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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Dr. Bruce T. Robinson, MAJ, USA, Ret



Hi Everyone –

The year is half over – it went by fast. For those of you who attended the summer party on June 21st, you already know it was a super evening. Over 50 members and their guests attended. The food was excellent, and the AMC Band “Raw Materials” played some excellent contemporary music. Many thanks to Carrie for organizing the evening and getting some great door prizes.

On Memorial Day, the Chapter participated in the wreath-laying activities at Maple Hill cemetery. Bill Stevenson and John Inman represented HCMOAA in the ceremony.

We also presented two \$1000 scholarships to deserving young students. Our 1st VP and Scholarship Chair Norb Patla make the presentations.

The Chapter once again co-sponsored a “BBQ for the Vets” at the Tut Fann VA Home. Seven members volunteered to come out and serve food, socialize with the residents, and enjoy some great BBQ. Photos of all these chapter activities can be found inside.

A significant source of income for the Chapter comes from advertising in The Sentinel. If you have dealings with local businesses that you feel might benefit from advertising in the Sentinel, please let me know and I will approach them.

Finally, the Nominating Committee is actively looking for interested members to serve as Chapter Officers. The election will be held at the September membership meeting, and the new Officers begin serving in January 2015. To find out more, contact Hal Hicks at 256-233-3548.

- Bruce

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## Get Involved!

### REMINDERS

**Monthly Membership Meeting:** The next meeting is Wednesday, 30 July 2014, 1100 at the Summit Club. The guest speaker will be Josh Sandlen from USAA.

**Auxiliary, WOW Support Group & MOAA Widow's Luncheon** are scheduled. See articles inside for dates & times.

**Breakfast:** Next breakfast is Saturday 26 July 2014, 0900 hours at the Steak & Shake Madison Square Mall.

**Governing Board:** Next meeting is Thursday 10 July 2014, 1100 hours at the Summit Club.



## Legislative Corner

### Lt Col Gerald W. (Jerry) Haynes, USAF-Ret

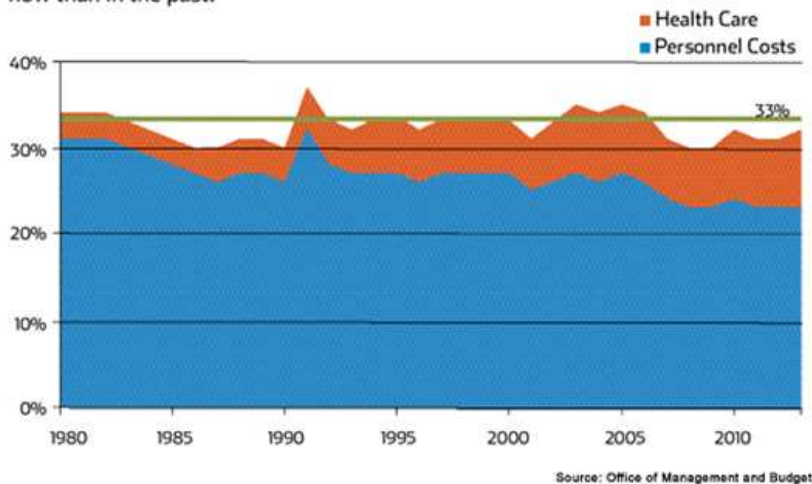


#### • The Final Push by Defense Department for the FY15 Budget

On 18 June, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey made their final push in support of administration's FY 2015 budget proposal at a Senate Appropriations Defense Subcommittee hearing. Members of the subcommittee used the majority of the hearing to gather information about the reemerging conflict in Iraq, but the DoD witnesses emphasized that the current budget environment required personnel accounts to be trimmed to preserve military readiness. They restated their support of administration proposals to cap military pay, hike TRICARE pharmacy fees, consolidate TRICARE options, increase out-of-pocket housing costs, and cut the commissary subsidy. A new target for our contacts should be Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), who echoed his support for making cuts to military personnel programs, insisting that personnel costs consume 50 percent of the defense budget and continue to grow at an unsustainable rate. He should be hearing from us because MOAA's own analysis shows that military personnel and health care costs comprise the same share of the defense budget (a little less than one-third) that they have for the last 30 years.

