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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CAPT Richard C. West, USN (Ret.)

Greetings all!

Welcome to April and the start of Spring – though another cold spell wouldn't surprise me! Maybe we'll get a second "Blizzard of '26"! 😊

I hope those of you who were able to stick around enjoyed last month's guest speaker! That "gene" stuff is both interesting and scary! We did have some issues with getting the guest speaker to the Club and I have addressed those with both MWR and the Garrison. Several different guidances / requirements were out there, and I think the guards were even confused. I am told that we may go back to normal this month. Many thanks to John Fairlamb for arranging the guest speaker!

Our next luncheon is **Wednesday, April 22nd**. See details on page 13. This will be our annual Gold Bar Ceremony where we will host the commissioning ROTC Cadets (and their instructors) and present them with their first set of Gold Bars. As a reminder, we moved the normal meeting date up a week to deconflict from the cadets' exams. Please RSVP now! **RSVP to John Vanderbleek at jvbleek78@gmail.com or 256.893.1565.** Family and guests are always welcome. We have two goals for this Ceremony: (1) fill the Bob Howell room to the brim! and (2) **RSVP EARLY** to keep Rick's blood pressure down!

Our kick-off **Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament** meeting will be held **April 29th** at the Weeden Grill at The Links golf course. The meeting starts at 1200 but some of us will be there early for lunch. **Please join us** – this is a wonderful cause, but we really need help and would like this to be an ALL-CHAPTER endeavor! Hope to see you there!

We continue the planning for many events, including the April Gold Bar Ceremony and the Tut Fann annual BBQ for the Vets. Keep an eye out for updates in future emails.

As always, many thanks to all of you for being members of the **biggest and BEST MOAA Chapter in Alabama!**

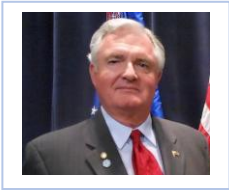
Rick

This month's membership meeting in on 22 April – the guest speaker is MG Kevin Meisler – this is a Gold Bar Ceremony

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Legislative Corner

COL John Fairlamb, USA-Ret

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Federal Legislation:

MOAA's Key Advocacy Issues for 2026 are:

- Combat-injured veterans shouldn't lose earned retirement pay because of their wounds.
- Service members shouldn't have to worry if a government shutdown will interrupt their paycheck.
- Veterans shouldn't pay thousands of dollars to unaccredited consultants for "help" accessing their earned disability compensation. (Accredited Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) representatives are free.)
- No military family should struggle to access services at their military hospital or clinic without a clear path to care.

The Senate is scheduled to recess from 28 March until 12 April and Congress has not passed a bill to fund the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). DHS will remain shut down until Congress reaches a compromise leaving ICE, FEMA, TSA and the Coast Guard without budgets for 2026.

The Senate passed a broadly supported bill to improve housing affordability across the US. The *21st Century ROAD to Housing Act* includes about 40 provisions intended to [boost housing supply and lower costs](#). It would encourage local governments to increase development, remove regulatory barriers, limit investment organizations' ability to buy up homes and expand manufactured housing which can often be built faster and cheaper than traditional homes. It's uncertain how the bill will fare in the House.

The House passed a sweeping elections reform bill, the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE America) Act, that mandates requirements such as presenting photo ID when voting, citizenship verification to register to vote, new restrictions on how states administer and maintain their election systems and additional restrictions on mail-in ballots.

But the votes aren't there to pass the *SAVE Act* in the Senate because Senators from both parties have concerns the bill will limit opportunities to vote. Experts argue and investigations have established that there have

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Exchange

Plants will be arriving at the end of March/early April at your exchange. Buy a few or a flat for this very popular sale.

The gun sales have started again for 2026. 20 March started a Ruger sale, 556 ammo, and Trijicon optics sales. Starting 3 April Canik firearms on sale. All are 10% off with your STAR card.

The food court is now open.

Watch for Spring sales and winter clearance in all departments.

Tax season is here and the software to make it easier is available at your Exchange! Easter savings are happening at your Exchange and specials are available. Your Exchange also has a wide assortment of lawn care equipment, chemicals, fertilizer, and patio items all on sale. Come by and check it out!

