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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Col Gerald C. Maxwell, USAFR



Fellow Members –

2018 is almost here! For those of you who missed our Christmas Social you should make plans to attend next year. It was a fantastic event with great door prizes. We also announced our member of the year – Rick West – our super Treasurer! Looking back, we have done a lot:

- The chapter won the 5-star Level of Excellence award for 2017 – six years in a row
- We also won the 5-star Communications award for best newsletter and best website
- Actively recruited 25 new members into the chapter
- Won cash incentives from MOAA National for recruiting and retention
- Awarded five \$1500 scholarships to deserving students
- Conducted a golf tournament to fund next year's scholarship program – our most successful tourney ever!
- Actively supported the local ROTC & JROTC programs with gold bars and awards – some 19 schools
- Participated in the Memorial Day wreath laying ceremony
- Supported the annual Tut Fann BBQ with area fraternal organizations
- Executed a chapter bus trip to view the Total Eclipse
- Participated in Veteran's Day activities

We want to continue bringing you the programs and camaraderie you expect. To that end, Captain Mike Rose, the recent Medal of Honor winner, will be our guest speaker for our March meeting. See the flyer inside to make your reservations. Also inside is a list of annual members who need to renew. Don't get dropped from the rolls!

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

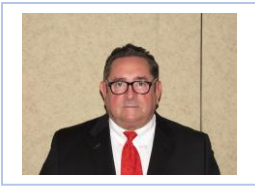
Gerald Maxwell

Get Involved!

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Legislative Corner

Lt Col Charles Clements, USAF-Ret



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“All politics is local.” With 49.9% of the vote, Doug Jones is our Senator-elect. He will serve the remaining two years of Jeff Session’s term. Roy Moore pulled 48.4% of the vote and thanks to Senator Shelby and other matters the write-in votes totaled 22,819 or 1.7% of the vote.

Be prepared to begin the next election cycle—the primary is set for 5 June 2018.

Former State Senator Tom Butler has announced plans to run as a Republican for the State Senate seat being vacated by Bill Holtzclaw so he can run for Congress. Tom has been out of the Alabama Senate since 2010 when Bill won that seat.

In other news, Governor Ivey has cracked the \$2 million mark in fundraising for the governor’s race. Among the challengers on the Republican side: Mayor Battle’s war chest is \$1.4M, State Senator Hightower has \$647K, and evangelist Scott Dawson has \$455K. On the Democratic side former justice Sue Bell has \$335K and Tuscaloosa Mayor Walt Maddox has \$95K.

Col. Mike Barron, USA (Ret) is the Director of Currently Serving and Retired Affairs for MOAA’s Government Relations department wrote the article below:

“Just pass the budget, give us some certainty. Another continuing resolution that would keep spending at current levels is not an effective way for us to manage the money and to do the things we need to do to regain our readiness and prepare.” — Marine Commandant Gen. Robert Neller in recent testimony before Congress.

At this time every year since the Budget Control Act (BCA) of 2011 was passed, it seems we end up in the same position regarding defense-spending legislation: with Congress looking to pass one or more continuing resolutions (CRs) going into the New Year.

Though Congress already passed this year’s defense authorization legislation, the FY 2018 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), the president has yet to sign the act into law because of the spending limit restrictions imposed by the BCA.

The \$700 billion defense policy bill authorizes \$634 billion in base spending for DoD and \$66 billion in overseas contingency operations (OCO) funding,

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PX / Commissary
Col Gerald C. Maxwell, USAFR



Main Exchange

January will be your month for shopping after holiday and upcoming Valentine's Day deals. The winter line of clothes will soon be on clearance making way for the spring clothes. Huge savings!

Popeye's Chicken is hiring and will soon open. Your PX is gearing up for Valentine's Day and spring sales. Be sure to watch for flyers about to be released and on line.

Get ready for all the bowl games. Your Exchange has a TV that will fit your budget and your wall!

Shopette

New at your Shopette – Monkey Shoulder Blended Scotch Whiskey, and Buchanan's DeLuxe aged 12 years blended scotch whiskey. Also new is Bruichladdich, Ardbeg, Talisker, and Auchentoshan – all Single Malt Scotch Whiskies.

On sale is a wide variety of boxed gift sets, as well as Jack Daniels Sinatra blend. Old blue eyes had it made especially for him and now you too can get it – \$127.50. Stock up for New Year's on all your libations.