#### Personnel Costs Aren't Exploding

About one-third of the defense budget goes to personnel and health care costs — the same share it has been for more than 30 years. That's no more unaffordable now than in the past.



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**PX / Commissary**  
**CW4 William W. Wright, AUS-Ret**



***Col Gerald Maxwell, USAFR, is filling in for Bill this month:***

Here is what is going on in July at the **Main Redstone Exchange!**

We value your opinion! Please take a moment to tell us how we are doing. Please take our survey at [www.ExchangeCustomerSurvey.com](http://www.ExchangeCustomerSurvey.com). Take the survey and log in to register for a chance to win Sweepstakes Prizes.

Tickets are on sale at the Redstone Exchange for the 4th Annual Rhythms Brew & BBQ Festival that will be Saturday August 23rd. Musical artists for this concert include Ledisi, Brian Culbertson, Tony! Toni! Tone!, and Tucka! We are also selling tickets for the Darius Rucker Concert for August 24th. Visit Customer Service to purchase your tickets.

Stock up on patio furniture, lawn décor, fountains, solar lights and selected planters 27 Jun-July 3rd during our Sizzlin' Summer Savings sale.

Shop our Beauty Bar Sale that runs from 27 June-July 10th. You will find a vast assortment of fragrance, cosmetics and beauty care items in this flyer. Brand names like: OPI, Clinique, Bare Minerals, Lancôme, Estee Lauder, Smashbox, Laura Geller, Butter London, Rimmel, Sally Hansen, Calvin Klein, Philosophy, Carols Daughter, Chi, Rusk, and Bed Head. Shop early for best selection!

Join us July 4th-10 July for our Stock Up & Save SALE! Time to save on basics.

July 11th is the kickoff of our annual College Essentials sales. You will find everything your students need to go back to the dorms!

The Exchange celebrates its 119th Anniversary on 25 July at the Redstone Main Exchange with cake, punch and door prizes. Customers will be able to register to win one of two \$119 Exchange Gift cards to celebrate our birthday!

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**Need Addresses**

**None this month**

We have lost track of the above members. 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:

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## **Carrie's Notes**

**Mrs. Carrie Hightower, 256-882-3992**

### **MOAA Auxiliary**

We will continue meet every third Tuesday of the month throughout the summer at Brahan Spring Recreation Center at 9:30AM. Point of contact is Ursula Spicer, phone 256-882-3992. Our next meeting will be Tuesday July 15th.

### **WOW Support Group**

The WOW support group does not meet in July & August. Carrie will call all of you in September. Have a great summer!



## **Fox Army Health Center**

**Col Edward L. Uher, USAF-Ret**



### **Fox Army Health Center Operating Hours for Upcoming Change of Command Ceremony**

Due to Fox Army Health Center's upcoming Change of Command Ceremony scheduled for 10 July 2014, Fox will be fully operational for patient care on Thursday, 3 July 2014. The following Thursday, 10 July 2014, Fox will close at 12:00 p.m. for a Change of Command Ceremony. Please accept our apology in advance for any inconveniences that this may cause.

As a Reminder, Advice Nurses are available during non-duty hours at (256) 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice. Fox is an ambulatory care clinic and does not have an emergency room. In an emergency, dial 911.

### **TICKS**

With the arrival of spring, Tennessee Valley residents should be prepared for the annual onslaught of insect pests, including ticks. These pests can carry diseases which are harmful to both humans and animals. Ticks are prevalent in Madison County and its surrounding areas and are of major concern due to the numerous diseases they can transmit.

Ticks are blood-feeding pests of birds, animals, and humans. There are over 850 species of ticks of two distinct types: hard ticks and soft ticks. Soft ticks have tough, leathery, pitted skin with no distinct head. They are less common than hard ticks but may be found in caves and on birds. Hard ticks have a hard smooth skin and an apparent head. These ticks are found in the forest and on humans and animals. Hard ticks are associated with most tick-borne diseases in the United States. Common hard ticks in the Tennessee Valley are the dog tick, black-legged tick, lone star tick, and the brown tick.

