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Joint Chapters Meeting Notice CIROA IL33 & HOIMOAA IL09



Date: 16 APRIL 2024

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, President, CIROA
. Pledge of Allegiance (Stand, Face the Flag)
. Invocation (Chaplain) or Moment of Silence
. Announcements
 JROTC Reports,
. Break, following Dinner (10 Minutes)
. Program: "Sisu: Finland's Defense since 1917"
 Guest Speaker: David Thompson, Professor, IL
 Central College, History Chair
Open Discussion
2100 Target Conclusion

RESERVATIONS REQUESTED: (In person or Virtual)
BY SUNDAY, 15 APR, 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 2023-24

2 Apr 24 - Joint Chapters Board Meeting - HOIMOAA

16 Apr 24 - Membership Meeting - HOIMOAA

7 May 24 - Joint Chapters Board Meeting - CIROA

21 May 24 - Membership Meeting - CIROA

June, July, Aug:
SUMMER RESPITE

2 Sep 24 - Joint Chapters Board Meeting

16 Sep 24 - Membership Meeting - HOIMOAA

1 Oct 24 - Joint Chapters Board Meeting

15 Oct 24 - Membership Meeting

5 Nov 24 = Joint Chapters Board Meeting

19 Nov 24 - Membership 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.)



Meeting Menu

BBQ Baby Back Ribs: 1/2 Rack \$23/Full Rack: \$30
 Catfish: \$19
 Pork Chop: \$28
 Chopped Sirloin: \$22
 Prime Rib: Petite \$30, Regular \$35, Large \$39
 Includes Salads & Sides

20% Gratuity & Tax Added in Bill

Remote Zoom Meeting Instructions

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81507938768?pwd=N1BFNDFlUgwbmV5dkFudDZHUWlhZz09>

Meeting ID: 815 0793 8768#
 Passcode: 123123

For those without internet:
 Audio only: 1-312-626-6799 or 1-309-205-3325

April Meeting Guest Speaker

**Dr. David Thompson, Professor and Teaching Chair of History
 IL Central College**

Professor Thompson has been teaching Western Civilization, World Civilization, and International Studies courses for almost thirty years. He graduated high school in Morton, Illinois, received his Undergraduate Degree from Augustana College and went on to earn a Masters Degree from Illinois State University, and Doctor Degree at Ohio State University, specializing in Military History.



APRIL Meeting Program

Sisu: Finland's Defense since 1917

Finnish history during the last 100 years has reinforced the notion of Sisu as a particularly Finnish trait. Following 1940 Winter War, Finland honorably paid in full its reparations to the Soviet Union, despite the great hardship this imposed on the nation, so avoiding further threats to its independence. Sisu captured the sentiment of the country's honorable survival. Come learn about Sisu.



Finnish troops were far outnumbered by the Soviet troops in the Winter War, which was fought from 1939 to 1940 (Getty)





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



Legislative Report

GOOD NEWS!! We have achieved some measure of Success!

You may remember that we were concerned that the Congressional Budget Office was proposing annual fees and cost shares for Tricare for Life. Our advocacy-letters, etc. nixed that! The FY 2025 DoD budget proposal includes NO MENTION of TRICARE cost-sharing requirements of other fee increases! Good News for beneficiaries, as past TRICARE Fee increase proposals have originated with the annual budget request.

In addition, the proposal to reduce medical personal was reversed and they are planning to make it easier to use the Military Medical Facilities. Good news for those that live near bases.

See - all that whining (er..letter writing and phone calls) works!!

LTC Reginald Bernard, USA Ret, Acting Legislative Chair.

Notice of Access to Lariat Steakhouse

2232 W. Glen Ave, Peoria, IL 61614

For those who plan to attend the upcoming Membership Meeting this month, and possibly next, please take note of the continuation of rework of Glen Avenue, where the restaurant is located. Beginning this week, The road work upgrade will begin from the vicinity of the Lariat on to the East all the way to University Avenue. This is nearly a total rebuild including storm drains, curbing, as well as the road surface. Access to our destination from the East will move down the middle lanes, each direction, with continued access to the parking lot of the businesses. Entry from the West has been completed, and is easier to navigate. Be careful, and we hope to see you!

(Repeated)

Method of Communication With Congress!

If, and when you want to communicate with Congress in support, or opposition to pending legislation, you can do so by using this link:

<https://moaa.quorum.us/>



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