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Joint Chapters Meeting Notice CIROA IL33 & HOIMOAA IL09



Date: 21 FEB 2023

Location: Lariat Steakhouse, 2232 W. Glen Ave., Peoria, IL 61614
(Remote attendance available via Zoom, See Page 2)

Time: 1800 Social Gathering
1825 Order Dinner from Abbreviated Menu on table
1830 Meeting Starts:
OIC: Capt Ric Brenneman, Pres, CIROA
. Pledge of Allegiance (Stand, Face the Flag)
. Invocation (Chaplain) or Moment of Silence
. Announcements
 JROTC Reports,
. Break, following Dinner (10 Minutes)
. Program: "War in Ukraine: Echo of the Past and Glimpse of the Future", Angela Weck

Open Discussion
2100 Target Conclusion

RESERVATIONS REQUESTED: (In person or Virtual)
BY MONDAY, 20 Feb, contact MAJ Jackson at 309-676-1602
(Office), 309-657-3203 (mobile), or email: jacksonfinancial@yahoo.com with names and number of attendees. HEADCOUNT IS IMPORTANT FOR STAFFING & TABLE SETTINGS.

Volunteers needed to fill Leadership vacancies on the Board of both Chapters.



Seals shown here are to indicate membership source, but are unauthorized by the individual services

Meeting & Program Schedule 2022-23

- 7 Feb 23 - Joint Board Meeting - ROA
- 21 Feb 23 - Membership Meeting - ROA "War in Ukraine"
- 7 Mar 23 - Joint Board Meeting - MOAA
- 21 Mar 23 - Membership Meeting - MOAA "Survivor Benefits & Tricare Update"
- 4 Apr 23 - Joint Board Meeting - ROA
- 18 Apr 23 - Membership Meeting - ROA - TBA
- 2 May 23 - Joint Board Meeting - MOAA
- 16 May 23 - Membership Meeting - MOAA - "Tee it up for the Troops"

SUMMER BREAK
(June, July, August)

Until further notice, Board Meetings will be held virtually by Zoom at 1900 hrs on the first Tuesday of the month, and Membership Meetings in person, at Lariat Steakhouse, 2232 W. Glen Ave., Peoria, IL 61614., on the third Tuesday of the month at 1800hrs.(Zoom available to those who can't attend in person.)

Meeting Menu

BBQ Baby Back Ribs: 1/2 Rack \$23/Full Rack \$30
Rib Eye Steak: \$31
Chop Sirloin: \$22
Fried Catfish: \$22
Chicken—Fried \$19, Baked \$20
Includes Salads & Sides

20% Gratuity & Tax Added in Bill
 Deserts Extra

FEB Meeting Program Guest Speaker: Angela Weck



Angela Weck has been a frequent speaker for our Joint Chapters for some time. She is not only a Professor of International Studies at Bradley U., but also Executive Director of Peoria Area World Affairs Council, and on the board of the World Affairs Council of America. Her focus is on Russia and Eastern Europe. Come hear the most up to date report on that area.

Remote Zoom Meeting Instructions

To join the meeting online from home, click on link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85087399079?pwd=Y1ZhbGtER21MVlB1aFlkVkFRRnZjUT09>

Meeting ID: 850 8739 9079

Passcode: 123123

For those without internet:

Audio only: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID 85087399079# Passcode: 123123#

TFL and Medicare Confusion Continues

As a follow-on to my message in the last edition of the PLB, I had a conversation with one of our members who has Medicare; a Medicare Advantage Plan, and Tricare-for-Life, and was confused as to why he had large copays. When he told me what he had, I told him to immediately drop the Medicare Advantage plan, which he did not need. When you have both the MA and TFL, the MA becomes secondary to Medicare, and TFL moves to the background. You have earned the TFL through your military service, and it leaves much less for you to pay out of pocket. Too few Agents are knowledgeable about Tricare! **JDJ**

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I wanted to take this opportunity to let our loyal members we have been in contact with the national headquarters of l with members of each organization, who are not currently members of our chapters. in both cases, efforts seem to be paying off.

Key contacts of both ROA and MOAA, are willing to assist us in mailing correspondence to those individuals to not only make them aware of our existence, but to extent our invitation to come meet with us, and maybe join us.

In the meantime, if you know any officers from any of the services, or non-coms from the reserve components, please extend an invitation to get acquainted. They can come to our Tuesday Evening meetings, or tune in via Zoom, if traveling to Peoria for an evening is difficult.

We not only need to grow our membership numbers, but also find those who will take the reins in the future. Some of us are growing old, and new ideas would be of great interest.

Your help is much needed!!!

**Jerry D. Jackson, MAJ USA Ret
 Editor/Publisher, PrairieLand Bulletin**

TAPS
None to Report at this time!

**Are you a Life Member? If not,
WHY NOT??**

Legislative Report

This month, I wish to highlight 2 issues. First, Tricare Pharmacy which we have been talking about for the last several months and second, a new subject; the Guard and Reserve Retiree Bill.

We've found that those of you who did send a letter regarding Tricare Pharmacy changes received a form letter back that essentially said—yes, we support the VA efforts. This does happen because of the way letters are sorted. Everything military goes in one pile. The only suggestion I have is to send the same letter again, but put a subject line after the greeting - **I am writing about recent, and proposed pharmacy changes to Tricare.** Perhaps that will help separate it from the rest.

The second issue regards the benefits available to Guard and Reserve Members who did not serve on Active Duty. The new DD214 should clarify some of the benefits, but does not confer title 38 status. This means they are not eligible for the state veterans homes among other items. This is emerging legislation, not yet a bill, but is an injustice that should be rectified. Talk to your legislators about supporting this effort.

LTC Reginal Bernard, USA Ret, Acting Legislative Chair



SPECIAL NOTICE

(Repeated)

Good News!! Both Chapter Presidents have agreed to extend their term of office for another year. It should be noted that at the present time, CIROA does not have a Vice President, and LTC Nate Williams, USA Ret, became HOIMOAA V.P. and that everyone in the offices of both chapters have served for a number of years. This is not to say that we are dropping off the board, but bear this in mind; some of us have served for over 25+ years, and are getting up in years. As the longest serving board member, and nearing the age of 84 at the end of this year, I agree it is time to find younger members stepping up to assume leadership roles, for the good of the future of both CIROA and HOIMOAA. We have witnessed the demise of several chapters of both ROA and MOAA over the last few years for just that reason. Both organizations have done much for the military community, and to lose them would be disastrous for all.

DO YOU HEAR US??

JDJ



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