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

### Ask God for Wisdom

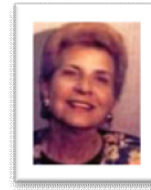
"But if any of you lacks **wisdom**, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him." James 1:5 (NASV)

General Dwight D. Eisenhower was Supreme Commander of the Allied invasion of Europe during World War II. Therefore, he encountered the most comprehensive responsibility of making a decision about changing the date of D-Day at the last moment. In his opinion, the consequences of an incorrect conclusion were so overpowering that he felt crushed by the weight of the decision before him. However, he was the Supreme Commander and the only officer who could make the decision that would impact millions of lives. Later, he wrote the following:

"I knew I did not have required wisdom. But I turned to God. I asked God to give me the wisdom. I yielded myself to Him. I surrendered myself. And He gave me clear guidance. He gave me insight to see what was right, and He endowed me with courage to make my decision. And finally He gave me peace of mind in the knowledge that, having been guided by God to the decision, I could leave the results to Him."

Few decisions in life we make will come close to the level of the decision that General Eisenhower encountered. But whatever size problem we face, God wants us to trust Him enough to leave our problem with Him.

"But the **wisdom** from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy." James 3:17 (NASV)



## MOAA Widow's Luncheon Liz Townsend 256-721-9762

**Xx July 2014**

The MOAA widow's luncheon will be held on Friday xx July

w **To be updated** 11:00  
Am.

Please call the telephone committee: Fran Tyra, 256-881-6938 for reservations.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO HUNTSVILLE CHAPTER MOAA

**LTC Earl Freeman, USA  
LTC Van Milne, USA**

HCMOAA is reporting time spent on volunteer activities to Redstone Arsenal. Please keep track of your volunteer hours throughout the month and report them to Ray Weinberg at 256-885-0089 or ray.kw@juno.com.

## Scholarships



The Chapter has instituted an active scholarship program. In conjunction with the Redstone Women's Club, we will issue one or more scholarship each year to a deserving student.

Please consider making a donation to our program. Contact Norb Patla for details.

In May, the House rejected all of the administration's proposals to shift costs onto the backs of servicemembers and retirees in its version of the FY 2015 defense authorization bill. However, the Senate Armed Services Committee adopted a second-year pay cap for servicemembers along with increases in pharmacy fees and increased out-of-pocket housing costs.

MOAA believes DoD leadership and the administration are presenting a false choice between providing adequate compensation for servicemembers and providing the training and equipment needed to accomplish their mission safely.

See more at:


[http://www.moaa.org/Main\\_Menu/Take\\_Action/Top\\_Issues/Serving\\_in\\_Uniform/Compensation/Defense\\_Leaders\\_Make\\_Budget\\_Push.html#sthash.5DrWf7AD.dpuf](http://www.moaa.org/Main_Menu/Take_Action/Top_Issues/Serving_in_Uniform/Compensation/Defense_Leaders_Make_Budget_Push.html#sthash.5DrWf7AD.dpuf)

- **A Revisit of the VA Catastrophe**

I believe that the "crisis" within the Veterans Administration (VA) continues to demand our attention. It is not clear at this time what actions national MOAA plans to take or is taking, but I will continue to pursue that with them.

Additional examples of inappropriate actions at numerous VA facilities continue to surface. As you know, General Eric Shinseki and some others at the top have resigned or been terminated, actual improvements in services to veterans appear to be slow in coming. Some "vouchers" to seek outside medical care have been issued to veterans on a selective basis. The Inspector General's current audit finds that the Department of Veteran Affairs kept at least 57,000 veterans waiting more than 90 days for appointments, and failed to add an additional 64,000 veterans to its waiting list despite their requests for medical care. The findings have fueled calls for sweeping reforms to the VA system. Senator Jerry Moran, R-Kan. said, "I have no doubt these numbers only scratch the surface of the problems plaguing our veterans." The real question is how we have paid millions of dollars in bonuses to VA management when it has been going on for such a long time and why were audits not performed annually. Thirteen percent of VA schedulers in the facility-by-facility report on 731 hospitals and out-patient clinics reported being told by supervisors to falsify appointment schedules to make patient waits appear shorter. A review found that long patient waits and falsified records were systematically applied throughout the VA medical network, the nation's largest single health care provider serving nearly 9 million veterans. To give some perspective in our own area, the Birmingham VA wait averages 31 days, Tuscaloosa VA wait averages at 47 days, Gulf Coast and Mobile averages 49 days, and Montgomery and Tuskegee averages 75 days and are listed as the seventh-worst nationally. We will continue to watch this issue as it evolves. In the meantime, make sure you let your legislators (and perhaps Congressman Miller) hear your viewpoints on this issue.

