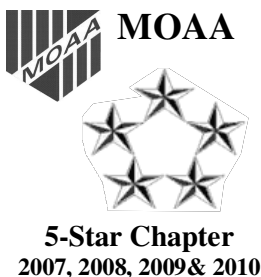




Wichita Chapter News

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Brigadier General Vic Braden will give us a Kansas prosecutor's exclusive look inside the dysfunctional world of southern Afghanistan



BG Vic Braden has a unique professional career. He is a prosecutor who has handled numerous high-profile murder cases in Kansas, and is currently a Deputy Kansas Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Litigation Division. Vic is also a Brigadier General in the Kansas National Guard with over 30 years of military service. He is presently the 35th Infantry Division's Assistant Division Commander.

From August 2009 to April 2010, BG Braden was the advisor to General Zazai, the Commanding General of the Afghan National Army's forces in southern Afghanistan. Through this experience, he gained exclusive insight into the complexity of region, observed the unvarnished facets of the Afghan culture, and witnessed critical public events with international implications.

His presentation to us will describe the complicated and chaotic environment of southern Afghanistan in a distinctive case presentation format.

Vic and his wife, Marla Sue, live in Lawrence, Kansas and they have two grown daughters, Chelsea and Emily.

Chapter members will not want to miss this special opportunity to meet and hear BG Braden.

Chapter Brunch

Rolling Hills Country Club
223 S Westlink Dr, Wichita, KS

March 20, 2011

SOCIAL – 1230 Hrs

Assorted Fruit Displays & Cheese Trays
Sweet Rolls—Cash Bar

MOAA BRUNCH – 1300 Hrs

Country Breakfast Items and Made to Order Omelets and Belgium waffles
Green Salad & Variety of Specialty Salads
Carving Station -Turkey and Beef Round
Varied Luncheon Items including Two Entrees, Two vegetables and rice or potato offerings

Gourmet Breads, Pastries & Dessert

Coffee/Iced Tea/ Fountain Drink

Cost:

\$ 20.00

(Includes Tax & 20% Gratuity)

Cash Bar Available

Advance Reservations Required

WE MUST HAVE THE ADVANCE HEADCOUNT NO LATER THAN TUESDAY NOON OF THE WEEK PRIOR TO MEETING

Please make your reservations by phoning your assigned member of the Calling Committee listed on Page 2.

NOTE: If you make a reservation and for some reason do not show, you will be billed for the meal(s)

Your Web Site:

www.wichitamoaa.org



President's Corner



**KEN STOUT
CAPT USN-RET
President**

The snow and ice cleared away in time to have another great turnout for our February meeting. Dr. A. J. Morris, Jr.

gave us a synopsis of his new book, *The Wine Puzzles*, which enlightened all of us on the history and mysteries of the healing and purifying powers of wine. When we found out AJ's lovely wife, Glenda Sue, was a singer, we quickly talked her into singing *The Star Spangled Banner* during our Presentation of the Colors ceremony. She did a wonderful job and set the tone for a great meeting.

We were happy to welcome back our chapter member and new Congressman Mike Pompeo and Susan, who were on a one week break from Washington DC. Many of our members took this opportunity to let the Congressman know their opinions on the proposed changes to Tricare and other bills affecting active and retired military personnel.

Some of our members will be attending the Kansas National Guard Convention at the Holidome in Lawrence on 25-26 March. We will be manning an information table along with representatives from the other Kansas MOAA chapters to get out the MOAA message. We will also be attending the quarterly Kansas Council of Chapters meeting and luncheon at the Lawrence Country Club on Saturday the 26th.

Calling Committee

We have had requests to try an evening dinner, so we are going to try something different for our 9 September chapter meeting. We will have an evening dinner on a Saturday night at Rolling Hills Country Club instead of our normal Sunday Brunch. It will start early in the evening so that there will still be daylight when we drive home. More details will come out in the newsletter at the end of August.

Our March program promises to be very informative as BG Vic Braden tells us of his recent tour of duty as the senior advisor to General Zazai, the Commanding General of the Afgan National Army's forces in southern Afganistan. We'll see you there.

