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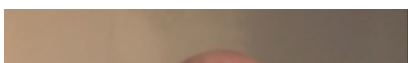
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I stated in my first President's Corner last February we have three challenges. Those challenges were: increasing chapter membership...

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## Central Ohio News



## MEMBERSHIP

### Notes from the Membership's Log, August 2018

We still have 31 members left who have not renewed their dues for 2018.

If you haven't renewed yet, **this will be your last issue of the CONNECT** newsletter, so please get your dues in ASAP.

As I said in last month's membership log where I gave you reason number 1 (**of 7 good reasons to be a member of our Chapter**) here is reason number 2:

#### **2. Giving back to the community.**

As Chapter members, we are MOAA's ambassadors in our communities, supporting countless programs that make a difference in the lives of others, such as the Veterans Stand down, Honor Flight, Veteran's Court, just to name a few. As members we continue our "officership" service and are giving back in the truest sense.

Be sure you read my article next month for reason number 3 to

be a member of our chapter.

Thanks & hope to see you at the next luncheon,  
Nancy F. Rey LCDR, USN, RET  
Membership VP

**“The LARGER our NUMBER, the GREATER our VOICE”**



### **Legislative News**

#### **Federal**

The featured legislative alert on the MOAA website at <http://takeaction.moaa.org/?4> is entitled “Stop another year of TRICARE fee increases”. I would encourage everyone to go to the following site and take action by contacting Congress using the drafted message. ***READ MORE.***



### **Central Ohio Veterans Stand Down**

Planning for the Stand Down is in full swing. We are expecting over 600 attendees and have added several new features: A College contact booth and an Employment booth focusing on Skilled Trades. In addition the program will be distributing “Care Packages” to all attendees courtesy of Operation Gratitude, These be added to our normal features: Booths for over 75 Veteran related services, Medical and Legal Screening, Rocky Boots, Clothing, Food and Haircuts. We are close to completing our fund raising efforts for our \$2000 donation but still need additional contributions - you can donate via the Web, Luncheon contributions, or directly. Volunteers opportunities will be provided in September. If you have any questions, contact Colonel Pete Wilkinson, Event Planning Committee Member. 614-638-7784 [prwilkinson1@outlook.com](mailto:prwilkinson1@outlook.com)



### [Adopt-a-Service Member](#)

I received a request from a mother whose son, a Chaplain, has just been deployed to Afghanistan. He is with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade staff and sends out packages to outlying areas who are under the brigade command. A box went out the next day to CH Devine. Two boxes for July were sent out today to Chaplain Jim Murphy. Boxes have been sent to him in the past. He is also stationed in Afghanistan and had requests for protein snacks and toiletries. He is part of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division. Most of the names I have been receiving lately are those of Chaplains. I believe that is because they know where the need is and can disseminate the packages to those points. We were out shopping on Sunday and saw that Odd Lots had 20% off on everything in the store. I was able to buy enough supplies at quite a saving to fill our two July boxes.

Dorothy Williams, 614-423-7016



### [August 2018 SPEAKER](#)

Girard (Jerry) Besanceney is a retired U.S. Army Colonel with 30 years active and reserve service. – *READ [MORE](#)*

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### [Increases](#)

The Military Coalition (TMC), a consortium of almost three dozen associations and veteran groups, is urging House-Senate conferees, as they negotiate a final defense policy bill..., [READ MORE](#).

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[Four Military Health Care Trends to Track](#). We are not alarmed - yet. We are watching recent trends in military health care, and we are concerned. We are investigating four trends in particular: [READ MORE](#)

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### [6 Perfect Military Vacation Discounts](#)

With summer in full swing and kids out of school just long enough to start driving their parents crazy, now is when many military families have summer vacation on the brain.

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