- **COLA Watch-Cost of Living Adjustment**

The Consumer Price Index increased once again in May 2014, rising to 234.216. It now stands at 1.7% above the FY 2014 COLA baseline of 230.327. Last year, as of May 2013, the cost of living adjustment was 1.1%. COLAs and Military Retired Pay: Government retired pay promises must be kept, including annual cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) to prevent erosion of retirees' purchasing power by inflation. Retired Pay versus Active Duty Pay Adjustments: retired pay and active duty pay increases are different in most years because they are based on different compensation principles. 



Ticks can carry disease germs in their bodies which they transmit to humans and animals when they bite. Ticks stay attached to the host by using a dartlike anchor with backward curving teeth which grip into the skin. They also secrete a cement that hardens and helps hold the tick on the host. The tick slices open the skin with the anchor, inserts the head under the skin and engorge themselves on the blood. Some hard ticks are slow feeders and can take several days to finish a blood meal. They can extract up to 8 milliliters of blood during a feeding and can take up to 100 times their body weight in blood. They concentrate the blood during feeding and return much of the water back to the host. Disease can also be transmitted by body fluids when the ticks are crushed.

Not all ticks carry disease organisms, so getting a tick bite does not mean that disease will follow. However, you should look for signs and symptoms of tick borne diseases following any tick bite. The common tick borne diseases include Lyme Disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, and Human Erlichiosis .


Lyme Disease is the most common tick-borne disease in the U.S. It has spread rapidly with an increased number of cases in the southeast where it is usually transmitted by the black-legged tick and the lone star tick. The common symptom of Lyme Disease is a “bull’s eye” rash around the site of the bite which appears 3 days to 3 weeks following the bite. The rash will have a clear center with a red ring outside that. Other symptoms include fever, chills, headache, and fatigue. Rarely fatal, Lyme Disease can cause significant pain and discomfort if allowed to progress.

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF), despite the name that describes its origin, is now abundant in the southeast where the main vector is the dog tick. RMSF is the most lethal and the most reported tick borne disease in the US. Symptoms include fever, chills, muscle aches, bloodshot eyes and headaches with onset about 3-14 days after the tick bite. A spotty rash may occur on the feet and hands in 2-3 days. RMSF can be treated with antibiotics, but can be fatal when left untreated.

Human erlichiosis was identified in 1986 and has been found predominantly in the southeast where its vector, the lone star tick, is prevalent. Symptoms appear in 1-21 days (average 7) and resemble RMSF without a rash. Symptoms can be mild to severe and several deaths have been reported.

Prevention is the key to avoid tick bites. Ticks like long grass and brush where they can attach to humans and pets as they walk by. Keep lawns mowed and remove brush and other vegetation near your home. Discourage wild animals from coming on your property as they are often vectors for ticks. If you must be out in forested areas use a commercial insect repellent effective against ticks. In addition, wear long pants with the legs tucked into socks or boots and a long sleeve shirt tucked in. Light colored clothing will allow you to spot ticks more easily. Check every few hours for ticks if you are in the forest for a long time. After returning, remove all clothing and launder immediately, and check your body carefully, paying special attention to hairy or warm, moist parts of the body.

If you do find a tick, remove it by using a tweezers to grasp the tick’s head and pull back slowly and steadily. Avoid pulling the tick out sharply as this may tear off the body parts and leave them imbedded in the skin. If this happens, remove the mouthparts like you would remove a splinter.

After removing the tick, wash the wound site with soap and water and apply an antiseptic. Avoid crushing the tick with your fingers as this will transmit any disease organisms to your hands. Also, wash your hands with soap and water after removing the tick and clean the tweezers with alcohol. 

## Scholarship Awards

The Huntsville Chapter MOAA recently presented \$1000 merit awards to two highly qualified and well deserving students. The presentations were made by 1<sup>st</sup> VP Norb Patla at a meeting of the Redstone Arsenal Community Women's Club. The winning students were:

Abigail Granger from Pope John Paul II High School. Abi has lived all over the world from Oklahoma and Texas to Hawaii and Germany. She's attended seven different schools and volunteered over 400 hours at the chapel in various positions. She is an AP student and has been on the Honor Roll all four years of high school. She was team captain and named MVP during her sophomore and junior years for her soccer team, and played competitively for the Honolulu Bulls soccer club that wine states in spring 2013. After arriving in Alabama she continues this path in soccer and won states with the Huntsville Futbol Club in the fall of 2013. Abi will be going to St. Benedict's College in Minnesota where she will continue to play soccer and be an ROTC cadet.

