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Good morning. This is the first edition of the Southeastern Michigan Chapter MOAA newsletter of 2024. The newsletter will come to you via email as a normal delivery; it can be mailed to you if you request it.

We Value Your Membership and Seek New Members. This newsletter is one tool we plan to use to focus on retaining current members and recruiting new members. If you have questions, please contact me at yapler@comcast.net

2024 Southeastern Michigan MOAA Chapter Meetings. In 2024, the chapter will hold four separate meetings of the chapter general membership and other associated events. The Chapter officers will meet separately monthly for management and administration of the chapter (Board of Directors). Chapter members are welcome and encouraged to attend these Board of Directors meetings. If you are interested in attending a Board meeting, please let me know and I will send you the Zoom link.

General membership meetings:

Thursday April 18, 1130, Mulligans, Selfridge Air National Guard Base

Thursday June 20, 1130, location TBD

Thursday, September 20, Mulligans, Selfridge Air National Guard Base

Tuesday, November 7, 1130AM, location TBD

We will also encourage members to attend associated events including the International Armed Forces Night in May (this year in Troy, MI), the September Retiree Appreciation Day at Selfridge, the Veterans Day Remembrance Service at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Detroit in November, and the Wreaths Across America ceremonies in December.

Associated events are not official MOAA chapter events but interested chapter members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Event dates, times, and locations are subject to change.

VA Healthcare, Pension and Compensation. Chapter members are welcome and encouraged to attend the weekly 4PM Thursday Zoom coffee and the noon Sunday Zoom podcast on VA Healthcare and Disability Claim topics. Please contact chapter member Henry Storm at ancientgrape@gmail.com for links to these weekly Zoom events or access them via the Veteran Facilitator channel on YouTube. If you are in the White Lake or Milford area, please feel free to contact Henry or me about the VA breakfast meetings, Monday, and Friday at 7AM at the Leo's Coney Island in White Lake and Wednesday at 7AM at the Americus Grill in Milford. Breakfast is pay as you go and a wonderful place to enjoy fellowship with other veterans and ask questions on VA-related topics.

Wreaths Across America, Saturday Dec 16, 2023. I was privileged and honored to attend the Wreaths Across America (WAA) ceremony at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township, Michigan with over five hundred fellow community members. WAA's yearlong mission is to Remember the fallen, Honor those that serve, and Teach the next generation the value of freedom. The WAA program at Resurrection Cemetery is the second largest in Michigan. This year's program included a formal ceremony followed by the wreath-laying event on a beautiful, but cold December day. Over nine thousand veterans are buried at Resurrection Cemetery. This year, the event will be held on Saturday December 14, 2024, when over two million Veterans' Wreaths will be placed.

Legislative. Chapter members can use the MOAA Legislative Action Center (LAC) to advocate for important pieces of military-related legislation via MOAA's pre-drafted email correspondence. The emails in the LAC are already pre-written and set up so that when you send them, they go to your own Senators and Representative. In some cases, the emails are prepared so that you can tell your own story to let your Congressional representatives know how the issue affects you and your family.

The LAC can also be used by your spouse and others who want to support the issue, even if they are not MOAA members.

If you are unfamiliar with accessing the Legislative Action Center:

- Go to the MOAA web site at www.moaa.org
- Select Advocacy from the top banner.
- Select Legislative Action Center
- Select Action Center Tutorial

Or contact me.

Chapter Treasurer Opening. The chapter Treasurer position remains open for chapter members. If you have questions about or are interested in filling the position of Chapter Treasurer, please contact me at yapler@comcast.net