



**Green Country Chapter  
Military Officers Association of America**

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Tulsa, Oklahoma

## **NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING**

**When:** 14 November 2023  
**Where:** Meadowbrook Country Club 9300 E 81<sup>st</sup> Street Tulsa, OK  
**Social:** 1800 hours  
**Dinner/Mtg:** 1845 hours  
**Cost:** \$25 per person  
RSVP to Alta Segovia ([altafsegovia51@gmail.com](mailto:altafsegovia51@gmail.com)) by 5pm 8 Nov 2023  
**Topic:** “The Shoemaker” Biography of Louis Kerbel  
**Speaker:** MAJ (R) Joe L. Todd USA

## **ABOUT US**

The Purpose of the Chapter shall be:

- To promote the purposes and objectives of the Military Officers Association of America.
- To foster fraternal relations among retired, active, reserve, guard, and former officers of the uniformed services.
- To provide useful services for members, their dependents, and survivors.
- To serve the community and the nation.

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# Green Country MOAA Calendar

**105<sup>th</sup> Tulsa Veterans Day Parade**  
1100 Friday 10 Nov 2023  
1109 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tulsa, OK

Contact Alta Segovia by 5pm 8 November at [918-282-0145](tel:918-282-0145) or  
Email: [altafsegovia51@gmail.com](mailto:altafsegovia51@gmail.com) if you would like to participate

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**GCMOAA November General Meeting**  
**Tuesday 14 Nov 2023**  
**MAJ (R) Joe L. Todd**  
**“The Shoemaker” Bio of Louis Kerbel**  
Meadowbrook Country Club  
RSVP by Thursday 8 Nov 2023  
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**GCMOAA December General Meeting**  
**Tuesday 12 Dec 2023**  
**Christmas Gala**  
Meadowbrook Country Club  
RSVP by Thursday 7 Dec 2023  
[altafsegovia51@gmail.com](mailto:altafsegovia51@gmail.com) or 918-282-0145

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## **OKMOAA COUNCIL MEETING**

Everyone is welcome to attend the OKMOAA Council meetings. This is a great time to meet the leadership as well as members of other Oklahoma MOAA Chapters. 18 Nov 2023 10:00 am

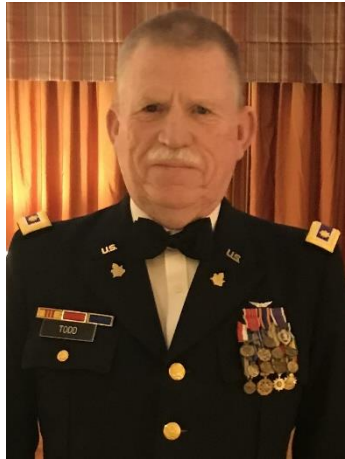
Norman Central Public Library 103 W Acres St Norman OK, 73069

## Important Military Dates in November

- National Veterans and Military Family month
  - US Marine Corps Birthday 10 November
    - Veterans Day 11 November
- Armistice Day/ Remembrance Day 11 November

# November Guest Speaker

**MAJ (R) Joe. L. Todd USA**



MAJ Joe L. Todd was born in Bartlesville, Ok and graduated from Bartlesville College High in 1964, He attended OSU from 1964-1966, then served in the First Cavalry Division as a helicopter mechanic and crew chief from 1967-1969 in Vietnam. After his stint in the US Army, Joe graduated with a BA in Anthropology from the University of Oklahoma in 1974. Joe was a member of the US Army Reserve and served in Kuwait and Iraq during Desert Storm with the First Infantry Division – 1991-1992 and served 4 months in Haiti with the 486<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion - 1994

During his time of service, MAJ Todd was awarded the Bronze Star, Air Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters, Purple Heart, Kuwaiti Liberation Medal, Humanitarian Service Award, Vietnam Service, Vietnam Campaign, Army Commendation Medal with 2 oak leaf Clusters and Presidential Unit Citation with the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division.

Joe has worked with the Oklahoma Historical Society since 1971 and retired from the Historical Society in 2001. Since 2001 he has volunteered for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library interviewing WWII veterans and to date has interviewed more than 1200 Veterans. He also volunteers for the Oklahoma Historical Society interviewing Korean, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq and Afghanistan veterans over 2500 so far.