Thomas Pigott from University of Alabama. Thomas just completed his freshman year at the University of Alabama where he is studying Mechanical Engineering. He has planet to pursue a double major in Mechanical Engineering and Math. Currently, Thomas is participating in a US Engineering Study Abroad Program in Innsbruck, Austria where he is studying water resources.



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament

Our 3rd Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament is scheduled for 29 August at the Links at Redstone. All of the proceeds go to fund our scholarship program. Last year we raised \$2000 for merit awards. We would like to top that this year. We could use your help in multiple ways. If you are a golfer (or know someone who is) – sign up to play. We are in need of items to be used in our silent auction or as door prizes – when you are dining out, shopping, getting your car fixed, or whatever else in town, ask the manager if he/she would like to support the cause with coupons, gift cards or merchandise. Finally, we will be asking members to donate items in support of the tournament – a list of needed items will be distributed in the near future. Contact our golf chair, John Inman, with any questions or to help out.

## **July Membership Meeting**

**30 July at 11 AM**

### **Summit Club**

Our guest speaker will be Mr. Josh Scandlen from USAA. Josh will speak about the strategic partnership that USAA has with MOAA, and some of the services that USAA offers.

Josh is a Certified Financial Planner practitioner and holds a master's degree in financial planning as well as the Certified Wealth Strategist (CWS) designation.

Josh has nearly 15 years of experience in the financial services industry with extensive knowledge of investment management, Social Security and retirement planning for individuals and the self-employed, lending and wealth transfer strategies.

Josh completed his degree in economics from George Mason University (GMU) in Fairfax, Va., where he received a number of academic scholarships as well as being awarded the Wall Street Journal Award for Academic Excellence. Josh was named Economics Student of the Year in 1997 and was president of the GMU Economics Club. He was an instructor for the Virginia Commonwealth University CFP certification program in 2006 and was named as one of "America's Top Financial Planners" by the Consumers Research Council of America for 2008 and 2010. Josh also served as a Commissioner for the Dayton, Va., Planning Commission.

Josh is very proud to have served as an infantryman in the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division and the Virginia National Guard and greatly values working with USAA and its strong military heritage.

In his spare time, Josh enjoys spending time with his wife and four children. He enjoys reading and listening to bluegrass and Celtic music. Josh is a passionate fan of college and professional hockey.

## **Pharmacy Benefits**

TRICARE Pharmacy is available to all eligible uniformed service members and retirees and their family members and survivors, including beneficiaries age 65 and older. TRICARE covers most U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved prescription medications. Medications might be available as part of the pharmacy or medical benefit. In general, for TRICARE Pharmacy to cover a medication, it must be an FDA-approved prescription medication and prescribed in accordance with good medical practice and established standards of quality, and it must not be part of a procedure covered under the medical benefit. Additionally, TRICARE Pharmacy does not cover medications that are not medically or psychologically necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of a covered illness.

TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery (mail order) is the least expensive option when not using a military treatment facility pharmacy. As of April 1, 2014, using TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery is required for a select group of brand-name maintenance medications. There is no copayment for a 90-day supply of generic medications; there is a copayment of \$13 for a 90-day supply of brand-name medications and \$43 for a 90-day supply for non-formulary medications. The cost of a 30-day supply of most prescription drugs at a network pharmacy would be \$5 for generic, \$17 for brand-name, and \$44 for non-formulary medications. If using a non-network pharmacy, you must meet an annual deductible. Then, beneficiaries will pay \$17 or 20 percent of the total cost, whichever is greater, for generic and brand-name medications, and \$44 or 20 percent of the total cost, whichever is greater, for non-formulary drugs. Expect to pay for prescriptions in full, and then file a claim for partial reimbursement.

## Chapter Happenings







**Huntsville Chapter**  
**Military Officers Association of America**  
**P.O. Box 1301**  
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### Membership Application or Renewal Confirmation

Yes! I'd like to add my voice to the Huntsville Chapter.