The Shopette on Goss Road will be conducting their annual inventory and will be closing at 20:00 on Wednesday, 24 January. They will resume regular hours the next day. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Commissary

Look for after holiday sales on meats and Christmas items. You can also give the gift of groceries with a commissary gift card.

Have you logged onto commissaries.com yet? Get up to the minute information on sales, coupons, and prizes! Plus, recipes, tips for healthy living, and the commissary rewards card information.

As always, heck out the center of your commissary for big savings on bulk items.

Plan your Valentine's Day shopping at your commissary with upcoming candies and Valentines gifts!

Need Addresses

None this month

We have lost track of the above member. If you know their whereabouts, please have them contact Chris Downing at 256-828-9740 to update their addresses.

Concerns

This month the following people were reported as being ill or recuperating and need our support and prayers:

None this month

Persons to contact are:

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MAJ Bruce T. Robinson, USA-Ret



Take Command: Increases to TRICARE Pharmacy
Copayments Coming 1 Feb 2018

On Feb 1, 2018, copayments for prescription drugs at TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery and retail pharmacies will increase. These changes are required by law and affect TRICARE beneficiaries who are not active duty service members.

While retail pharmacy and home delivery copayments will increase, prescriptions filled at military pharmacies remain available at no cost. You can save the most money by filling your prescriptions at military pharmacies.

“Military pharmacies and TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery will remain the lowest cost pharmacy option for TRICARE beneficiaries,” said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Ann McManis, Pharmacy Operations Division at the Defense Health Agency.

Using home delivery, the copayments for a 90-day supply of generic formulary drugs will increase from \$0 to \$7. For brand-name formulary drugs, copayments will increase from \$20 to \$24, and copayments for non-formulary drugs without a medical necessity will increase from \$49 to \$53.

At a retail network pharmacy, copayments for a 30-day supply of generic formulary drugs will increase from \$10 to \$11 and from \$24 to \$28 for brand-name formulary drugs.

In some cases, survivors of active duty service members may be eligible for lower cost-sharing amounts.

TRICARE groups pharmacy drugs into three categories: generic formulary, brand name formulary and non-formulary. You pay the least for generic formulary drugs and the most for non-formulary drugs, regardless of whether you get them from home delivery or a retail pharmacy.

To see the new TRICARE pharmacy copayments, visit www.tricare.mil/pharmacycosts. To learn more about the TRICARE Pharmacy Program, or move your prescriptions to home delivery, visit www.tricare.mil/pharmacy.



Surviving Spouse's Luncheon

Mrs. Carrie Hightower
256-882-3992

The surviving spouse group had to cancel the December luncheon due to many members being out of town.

We will gather on Thursday, 18 January at 12 noon.
This month's restaurant is the 88 Buffet at 10300 University Drive, Huntsville.
Phone is 256-971-9870.

Reservations are a must. Hope to see you there.

Surviving Spouse Corner: Coping with the Loss of a Loved One

By Anne Hartline, Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee member

Grief is a highly complex, personal emotional process. Every person is unique, so there will be many individual differences in the grief process, including personal characteristics and circumstances of the death. The way in which an individual grieves also depends on the personality of the grieving person and his or her relationship with the person who died. In addition, evidence-based research suggests most people do not go through progressive stages.

Other research indicates grief is a series of symptoms that come and go and possibly eventually diminish. Also, cultural and religious beliefs, coping skills, and socioeconomic status will affect how a person will cope with the death of a loved one. Proven clinical data documents grief following a sudden death differs from a death following a lengthy illness. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, a pioneer in the field, developed a theory of the stages of grief that has received questionable support from research. A more recent model of grief names the psychological responses of numbness-disbelief, separation distress, depression-mourning, and recovery. This recent model emphasizes the theory that grief unfolds in stages is an oversimplification of a highly complex process.

Researchers now have identified specific patterns to grief's intensity and duration. They found the worst usually is over in about six months; however, there is no set timeline for the grief process. While loss is forever, acute grief is not. Some people who have developed a personal resiliency might be able to get through loss on their own. Others will have a much harder time and will need outside clinical intervention based on a recent evidence-based model.



Chaplain's Corner
CH (LTC) Bert Wiggers, AUS-Ret

Recipe for a Happy New Year

Take twelve fine full-grown months, see that these are thoroughly free from all old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate and jealousy; cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them as fresh and clean as when they came from the great storehouse of –TIME.

Cut those months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. This batch will keep for just one Year.

Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time; (so many people spoil the entire lot in this way) but prepare one day at a time as follows:

Into each day put twelve parts of faith, eleven of patience, ten of courage, nine of work (some people omit this ingredient and spoil the flavor for the rest), eight of hope, seven of fidelity, six of liberality, five of kindness, four of rest, (leaving out this is like leaving the oil out of the salad—don't do it), three of prayer, two of good will and one well-selected resolution. Put in a dash of fun, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor.

Pour into the whole, love *ad libitum* (at one's pleasure), and mix with vim. Cook thoroughly in a fervent heat; garnish with smiles and a few sprigs of joy; then serve with quietness, unselfishness and cheerfulness. And a Happy New Year is a certainty.

- Manuel Barone



Take Command: TRICARE
Changes and Network
Providers

On Jan. 1, 2018, the current three U.S. TRICARE regions consolidate into two. [New regional contractors](#) will administer the TRICARE benefit for the East (Humana Military) and West (Health Net Federal Services, LLC) Regions. Due to these changes, it's possible that your primary care manager (PCM) will no longer be in network.

What can you do? First, [check to see if your PCM is still in network](#). If you're enrolled in [TRICARE Prime](#) and are being assigned a new PCM, your regional contractor will notify you. If enrolled in a plan other than TRICARE Prime, you should also check to see if your specialty care providers will remain in network. Remember that your [out-of-pocket costs](#) are lower when using a network provider. The 2018 TRICARE Network Provider Directories are now available when using the online [Find a Doctor](#) provider search tool.

Establishing a relationship with a PCM is important so that you have easier access to routine care and the specialty providers and hospital of your choice. You may also make a request to your provider to remain in the network. The Invite a Provider form on the [Find a Doctor](#) page outlines the necessary steps.

For more information about the changes coming to TRICARE, visit www.tricare.mil/changes. Stay informed about your benefit and take command of your health.

but under the BCA, defense spending for FY 2018 is capped at \$549 billion.

The BCA established automatic budget cuts — better known formally as sequestration — and has put America’s national defense capabilities at great risk. During the 2011 debt negotiations, the Obama administration agreed to reduce the DoD budget by \$487 billion over a 10-year period. However, with the enactment of sequestration, additional reductions to the defense budget of over \$500 billion were added. The bipartisan budget acts of 2013 and 2015 mitigated the spending caps for FYs 2015 and 2016, but the original caps for FY 2017 through 2021 remain in effect.

During this same period, Congress has been unable to pass defense budgets under “regular order” that would allow for senior civilian and military leadership to plan ahead and manage their programs and requirements and instead has moved to short-term stopgap spending bills (CRs) to continue funding for defense — to General Neller’s point.

Congress needs to agree to lift the funding restrictions imposed by the BCA limiting defense spending and pass a budget that fully funds the FY 2018 NDAA passed in November by Congress.

Though another CR keeps the government funded for the near term, it negatively impacts military readiness by locking in funding at current levels and not allowing any new funding starts for needed programs and other requirements and barring the department from ending old ones —causing a further drain on already limited resources.

A stopgap spending bill (CR) effectively forces DoD to “rob from Peter to pay Paul” by digging into other areas, such as personnel accounts, to cover this shortfall in necessary funding. The nation’s security and our troops and their families deserve better. Let your legislators know how important it is to pass a full year's budget by [sending this MOAA-suggested message](#).

Also, please take time to look at <http://takeaction.moaa.org>. There are key bills MOAA thinks are important to you. Let your representatives in DC know what you think of them. This is a link to a webpage that allows you to prepare e-mails or print out letters your representatives. ||||

COMING SOON - THE MOAA NATIONAL NEWSLETTER!

We know your email inbox gets filled fast and often. Our revamped newsletter, The MOAA National Newsletter, will allow you to hear from us as much or as little as you would like. You will be able to personalize your new MOAA newsletter by selecting topics that interest you most. Soon, we will provide you with more information about how and when you can customize your newsletter experience. Keep an eye out for future announcements.

Attention Members

The best source of income for the Chapter comes from advertisers like the ones in this newsletter. The next time you go out to dinner, or to shop, or to get a haircut, or to get your car fixed – ask the business manager if they would consider advertising. All they can say is “no”.

The Next Chapter Trip

If you have any ideas on a future Chapter trip, please let us know. In the past we have traveled to the Jack Daniels distillery, the General Joe Wheeler home, and most recently to view the total eclipse of the sun. Help us plan the next outing!