Apply for the AAFES Star card and get at least 10% your first day's purchases with additional per cent off during periodic store specials, and get 10% off at all food court items – plus, as always 5 cents off per gallon at the gas pumps (sometimes even more for service birthdays)!

Check the <https://www.shopmyexchange.com> web site every day for the super daily special. At this site, you can also see the latest specials, weekly sales, and sweepstakes.

Shopette

Be sure to check out the “What’s New” section (spirits and wines) and the “Wine of the Month” for special selections and sales! Your Shopette now has an even wider selection of local craft brews!

The new fast-food bar is open but construction continues in the refrigeration area. The liquor area is smaller but carries the same items – just fewer of them. New is Ben Holladay Missouri Bourbon whiskey, Castles Curse single malt scotch, Ghost pepper spicy Blanco tequila, Widow Jane straight bourbon whiskey aged 10 years, and Jack Daniels blackberry liquor Tennessee whiskey.

Commissary

I recently asked the commissary manager about getting beef bacon. If you have an item you want the commissary to carry, the manager is very willing to try and get it. The manager also told me there should be a map soon for the reorganized commissary. Looking for items now is an adventure.

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Need Addresses

We have lost track of the below members. If you know their whereabouts, please have them contact Bruce Robinson at 256-426-0525 to update their personal information.

None this month

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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Fox Army Health Center MAJ Bruce T. Robinson, USA-Ret



FAHC Happenings

Fox classes include offerings from the combined forces of our dietician and our mental health consultant: Diabetes management and hypertension management.

Spring into Health campaign for mammogram awareness begins in April.

Join us for Community Care Connect, a patient town hall at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15. Engage with the entire command group.

On-line appointments are now available on MHS GENESIS.

Our next scheduled closure for training is Friday, May15 from noon – 4 p.m.



THE MIND & BODY DETOX
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Wednesdays, April 1—May 6
10:00—11:15 AM
The Burrow, Fox Army Health Center
LIMITED TO 10 PARTICIPANTS

Join Dietician, Heather Hough, &
Social Worker, Brittany Huey

- Real talk about physical and emotional changes
- Insight rooted in the Army Performance Triad: Sleep, Activity & Nutrition
- Guidance for movement as bodies age
- Tools to help you be kind to yourself and thrive during this life transition

Let's detox the myths, embrace change, and build lifelong wellness!

Registration by March 30, 2026:
256-955-8888 Extension 1294

Managing Diabetes Class

Please join us on the first Tuesday of each month in The Fox Den from 10-11:30 a.m. This class is for those who have been diagnosed (newly diagnosed or living with diabetes for years) or are supporting someone with Diabetes.

- March 3, 2026
- April 7, 2026
- May 5, 2026
- June 2, 2026

- Education
- Helpful Tips
- Self-Management
- Peer to Peer Support

FOX ARMY HEALTH CENTER

Where: The Burrow
When: First Tuesday
Time: 10-11:30 a.m.

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2026 Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament

It's that time again. The golf committee will have its kick-off meeting on **29 April**, 12 noon, at the Links. Come early for lunch.

As always, we need volunteers to make the tournament successful.

You don't need to know anything about golf to help.

Some areas where we need volunteers include:

- Contacting local golf courses for donations of free rounds of golf
- Contacting local businesses to be hole sponsors or to donate goods & services
- If you are still working, getting your company to be a sponsor
- Filling one of the numerous staff positions on tournament day
- If a golfer, playing in the tournament & advertising it to others

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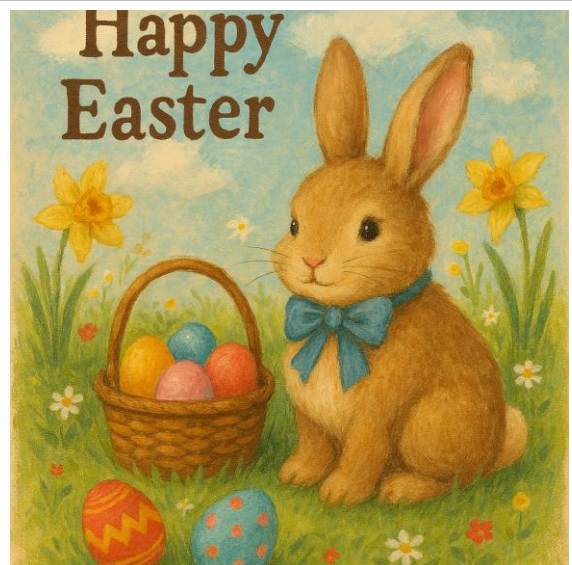
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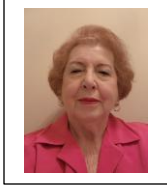
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Happy Easter