McConnell AFB

Commissary Sales:



March 2011:

- March 8-12, 2011 **"Lental Sale"**
- March 2, 16 & 30, 2011 **"Wacky Wednesdays"**
- March 1-17, 2011 **"St Patrick's Day Sale"**
Corned Beef & Cabbage
- March 26, 2011 **"Free Throw Contest"**
- March 31-April 3, 2011 **"Farmer's Market"**

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Please contact the member of the Calling Committee listed above for the alphabetic group of your surname. We need to have your reservation by Tuesday in order to establish a firm meal headcount. **Callers:** please use **316-687-0910** to contact Capt Al Rocheleau with your count.
(Alternate caller: Leroy Meyer at 788-4366)



Planned Future Chapter Meetings

4/17/11	5/15/11
9/24/11	10/16/11
11/13/10	12/11/11

Chapter Mission

The Chapter's shall promote the purposes and objectives of The Military Officers Association of America, to foster fraternal relations among retired, active and former officers of the uniformed services and their dependents and survivors; to provide useful services for members and their dependents and survivors, and to serve the community and the nation.

Membership in National MOAA - Gives You A Powerful Voice In Washington.



If you are a member of National of MOAA, you probably know about their strong advocacy role — fighting for benefits on Capitol Hill — it is one of the things they do best. But have you taken the time lately to review the host of exclusive benefits and information available to all National MOAA members? The list of MOAA member products and services is extensive and worth checking out.

In addition to *Military Officer magazine* you have access to free world-class military benefits, counseling, and MOAA's award-winning Info Exchange®; a library of plain-English publications that simplifies issues such as the Survivor Benefit Plan; financial planning; TRICARE For Life; and more. You can view these publications at www.moaa.org/booklets

Go to www.Moaa.org/join

—Your voice is needed now more than ever as our military benefits are under direct assault—

Chapter Membership

**MEMBERS
225
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Our Chapter membership is open to all former, active, retired, National Guard or Reserve Officers. Surviving spouses of officers are encouraged to join the Chapter as Auxiliary members. Contact any



Chapter Officer listed on the front of this Newsletter or use the Membership Application on the back of this Newsletter. We encourage all officers to join and support the important work being done to protect all veterans.

Program Notes-

Capt Al Rocheleau

Seventy-two members and guests enjoyed a very entertaining and educational talk about the medicinal qualities of wine by Dr. AJ Morris, Jr. at the February meeting. AJ informed us when and how wine was first used and how its use has evolved over the years. He also let us in on what actually happened in the gulf of Tonkin incident. AJ's wife also contributed to the meeting with a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem at the posting of the colors. Applications to National MOAA and our Chapter were given to AJ, so we are hopeful that he will soon become a member of our chapter and be a regular attendee at our meetings.

Our thanks go out to Col. Larry Falkner for the wine he obtained from local businesses that were used for the JROTC drawing. Six bottles were given away, and others were held in reserve for future meetings. Additionally, he had also obtained a \$25 gift card from Wal-Mart.

This month, Brigadier General Vic Braden will regale us with his experiences in Afghanistan as the senior advisor to General Zazai, the commanding general of the Afghan National Army's forces in southern Afghanistan. His talk will describe the complicated and chaotic environment of southern Afghanistan in a distinctive case presentation format. His exclusive insight into the complexity of the region, observations of the unvarnished facets of the Afghan culture, and his witnessing of critical public events with international implications will give us an insight to what our troops face today as they complete their assigned missions.

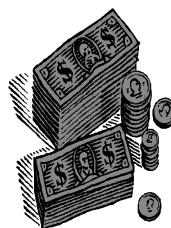


Direct Deposit Now Required

For years, Social Security has stressed the convenience, security, and safety of getting benefit payments electronically. Soon, electronic payments will not only be the best way to receive Federal benefits — it will be the only way.

In fact, effective May 1, 2011, all new recipients of Federal benefits, including those filing for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI), must receive their payments electronically.

Visit www.godirect.org today to sign up for direct deposit or Direct Express.



The **McConnell AFB TAX CENTER** will open on Feb 1, 2011. Assistance in preparing your personal tax returns is available by calling (316) 759-2488 to schedule an appointment. Be sure to bring all tax related documents in order for the office to more fully assist you.

