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June 2024 Meeting/Luncheon UPDATE

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Chapter Dues are due...

As a reminder, Chapter dues were due no later than our first meeting which was held on 14 April 2024. Chapter dues are currently \$12 and may be paid on-line at MOAA National's direct link by clicking **Chapter Dues**.

VOTE REVIEW - June Luncheon 2024

The following agenda issues were tabled for a membership vote with a vote tallied:

1. The authorization for the Board to be approved, without total members vote, to spend monies (-\$300) on chapter events such as Bingo, Website creation and management, insurance etc. with the By-laws being to be updated to include this change.

2. Website creation and approval to spend monies for website.

3. Insurance establishment and approval to spend monies for insurance (see incomplete recommended application attached).

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4. Dues increase from \$12 to \$20 per year starting in 2025.

5. Board research into Chapter Lifetime Dues (member pays one due for lifetime).

- *All passed at 100% membership vote*

** There was also a majority request to table a vote to be conducted during the September 2024 Meeting/Luncheon to increase the number of Meetings/Luncheons to five or possibly six for 2025. This request passed and a vote will take place during the September Meeting/Luncheon. There will be a membership vote to increase to five, if passed, a second vote will be conducted to increase to six.*

Join our Event's Team for Bingo at the Southwestern Veteran's Center, Pittsburgh

Our MOAA Pittsburgh Chapter will be hosting a bingo event at the Southwestern Veteran's Center, 7060 Highland Dr, Pittsburgh, 15206 on Saturday, 29 June 2024, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Please contact Pat Seda-Rivera (julio.moaa@comcast.net) for more information and/or if you would like to volunteer. Everyone has a really good time, and the residents love the comradery and winning prizes!

New Surviving Spouse Liaison ready to roll.

We welcomed Oralia Ferretti as the "Surviving Spouse Liaison," succeeding Carolyn Brahney, who has done an excellent job representing the Chapter in that capacity for the past nine (9) years. Both members spoke on their past experiences and future goals. A Chapter Coin was presented on behalf of our chapter by President Comis to Carolyn for her diligent service to our chapter and its members. Thank you, Oralia, for taking on this important volunteer role in our Chapter and thank you,

Carolyn, for your many years of service!

[Click to view MOAA's Surviving Spouse Resources Website](#)

June Luncheon Speaker Review

Our guest speaker at the June Luncheon, Mr. Dave Defide, Senior Manager, Customer Programs, at Duquesne Light Company, did an excellent presenting information on Duquesne Light's energy efficiency programs as well as rebates currently available to its customers and preview the Company's on-line tools to help customers manage their usage (see links below).

Dave also provided a variety of hand out information and energy conservation gifts to the members. On behalf of the chapter President Comis presented Dave with a Chapter Coin for his efforts.

[Home Energy Center | Duquesne Light Company](#)

[Duquesne Light Marketplace | Home \(poweredbyefi.org\)](#)



Help the Chapter fill Open Positions - Secretary and Membership Chair

The Chapter is still in need of volunteers to fill the positions of Secretary and Membership Chair. The Secretary position is currently being handled by Dan Kysela (Vice-President) and the Membership Chair position continues to be handled by Jon Comis (President).

Please reach out to Dan or Jon if you have any questions about the positions and/or if you wish to step up and volunteer for one of these roles. Your assistance would be much appreciated!

Note: You must be a member of MOAA National and your Pittsburgh Chapter dues must

be paid in full in order to hold a position.

Open Positions - Directors

The Chapter is still in need of volunteers to fill three (3) open Director positions.

As copied from Section 6 of the by-laws, the Directors shall:

- a) attend board meetings and serve as a voting member of the board of directors;
- b) provide input to the president on issues of chapter management, finances, programs, and special matters;
- c) establish and review chapter bylaws, policies, procedures, and other guiding documents annually and make recommendations for revision as needed;
- d) serve as a greeter at chapter functions; and
- e) perform other duties the president might assign.

We hope that you will consider volunteering to hold one of the open Director positions.

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MOAA Pittsburgh's Facebook Page

MOAA Pittsburgh has a Facebook Page! To access the page, [**CLICK HERE**](#). This is a great link to share with prospective Chapter members and to keep up-to-date on news in between meetings and newsletters.

SEPTEMBER 2024 Luncheon

The next Luncheon for the MOAA Pittsburgh Chapter will be held on Sunday, 8 September 2024, at Chartiers Country Club, 601 Baldwin Road, Pittsburgh, 15205. Please see the menu selection and reservation form below and plan to join us! Happy Hour begins at 1 PM (1300 hours) with a cash bar and lunch will start to be served promptly at 2 PM (1400 hours). Valet parking is available.

Our scheduled speaker U.S. Coast Guard marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh is pending due to operational priorities.

The MENU CHOICES will be provided at a later date.

Please note the price has increased to \$35 per person.

Reservations are due to Pat Seda-Rivera (412-724-5070) no later than Thursday, 5 September 2024.

Future 2024 Planned Luncheons at Chartiers Country Club

8 September 2024

**Holiday Party 8 December 2024, the first Sunday after
Thanksgiving Weekend**

**Additional Social and Community Service Activities will be
added as they are planned. Ideas/suggestions welcome.
Volunteers welcome.**

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