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



Hi Everyone –

You all may not know that once a year MOAA National conducts a communications award competition. Categories include newsletter, website, legislative reports and special communications. The Chapter submitted for newsletter, website and legislative reports. And the results were:

- Newsletter 2nd place
- Website 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- Legislative reports 1<sup>st</sup> place

That's not too bad, out of some 400 chapters. Kudos to Phil Crocker (Website) and Jerry Haynes (Legislative) for their hard work.

The Chapter co-sponsors a "BBQ with the Vets" affair each year at the Tut Fann Veterans Home. This year the event will be held on 14 June from 11AM until 1PM. We need some volunteers to help serve food to the residents. We will be serving ribs, chicken, pork and all the fixings. If you are interested in helping out, let me know. Everyone is welcome to come out and have lunch and visit with the vets.

Our summer party is later this month, on 21 June, at the Overlook. We have the AMC band reserved to provide some great music, and as always the club staff will provide some excellent food and beverages. See the flyer inside for details and to sign up.

For all you golfers out there, the Chapter is currently organizing its annual golf tournament to raise funds for our scholarship program. It will be held at the Links at Redstone on Friday, 29 August. We need volunteers to help the committee organize and execute this event, to help solicit door prizes, and of course to play. Hope to see you on the course.

- Bruce

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

<u>Breakfast:</u> Next breakfast is Saturday 28 June 2014, 0900 hours at the Steak & Shake Madison Square Mall.

Governing Board: Next meeting is Thursday 12 June 2014, 1100 hours at the Summit Club.



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



#### The Veterans Administration is Facing Increasing Criticism for Treatment Delays and Numerous Calls for Its Leaders' Resignations While Some Relief May be Close

I believe that the "crisis" within the Veterans Administration (VA) is the greatest issue we as retirees and veterans are experiencing at the moment. Accordingly I will dedicate all of this month's space to this important topic.

In spite of the Obama administration's promises (all the way back to before the first inauguration) to transform the troubled Department of Veterans Affairs, new revelations have heightened concerns about continuing and extensive problems in the agency. The VA's independent inspector general is investigating the VA -- the largest health care system in the United States, with 1,700 care sites and nearly 9 million veterans enrolled -- for problems with recordkeeping and care, including claims that dozens of veterans succumbed to preventable deaths at its hospitals and clinics. Congressional representatives say they will launch their own hearings once the IG's investigation is complete. According to CNN, at least 40 U.S. veterans died while waiting for appointments with the Veterans Administration in Phoenix, Arizona. Recently retired VA doctor Sam Foote told the network that many of them had been placed on a secret waiting list as part of a scheme by VA managers in Phoenix to hide the fact that 1,400 to 1,600 ailing veterans had been forced to wait many months to see a doctor.

As you might guess, this revelation outraged some of the country's most prominent veterans and veterans groups. American Legion National Commander Daniel Dellinger said that if the allegations are true, the secret list in Phoenix "is one of the most abhorrent acts ever committed in VA history." Dellinger, national commander of the American Legion, the nation's largest veterans group, called this week for the resignations of VA Secretary Eric Shinseki, Under Secretary of Health Robert Petzel and Under Secretary of Benefits Allison Hickey. White House press secretary Jay Carney said Tuesday that President Barack Obama "remains confident" in Shinseki. In an interview with *The Wall Street Journal* Tuesday, Shinseki, a retired four-star general and Army chief of staff who was appointed by President Obama in January 2009, said he will not

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

The Redstone Exchange is still currently under a major renovation as we move into Summer. The clothing department is moving towards completion as the carpeting and walls are completed. New fixtures are on the way for cosmetics and jewelry. The Exchange would like to thank all of their customers for their patience and understanding during this process.

The Redstone Exchange would like to invite all of the customers to join their Buddy List to find out what is going at the Exchange. This email provides updates on sales promotions, community events and closures. In addition, the members are often first to find out about great savings events, as well as the Exchange Mobile Center's weekly promotions. Ask any associate for details.

