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Joint Chapters Meeting Notice CIROA IL33 & HOIMOAA IL09



Date: 16 MAY 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: MAJ David Zabinski, President HOIMOAA
. Pledge of Allegiance (Stand, Face the Flag)
. Invocation (Chaplain) or Moment of Silence
. Announcements
 JROTC Reports,
. Break, following Dinner (10 Minutes)
. Program: Central IL Tee It Up For The Troops, Jeff Kolbus, Chairman
Open Discussion
2100 Target Conclusion

RESERVATIONS REQUESTED: (In person or Virtual)
BY MONDAY, MAY 15, 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

2 May 23 - Joint Chapters Board Meeting - HOIMOAA
16 May 23 - Membership Meeting - MOAA - "Tee it up for the Troops"
SUMMER BREAK
(June, July, August)

2023 - 2024

4 Sep 23 - Joint Chapters Board Meeting - CIROA
19 Sep 23 - Membership Meeting - CIROA
3 Oct 23 - Joint Chapters Board Meeting - HOIMOAA
17 Oct 23 - Membership Meeting - HOIMOAA
7 Nov 23 - Joint Chapters Board Meeting - CIROA
21 Nov 23 - Membership Meeting - CIROA

Holiday Break

2 Jan 24 - Joint Chapters Board Meeting - HOIMOAA
16 Jan 24 - Membership Meeting - HOIMOAA
6 Feb 24 - Joint Chapters Board Meeting - CIROA
20 Feb 24 - Membership Meeting - CIROA
5 Mar 24 - Joint Chapters Board Meeting - HOIMOAA
19 Mar 24 - Membership Meeting - HOIMOAA
2 Apr 24 - Joint Chapters Board Meeting - CIROA
16 Apr 24 - Membership Meeting - CIROA
7 May 24 - Joint Chapters Board Meeting - HOIMOAA
21 May 24 - Membership Meeting - HOIMOAA

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
Chopped Sirloin: \$22
Pork Chop: \$28
Prime Rib: \$29/\$34/\$38
Jumbo Shrimp: \$23
Includes Salads & Sides

20% Gratuity & Tax Added in Bill
 Deserts Extra

MAY Meeting Program Speaker:

Jeff Kolbus, Chairman
Central IL Tee It Up For The Troops

As we approach the 14 year of this golf outing, Jeff will recount the history of how it was established in the Greater Peoria Area, as part of a national event, which began in Minnesota. MAJ Jackson has been in charge of the military ceremonies at mid-day from the second year to today. Several members of our Joint Chapters are among the volunteers, and more are welcome!

Remote Zoom Meeting Instructions

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84674621050?pwd=eHdub3VwOXVXcUpPTVMrY3VlMmRmUT09>

Meeting ID: 846 7462 1050

Passcode: 123123

For those without internet:

Audio only: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID
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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** (Repeated message)

This Message Forwarded From President, IL Council of MOAA

Scott Air Force Base is hosting its 2023 Air Show and STEM Expo, featuring the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels, May 13-14, 2023. We welcome all to attend. Attached is an e-copy of the air show poster. Please feel free to share as you are able.

If you happen to know of anyone or any groups that would like to volunteer at the show, information and sign ups are at <https://usaf.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/>

Respectfully

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TAPS
None to Report at this time!

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

Legislative Report

Calling for a preemptive strike - While we are fighting to rescind the Tricare pharmacy cutbacks enacted last year, the budget office is exploring other options. To be clear: these are just recommendations, but we need to be aware and express our concern to our representatives, **loud and strong!**

A few things under consideration -

Tricare For Life enrollment fees proposed summary

This option would require that most Medicare-eligible beneficiaries enrolled in TFL to pay an annual enrollment fee of \$575 for individual coverage, or \$1,150 for family coverage. Under the proposal, the enrollment fees are indexed to grow at the same rate as average Medicare costs in later years.

TFL minimum out-of-pocket requirements summary for TFL beneficiaries.

For calendar year 2026, TFL would not cover any of the first \$850 of an enrollee's cost-sharing payments under Medicare, and would only cover 50 percent of the next \$7,650 in such payments. This proposal would also require TFL beneficiaries seeking care from **military medical treatment facilities** to make payments "roughly comparable" to the charges they would face in the civilian sector.
(continue in column to the right!)

Legislative Report Continuation

REALLY?! Let's cut this off at the pass! If writing, make sure to put **Tricare for Life** in the title, to make sure it doesn't get thrown into the VA pile.

LTC Reginald Bernard, USA Ret, Acting Legislative Chair.



Memorial Day, 29 May 2023



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