Redstone Arsenal Widow's Luncheon

Mrs. Bonnie Treadway
256-859-1484

Our next luncheon will be held on Thursday, 16 April, at the Main Street Cafe, 101 Main St., Madison, AL. We gather at 11:00 A.M. Everyone will be called.

Surviving Spouse Corner: The Value of Connection

How do you stay in touch with others? Maybe you prefer social media, like Facebook or LinkedIn. Perhaps email is your preference. Many connect through text messages. For some, like me, a phone call is top choice.

The need for a personal connection still exists. Nothing can brighten your day like a call from an old friend. Sharing a memory or exchanging a laugh with someone lifts the spirits. Personal communication builds strong families and good friends and creates successful institutions and cohesive organizations.

Within MOAA chapters, personal interaction among members provides opportunities to build friendships, exchange ideas, and share experiences.

I recently returned from my annual MOAA council leadership training/convention. You feel the connection of shared experiences and our shared purpose at such events, but you feel more: It's the hugs exchanged, the appreciation of each member and their contributions, and the connection to the MOAA leaders and staff who attend. It was an experience that energizes and renews your commitment.

Your council and chapter create a cohesive network for the work of MOAA. They also provide a setting for friendships to flourish.

This shared affinity should be practiced in your chapter. The chaplain and the surviving spouse liaison serve as personal outreach to each member. Their role is very important.

A chapter member who lives alone and has no local family needs a chapter friend or neighbor to exchange a greeting with each day. It could be as simple as texting "Good morning" and the recipient sending a thumbs-up response. The greeter and recipient should share contact information for their next of kin in the event that the greeting is not returned.

I know of one chapter that has created such a program, called Buddy Check. This might be a good idea to discuss at your next meeting.

A chapter should also have a list of emergency contacts for its members in case a member becomes ill at a meeting. I personally have experienced two situations where that information would have been helpful.

Make caring for and connecting with each other part of your mission to never stop serving.



Chaplain's Corner
Col Dave McKinney, USAF-Ret

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (NRSV)

The cup of salvation

116:1 I love the LORD because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

116:2 Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

116:12 What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

116:13 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD;

116:14 I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

116:15 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

116:16 O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

116:17 I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.

116:18 I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

116:19 in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the LORD!



Easter is almost here, and with it comes Spring. How many of you are grateful for the new flowers, the budding trees, and the warmth that comes our way, aside from the pollen that drastically affects us negatively? I am very thankful, even if I have to endure the nasty pollen.

As we approach Easter, we celebrate Holy Week, the week before Jesus arose from the grave. It's a hard week for many, where we recognize the events, some agonizing, that led up to Jesus's crucifixion. Yet without that week, we would not see a risen Jesus.

It's hard to be grateful when we look at what Jesus endured during Holy Week, the long walk dragging a heavy wooden cross, the scourging, the humiliation, the pain. There are many movies that depict those fretful days, and by all accounts these were pretty miserable and painful days.

Yet, I am grateful, because the humiliation and pain that Jesus endured led to His resurrection, and life everlasting. We can see that good can come from hard times.

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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:

Membership Statistics

Total Members: 256
Regular Members: 218
Surviving Spouses: 38

New this month: 4
Deaths this month: 1
Renewals: 3

Welcome New Members to Huntsville Chapter MOAA

Lt Col Robert Sharp, USAF
CW4 Doug Agee, USA
CDR Todd Anderson, USN
LTC Bert Amidon, USA

Recruiting

You are our best recruiter. If you have a friend, colleague or co-worker who is eligible to join MOAA, or who already belongs to MOAA National – bring him/her to a Chapter meeting. You would be doing both them and the Chapter a favor.


PX/Commissary – continued from page 3

Sign up for savings at mymilitarysavings.com A few clicks and you will get information on current and upcoming Commissary and AAFES sales. Plus - recipes, contests, and there is an app you can download (Apple and android), that will take you directly to the site.

