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Joint Chapters Meeting Notice CIROA IL33 & HOIMOAA IL09



Date: 21 APRIL 2026
Location: Lariat Steakhouse, W. Glen Ave, Peoria, IL 61614
Time: 1800 Social Time
1830 Meeting Starts; Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance; Order Dinner

Program: AI as a Class of Potentially Disruptive Technologies: How can AI be used in Warfare?
Let's ask Gemini, ChatGPT, and Claude to see what they say.

Guest Speaker: CAPT Bob Yonker, USN Ret

RESERVATIONS REQUESTED!!

BY SUNDAY, 19 APR 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

- 7 APR - Joint Chapters Board Mtng
- 21 APR - Joint Chapters Meeting - AI as a Class of Potentially Disruptive Technologies
- 5 MAY - Joint Chapters Board Mtng
- 19 MAY - Joint Chapters Meeting - TRICARE Update

(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.)



Remote Zoom Meeting Instructions

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

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86395219434?pwd=EC5FZ38F9zQcgKpbvLRWXMtRpWOLx7.1>

APRIL Meeting Program

This will be a study on how Artificial Intelligence (AI), can be used in warfare! How can AI be used in Warfare? Let's ask Gemini, ChatGPT, and Claude to see what they say. We'll ask them to create a 30min presentation... then we will open the floor for a couple of your questions for the AI apps

TAPS None to Report

APRIL Meeting Guest Speaker

CAPT BOB YONKER, USN Ret



Upcoming Meeting Concerns

In a phone conversation today with the Banquet Coordinator at Lariat Steakhouse, I learned that they are having concerns about the food requests at the recent meetings.

Unlike many other locations where we could meet, the Lariat does not charge for the room, etc.. They depend on the food charges to pay for staffing, etc..

She noted that some attendees ordered Soup & Salad, even though it was not on the abbreviated menu that the board agreed to. Please keep in mind that revenue is important to our hosts! And, to us as well!!

Dinner Menu for 21 APR

BBQ Baby Back Ribs: 1/2 Rack \$28/

Full Rack: \$36

Chopped Sirloin: \$27

Pork Chop: \$35

Prime Rib: Petite \$36 Regular \$41

Large \$46

Deep Fried Catfish: \$27

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Legislative Report

Shutdown Fairness Act (S. 3168)

With the last shutdown affecting the entire government including our military, attention started to be paid to the fact that all our armed forces were serving without pay and efforts were started to rectify that. Since the Coast Guard was part of DHS they were left out. This Bill attempts to correct that, including National Guard and Reserves members. This bill unfortunately does not include US Public Health and NOAA, but we are advocating for their inclusion.

Right now, as it works its way thru the 119th congress is a good time to ask your senators to pay attention to this effort. It's Easy to send a letter out. Just go to www.moaa.org/shutdown. (you do not have to be a member). They have a preformatted letter with addresses ready to go. Just add your name and click.

This has gone on long enough, let's get some attention to it.

Reginald Bernard, LTC USA Ret - Acting Legislative Chair



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