The Redstone Exchange would like to ask its customers to take a moment and tell them how they are doing. Please take the survey at <a href="www.ExchangeCustomerSurvey.com">www.ExchangeCustomerSurvey.com</a>. Take the survey and log in to register for a chance to win prizes!

The Goss Road Express in Building 3234 now has Redbox DVD rental. Stop by this convenient location and see what new movies are available. The Express also has a tent sale from 22-24 May. Spirits, wine, beer will be on sale. Plus giveaways and other promotions.

Visit Charley's in the Redstone Exchange Food Court and try their new menu items. Now available three new sandwich sizes: Small, Regular, and Large. Try their New Chili Cheese Gourmet Fries and try their three new signature lemonades: Peach, Strawberry, and Blueberry. A great lunch idea!

June 6-12- Shop the Redstone Exchange during the first Father's Day savings event. Shop the "Gifts for Dad" Sale and save!

The commissary will have a mini parking lot sale 15-17 May. The sale will be mostly paper products.

#### **Need Addresses**

#### Mrs Neida Creech Mrs Jean Ellen Brauer LTC Edward Murphy LTC Wallace Johnson

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:

#### None this month

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#### Carrie's Notes

### Mrs. Carrie Hightower, 256-882-3992 MOAA Auxiliary

Our membership has dropped a bit lately – therefore we are extending an invitation all of our auxiliary ladies to join us for canasta. We meet every third Tuesday of the month at Brahan Spring Recreation Center at 9:30AM. Point of contact is Ursula Spicer, phone 256-882-3992. Our next meeting will be Tuesday June 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **WOW Support Group**

Eight ladies attended our luncheon in May. Our luncheon in June will be at Sunny Street Café, 7143 Highway 72 West, Madison on Thursday June 19<sup>th</sup>. Remember that this will be our last luncheon until September. Have a great summer.



#### Fox Army Health Center Col Edward L. Uher, USAF-Ret



#### Women's Health Issues: TRICARE's Got Them Covered

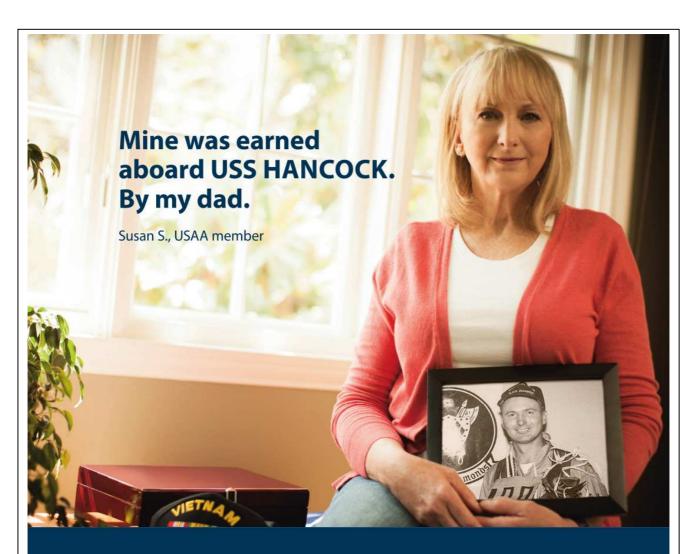
As the summer approaches, we tend to look toward traveling and vacations and health care is far from our minds. However, May is the perfect time for women to consider making those appointments that they don't make time for any other time of the year.

The month of May brings two observances that celebrate women. Mother's Day, the second Sunday of the month, is followed by Women's Health Emphasis week, which starts the Monday after Mother's Day. This initiative was started by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office on Women's Health to empower women to make their own health a priority and to help women understand what it means to be well. This is especially important because the number one killer of U.S. women is heart disease – and it's preventable. As a matter of fact, of the top five women's health issues: heart disease, depression, breast cancer, osteoporosis and autoimmune disease, three of them are preventable.

