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Joint Chapters Meeting Notice
CIROA IL33 & HOIMOAA IL09

Date: 21OCT 2025

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

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

Program: How is China Doing in 2025?

Guest Speaker: CAPT Robert Yonker, USN Ret

RESERVATIONS REQUESTED:
BY SUNDAY, 19 OCT 25, 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.

Meeting & Program Schedule 2025-26

7 OCT Joint Chapters Board Mtng

21 OCT - Joint Chapters Meeting - Lariat Steakhouse - China Military Strategy

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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OCT Meeting Program

How is China Doing in 2025?

Chapter's Program on 21 OCT 2025 will be:

How is China Doing in 2025? A look at China's economy, how American, and Japanese, and German companies are viewing China. Foreign direct investment status. China's counter-espionage law and other insights. We'll start with a view of our Chapter's members on China and then view an interview with U.S. Ambassador to China, Nicholas Burns. After which the members can respond to a few questions.

CAPT Robert Yonker will facilitate.

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TAPS
None to Report

OCT Meeting Guest Speaker

CAPT Robert Yonker, USN Ret

Dinner Menu for 21 OCT

BBQ Baby Back Ribs: 1/2 Rack $27/
Full Rack: $34
Chopped Sirloin: $27
Pork Chop: $33
Prime Rib: Petite $32 Regular $37
Large $41
Jumbo Shrimp: $27
Includes Salad & Sides

20% Gratuity & Tax Added to Bill
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Are you a Life Member? If not,
WHY NOT??

Legislative Report

Stop the 34-Year Wait - Deliver Toxic - Exposed Veterans the Care They've Earned

Veterans exposed to toxic substances life Agent Orange, chenicals released by burn pits, and radiation should not have to fight for decades to prove their illnesses are service connected. Yet, according to a recent report from MOAA and DAV, toxic exposed veterans wait over 34 years on average before receiving presumptive service connection and the care they've earned. The PACT Act was a historic step forward, but its work isn't complete.

Congress must pass legislation to bolster the legal framework for establishing presumptive conditions, creating clear timelines and processes to move from exposure acknowledgement to the delivery of earned benefit. This commonsense reform will cut through red tape, improve VA accountability, and end the long wait faced by millions of veterans.

Reg Bernard, LTC USA Ret., Legislative Chair (Acting)

Honor Flight Participants

On 7 Oct, two of our chapter members flew to the Nation's Capitol as part of the Greater Peoria Honor Flight. MAJ Bob Farmer (seated) was escorted by MAJ Dave Zabilski.

CIROA-HOIMOAA Committee Assignments:

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