HCMOAA Treasurer's Report November 2017

Submitted by CAPT Richard C. West, USN (Ret.)

1. The November 2017 Treasurer's Report is presented herein. It will be presented to the membership for approval at the January 2018 Membership meeting.

2. Monthly Summary:

	Operating Funds	Savings	Scholarship Fund
Starting Balance	\$ 6064.49	\$ 7998.74	\$14073.08
Income	\$ 1370.00	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.00
Expenses	\$ 201.21	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 7233.28	\$ 7998.94	\$14073.08

3. Notable income included individual dues, Sentinel advertising, Christmas social payments, and payments for membership meeting meals.

4. Notable expense included social door prizes.

5. Chapter savings account activity was limited to interest.

6. Scholarship Fund checking account had no activity.

7. The Chapter holds an \$8000 (current value: \$8133.13) Certificate of Deposit with Renasant Bank for reserve funding and advance dues payment protection.

Scholarship Fund

The Chapter has an active scholarship program. In conjunction with the RSA Military & Civilians Club, we issue scholarships each year to deserving students. Please consider donating to our program.

Contact Rick West at rickw675@att.net or 256.776.6901 for details.

Scholarship Fund Donations Received During December 2017

Ed Gniadek
Rick West

Total received for December:	\$130
Total received FY18 to date:	\$130



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO
HUNTSVILLE CHAPTER MOAA**

None this month

Membership Statistics

Total Members: 431
Regular Members: 362
Surviving Spouses: 69

New this month: 0
Deaths this month: 1
Renewals: 15

MEMORIALS

If you would like to send a memorial contribution to the Huntsville Chapter MOAA, please send the following information along with your check to: Memorials, HCMOAA, P.O. Box 1301, Huntsville, AL 35807

In memory of:

By:

**Board Member Position
Open**

We have an opening on the board for a Secretary. The position is currently being filled on an interim basis.

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_____ Renewal _____ Two Years \$20
_____ Three Years \$30

If New, how did you hear about us?

_____ MOAA National
_____ Local event
_____ Letter / e-mail from HCMOAA
_____ HCMOAA website
_____ Friend / acquaintance
_____ Other (Please explain _____)

Interested in a Chapter Life Membership
Contact us for pricing (age-based)

*\$5 for New Members joining between 7/1 to 11/1

New Members joining after 11/1 will have membership paid through following calendar year

_____ First Name MI Last Name
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i.e. 1965 – 1990
_____ Grade Branch of Service MOAA National Member #
_____ Active Retired NG Former Officer Reserve Surviving Spouse
_____ Mailing Address City State Zip
_____ Phone Number E-mail Address

Attention Annual Members

Now is the time to renew your membership for next year
The Chapter has one of, if not the, lowest membership rates in the country at \$10
You can also renew for multiple years and lock in that low rate

Don't know when your membership expires? Contact CDR Chris Downing at
256-828-9740 or cdowning@bellsouth.net

Don't want to worry about renewing ever again - consider becoming a Chapter Life Member – contact
COL John Fairlamb at 256-539-0161 or fairlambjrf@comcast.net for the details

Members needing to renew this year are listed on the next page

The following members need to renew their memberships by 1 January 2018

LTC	Melville	Adams	USA
LtCol	Brenda	Armstrong	USAF
LTC	Barry	Blackmon	USA
CW3	Braxton	Butler	USA
LT	William	Byrd	USN
LTC	Richard	Carter	USA
CDR	Andre	Coleman	USN
LTC	James	D'Arienzo	USA
LtCol	David	Dunlap	USAF
Col	John	Emich	USAF
COL	John	Fellows	USA
LTC	Earl	Freeman	USA
COL	Ronald	Funderburk	USA
LTC	Charles	Gill	USA
COL	Dewey	Granger	USA
CAPT	Laurence	Grimes Jr	USN
LT	Aubrie	Hess	USN
LTC	Norman	Hopkins	USA
CDR	Paul	Jensen	USN
LTC	Edwin	Kennedy	USA
MAJ	James	Kirsch	USA
MAJ	Mark	LaFlamme	USA
LTC	James	Leary	USA
LTG	Patricia	McQuiston	USA
Maj	Edward	Morfenski	USAF
COL	Paul	Mullek	USA
COL	Jeffrey	Ogden	USA
COL	Henry	Oldham	USA
COL	Alfred	Paddock	USA
CPT	Richard	Pella	USA
LTG	James	Pillsbury	USA
CAPT	Samuel	Powers	USN
MG	Kenneth	Quinlan	USA
MAJ	Ryan	Rushton	USA
COL	Christopher	Sargent	USA
CAPT	George	Skezas	USN
Mrs	Travis	Stewart	
CDR	David	Swindle	USN
CAPT	Brian	Thrlin	USN
Maj	James	Tynan	USAF
CPT	Arthur	Werkheiser	USA
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COL	John	Womack	USA