Dealing with heart disease can be tough. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, almost two-thirds (64%) of women who die suddenly of coronary heart disease have no previous symptoms. While some women have no symptoms, others experience sharp chest pain or discomfort, pain in the neck/jaw/throat or pain in the upper abdomen or back. These may occur during rest, begin during physical activity, or be triggered by mental stress.

There are several things women can do to fight this disease. First, know the risk factors. High blood pressure, high numbers for low-density lipoproteins (LDL) cholesterol, and smoking are key risk factors for heart disease. Second, know your numbers – blood pressure and cholesterol - and take action if they are not within a healthy range. Third, get preventive health screenings and ask your provider if you should be tested for diabetes. Finally, increase healthy behaviors like eating right and exercising regularly.

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resign. "I serve at the pleasure of the president," he said. "I signed on to make some changes, I have work to do." VA spokesperson Drew Brookie issued a statement rejecting the call for resignations, saying that if the inspector general's investigation substantiates allegations of employee misconduct, "swift and appropriate action will be taken." Most veterans interviewed for this story welcomed the IG and congressional investigations, but said it is a mistake to view the current problems at VA as new and isolated. Subsequent to Dellinger's call, Undersecretary for Health in the Department of Veterans Affairs, Dr. Robert Petzel tendered his resignation among some controversy. His retirement had been previously announced and there is some speculation that his "resignation" was designed to buy time and offer cover for the Obama administration in the VA crisis.

Rep. Jeff Miller, R-FL, chair of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, who held hearings about the VA's troubles even before the Phoenix story broke, said that as soon as the IG investigation of the Phoenix system is complete, Congress will follow up with its own hearings. The investigation's scope will include "at least 23 deaths related to delays in care the department has already admitted to as part of its own investigation," he told *IBTimes*.

A recent round of criticism stems from disclosures by two whistleblowers that the VA's Phoenix office maintained secret lists that obscured treatment delays. But in addition a third and a fourth whistleblower at the Phoenix Veterans Affairs Health Care System provided more details of the "secret list" allegedly used by managers to make it appear that wait times for veterans were shorter than they actually were, resulting in these veterans dying while waiting for care in Phoenix. Three top managers in Phoenix have been placed on leave while the VA's inspector general investigates. Also, a VA scheduling clerk accused higher-ups in Austin, Texas, and San Antonio, Texas, of manipulating data in an attempt to hide long wait times to see doctors there, the Austin *American-Statesman* reported. The employee told the U.S. Office of Special Counsel, which protects government whistleblowers, that he and others were "verbally directed by lead clerks, supervisors, and during training" to ensure that wait times at the Austin VA Outpatient Clinic and the North Central Federal Clinic in San Antonio were "as close to zero days as possible," according to the newspaper. Asked by the *American-Statesman* to respond to the allegations, local VA officials said in a statement that they would review their scheduling practices, though the newspaper said they did not directly address the claims.

According to the Austin paper, the statement read: "In light of the charges recently made against the Phoenix VA, [director of the Central Texas Veterans Health Care System Sallie] Houser-Hanfelder has made it clear she does not endorse hidden lists of any kind. To ensure the integrity of the health care system, she has directed each service chief to certify they have reviewed each of their sections and scheduling practices to ensure VA scheduling policies are being followed. All staff who schedule appointments have also been instructed to have refresher training to make sure policies are clear and being followed accurately."

Another scandal came to light in Fort Collins, Colorado, where *USA Today* reports that management instructed workers to change records to make it look like its small staff of doctors was seeing patients within its 14-day goal. Cynthia McCormack, director of the Cheyenne Wyoming VA Medical Center, told *The Coloradoan* that the agency has put in place a plan to address scheduling issues at Fort

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Collins outpatient clinics. "It all goes back to we misunderstood the scheduling," she told the *Coloradoan*. In addition, several other veterans' families from over 20 states have come forward claiming deaths due to delays in scheduling and treatment.

