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Chris Kuehl to cover Security Issues and the Economy at January 25th Meeting

We start the New Year with our favorite speaker--DR. CHRIS KUEHL. If you have not heard him, don't miss the opportunity NOW.

Chris will cover Security Issues for our country and then get into the Economy and how it affects us.

Chris Kuehl is managing director of Armada Corporate Intelligence, a firm that provides a wide variety of international consulting services for companies interested in the global marketplace and is one of the best informed analyst in the Kansas City area and was previously Political Science Professor at Baker University.



Dr. Chris Kuehl

Armada Corporate Intelligence, the local company Chris co-founded, conducts detailed analysis and assessment of their clients' business environments and competition. Their client list includes YRC Worldwide (formerly Yellow Roadway), Hallmark International, Spencer Fane Britt and Browne, U.S. Engineering, the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, Brotherhood Bank, and the World Trade Center.

He has an office in Latvia and frequently represents the United States State Department and several Fortune 500 Corporations in their efforts to establish businesses in foreign countries. There will be time for questions after his presentation.

2013 Meeting Calendar

25 January*	26 July*
22 February	23 August
(Holiday Luncheon)	27 September*
22 March *	25 October
26 April	22 November*
24 May *	12 December
28 June	(Holiday Party)

NOTE: All Meetings are on the 4th Saturday EXCEPT as indicated. They vary according to a holiday or available date.

*(Exec Council meets at 10:30 am)

If you would like to receive e-mail updates from the Chapter, and you currently do not, please send your name and e-mail address to robinson1@kc.rr.com.

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Our Meeting will be held January 25, 2013 (4th Saturday) at the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) building at 8787 Old Santa Fe Road. The Auxiliary Luncheon begins at 1145 hours with the MOAA Luncheon beginning at 1215 hours. Cost of the lunch is \$10.00. A Board Meeting will be held at 1030 hours for Chapter Officers.

To get to the DAV, exit off I-435 at 87th Street (close to Bannister Mall), and drive east to Old Santa Fe Road, turn right for one block, or drive on Blue Ridge to 87th Street and turn west, go one block to Old Santa Fe Road, turn left and go approximately one block. The DAV is at the rear of Loma Vista Shopping Center.

Everyone must have a meal reservation by Wednesday of the week before the luncheon. Those on the permanent list need to call only if they will be absent. Substitute meals must be made at time of reservation. Cancellations must be called in by 9:00 a.m. Saturday of the luncheon. Reservations are imperative in order to provide meals for all who attend. To make reservations, contact Tina Dawson by telephone at 816-741-4027 or by e-mail at dondawson@mindspring.com by Wednesday before the meeting. **PLEASE--No reservations can be accepted after 1000 on Wednesday--especially requests for substitute meals.**

Meeting Information

TOPIC: Security Issues to Economy

SPEAKER: Chris Kuehl, Managing Director
Armada Corporate Intelligence

Saturday, January 25, 2014

TIME: 10:30 a.m. - Executive Board Meeting
11:45 a.m. - Auxiliary and Wives
12:15 p.m. - MOAA

MENU: Chicken Fried Steak, Vegetable,
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Salad,
Roll, Butter, Coffee, Iced Tea,
Dessert

(Substitute Meals of Baked Chicken Breast or
Hamburger Steak must be requested at Time of
Reservation)

LOCATION:

Disabled American Veterans
8787 Old Santa Fe Road
Kansas City, Missouri

Call Tina Dawson at 816-741-4027 for Reservations
or e-mail dondawson@mindspring.com.

Message from the President



by Maj Jerry Magliano

HEART OF AMERICA CHAPTER Military Officers Association of America (formerly The Retired Officers Association)



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As we begin the New Year, I want to wish each and every one of you and your family happiness, health and prosperity.

On January 1st, I assumed the duties of President of our MOAA Chapter. I am grateful and humbled for your vote of confidence.

I promise to do everything in my power to maintain the high standard of excellence for which we have been recognized by MOAA National many times over. That would not have been possible without the strong leadership of men like outgoing President Bill Tudor.

I want to personally thank Bill for his dedication and hard work during the past two years and for his assistance in making possible a smooth transition.

I also want to thank and recognize the invaluable work done by the Ladies Auxiliary and ask for their continuing support of many of our activities.

