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Joint Chapters Meeting Notice CIROA IL33 & HOIMOAA IL09



Date: 19 NOV 2024

Location: Lariat Steakhouse, W. Glen Ave, Peoria, IL 61614

Time: 1730 Social Time
1800 Meeting Starts; Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance; Order Dinner

Program: A Close Up View of China

Guest Speaker: Stan Mendenhall, Retired Assistant Professor of History, ICC

RESERVATIONS REQUESTED:
BY SUNDAY, 17 NOV 24, contact MAJ Jackson at 309-676-1602 (Office), 309-657-3203 (mobile), or email: jacksonfinancial@yahoo.com with names and number of attendees. **HEADCOUNT IS IMPORTANT FOR FOOD AND SEATING.**

Volunteers needed to fill Leadership vacancies on the Board of Joint Chapters.



Meeting & Program Schedule 2024-25

5 Nov 24 = Joint Chapters Board Meeting

19 Nov 24 - Membership Meeting CIROA

HOLIDAY BREAK

7 Jan 25 - Joint Chapters Board Meeting

21 Jan 25 - Membership Meeting HOIMOAA

4 Feb 25 - Joint Chapters Board Meeting

18 Feb 25 - Membership Meeting CIROA

4 Mar 25 - Joint Chapters Board Meeting

18 Mar 25 - Membership Meeting HOIMOAA

1 Apr 25 - Joint Chapters Board Meeting

15 Apr 25 - Membership Meeting CIROA

6 May 25 - Joint Chapters Board Meeting

20 May 25 - Membership Meeting HOIMOAA

Until further notice, Board Meetings will be held virtually by Zoom at 1900 hrs on the first Tuesday of the month, and Membership Meetings in person, at Lariat Steakhouse, 2232 W. Glen Ave., Peoria, IL 61614, on the third Tuesday of the month at 1800hrs. (Zoom available to those who can't attend in person.)



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To join the meeting online from home, click on link:

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NOV Meeting Program

A Close Up View of China

Stan Mendenhall
Retired Assistant Professor of History
Illinois Central College

Dinner Menu for 19 NOV

BBQ Baby Back Ribs: 1/2 Rack \$26/ Full Rack: \$33

Chopped Sirloin: \$26

Pork Chop: \$32

Ribeye Steak: \$34

Jumbo Shrimp: \$26

Includes Salad & Sides

20% Gratuity & Tax Added to Bill
Deserts Extra

NOV Meeting Guest Speaker

Stan Mendenhall

Stan Mendenhall has a Bachelor in Arts from Western Illinois University, with a major in History and a minor in Political Science. He was awarded a Masters in Science in History from Illinois State University in 1988. He began as an adjunct instructor at Illinois Central College in 1989, serving as an instructor in History and Political Science for more than twenty years. Stan retired in 2021 as an Assistant Professor of History.

Stan has taught modern world history at Eureka College and the Foreign Policy of South Asia at Bradley University's Institute of International Studies. Through the generosity of ICC'S Chinese Language Studies Institute, Stan had the opportunity to teach at Xiamen Huaxia College in Xiamen, China in 2013.

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Legislative Report

November 2024

Call for action - Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act
With a few scant weeks left in their session, members of the 118th Congress must act immediately or risk leaving generations of veterans, and their caregivers, with inadequate resources, life-altering stress, and more questions than answers about their long-term health.

The bipartisan Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act (HR 542) addresses these issues and others, improving service-earned benefits and offering even wider upgrades to survivor programs, homeless veteran outreach, and many other facets of VA-provided support. Yet despite backing from key committee leaders and [dozens of veterans groups](#) (including MOAA), the bill has not

cleared the House nor been introduced in the Senate.

Some of the key improvements:

Home-Based Care

Caregiver Help:

Better Access to

Care: Veterans would be able to find care from local providers

Even More Progress: The bill calls for greater oversight of the department's new electronic records system, increases funding and improves flexibility for programs supporting homeless veterans, and strengthens veteran education benefits, including expanded access to benefits for surviving spouses.

Make your support known.



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