



MOAA Ohio Council of Chapters 2019 Convention

“Continuing to Serve”

The plans for the 2019 Ohio Council of Chapters are well underway and the Greater Cincinnati Chapter is very excited to be hosting this year’s convention the weekend of September 20-22. We have a great venue at the Quality Hotel Conference Center in Blue Ash which is right off the I-71, is easily convenient to anyone coming south on I-75 and less than 15 minutes from downtown Cincinnati. The hotel has given us a great rate for the weekend at \$89 a night (without taxes) and has extended that rate to include Thursday and/or Sunday night for anyone looking to spend an extra day or two in Cincinnati. Breakfast is also included every morning at the hotel. The link for this special deal is <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/NK48T0>

It promises to be an exciting weekend, starting off with a social at the hotel on Friday the 20th from 6-9 pm to allow everyone to get settled in and meet their fellow MOAA members from around Ohio. The convention starts in earnest on Saturday morning with our opening ceremonies starting at 0830. At 0900 we will begin with our morning speakers with our focus being on



“Continuing to Serve”. Those speakers will include Col Terri Coles, USA (ret), MOAA’s Senior Director of Council and Chapter Affairs, Tracy Butts from the Cincinnati VA hospital, speakers from the Ohio State University and Xavier University Veterans offices and a speaker from a county Veterans office. Our invited lunch speaker is Congressman Brad



Wenstrup from Ohio's Second Congressional District who serves on the House Armed Services and Veterans Affairs committees and who is also an Army Reserve officer and an Iraqi War veteran. Finally, our dinner speaker will be LtGen Dana Atkins, USAF (ret) the president and CEO of MOAA. For those of you who were at the 2017 convention, you will



remember LtGen Atkins as a personable and inspiring speaker. On Sunday morning, we will conclude the convention with the quarterly Ohio Council of Chapters meeting.

The cost for this year's convention is \$65 for MOAA members and \$60 for spouses. The link for registration is located both on the Ohio Council webpage (<http://www.ohiomoa.org/>) and the Greater Cincinnati MOAA chapter webpage (<http://www.cincymoa.org/>). In addition to the convention, for anyone looking to spend an extra day or two in Cincinnati, Cincinnati's annual Oktoberfest celebration is being held that weekend and the Cincinnati Reds will be home at Great American Ballpark on Sunday versus the New York Mets. Continue to watch both the council homepage and the Cincinnati MOAA homepage for updates.