New		Renewal		Interested in a chapter Life Membership? Contact us for pricing (based on your age)	
One year \$10.00					
2 years \$20.00					
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First Name		MI		Last Name	
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## Membership Statistics

Total Members: 450  
Auxiliary Members: 74  
Life Members: 244

New this month: 2  
Deaths this month: 0  
Renewals: 0

## Spouse and Auxiliary Member Newsletter

Service members and their families work as a team to support our great nation, and in today's environment, we need to keep all team members actively involved. Sign up now to receive MOAA Spouse E-News, an e-newsletter that contains targeted information on programs and policies that affect life on the home front.

Spouses and auxiliary members are encouraged to sign up today. Call 1-800-234-MOAA (6622), or visit MOAA's website to sign up online.

## 2015 Alabama State MOAA Convention

The Alabama State MOAA Council of Chapters is organizing a MOAA State Convention to be held in April 2015 in Montgomery. Dates are April 24-26, 2015. Registration fee will be driven by income from the sale of ads for a Souvenir book and Sponsorships. Planned agenda:

24 April - Sunset cruise on the riverboat "Harriott"

25 April - Continental breakfast. AM general meeting. Luncheon – speaker Gov. Bentley. PM general meeting – speaker COL Barry Wright, MOAA. Dinner with featured speaker VADM Norb Ryan, MOAA & entertainment by Alva Lambert – impersonator, and others TBD

26 April - Memorial breakfast

Registration will include breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, a separate tour and lunch for spouses on Saturday, and Sunday breakfast. The Renaissance Hotel and Spa is offering a special daily room rate from April 23-27 for our attendees and guests of \$105.

## 36 Birthdays in July Happy Birthday!



LTC Clifford Flanigan, USA  
LTG Robert Moore, USA  
LTC John L Lewis, USA  
LTC Eugene Marchetti, USA  
MG George Turnmeyer, USA  
CW5 Charles Covell, USA  
LTC Steven R Palmer, USA  
LTC Robert Conners Jr, USA  
LTC William Emerson, USA  
Col Stephen Baker, USMC  
CAPT Samuel Powers, USN  
COL Raymond Regner, USMC  
CW3 Monty L Lewis, USA  
LTC Daniel Cutshall, USA  
CW3 John Bates, USA  
Col Daniel Krenzel, USAF  
Mrs Opal Otto  
CH (LTC) Bert Wiggers, USA

Maj Edward Morfenski, USAF  
LTC Lamar Clarke, USA  
LTC Richard K Jackson, USA  
LTC James Pepper Jr, USA  
COL George Lewis, USA  
LTC Ralph Wissner, USA  
LtCol Jeffrey Cuneo, USAF  
COL Norbert Patla, USA  
LTC Charles Gill, USA  
COL Louis Durnya, USA  
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COL John R Dabrowski, USA  
MAJ George Moore, USA  
COL Mary Hall, USA  
LTC Paul H Fall, USA  
LTC Paul Hoffman, USA  
Col George Schrader, USAF



## TAPS

Our deepest sympathy to the  
families of our departed friends

**None this month**

## MEMORIALS

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## **Treasurer's Report CAPT Richard West, USN**

For the Month of April 2014

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Debits	2345.18

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We thank you for your patience while we continue renovating the Redstone Exchange. Please feel free to ask us if you cannot find what you are looking for!

**At The Shoppette:** Get ready for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with our Tent Sale 26-28 June 2014; Rug Doctor is now available at the Redstone Express; Retirees Appreciation Day Tent Sale 18-20 September 2014; Check out our monthly promotions and save!!

**At The Commissary:** July – check for Independence Day sales, August-meat back to school sale, watermelon promos, grocery wacky Wednesday sale (**Sales Reps Deleted items are sold at a great price for our Patrons**), Aug 26 Women's equality day. September – Labor Day promos on Meats, Butts and ribs, case lot sales Sept 18-20, Sept 19 RAD (Retirees Appreciation Day), National Honey month promo, Hispanic Heritage month promo (promotion & demo of **Hispanic food**). 

## **Don't Miss the August Membership Meeting**

Our very own Congressman Mo Brooks will be the guest speaker. The date is currently being negotiated with his office. With all of the serious issues facing our Government, this will be a great meeting. Details to follow ...