Personal Affairs

Donna Morrison, Personal Affairs Chair

Legislative Affairs

Major LeRoy Meyer, Legislative Chair

CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS:

MOAA's Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee (AMAC) is launching a project to turn old cell phones into phone cards so deployed service members can call home. The AMAC is working with *Cell Phones for Soldiers*, which recycles old cell phones and, in return, provides our fighting forces with pre-paid phone cards to call home. Each recycled cell phone translates into about 60 minutes of free talk time. Since 2004, *Cell Phones for Soldiers* has sent over 60 million minutes of free talk time to our troops.

Cell phones for Soldiers was founded in 2004 by then-teenagers Robbie and Brittany Bergquist of Norwell, Massachusetts, to help raise money for a local soldier stationed in Iraq who racked up an enormous phone bill calling home. It is now a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with a goal to help our military serving overseas call home by providing pre-paid phone cards. They have raised almost \$2 million in donations and distributed more than 500,000 pre-paid calling cards to soldiers overseas.

AMAC has established a MOAA goal of donating at least 1,000,000 minutes of pre-paid talk time to our troops. That's a minimum of 16,667 discarded cell phones, give or take a phone or two. If every chapter recycled just 40 old phones, MOAA will meet its goal. Our cell phone drive will last until September 30, 2011, with the final results announced at the Annual Meeting in San Antonio in October 2011.

We will have a donation box available at our monthly meetings in March, April and May, so bring your old cell phones to those meetings.

Donation receipts will also be available for those who need them for income tax purposes.

McConnell Air Force Base

McConnell AFB is still looking for a few more volunteers. If you can spare 4 or more hours per week contact: MOAA members: MAJ Barr at 733-1811 or Millie Suer at 201-6490. Most volunteer jobs do not require any special prior experience and training is on-the-job. Thanks to all the volunteers for their support.



New Congressman Holds Town Meeting

Congressman Mike Pompeo held a Town Hall meeting in Derby the afternoon of 27 February. Joy and I attended along with several hundred people from the Derby area.

Congressman Pompeo praised the Air Force's decision that was made 23 February 2011, awarding the \$35 billion aerial refueling tanker contract to Boeing. Needless to say, this received a round of applause.



Like most Town Hall meetings, many people had individual concerns. Congressman Pompeo answered their questions directly, and if he did not know about the particular concern, he said so, and said he would research and find out more about it.

He has concerns for the growth of small businesses; taxes on new home buyers; and our Social Security. He also talked about his opposition to EPA regulations that are affecting small businesses, saying those agencies don't understand the lives we all live, and that small businesses don't have time to deal with the paper work that is presently required.

Congressman Pompeo announced they had moved into their permanent Wichita office and encouraged everyone to contact his staff if they could be of help. His new offices are located at 7701 E Kellogg, #510, Wichita KS 67207. (316) 262-8992 His Washington address is 107 Cannon Building, Washington, DC 20515. Mike also is our own Wichita Chapter Member.

In regards to TRICARE and TRICARE for Life, our National MOAA personnel, led by Vice Admiral Norb Ryan, Jr, and Colonel Steve Strobridge have been meeting with the Under-Secretary of Defense about the needs of not only Retirees, but also, the Active Forces.

The February MOAA Magazine contained four tear-out letters, addressed to four Key Leaders of the House and Senate Budget Committees who will soon begin crafting the FY2012 Budget Resolution. If you haven't done so already, please sign, stamp and mail these four letters today. You can also add a "p.s." for extra punch. And, if you did not receive your February Military Officer Magazine, please call me at 788-4366 and we will discuss why.





Certificates of Appreciation

Awarded to Local Firms helping with the Chapter's JROTC Scholarship Fundraising



Through the special efforts of COL Larry Falkner several local merchants have contributed significant gifts certificates to the Wichita Chapter's fund raising efforts for JROTC Scholarships.

Recently, **Walmart East, Cocoa Dolce, Freddy's** and **Applebe's** were presented with our Chapter's Certificates of Appreciation in recognition of their generosity and patriotism by COL Falkner.



"These merchants are special in every way and deserve our support as they support the fine JROTC Programs in

Wichita and Derby" he said.

A special MOAA Thanks to all these great folks that help us with the JROTC Scholarships efforts.

Vets For Vets *McConnell AFB*



An ad hoc group of volunteers from McConnell AFB helps homeless Vets and their families move household furniture and other items obtained through local organizations such as "His Helping Hands" and others. These homeless Vets are securing housing with the aid of the VA Center but the center has no means to move large items such as furniture and appliances.

