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December Program

We welcome Susan Reedy as our December guest speaker. Susan is an expert on Christmas Calligraphy, and has been making the family Christmas greetings for 50 years. The process of selecting holiday poetry, designing, and then crafting the card is the highlight of her year. Her presentation will feature some of her favorites and the process of crafting them. Susan taught Interior Design at the MSU Department of Human Environment and Design for 26 years. She and Wes have two sons, 5 grandsons, and 1 great grandchild.

December 2025 CAC MOAA Dinner Meeting (\$32)

When: Thursday, 11 December 2025

Our dinner meeting will take place at Coral Gables, located at 2838 East Grand River Avenue, East Lansing MI, Thursday, 11 December. Social hour begins at **5:00** and dinner begins at **6:00**. The meal is buffet style which includes: Beef Tips in Mushroom Gravy, Grilled Marinated Chicken Breast Strips with Honey Mustard Sauce, Green Beans and Carrots and Rice Pilaf, with a Caesar Salad and Ice Cream with Chocolate Sauce. **Cost is \$32 dollars**. Please RSVP by Monday, 8 December to www.cacmoaa.com or contact Tony Kruckeberg at (517) 575-9386, or email at armyblkhawk@yahoo.com



1st Vice President Wes Reedy presents November speaker Shawn Turner with the CAC MOAA Certificate of Appreciation, chapter coin, and chapter donation for his talk with us about WKAR Public Broadcasting. Shawn gave us a detailed account of the history and current operations regarding WKAR public media located on the campus of Michigan State University. He is a retired United States Marine Corps officer of 21 years. We hope to see Shawn at future meetings to get caught up on the latest developments within this storied local institution.

Thank you again Shawn for your insightful presentation!!

2026-2028 CAC MOAA Board vote and Installment

Reminder: During the December chapter dinner meeting, the new slate of officers will be formally nominated and voted in. Proposed nominations were presented at the November meeting. Any and all wishing consideration for a board position are welcome to apply! Please contact me at (517) 526-2406 if you would like consideration for a position on the next executive committee board.

Dinner Meeting Message

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Dear Chapter Member,

We need your help. Recently we have had difficulty meeting the minimum attendance of 20 for a group dinner at Coral Gables Restaurant. This not only means the chapter has to pay the cost of meals that fall short of the minimum, but it's embarrassing to have a speaker for such a small audience.

As members age and pass away, participation at dinner meetings becomes more challenging. So we need our younger members to step up and keep the chapter going.

Please mark your calendars on the second Thursday of the month and join us for an enjoyable dinner and an entertaining program at Coral Gables with military friends.

Thank you.

James Pocock
Major General, USAR (Ret)

Chapter Scholarships

Scholarship Applications are due 15 March. The size of our Scholarship fund will determine how many scholarships we can grant. We had over \$11,100 available to award in each of the last two years thanks to your generosity.

Now is the time to make a donation and help us reach a goal of providing a scholarship or book award to all eligible applicants. Make checks payable to Capitol Area Chapter MOAA and bring to the next Chapter Meeting or mail to: Maj DeLee Dankenbring, 992 Pennine Ridge Way, Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Surviving Spouse Corner: Support Is Needed for Surviving Spouses Legislation

In April, MOAA members — including members of MOAA's [Surviving Spouse Advisory Council](#) — gathered in the nation's capital for Advocacy in Action, a day to visit lawmakers and advocate for key issues. This year, MOAA identified five issues for members to discuss. Learn more in [this event wrap-up](#). Your voice still holds power even if you could not attend Advocacy in Action in person. Members, friends, and family — including non-members — can use MOAA's [Legislative Action Center](#) to support legislation, including bills affecting military survivors and families, from anywhere.

MOAA tracks and advocates for legislation that affects military surviving spouses and dependents. MOAA offers an easy way to reach out to your elected officials about these bills through its [Legislative Action Center](#). Click the links below to take action. Keep up with the latest from Capitol Hill by bookmarking [MOAA's advocacy news page](#).

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Thursday, 4 December 2025 @ 11:30 am - 1:00 pm @ Piazzano's
Restaurant, 1825 N Grand River, Lansing

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The Michigan Commanders Group is the coalition of Michigan's congressionally chartered Veterans Service Organizations. Collectively, these organizations represent Michigan's 550,000+ veterans and their families, and have been the state's leaders in successfully advocacy for this population for nearly 100 years. The following link takes you to state and federal legislative priorities as well as the ability for you to contact your State and Federal legislatures: <https://michigancommandersgroup.org/Contact.php>



Membership

For membership inquiries please use this link: www.cacmoaa.com For eligibility or other questions regarding membership please contact Bruce Bahr at (517) 526-2406. **Why join?** <https://youtu.be/42YD9d8W15Q>

CAC Mission Statement

Our mission is to support legislative and charitable initiatives at the local, state, and national levels to enhance our families, communities and country.

Support our Scholarship Program with a Kroger Card!!

We continue to increase our enrollment in the Kroger Community Rewards Program! Thank you for all of your support in signing up and shopping with Kroger. For those interested in beginning the program, our chapter non-profit organization number is: JR311, use this number when contacting Kroger for admission to the program and Kroger will donate a portion of your purchase to the CAC MOAA chapter scholarship fund.

Veterans Crisis Line

The Veterans Crisis Line connects veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. Veterans and their loved ones can call (800) 273-8255 and press 1, chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is available.

Your local Capitol Area Chapter and National MOAA are nonpartisan groups representing all members regarding legislative issues and current events affecting you and your community! For more information regarding issues that affect you and your family members please use this link: <http://takeaction.moaa.org> or call (800) 234-6622/(703) 549-2311

****REMINDER****

Bring your cleaned and bagged bottles and cans to our next meeting to support chapter initiatives!