If you want to help out the less fortunate, there are bagged items at the end of the checkout lines you can purchase.

Your Commissary also has their Plant Sale going on now with ferns and assorted plants available through May.

Make tax season easier with the family gathered around the grill. Stop in and get savings on barbecue meats, ketchup, a huge assortment of mustards, pickles, lettuce and buns! Everything to make the tax season more bearable – including aspirin, Tylenol, and other headache relief medications.

Don't forget the ready-made sushi near the check out. It's great for a grab and go lunch or dinner. 

Chapter Happenings – March Member Meeting



Dr. Dillon Fritz, PhD from the Hudson-Alpha Institute address the membership



Dr. Fritz receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Chapter President Rick West

been few instances of immigrants voting illegally and claims of widespread voter fraud remain unsubstantiated.

During oral arguments on a Mississippi case, the Supreme Court appeared likely to approve a challenge to counting mail-in ballots that arrive after Election Day, a move that could upend election procedures in states across the country before the midterm elections. A majority of justices seemed ready to side with those who told the court that federal election law preempts Mississippi from counting ballots that arrive after polls close as long as they are postmarked by Election Day. Mississippi is one of 14 states that allow grace periods of days or weeks so a ruling against Mississippi could result in challenges in other states.

Alabama Legislation:

Gov. Ivey has signed more than 100 bills this year, including [HB 41](#) that imposes the death penalty for child rape, [SB 177](#) to ensure cost-free screening for breast cancer and [SB 19](#) for prostate cancer, and a bill to limit the state's authority for environmental regulations. On 19 March, Governor Ivey signed a declaration officially announcing and designating the new Veterans Cemetery to be located in Madison County. The land has been acquired, the funding is in place and ground will be broken soon. Several AL veteran organizations including HCMOAA were directly involved to make this happen.

The legislature is on recess and when they return on 31 March there will be 6 legislative days remaining in the 2026 session.

Political leadership in Alabama routinely says it wants to make Alabama the most military- and veteran-friendly state in the country. The state is home to five military bases and around 400,000 veterans, and the Legislature has been working on 16 veteran related bills. Two bills have been signed into law, one awaits the governor's signature and several others are one vote away from final passage. Gov. Kay Ivey has signed two bills targeted at veterans, one that counts military training and experience in emergency medical services toward requirements to become licensed in EMS, and [Senate Bill 149](#) aimed at [speeding up the process for qualified military veterans to get certificates](#) to teach in K-12 schools.

Governor Kay Ivey signed SB 116 on 19 March that bans Glock switches and other conversion devices that turn semi-automatic guns into machine guns. Alabama is now the 25th state to ban Glock switches.

Gov Ivey signed [HB 78](#) which requires licensed child-care facilities, public kindergarten classrooms and certain Pre-K classrooms to implement guidelines and training on screen time created by the Department of Early Childhood Education Research and Evaluation team.

Lawmakers are debating Gov. Ivey's \$10.5 billion Education Trust Fund spending proposal as they balance financial pressures across the state's education system. The proposal includes [the \\$10.5 billion for the regular Education Trust Fund budget](#), a \$520 million supplemental appropriation for the current fiscal year and a \$1 billion Advancement and Technology Fund appropriation. The governor's proposal would provide [a 2% pay raise](#) for state-funded education employees.



HCMOAA Treasurer's Report February 2026

Submitted by Col Dave McKinney, USAF (Ret)

- 1. The February 2026 Treasurer's Report is presented herein. Details are attached.
- 2. Monthly Summary:

	Operating Funds	Savings
Starting Balance	\$12,557.58	\$1,703.89
Income	\$ 831.00	\$ 0.02
Expenses	\$ 752.22	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$12,631.36	\$1,703.91

- 3. Notable income: Individual dues, Lunch fees.
- 4. Notable expenses: PO Box, Frames, AL Council of Chapters, and Surety Bond.
- 5. Chapter Saving account activity is limited to interest.
- 6. The Chapter holds a Certificate of Deposit (CD) in the amount of \$20,758.87. This CD will reach maturity on March 8, 2026. It will be renewed then at the best rate available.
- 7. The Chapter's Operating Fund contains \$1,188.30 in reserved funds in support of the RAD Luncheon for the Retirees. Due to cancellation of this year's RAD, these funds will be held for support of future RADs.