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COL	David	Carpenter	USA
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COL	Louis	Durnya	USA
LTC	John	Fain	USA
Maj	John	Finn	USAF
BG	Leslie	Fullen	USA
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Mrs	Sonia	Gojsza	
LTC	Allyn	Griffiths	USA
LTC	Donnie	Henley	USA
LTC	Arno	Hoerle	USA
COL	Michael	Howell	USA
COL	Gary	Jerauld	USA
Col	Donald	Kimminau	USAF
CW3	Darrel	LaCanne	USA
LTC	Ruby	Lardent-Davis	USAR
Mrs	Mary	Levaas	
MAJ	Harold	Meeker	USA
Col	Bernard	Morgan Jr	USAF
CW4	Edwin	Nickel	USA
CDR	Rudolph	Ohme	USN
MG	Virgil	Packett	USA
Mrs	Jean	Parker	
COL	Larry	Pigue	USA
LT	James	Pointer	USN
CDR	Harry	Puryear	USN
CDR	Robert	Rolf	USN
Col	Joseph	Rutter	USAF
Col	Eric	Silkowski	USAF
MAJ	Curtis	Smith	USA
Maj	Robert	Stierwalt	USAF
LTC	Floyd	Teller	USA
LCDR	Emanuel	Tsikalas	USN
COL	Steven	Walburn	USA
Mrs	Nancy	Wiggs	
CW4	Carl	Woida	USA
CDR	Timothy	Zane	USN



21 Birthdays in January

BG William J Fiorentino, USA
COL Gilbert J Stieglitz, USA
COL Wood R DeLeuil, USA
COL Gordon N Dison, USA
COL Jimmy C Hill USA
CW4 William J Barron, USA
1LT Megan Coley, USA
CW3 John P Davis USA
MG Kenneth J Quinlan, USA
Mrs Nada R Gabardi
COL Robert A Brown, USA
COL Thomas J Kunhart, USA
MAJ Monte C Washburn, USA
COL Steven E Walburn, USA
CDR Paul R Morin, USN
MAJ Paul E Freeman, USA
LTC Eric C Deets, USA
COL Carl D Owens Sr, USA
CW4 Michael H McIntosh, USA
COL John S Womack, USA
COL Gary L Bliss, USA

If we missed your birthday, it's because we don't have it on file. Please e-mail your birth date to MAJ Bruce Robinson at brucer76@knology.net so it can be included in future newsletters. Thank you.

5 key policy decisions in the FY 2018 NDAA that affect you

A 2.4-percent active duty pay raise: This pay raise, equal to the Employment Cost Index (ECI), helps keep troops' pay competitive with private-sector wages.

Unchanged Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) calculation: BAH is a component of each individual servicemember's earned compensation.

TRICARE: Despite yearlong efforts to prevent TRICARE fee increases, the final NDAA included progressive year-over-year increases in pharmacy copayments. Beneficiaries still can obtain medications at military pharmacies for free.

More troops authorized: The FY 2018 NDAA authorizes an additional 20,000 troops.

Lessens the "widows tax": Congress included a provision in the FY 2018 NDAA that provides a permanent extension to the SSIA.



TAPS

*Our deepest sympathy and prayers are extended
to the families and friends of:*

Lt Col Arthur Ray Miller, USAF-Ret, passed away on 23 November 2017. Arthur was born on May 26, 1940, in Cetronia, PA. He was raised in Nazareth, PA, and was a 1958 graduate of Nazareth Area High School. Arthur received an appointment to the US Military Academy at West Point, NY, and graduated with the class of 1962. He was commissioned into the US Air Force where he served for 21 years, including a tour of duty in Viet Nam. He retired in 1983.

Arthur then took a position with Teledyne Brown where he worked on various Army programs. His last position with Teledyne was Deputy Program Manager for support of the Ground Based Missile Defense (GMD) Program. He retired for a second time in 2005.