In 1975 he was Awarded Outstanding Young Men in America. In 2007 awarded the Oklahoma Heritage Association Award for the WWII stories in the Examiner-Enterprise.

Recently in 2022, Joe was inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame and on 24 Feb 2023 he was proclaimed Veteran of the week at the Oklahoma House of Representatives

Here is a short list of Joe's Publications

“USS Oklahoma, Remembrance of a Great Lady” – 1990 – Taylor Publication

“Robert Huston, Oklahoma Rough Rider” – 1998 –OK Historical Society

“In Honor of Heroes” - 2003 by the Examiner-Enterprise

“We Were There” – 2003 by the Examiner-Enterprise

“The Shoemaker” – 2022 - Biography of Lewis Kerbel – New Forums Press

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# Treasurer Report

Green Country MOAA has two options to make it easier to pay your dues. You can now pay both national and chapter dues on line if you have any questions or concerns, please contact

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**MOAA Fund \$6,274.38**

**MOAA Excellence Fund \$4,969.28**

# Community Involvement Opportunities

## Blue Star Mothers

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each Month  
September 19, 2023  
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Blue Star Mothers in Broken Arrow are packing 200 boxes a week due to recent increase in deployments from OK military units. They appreciated our help this Spring and are asking again for our help. Please take a few moments and put on your schedule the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month beginning September 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00 pm to help this great organization send much appreciated packages to our men and women of Oklahoma in uniform. **Blue Star Mothers, Broken Arrow Military Center 1117 S Main, Broken Arrow, OK. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each Month 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm.**

# Veterans Day Parade



1100 Friday 10 November 23

Meet at the VFW Post 577  
1109 E Sixth - 8:00 am





**Please help veteran families have a  
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

**The Coffee Bunker would appreciate any of the following to  
create "baskets" for Thanksgiving meals to our struggling  
veteran families:**

**Small turkeys (frozen)  
Potatoes for mashing or baking  
Stuffing mix  
Canned vegetables  
Fruit (canned or fresh)  
Fixin's for a pie (ready-made crust and filling)**

***Please bring to our next MOAA meeting or drop off at the  
Coffee Bunker - 6365 E. 41<sup>st</sup> / M-F, 8 to 5 by 17 Nov.***



# GCMOAA Chapter in the Community

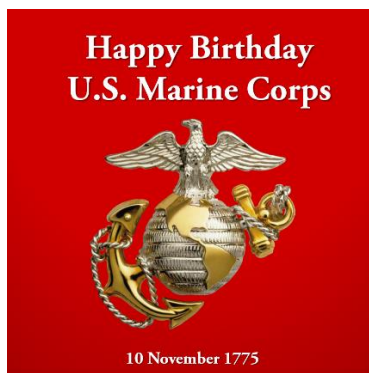


Stan Dougherty, Donita Balfour, Mark and Alta Segovia were on hand to assemble care packages for deployed troops with the Broken Arrow Blue Star Mothers



George Hedrick was the guest speaker for the Surviving Spouse quarterly luncheon at the Old Vine in Tulsa, OK

Vickie Foster ( surviving spouse director), Mary Rapp, Sandrah Welliver, Donna Roberts, Cheryl LeSturgeon, Judy Miles and Alta Segovia were on hand for a very informative luncheon presented by George Hedrick



# GCMOAA October Meeting/ Dinner



Celebrating the Navy Birthday was Ron Roberts, Carole Smith, Jerry West, Bruce Balfour, Ed Wright, AJ Eagelton and RADM Gregory Slavonic (R) USN



**RADM (R) Gregory Slavonic, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Department of Veteran Affairs was our guest speaker. Our Oklahoma MOAA Council President Dennis Clippinger also was in attendance and gave an informative update on MOAA's legislative priorities and membership. He also informed us that our chapter won a Five Star level of excellence award.**





## **New Member Breakfast**

**Saturday December 2, 2023  
Big Biscuit 91<sup>st</sup> & Memorial  
8:00 am Breakfast  
(You will be our guest)  
8:45 Orientation**

**MOAA Legislative Advocacy  
Scholarships & Grants  
Surviving Spouse  
“How YOU can make a difference”**

**RSVP by November 24, 2023  
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**Christmas**

**Gala**

**Tuesday 12 December  
Meadowbrook Country Club**

**Awards Ceremony and Special Entertainment  
RSVP Early**



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