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Newsletter of the Northeast Arkansas Chapter



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!!!BRING IN YOUR COUPONS FOR BARB !!!

Thanks to all who send in their coupons. Barb sent off two envelopes full during the past months. Barb and the Marines of Okinawa really do appreciate your thoughtfulness!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: As your incoming president I wish to thank you for being members of the finest officer organization in the United States and to assure you that this chapter will strive in the coming year to live up to the fine examples set in this chapter in past years. We will start off by reorganizing our membership roster, publishing a new roster of members (along with a copy of the chapter by-laws) and reorganizing our call lists to insure that each member receives a call prior to each upcoming meeting initially (and being given the option of being taken off the call list during that call), and in setting new goals this year for the chapter. Please contact me at any time if you feel the need.

FEBRUARY MEETING: The February general meeting will be held at Western Siziln' in Jonesboro on 21 February at 1900 hrs. Our Speaker will be **Dr. Doug Whitlock**, Interim Chancellor of ASU and a former Army Captain in the ADA (informally known as the 'bet your bars branch').

MILITARY RETIREE TAX EXEMPTION SIGNED

As you may already know, the Arkansas Legislature sent a bill to the Governor and the Governor signed it, exempting military retiree retainer pay from state income taxes. That is a major achievement and it was brought about almost solely by the Arkansas Military Coalition. Many of our legislators, with few exceptions, signed onto the bill as cosponsors and helped push the senate and house versions through their legislative bodies, and finally making sure when it arrived on the Governor's desk for signature, that it would actually meet the Governor's approval and would be signed into law. Almost entirely members of our MOAA Chapters statewide, with heavy participation from several of our chapters, were responsible for this achievement. Our own Bob Schoenborn was integral in all stages of this along with members of the Arkansas Council of Chapters MOAA organization. That organization, along with the Military Veterans Coalition are to be congratulated for wading through the weeds on all stages of this marvelous achievement for re-

CHAPTER MEETING WILL BE ON 21 FEBRUARY 2017 at 1900 hrs.

Our next monthly chapter meeting will be held on **21 FEBRUARY** at Western Sizzlin at 1900 hrs. Eat before or during the meeting—call to order is at 7:15. Our speaker for January will be Dr. Doug Whitlock, Interim Chancellor of Arkansas State University. Dr. Whitlock is a former US Army Captain who served his active duty in the Air Defense Artillery branch. Please welcome Dr. Whitlock to our chapter.

Dues fund our scholarship activities so please be generous in paying your dues and in giving a little something extra to the scholarship fund if you can.

2017 Dues (\$20) for Northeast Arkansas Chapter, PO Box 718, Jonesboro, AR 72403

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