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Joint Chapters Meeting Notice CIROA IL33 & HOIMOAA IL09



Date: 19 MAY 2026

Location: Lariat Steakhouse, 2232 W. Glen Ave, Peoria, IL 61614

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

Program: Honor Flight

Guest Speaker: Luke Rosenbaum, Director, Greater Peoria Honor Flight

RESERVATIONS REQUESTED!!

BY SUNDAY, 17 MAY 26, 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 FOOD AND SEATING.

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



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Meeting & Program Schedule 2025-26

- 5 MAY - Joint Chapters Board Mtng
- 19 MAY - Joint Chapters Meeting - Honor Flight
- (June - August Summer Break)
- 1 SEP - Joint Chapters Board Mtng
- 15 SEP - Joint Chapters Meeting - Honoring GEN Shalikhovich With MOWW Trophy to Bradley U.
- 6 OCT - Joint Chapters Board Mtng.
- 20 OCT - Joint Chapters Meeting
- 3 NOV - Joint Chapters Board Mtng
- 17 NOV - Joint Chapters Meeting
- (HOLIDAY Break)

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.)





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



Legislative Report Cheating the Most Deserving

An injustice has been perpetrated on Injured vets for long enough. Currently, combat-injured (and often seriously disabled) veterans are subject to a cost-saving offset—often described as a “veterans’ tax”—where their retirement pay is reduced for every dollar of VA disability received. Reducing earned retirement pay because of a combat disability is an injustice; the compensation provided to injured veterans is not the place to achieve savings.

The remedy is in legislation that has been delayed for over 3 years. We have obtained 10,000 letters supporting this, we need 10,000 more. Contact your lawmakers and demand that steps be taken to secure a vote on the Major Richard Star Act, which would authorize combat-injured veterans to receive their earned DoD retirement pay for years of service and their VA disability compensation for lifelong injury.

All the work has been done, just go to the MOAA website and click on Advocacy (you do not need to be a member) and scroll thru the options and add your name. The letter will be sent to your representative and senators.

Reginald Bernard, LTC USA Ret - Acting Legislative Chair



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