



## THE COTTON PATCH

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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER:** After a little more than a month in office, I still feel a bit like the proverbial new guy who still is not quite sure where the restroom is located. Hopefully, I will quickly learn enough to avoid too many missteps in the future. I believe the presentation by Dr. Whitlock, the interim ASU Chancellor, at our February chapter meeting was one of our better ones. I thank Richard Hartness for his effort to book Dr. Whitlock. For those of you who were unable to attend the meeting, I have posted a brief synopsis of his talk on our FACEBOOK chapter page and our chapter page on the MOAA Council of Chapters web site. This is my way to segue to suggesting you may wish to occasionally visit our Facebook page at "MOAA Northeast Arkansas Chapter" page and/or our chapter page accessed through the CoC web site at [www.moaa-arkansas.org](http://www.moaa-arkansas.org). On the planning horizon are local activities related to the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration. For more information about this National Commemoration, you may wish to visit the web site at [www.vietnamwar50th.com](http://www.vietnamwar50th.com).

Our chapter is one of the **Partners** in this event and LTC Burns is leading this. Building our chapter membership is a continuing concern. I still would like to find a person who would be focused on new ways to attract new members and perhaps more importantly persistently push all of us to seek out potential new members.

**MARCH MEETING:** The March general meeting will be held at Western Sizziln' in Jonesboro on 21 March at 1900 hrs. Our Speaker will be Mr. Kelly Grooms, Owner of the Downtown Theater, in Pocahontas. Mr. Grooms directs/produces well-known drama and comedy theatre productions. Mr. Grooms previously was the director and guiding light of the Imperial Theatre in Pocahontas for many years.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM ON BACK**

**SUPPORT OUR LOCAL JROTC SCHOLARSHIPS THRU OUR JROTC SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND ASU ROTC THRU THE ASU FOUNDATION thru YOUR membership donations MADE thru our Chapter Treasurer!**

**50th Anniversary Vietnam Commemoration:**

The US Congress has mandated the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam Conflict authorizing certificates and lapel pins for military who served during the war and commemoration charters, flags and proclamations for Commemoration Partners (who will actually conduct the ceremonies locally). Your MOAA Chapter has signed on with the commission to be a Commemoration Partner agreeing to have at least two awarding ceremonies each during the years of the commemoration years 2017 and 2018.

We've received the charter, flag and proclamation. We are planning an awarding lapel pins and possibly certificates to chapter members during the May meeting in conjunction with our yearly memorial for our comrades who have joined the eternal command. This all depends on the commission forwarding the lapel pins and certificates to the chapter as was requested about a month ago. We will operate on the belief that we will receive our order in time for the May meeting and plan accordingly. Any suggestions or discussion on this matter is highly encouraged.



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**The Chapter Board and Staff** held its monthly meeting on 01 March 2017 at 0800 at Front Page Café. Present were CPT Hank Germer, LTC Rich Burns, CWO4 GW Hansen, CWO5 Steve Campbell, CWO3 Howard Dunn, COL Jerry Bowen, and LTC Ed Mason. Members absent were: CPT Rich Hartness (teaching a college class), 1LT Dennis Hill (undergoing an MRI), COL Don Brown (surveying damage to farm from overnight storm), LTC Keith Blackman, MAJ Tim Norman, LTC Jim Waldo, LTC David Hastings, and Barb Fisher. Next meeting will be on 5 April.

**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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