Retired Air Force Master Sergeants Randall Weston and Kevin Smith, now both civilian employees, and Master Sergeant Leonard Green, all of the 22 Force Support Squadron decided to pitch in and help. Speaking with Judy Epperson, VA Homeless Program Director, one night Randy heard the story of two ladies from the Homeless VA Center program attempting to carry a large sofa up the stairs of an apartment in which a homeless Vet had been placed. Melissa Hodge and Josie Oldham, both from the VA program, were attempting to help move in this Vet as part of their getting him housing. Seeing a need, Randy knew that some assistance had to be gathered to help these Veterans and ladies.

He took his plan to get McConnell personnel involved to Kevin and Lenny. They engaged the McConnell Honor Guard and the McConnell Top Three organization for volunteers and their trucks to help. The resulting **Vets for Vets**, aka McConnell Van Lines group in Fiscal Year 10 involved some 146 retired, Active duty, Guard, and Reserve volunteers assisting 80 vets, often including their families. And so far in FY 11 a group of 65 volunteers has helped 22 veterans move into new quarters.

These **Vets for Vets** are doing an outstanding job providing help that is sorely needed. Thank you patriots for helping. If you can assist in anyway, donated household goods are needed, actual help with moving, or driving your truck to move items please contact Randy at 759-6779 or Kevin at 759-3734.



Members Now Can Easily Access Great Financial Services

Under a new agreement, MOAA and award-winning financial services provider USAA have formed an alliance. USAA will be MOAA's preferred provider of automobile, homeowners, and renters insurance, as well as investment products and services for MOAA's membership. USAA is offering an exclusive "MOAA only" dedicated toll-free number at **(877) 913-MOAA (6622)** and **web page (www.usaa.com/moaa)**, which will allow MOAA members to get outstanding products and services at great rates — and support their association at the same time. Check out the services and great rates on their web site.

MOAA President Vice Adm. Norb Ryan Jr., USN-Ret., said "USAA far exceeds our criteria with its property and casualty insurance [such as automobile, homeowners, and renters insurance] and investment services."

USAA President and CEO Maj. Gen. Joe Robles, USA-Ret., points out USAA is very careful about who it selects to join forces with to ensure they align with the organization's core values and goals. Robles says MOAA's passion for a strong national defense and serving the interests of military officers at every stage of their careers makes this an ideal alliance between two like-minded organizations.

"Our core values are the one thing that truly differentiates us from other companies in the financial-services sector because they emanate from and emulate the military we serve," Robles says. "We are teaming with MOAA because they also place an emphasis on core values, mission, and service to the military veterans and their families."

Retiree Pay Update:

In FEB retiree's DFAS statements started showing increased taxes withheld and reduced monthly payments of Military Retired Pay. This is because on 29 JAN the 2011 Tax Tables were implemented with an effective date of 1 FEB 2011. This new tax table affected over 1.56 million retirees and in most instances raised the amount of Federal Income Tax withheld from their retired pay on a monthly basis in the \$30.00 to \$40.00 range. These net pay decreases have already been posted in MyPay and Retiree Account statements along with a copy of a tax related retiree newsletter. A copy will be mailed on a staggered basis commencing 3 FEB 2011. DFAS has issued the following explanation with a basic

Q&A regarding the change:

Q: Why did the amount of taxes taken from my retired pay increase?

A: The tax tables implemented for tax year 2011 contain a higher amount of FITW than what was contained in the tables that were in effect for 2010.

Q: Information circulated in the media indicated that taxpayers would pay less tax in 2011. Why doesn't this apply to military retirees and SBP recipients?

A: When that information was circulated in the media, it referred to the net effect when combining the increased FITW from the 2011 tax table with the decrease (from 6.2% to 4.2%) in the withholding for Social Security. Retirees and annuitants do not have a Social Security deduction from their payments, so all they will see is the difference in FITW.

Q: In 2010 there was no Federal Income Tax withheld from my retired pay. My amount of income did not increase in 2011. Why does the statement I just received indicate that Federal Income Tax will now be withheld from my military retired pay?

A: The threshold for withholding was lowered for tax year 2011. Members filing Single had the threshold lowered from \$504.00 per month to \$175.00 per month and members with a filing status of Married had the threshold lowered from \$1146.00 to \$658.00. This means that members now become subject to FITW at a lower income level than in previous years.