The General Accounting Office told the *Washington Examiner* that during the past year, the VA canceled more than 1.5 million medical orders without any guarantee that the veterans had received the treatment they needed. The Examiner also reported that the GAO says the VA doesn't know how many veterans are awaiting care. The GAO said that since May 2013, VA clinics nationwide have been under pressure to clear 2 million backlogged orders for patient care or services and were given wide latitude to cancel unfilled appointments more than 90 days old. By April 2014, the backlog of what the agency calls "unresolved consults" was reportedly down to about 450,000.

Rick Weidman, executive director of policy and government affairs at Vietnam Veterans of America said, "This stuff happens in every VA hospital, and it existed pre-Shinseki, I don't think Shinseki should resign; that doesn't bring us any closer to a solution. Bottom line? We don't have enough doctors on the ground. Fewer middle managers, more doctors, that would help a lot." Paul Rieckhoff, founder and CEO of Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, said in a statement Monday that what is happening in Phoenix and Fort Collins is "just the latest instance of the VA failing our veterans. Just as with the disability claims backlog, there is a glaring lack of leadership, accountability and oversight." Dan Caldwell, a Marine veteran who fought in Iraq and is now the issues and legislative campaign manager for Concerned Veterans for America stated, "What happened in Phoenix is not surprising. Only the scale of it was shocking. There is a systemic and cultural problem at VA. We called for Shinseki to go a year ago, and we're happy the American Legion is now calling for it. But that isn't the only thing that needs to happen. Serious reform is needed at VA."

The VA has now treated more than 1 million men and women from the war zones of Iraq and Afghanistan, but Caldwell and other veterans and politicians note that VA managers rarely exercise their option of sending veterans outside the system for care when their wait times are too long. Gina Jackson, a VA spokeswoman, told *IBTimes* that the agency provided fee-based care in fiscal year 2013 to "over 1 million veterans at a cost of \$4.8 billion dollars." From Oct. 1, 2013 through March 2014, Jackson said, "We have provided fee-based care to approximately 784,000 veterans at a cost of \$2.6 billion dollars." Jackson said the use of non-VA medical care is a "local VA Medical Center determination, which is made individually for each veteran and care plan." In general, Jackson said, non-VA medical care is used for a long list of reasons, including a patient's inability to access VA health care facilities; demand exceeds VA health care facility capacity; diagnostic support services for VA clinicians; the need for scarce specialty resources (e.g., obstetrics, hyperbaric, burn care, oncology); to ensure cost-effectiveness for VA; and to satisfy patient wait-time requirements. President Obama's 2015 VA budget of \$163.9 billion includes \$68.3 billion in discretionary resources and \$95.6 billion in mandatory funding. VA's discretionary budget request represents an increase of \$2.0 billion, or 3 percent, over the 2014 enacted level. According to a statement on the agency's website, the 2015 budget "will help ensure that veterans, their families, and survivors

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

The Bible and the Commanders-in-Chief (Continued from last month)

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God, the powers that be are ordained by God. – Apostle Paul, Romans 13:1

I have a simple thing to ask of you. I ask every man and woman in this audience that from this day on they will realize that part of the destiny of America lies in their daily perusal of this great Book.
--Woodrow Wilson

The foundation of our society and our government rest so much on the teaching of the Bible that it would be difficult to support them if faith in these teachings would cease to be practically universal in our country. --Calvin Coolidge

We cannot read the history of our rise and development as a nation without reckoning with the place the Bible has occupied in shaping the advances of the Republic. Where we have been the truest and most consistent in obeying its precepts, we have attained the greatest measure of contentment and prosperity. —Franklin D. Roosevelt

The fundament basis of this nation's law was given to Moses on the Mount. The fundamental basis of our Bill of Rights comes from the teachings we get from Exodus and Saint Matthew, from Isaiah and Saint Paul. ... If we don't have a proper fundamental moral background, we will finally end up with a totalitarian government which does not believe in rights of anybody except the State! -- Harry S. Truman

To read the Bible is to take a trip to a fair land where the spirit is strengthened and faith renewed.