Arthur was active in the finances of All Saints Lutheran Church and was a faithful fan of the UAH Chargers Hockey Team. He was preceded in death by his parents, Russell E. and Florence Ott Miller, his brothers, Richard, Dale, Larry and Russell, his sister, Nancy Gaston, and his son-in-law, James Wesley Lynn. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Cecelia; his daughters, Karen Lynn and Carolyn Holland (Nicholas); his grandchildren, Jonathan Lynn, Anna, Samuel and Olivia Holland, all of Huntsville; and his sisters, Elaine Roth, Marlene Siebert and Lois Schmoyer, all of PA.

The family would like to thank Dr. Jeffrey Garber for his years of care for our husband, father and grandpa. Services and visitation were held at All Saints Lutheran Church, 12100 Bailey Cove Rd. Visitation was held on Thursday, November 30 from 6 to 8 p.m., and on Friday, December 1 from 1 to 2 p.m. A memorial service followed on Friday. In lieu of flowers, memorials were given to: All Saints Lutheran Church, Capital Fund; UAH Chargers Hockey, c/o Spragins Hall, 301 Sparkman Dr. NW Huntsville AL 35899; or Wounded Warrior Project, Donor Care Center, PO Box 758541, Topeka KS 66675-8541.

***Gone but not forgotten for their dedicated support and service to our Country. We will
miss these outstanding Leaders and Patriots.***





Membership Meeting

31 January 2018

1100 – Summit Club

Guest Speaker: BG Joseph S. Stringham, USA-Ret

General Joe Stringham retired from active duty after more than 35 years of military service during which time he was selected by the US Army for command at every echelon from rifle platoon through brigade, at the highest levels of the US Army staff in the Pentagon and as the representative of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the US Embassies of Brazil and Mexico. Over half of his military service he has been in overseas theaters from East and SE Asia, the Middle East, Europe and Latin America. Importantly, he has served 42 months of these 35 years with US Armed Forces units engaged in close combat where he was recognized with 7 combat decorations including the Silver Star, numerous Bronze Stars and the highest combat decoration the country of El Salvador awards.

General Stringham is an Airborne Ranger Infantryman who served in the ‘Green Berets’ and commanded the one-of-a-kind US Army Ranger Regiment. In 1995, he was inducted into the prestigious US Army Ranger Hall of Fame and in 2010 was inducted into the US Army Special Forces Hall of Fame. He organized, trained and led in combat the first MIKE FORCE rapid reaction force which was featured in the John Wayne movie, “The Green Berets”.

General Stringham holds a BA in Engineering from the USMA, West Point (1961) and a MA in International Relations, Latin American Studies from the University of South Carolina (1973). He is a graduate of the US Army War College, 1980 and the National Defense University Capstone Course, 1989. He is fluent in Brazilian Portuguese and conversant in Spanish and European Portuguese.

Joe and Sandy, his wife of over 50 years, make their home on a farm on Cumberland Mountain.

Menu: Fried catfish, baked chicken, baked beans, green beans, peach cobbler and assorted beverages

Cost: \$15 for Chapter members and their guests – pay at the door – cash or check only

RSVP: CDR Christine Downing, 256-828-9740, csdowning@bellsouth.net, NLT 27 January 2018



Special Chapter Event

March 28th, 2018 – 1100 hours

**Monthly Membership Meeting at Nick's
Ristorante**

10300 Bailey Cove Rd SE, Huntsville, AL

***Cash Bar will
be available!***

***Bar opens,
and seating
starts at
1030!***

Entree Choices:

- **Chicken Piccata**
- **Chicken Marsala**
- **Lunch Filet Mignon**

Cost: \$20

Seating is Limited, and a Standby List will be used.

Menu selection must be made at time of reservation

Note: All entrees will include a choice of soup or mixed green salad with balsamic vinaigrette; garlic mashed potatoes, green beans, bread/butter basket, house-made Cannoli or Cuscinetto Limone, and tea/water/coffee.

RSVP by 14 March (with check made out to HCMOAA) to:

**CDR Christine Downing, USN (Ret.)
116 Spring Tanner Road
Hazel Green, AL 35750-8483**



Guest Speaker:

**CPT Gary "Mike" Rose, USA-Ret
Chapter Member and recent
Medal of Honor Recipient**

Mail this form and your check made out to HCMOAA to Chris Downing (address above).