Scholarship Fund Donations

The Chapter has an active scholarship program. In conjunction with the RSA Military & Civilians' Club, we issue scholarships each year to deserving area students. **Please consider donating.** Contact Rick West, at rickw675@att.net or 256.776.6901 for details.

The Scholarship Fund operates on a calendar year basis. Remember that the fund is fully tax deductible - 501(c)(3). **100% of all donations go toward scholarships.**

Note: The below amounts reflect only donations directly to the fund. Golf Tournament monies are tracked separately and presented to the membership following the tournament.

Scholarship Fund Donations Received During March 2026

None

Total received for March:	\$0.00
Total received CY26:	\$0.00



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Membership Application or Renewal
 Yes - I'd like to add my voice to the Huntsville Chapter!

<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> One Year \$10*	If New, how did you hear about us? <input type="checkbox"/> MOAA National <input type="checkbox"/> Local event <input type="checkbox"/> Letter / e-mail from HCMOAA <input type="checkbox"/> HCMOAA website <input type="checkbox"/> Friend / acquaintance <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please explain _____)
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal**	<input type="checkbox"/> Two Years \$20	
<input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership***	<input type="checkbox"/> Three Years \$30	

*New members joining after September 1st will have their membership paid through following calendar year
 **If renewing just update any address or phone changes, verify e-mail address, and sign the form
 ***Interested in a Chapter Life Membership? Contact us for pricing (age-based)

_____ First Name	_____ MI	_____ Last Name
_____ Preferred Name	_____ Birth Date	_____ Spouse's Name
_____ Grade	_____ Branch of Service	_____ Period(s) of Active Duty (i.e. 1965-1990)

Membership in our MOAA Chapter is not the same as MOAA National membership. At a minimum, FREE "Basic" MOAA National membership is required. If you are not already a National member, we will add you as a Basic member. Again, it's FREE and provides several valuable benefits. Please contact us for more information.

_____ MOAA National Membership Number

<input type="checkbox"/> Active	<input type="checkbox"/> Retired	<input type="checkbox"/> NG	<input type="checkbox"/> Former Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Reserve	<input type="checkbox"/> Surviving Spouse
_____ Mailing Address	_____ City	_____ State	_____ Zip		
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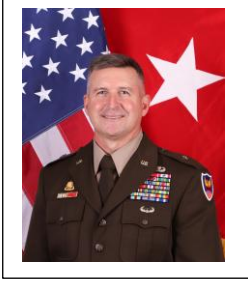
Recruiting

You are the best recruiting tool the Chapter has. Tell your eligible friends & associates about our Chapter – the best in Alabama. We have the lowest membership rate in the country at \$10. One can also sign up for multiple years.

Direct questions to MAJ Bruce Robinson at 256-426-0525 or brobinso1976@gmail.com.

We also offer a Chapter Life Membership – COL John Fairlamb - 256-539-0161 or fairlambjrf@comcast.net - has the details.

Spread the word!



Membership Meeting
22 April 2026
1100 – Summit Club

Guest Speaker: MG Kevin Meisler, USA
U.S. Army Materiel Command Chief of Staff

U.S. Army Materiel Command Chief of Staff and Assistant Deputy Commanding General for Reserve Affairs since September 2024.

A native of Middletown, New Jersey, Major General Meisler commissioned as an Armor Officer in 1994 from LaSalle University, earning a Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science. He transitioned to the U.S. Army Reserve in 1999.

His command experience includes leading the 311th Signal Command (Theater), 4th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, and multiple battalion and group commands. His staff assignments span logistics, operations, and joint planning roles.

Major General Meisler holds a Master of Arts in Management from Webster University and a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. He is a Certified Project Management Professional and an Army Logistician with Joint Planner and Operational Contract Support qualifications.

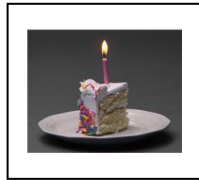
His awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and multiple other decorations. He is also a member of the Transportation Corps Regimental Association and recipient of the Ancient Order of Saint Christopher.

He will be presiding over our annual Gold Bar Ceremony.