If you have further questions call DFAS at 1-800-321-1080.



The Wichita MOAA Chapter welcomes:

Lieutenant Colonel William A Bush, and his wife, Sue. Colonel Bush spent over 14 years on active duty before serving in and retiring from the 89th ARCOM. They reside at 1450 Lookout Dr, Wichita KS, 67230-9522. (316) 733-4756

Lieutenant Colonel Robert A Coloney, and his wife, Mary Lee. Colonel Coloney served as a pilot in the Air Force for more than 25 years. They reside at 2946 S Elizabeth, Wichita KS, 67217-2422. (316) 558-8095

Please add these new members and numbers to your new membership book. CALLERS, please add them to you lists as well.

TRICARE Fee Impact All About the Index

Last week it was reported that the Pentagon has dropped previous proposals for large TRICARE fee hikes, proposing a much more modest 13 percent increase for retired TRICARE Prime enrollees for FY2012, with no enrollment fee or deductible changes for TRICARE Standard or TRICARE For Life.

It was noted that MOAA's serious objection to the proposal was to tie future Prime fee adjustments to a measure of Medicare cost growth. DoD estimates this would generate annual increases of 6.2%, starting in 2013.

The chart below shows the dramatic, compounding impact the DoD-proposed indexing would have over longer periods of time. MOAA believes strongly that, in recognition of military beneficiaries' lengthy service and sacrifice, the percentage increase in any year should not exceed the retired pay COLA percentage. We strongly oppose adjusting fees for nondisabled retirees under 65 based on health cost growth for elderly and disabled Americans.

Monetary Impact of DoD-Proposed Fee

Adjustment Methodology

Year	Cap at Retired Pay COLA Percentage	DoD Proposal (tied to HC inflation)	Difference (loss of purchasing power)
2011	\$460	\$460	\$0
2012	\$520	\$520	\$0
2013	\$536	\$552	\$17
2014	\$552	\$586	\$35
2015	\$568	\$623	\$55
2016	\$585	\$661	\$76
2017	\$603	\$702	\$100
2018	\$621	\$746	\$125
2019	\$640	\$792	\$153
2020	\$659	\$841	\$183
2021	\$678	\$894	\$215
2022	\$699	\$949	\$250
2023	\$720	\$1,008	\$288
2024	\$741	\$1,070	\$329
2025	\$764	\$1,137	\$373
2026	\$787	\$1,207	\$421
2027	\$810	\$1,282	\$472
2028	\$834	\$1,361	\$527

Chaplain's Corner

CH (LTC) George C. Boone USA-RET



Psalm 23 (King James Version)

1 *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

2 *He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

3 *He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

4 *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

5 *Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

6 *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.*

The most famous and beloved piece of literature is Psalm 23.

Many of us memorize it in childhood. It is a Psalm of confession. "The Lord is My Shepherd". Nothing I have read has more personal pronouns than in these six verses.

Yes, the psalm is very personal.

We are told that Chaplain, Father Kapaun used it often with the troops of all faiths (Catholic, Protestant, Jewish and even atheist). What a man of God he was! For those facing the possibility of death I can almost hear him saying "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil". There are times we all face scary moments like when our Chapter president Major Leroy took me to the emergency room.

"He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name sake". In 1998 He led me to become a member of TROA – MOAA. What a blessing it has been for me and I hope I have been a blessing (my prayers are so) to this chapter.

Chaplain Kapaun's ministry is not over now that he is with the Lord. His life's story is a blessing and he has honored the military chaplaincy. We are better because of this priest/chaplain



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TROW

The Retired Officers Wives

The Retired Officers Wives (TROW) wants to extend a warm welcome to all spouses of military officers. The group meets monthly at different area restaurants and country clubs for fellowship and good works. A very interesting program or a social get together is featured each month throughout the year. In addition a number of charitable projects are sponsored in support of base airmen and their families. Our club's good works include; Airman's Attic, Family Services, Airman's Readiness Center and the Layette program. Updates about the commissary, pharmacy and other base activities are also provided. The TROW Fashion Show each fall where some members model new beautiful outfits is always a hit. Interested ? Contact any TROW/MOAA member or call Membership Chair—Anne Sisson 683-8877.

