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Joint Chapters Meeting Notice CIROA IL33 & HOIMOAA IL09



Date: 17 FEB 2026

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

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

Program: "War in Ukraine. After Four Years, it's a War of Meters"

Guest Speaker: Angela Weck, Director, Peoria World Affairs Council.

RESERVATIONS REQUESTED!!

BY SUNDAY, 15 FEB 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

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

(June - August Summer 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.)



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FEB Meeting Program

“War in Ukraine. After Four Years, It’s A War of Meters”

(Be sure to attend the meeting, in person, or virtually via Zoom to get the full message!) You will not want to miss out on what she has to share, especially with the current Eastern European situation.

TAPS None to Report

FEB Meeting Guest Speaker

Angela Weck

Professor Angela Weck teaches Bradley University's International Studies courses on Russia (Imperial Russia and Russian Foreign Policy). She is also Executive Director of the Peoria Area World Affairs Council and a member of the Board of Directors of the World Affairs Councils of America.

Professor Weck received her B.A. Degree from Iowa State University and an M.A. from University of Minnesota in Russian and Eastern European Studies and hold a Special Certificate from the Moscow Institute of Timber in Mytyschi, Russia.

She has presented to our chapters several times in the past, and is highly regarded!

This will be another interesting program!!

Dinner Menu for 17 FEB

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Legislative Report (Repeat)

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



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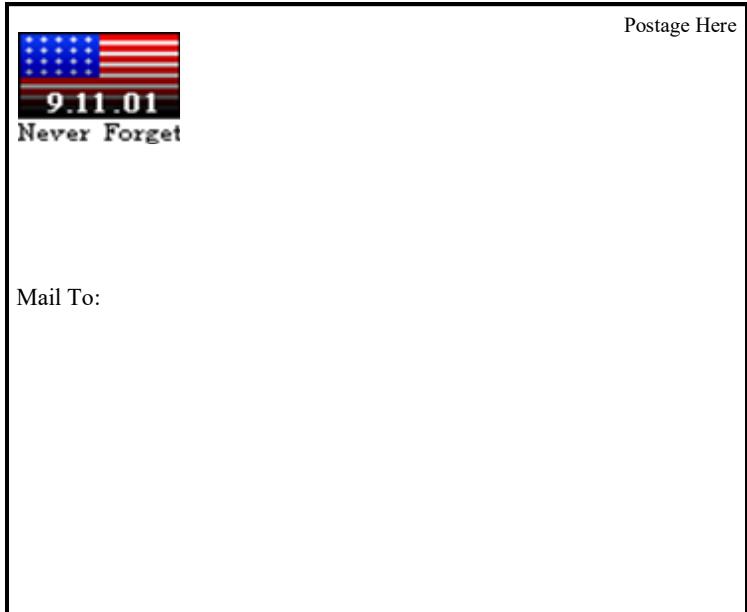
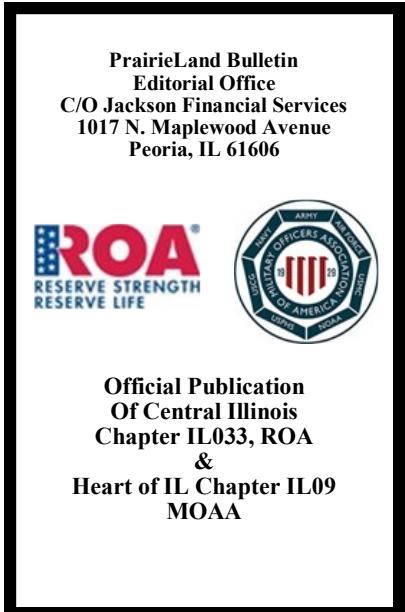
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