



Metro Meteor, a Newsletter of the Southeastern Michigan Chapter, MOAA, Nov 22, 2023

This is the first Southeastern Michigan Chapter MOAA newsletter in several years. The newsletter will normally come to you via email. If you want a paper copy, please email me with your request. This issue has a new trial name; the chapter board is considering a chapter name change to identify the chapter more clearly in member recruitment.

November 14 Meeting. The chapter's annual general membership meeting was hosted by Kari Shimmel and Chris Gough of Campbell Ewald at their Brush Street offices adjacent to Ford Field in Detroit. Attendees were very impressed with the warmth and professionalism experienced. Well Done and Thank You to chapter member Jim Healan for suggesting this location for the meeting.

Chapter Officers Elected. At the November 14 chapter general membership meeting, we elected chapter officers to one-year terms beginning January 1, 2024. Thank you and Congratulations to Vice-President Thomas D'Alio, Chapter Secretary Larry Powell, and Surviving Spouse Liaison Noreen Diedo. These officers, along with re-elected President Roy Yaple, will make up the chapter board.

We Value Chapter Members and Seek More. In 2024, we plan to continue our focus on retaining current members and recruiting new members. This newsletter is one approach. We will be sending you membership applications to have handy when you meet friends who qualify for membership. In 2024, the chapter board will manage chapter operations and schedule chapter membership events. Most board meetings will be virtual meetings via Zoom. The chapter board will issue a chapter master schedule of meetings and events for the membership. Members who desire to attend board meetings are welcome and can contact me for meeting links.

VA Healthcare, Pension and Compensation. A new focus this year will be to encourage chapter members and other veterans to apply for VA Healthcare, request their health/service records, and make appropriate disability claims for VA benefits as well as gain a better understanding of VA healthcare options in the community. I have been to both the Thursday 4PM Zoom coffee and Sunday Zoom podcast and encourage chapter members to "give these a shot" by contacting chapter member Henry Storm at ancientgrape@gmail.com for links to these weekly events for VA Healthcare.

Legislative. Members are encouraged to sign up and use the MOAA Legislative Action Center for national legislative advocacy and the state legislative advocacy function at www.michigancommandersgroup.org

Dues. Annual chapter dues of \$20 for calendar year 2024 will be due by January 15, 2024; billing forms should be emailed in early December.