During the coming year, we will continue to strive for additional membership, to obtain entertaining and informative speakers for our luncheons, to perform service projects such as adopt a platoon, scholarship funding and visits to the VA Hospital and to explore the most effective ways to keep our members better informed through email and our Web site.

None of these goals can be achieved, of course, without active and engaged members. I invite each and every one of you to bring your thoughts and ideas to myself or other members of the Executive Council and the various appointed committee members.

I look forward to your support in making 2014 another five star banner year for MOAA HOA.



Deputy Surgeon's News Update

by COL Linda Crosser

ADULT IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE

As of Nov. 2013

Current recommendations for immunizations are updated regularly and can be found on the Center for Disease Control website: cdc.gov/vaccines/spec-grps/adults.htm

Influenza – annually, by October, or as soon after as possible

Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap) – once, as soon as possible. This is instead of a diphtheria tetanus vaccination (Td).

Tetanus diphtheria vaccination (Td) – every 10 years, or in 5 years if there is a dirty puncture wound.

Varicella (chickenpox), HPV (Human Papilloma vaccine), MMR (measles, mumps and rubella), Hepatitis A and B should be given within guidelines to adults who did not receive these as children.

Herpes Zoster (shingles) – 1 dose after the age of 60.

Pneumococcal vaccine – this may have been given to high risk patients before the age of 65 years. One dose is recommended after the age of 65 for all adults.

Military Compensation Reform and Retirement Modernization Commission

The FY13 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) established a 9 member independent commission to review all military compensation, benefits and retirement. Its findings and final recommendations could have a major impact on future decisions regarding military compensation, benefits and retirement.

The commission has been instructed by President Obama to not alter the current retirement system for those already serving, retired or in the process of retiring. Along with a review of military compensation, the President asked that the commission look at the “interrelationship of the military’s current promotion system... as well as associated force shaping tools.”

The president has stated that the commission must review “the full breadth of the systems,” including healthcare, military family support, and any federal programs that could influence the decision of current or future servicemembers to stay in uniform or leave the service.

The commission’s report was originally due May 14, 2014, but the FY2014 Defense Authorization Act delayed

Missouri Announces Tax Breaks for Military Veterans

The following information was obtained from the Missouri Department of Revenue web site:

Military Service Member Exemption

For the tax year beginning January 1, 2013, 60 percent of a military pension income will be exempt from Missouri state tax. This tax deduction will increase 15 percent annually until January 1, 2016, when all military pension income will be tax free.

Pension Exemption may be taken on the Form MO-1040, MO-A, Part 3, Section D.

Requirements for Spouses of Military Service Members

Impacts of the Military Spouse’s Residency Relief Act

- If you are a Missouri resident and the spouse of a military servicemember residing outside of Missouri solely because your spouse is there on military orders, any income you earn is taxable to Missouri.

- If you are a resident of another state and the spouse of a military servicemember residing in Missouri solely because your spouse is here on military orders, any income you earn is not taxable to Missouri.

the final report until February 2015.

The commission is tasked with studying and making recommendations on a wide range of topics, including:

- manpower and compensation
- living standards
- pay
- effectiveness
- flexibility
- motivation to advance

The chairman of the Commission is the Honorable Alphonso Maldon, Jr., a retired Army officer, and the Founder and President/CEO of Partnership Strategies Consulting. He is also a founding partner of Major League Baseball’s Washington Nationals. During the Clinton administration, he was the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management and Policy, responsible for policies, plans and programs for all military and civilian personnel management and oversaw the Department’s commissaries/stores and Department of Defense schools.

2014 Holiday Luncheon

Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we will be able to enjoy this special event.

The poinsettia's were donated to the Veterans home in Cameron but the candy and wine survived.

If you have already mailed your check we have your reservation – if not, there is still plenty of time.

Reservations must be received by Wed., Feb 19th.

Installation of Officers will occur at the January 25th Meeting.

2014 Holiday Luncheon Reservation Form

PRINT NAME: _____ RANK: _____

ADDRESS: _____ SERVICE: _____

CITY/ST/ZIP: _____

Guests: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

C Chicken Cordon Blu \$13.00 each # of Meals _____ \$ _____

C 6 oz. Fillet Mignon \$16.00 each # of Meals _____ \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

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