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Joint Chapters Meeting Notice CIROA IL33 & HOIMOAA IL09



Date: 18 NOV 2025

Location: Lariat Steakhouse, W. Glen Ave, Peoria, IL 61614

Time: 1800 Social Time
1830 Meeting Starts; Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance; Order Dinner

Program: Why Ukraine Fights

Guest Speaker: COL Roman Golash, USA Ret

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



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Meeting & Program Schedule 2025-26

4 NOV Joint Chapters Board Mtng

18 NOV - Joint Chapters Meeting - Lariat Steakhouse - War in 2050

HOLIDAY BREAK

6 JAN 26 - Joint Chapters Board Mtng

20 JAN - Joint Chapters Meeting - Drones

3 FEB - Joint Chapters Board Mtng

17 FEB - Joint Chapters Meeting - Ukraine Russia War

3 MAR - Joint Chapters Board Mtng

17 MAR - Joint Chapters Meeting - TRICARE Update

7 APR - Joint Chapters Board Mtng

21 APR - Joint Chapters Meeting - ROTC Update

5 MAY - Joint Chapters Board Mtng

19 MAY - Joint Chapters Meeting - AI as a Class of Potentially Disruptive Technologies

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.)



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

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NOV Meeting Program

“ Why Ukraine Fights”

Ukraine fights Russia to avoid extermination, but it also fights to preserve liberty in Ukraine.

Russia invaded Ukraine to recreate the Soviet Union, Putin believes that all soviet land once held by Russia belongs to Russia in perpetuity.

The challenge is to defeat Russia and establish world order so that peace can once again prevail. Putin, however, is getting the wrong messages. The retreat from Afghanistan showed weakness, Biden said that a small “incursion” might be tolerated. Biden slow walked aid To defeat Russia, Ukraine needs the cooperation and weapons from the United States. Europe has become militarily stagnant after decades of dependence on the United States. Yet, Ukraine continues to protect NATO and the free world.

TAPS

None to Report

OCT Meeting Guest Speaker

COL Roman Golash, USA Ret

Colonel Roman Golash retired from the Army Reserve in 2010 after 30 years of service. He was the deputy commander and chief of staff of the 332nd Medical Brigade. Before that, he was a member of a terrorist mitigation group with 5th Army. Before that, he was mobilized in 2005 to train the 34th Brigade Combat Team for duty in Iraq. Before that, he was a member of the 85th Training Support Division at Fort Sheridan.

He began his military service by enlisting in the United States Air Force and taking the Ukrainian language test with a score of 3/3. From 1993 to 1998, he participated in 8 missions to Ukraine as an interpreter attached to the 1st Infantry Division, the 3rd Infantry Division and United States Air Force.

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Dinner Menu for 18 NOV

**BBQ Baby Back Ribs: 1/2 Rack \$28/
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Legislative Report

The Military Coalition, a coalition of 33 of the leading veterans and uniformed services organizations that represent more than 5.5 million members, organized the press conference to demand an end to the government shutdown. The shutdown has been devastating for the nation's military readiness and for the veterans, service members, families and survivors in the uniformed services community. Veterans who receive disability and GI Bill benefits and survivors who rely on survivor benefits don't know if they'll get their next check. National Guard and Reserve monthly training has been cancelled, affecting critical troop readiness and pay. Many services that military families count on daily are suspended. Veterans make up 27 percent of the federal workforce and don't know when they will get to go back to work. The 435,000 veterans in the VA disability claims backlog have to wait even longer. Members are urged to help build on the momentum of this crisis by reaching out to their representatives in Congress and demanding action to end the government shutdown now. Despite that retirees still get paid, we owe it to our brethren to work for those that don't!

Reginald Bernard, LTC USA Ret - Acting Legislative Chair

NOV Guest Speaker Bio

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COL Roman Golash, USA Ret.

During his time in the Air Force, he completed training on the single engine land Cherokee and received his private pilot license. He also published articles on "Penicillinase Producing *Neisseria gonorrhea*," published in "The Lancet" in 1976.

He has an M.S. in microbiology and an M.B.A. He managed microbiology labs at Evanston Hospital, Illinois Department of Public Health and Loyola University Medical Center with over 10 peer reviewed scientific articles published.

Currently he resides in Palatine with his wife and 2 children. He is active with the American Legion, MOAA, MOWW, ROA and AUSA. He keeps current with the war in Ukraine by being in contact with SF trainers and extended family members fighting in Donetsk and Kharkiv areas.



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