Ladies, have you been to the Sedgwick County Zoo lately? A representative from the Zoo will be our guest speaker at our March Luncheon, hoping to pique your interest in the Zoo. Our zoo is rated as one of the best in the USA, and it should be an interesting program.

Also, we will be celebrating our 43rd Anniversary and honoring all of the Past Presidents. We will be meeting at Rolling Hills Country Club. As a local car dealership says, "Sometimes you have to go west for the best!" Come and enjoy the celebration.

Future TROW meetings scheduled:

Mar 18 TROW Birthday Celebration 11:30
Rolling Hills Country Club

Apr 22 Hatman Jack
11:30 Tallgrass Country Club

May 21 Music Theatre—Wayne Bryan—
Installation of Officers
Brunch 10:30
Wichita Country Club

Call Marilyn Walsh, 636-2904, for Your reservations

Little Known Military Trivia

During World War II, the Japanese invaded the Aleutian Islands, which are part of Alaska. Initially, the US did not resist the invasion, but later retook the islands in the Battle of the Aleutian Islands. This battle marked the only time since the War of 1812 that U.S. territory in North America had been occupied by a foreign power.

JROTC JOURNAL

Cadet Activities & Achievements



West High JROTC hosts Military Service Academies & College ROTC Information, Application & Preparation Seminar

The annual district wide seminar was held 10 Feb sponsored by the West High Pioneer Battalion. Representatives from the

various military service academies and college ROTC programs met with parents and students to provide information and applications. All program representatives were impressed with the quality of the Cadets. A very successful event.

The Wichita National Academic League (NAL) hosted by the JROTC Cadets hold their All-Star competition and Championship Game recently

The All Star Competition was a great event for NAL students to work with other schools. Teams were ably coached by Rachel Walker (Curtis) in the East and Suzanne Haney (Mayberry) in the West.



In the end the East team fell to the West by a score of 49 to 32. The championship game started ½ hour later and it was a *much* closer game. It started somewhat lopsided with Hadley leading at the end of the first quarter 19 to 5 for Wilbur. Wilbur narrowed this gap in the 2nd Qtr and the score was 25 to 17. We had two exceptional 3rd quarter presentations and the separation of the score was further reduced to 46 to 41.

In the 4th quarter Wilbur eliminated Hadley's lead and both teams traded the lead position throughout the quarter. This was a real nail biter and in the end Hadley secured the win with a score of 59 to 56. Both teams performed superbly.

It is very possible that these teams could meet again in the National Competition. Wichita has earned the right to field 2 teams in this completion. Hadley will meet Charlotte Mecklenburg in the Sweet Sixteen and Wilbur will compete against Baltimore City Schools.

Both games will be played in the WSU Tele Video Conferencing Center. If they both win (which they should) they will meet again in the Elite 8.

Best of luck to both teams. We have had a great season, and it's not over yet!



Annual Leadership Lock-In a Great Success!

The annual JROTC Leadership Lock-in was conducted the last weekend in February. The 221 cadets from 10 different schools attended this special event and felt they all had a rewarding time.

A great evening was had that consisted of basketball, racket ball, table games, swimming, movies, and pizza. Everything but sleeping. This was another great opportunity for cadets to make new friends, discuss activities at their various schools and have fun.

Thanks to everyone who helped organize and conduct this event recognizing our Cadet Corps leadership.

Report Gives Overview of JROTC Activities



The JROTC Periodic Activity Report cites the activities of the district's JROTC and Leadership programs for the period 15 October to 22 December 2010.

This report is prepared at the end of each 9 week grading period and summarizes community service events, awards ceremonies, drill meets, color guards, parades, orienteering meets and other Cadet events. The purpose of the report is to provide an overview of all the activities the cadets are involved in throughout the school year.

The most recent report notes that some 1260 Cadets participated in 191 community service and school support projects totaling over 6100 hours of community service; 2825 Cadets participated in 85 awards and promotion ceremonies and other events; and Cadets performed 68 color guards presentations around the city.

The report provides the school district and others a good assessment of what our Wichita cadets are doing for the district, the community and their own personal development.

Each year JROTC Cadets give back many thousands of hours of community service to worthwhile events and organizations. Their enthusiastic and eager participation is recognized and appreciated by all with whom they serve. These activities reflect great credit upon the Cadets, their Instructors, the School District and the JROTC Programs.

Feb 2011 Chapter Meeting Activities

Photos by Walt Nelson