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***This event is made possible by the generosity of LTC Nick Mikus,
Chapter Member and owner of Nick's Ristorante***

Chapter Happenings



November Meeting – Guest Speaker COL John Olshefski,
USA-Ret, from Huntsville Utilities



Members enjoying themselves at the Holiday Party at the Overlook

Huntsville Chapter Objectives

- Promote the aims of the national MOAA organization
- Further the legislative and other objectives of MOAA through grassroots activity
- Foster fraternal relationships among retired, active and former officers of the uniformed services
- Maintain liaison and a positive relationship with the Redstone Arsenal Garrison and other military commands in the Northern Alabama area
- Provide a social venue for members to meet periodically and enjoy fellowship with people of similar interests and backgrounds
- Promote and assist worthy community activities
- Provide useful services and information for members and their dependents and survivors
- Provide representation to the Alabama Council of Chapters of MOAA
- Provide representation to the Northern Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition
- Protect the rights and interests of service retirees and active duty military members in matters of state legislation through the Alabama Council of Chapters

Benefits of Membership

We are the largest of the 13 chapters in Alabama and have about 450 members. We have been recognized by National MOAA for the last four years with Level of Excellence awards. We provide grassroots support for issues that affect us, and are active in both the Redstone Arsenal and Madison County communities. Why should you join our chapter? This is what we do, and what's in it for you:

- Partnership with Redstone Arsenal agencies – Fox Army Health Clinic, Army Community Service, MWR, PX/Commissary, Military Retiree Council
- Membership in the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition (NAVFOC) – plugged in to the larger Veterans associations “big picture”
- Recognizing leadership – JROTC/ROTC awards and “gold bar” ceremonies
- Recognizing potential – Scholarship Awards program with the Redstone Community Women's Club
- Community service/relations – annual Tut Fann Veterans Home BBQ, Memorial Day wreath laying ceremony, Veterans Day parade and events, Retiree Appreciation Day
- Camaraderie – Monthly meetings & breakfasts, parties, golf tournament
- Information – Monthly newsletter, web site, Personal Affairs, guest speakers
- Legislative action – grassroots activities, support for National MOAA agenda
- Venue for getting involved

Please visit our award-winning chapter website at <http://huntsvillemoaa.org> where you can find out more about chapter activities.

MOAA Publications

MOAA has updated many of their publications on relevant topics. Some examples:

- Personal Affairs Guide: A Personal Inventory for Peace of Mind
- Aging into Medicare and TRICARE for Life
- Help Your Survivors Now: A Guide to Planning Ahead
- Benefits Planning Guide

These and many others are available at: <http://www.moaa.org/publications/>

Important Dates in January

- 1 January – New Year’s Day
- 1 January – College Football Playoffs (Sugar Bowl & Rose Bowl)
- 1 January – United Kingdom formed by the union of Great Britain and Ireland (1801)
- 1 January – Emancipation Proclamation (1863)
- 1 January – Ellis Island opened (1892)
- 1 January – Fidel Castro seized power in Cuba (1959)
- 3 January – Alaska becomes 49th state (1959)
- 4 January – First State of the Union Address given by George Washington (1790)
- 8 January – College Football Championship Game
- 8 January – Battle of New Orleans (1815)
- 8 January- Charles DeGaulle became president of France (1959)
- 10 January – World’s first underground railway opened in London (1863)
- 10 January – League of Nations came into existence (1920)
- 11 January – Monthly Board Meeting – Java Café**
- 12 January – Zulu War began (1879)
- 13 January – Monthly Breakfast – Royal Rose Diner**
- 16 January – Shah of Iran fled to the US (1979)
- 19 January – Indira Ghandi elected Prime Minister of India (1966)
- 20 January – Franklin Roosevelt inaugurated for a 4th term (1945)
- 21 January – The Concorde supersonic jet began passenger service (1976)
- 23 January – USS Pueblo seized by North Korea (1968)
- 24 January – California gold rush began (1848)
- 24 January – Hawaii became a US territory (1895)
- 25 January – First scheduled transcontinental flight (1959)
- 27 January – Vietnam War ends (1973)
- 28 January – US Coast Guard created (1915)
- 28 January – Space Shuttle Challenger explodes (1986)
- 30 January – Adolf Hitler appointed Chancellor of Germany (1933)
- 30 January – Tet Offensive in Vietnam began (1968)
- 31 January – Monthly Membership Meeting – Summit Club**

