets continuously find ways to positively contribute to society through volunteer opportunities. This fall they teamed with Kansas Department of Transportation's Adopt-a-Highway program and now "own" a stretch of 59 Highway south of Lawrence. Look for the sign next time you're heading that direction.

The Commander's Cup (or is it Chancellor's Cup?) competition, chock-full of athletically and academically challenging events, was keenly organized and executed 25-27 Oct by our Naval and Marine Corps compatriots. I eagerly await the final tally and presentation of the trophy at the Joint Service Ball later this semester.

We were grateful to host several junior officers from Whiteman AFB on 26 Oct for our fall semester career day. Representatives from Intelligence to Logistics, and Pilot to Aircraft Maintenance made the trip over to engage with our cadets, answer their questions, and give first-hand perspective of what life is like as a junior officer in our Air Force. The cadet wing treated our visitors to a Chick-Fil-A dinner for their efforts.

The cadets have really stepped up their social media and public affairs efforts this fall. Please visit our Facebook page (Air Force ROTC at KU) when you get a chance. I also highly recommend checking out the Det 280 Instagram Story (@flyingjayhawks), where you can connect to *The Perch*, our brand-new detachment newsletter, all of which do a much better job of keeping you updated than my bi-monthly missives.

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 are MOAA National members receive the full Legislative Updates each week. Let us know if you want additional info on any particular topic: job4mike6@aol.com

Here are some web addresses and phone numbers for retirement pay and related issues such as changing an allotment or tax withholding for inclusion in our newsletter.

WEB ADDRESS <http://www.dfas.mil/dfas/retiredmilitary.htm> Or <https://myPay.dfas.mil>

POSTAL ADDRESS Defense Finance and Accounting Service, US Military Retirement Pay, 8899 E 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46249-1200

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Other News

Home Depot Appliance Discount Coming Via Exchange Deal

A new partnership between Home Depot and two military exchange systems will give military and veteran shoppers an extra discount on Home Depot-sourced appliances bought through the exchange system, officials announced this month.

The new program, which will roll out next year at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) and the Navy Exchange (NEX), will shift all sourcing and delivery services for appliances purchased at the exchange to Home Depot. The new discount program will be accessed through the exchange stores or websites, not Home Depot locations.

The 10% military and veteran discount at Home Depot stores excludes appliances completely and is capped at \$400 of qualifying purchases per year. That means the new exchange partnership discount should be welcome news to shoppers who are looking for that type of savings.

But what the new discount will be as compared to local Home Depot stores remains to be seen. Officials with AAFES and Home Depot said it will vary by product and local sales tax rate. It will be available only at U.S. exchange locations, including Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. The new program is also slated to "significantly expand" the brands and types of appliances available at exchange stores, said Chris Ward, an AAFES spokesperson.

The deal is available to veterans and their families, active-duty troops and their families, and all other authorized exchange shoppers, he said.

The discount will start in spring of next year, Home Depot officials said. It will include a Home Depot-branded section on the exchange websites, where shoppers can order products and schedule delivery, Ward added.



JAYHAWK CHAPTER MOAA



A membership meeting will be held **Thursday, 17 November 2022**

at the **Lawrence Country Club**

Dinner cost is \$30.00/meal.

The Program: Bernie Kish on KU War Memorials

Social Hour: 1800 hours Dinner: 1900 hours

The Menu: to be announced soon on email

Send your reservation and check payable to Jayhawk Chapter MOAA to arrive no later than **Monday, 14 November** 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 Mike Kelly at 727-3329

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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).

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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