-- Dwight D. Eisenhower

Inside the Bible's pages lie all the answers to all of the problems man has ever known... The Bible can touch our hearts and refresh our souls. —Ronald W. Reagan

"Justice for man comes from the Lord." Proverbs 29:26



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

#### 13 June 2014

The MOAA widow's luncheon will be held on Friday, 13 June, at Logan's on Balmoral Drive in Huntsville.

Liz Townsend will be our hostess. We will meet at 11:00 AM.

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

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO HUNTSVILLE CHAPTER MOAA

#### None this month

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.

#### **HCMOAA SUMMER PARTY**

## A Country & Western Affair

WHERE: The Overlook at Redstone

WHEN: Saturday, 21 June 2014 from 6:00- 9:30 PM

PRICE: \$20.00 per person (gratuity included)

Reservations are required no later than Friday, 13 June 2014
Mail the form below with your check
Call Carrie Hightower for more info at 256-882-3992

#### Western (prizes for best costumes) or Casual Dress

#### **MENU**

House Tossed Salad with Sliced Cucumbers & Cherry Tomatoes
Thousand Island & Blue Cheese Dressings
Bone-in Fried Chicken



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Home Style Pot Roast with Potatoes & Carrots
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Whole Green Beans
Mashed Potatoes with Brown Gravy
Rolls with Butter
German Chocolate Sheet Cake
Coffee, Ice Tea





## Entertainment by the AMC Band

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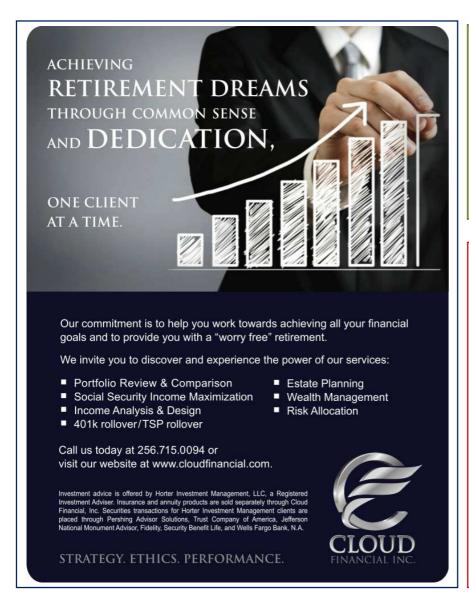
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#### **Membership Statistics**

Total Members: 447 Auxiliary Members: 74 Life Members: 244

New this month: 0 Deaths this month: 1

Renewals: 0

#### BBQ with the Vets

Tut Fann VA Home 14 June 2014 1100-1300

Chicken, pork, ribs, slaw, potato salad, baked beans, cake & ice cream

Volunteers needed to help serve lunch

Come on out and have lunch with some of our heroes

Music by the AMC Band



April Gold Bar Ceremony – COL William Marks – Garrison Commander



Carrie Hightower receive a Certificate of Appreciation from GEN Via – AMC Commander

# 26 Birthdays in June Happy Birthday!



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MAJ John Wilson, USA
CW3 Lewis Spencer, USA
LTC Robert Wendt, USA
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COL Jimmy Wiggs, USA
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Col Bernard Morgan, USAF
LTC William Brigadier, USA
LTC Tracy Young, USA



#### **TAPS**

Our deepest sympathy to the families of our departed friends

**COL Jack Wilson, USA** 

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receive the highest quality benefits and services we can provide and which they earned through their sacrifice and service to our nation."

In theory, the VA will pay for eligible veterans to go to non-VA providers when it's unable to provide timely care or specific treatments, or because the veteran lives far from a VA facility. But Miller said in a statement that the agency is not using fee-based care as often as it should. He called the program "a very simple tool at VA's disposal to help eliminate these delays and provide veterans care if the department doesn't have the capacity to do so in-house."

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.