Menu: Pulled Pork BBQ, Fried Catfish, Coleslaw, Potato Salad, Banana Pudding, Cornbread, Iced Tea, Iced Water, Coffee

Cost: \$20 for Chapter members and families; \$25 for non-members / guests – pay at the door – cash, check, credit/debit card. **Exact change is appreciated.**

RSVP: COL John Vanderbleek, 256-893-1565, jvbleek78@gmail.com NLT 17 April 2026.



20 Birthdays in April

LCDR Emanuel M Tsikalas, USN
Mrs. Myrna G Griffiths
Mrs. Josephine O Walsh
MAJ Gordon M Brown, USA
COL Herbert M Dixon, USA
Mrs. Terry Cave
1LT William H Redmond, USAR
Maj Marisha K Findley, USAF
LTC Samuel Scruggs, USA
LTC Audrey Ransom, USA

CPT Stephen E Cecil, USMC
CW4 Christopher R Chance, USA
Lt Col Edward J Gniadek, USAF
MAJ Theron Bowman, USA
LTC Fred Maksimowski Jr, USA
Lt Col David L Dunlap, USAF
CW4 Dennis M Horn, USN
LTC Mark L O'Brien, USA
LTC Michael K Wegler, USA
LTC Douglas A Locke, 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 brobinso1976@gmail.com so it can be included in future newsletters. Thank you.

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If you're like me, you've had some pretty miserable experiences in life; bosses who treated you like dirt, rebellious children, and probably some bad health issues, among others. Yet, in all my miserable experiences, there has always been something better that followed it; a boss who apologized for the way he treated you and later helped you get promoted, children who now have grown and are raising children of their own, and finally no more pain. I've learned to always be grateful for what is going on in my life, knowing that Jesus has shown us that life is everlasting, and that nothing we are enduring can take that away.

I encourage you to take some time and jot down the things you are grateful for. Then, work backwards a little to see what might have led up to that you are grateful for. Perhaps, you will see things that bring back bitter memories and then realize that these helped shape the good thing that happened. Be grateful for all that you have and constantly praise the Lord for continuing to give us the gift of everlasting life.

If you would like to share prayer requests or contact me, I can be reached at [MOAChaplain@gmail](mailto:MOAChaplain@gmail.com) call/text (334)467-6860.



Blessings, Dave



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

TAPS

CW3 Lewis Spencer Jr., USA-Ret - was born in Newport News, VA, early Sunday morning on June 18, 1944. He attended grammar school in Gloucester, VA and at age nine moved to Jacksonville, FL where he attended Murray Hill Middle School, John Gorrie Junior High School and Robert E. Lee High School, graduating in 1962.

He joined the U.S. Army in October 1962, took basic training at Fort Gordon, GA, then Airborne School at Fort Benning, GA. He was then assigned to Fort Bliss, TX in the Nike Hercules Missile Program. He was assigned to Germany in the missile program in January 1963 where he served with the 1st Artillery, 5th Missile Battalion. Mr. Spencer served as a courier for the U.S. Army and partially for the U.S./ State Department for two years and later was assigned as a leader in the personnel department of the 5th Missile Battalion. In 1966 he was reassigned to Viet Nam for a short tour then to the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, KY. There he worked in the Adjutant General department, with a long tour in Alaska from 1969 through 1973 and short tour to Thailand in 1975, until his retirement from the U.S./ Army as a Chief Warrant Officer on December 31, 1984.

After leaving the U.S. Army, he worked selling new cars until he joined U.S./ Army Civil Service at Fort Campbell in April 1984. In 1985 he moved to Huntsville, AL and obtained a position in the Military Personnel Office on Redstone Arsenal. In 1985, Mr. Spencer was promoted to a position as the Retirement Services Officer for the North Alabama area.

He also attended Athens State University, serving as the President of the Alpha Iota Chapter of the Delta Mu Delta Honor Society and received a BA in Business Administration in 1986, graduating Summa Cum Laude. He served in that position until he was again promoted to the Army Alumni Assistance Program in 1989. Also in 1989, he received a master's degree in business administration and management from the Florida Institute of Technology, and, in addition to his civilian position at Redstone Arsenal, became an Adjunct Professor in business administration at Athens State University, Athens, AL. In this endeavor he taught classes such as Principles of Management, Communications and Leadership in Organizations, etc.

At Redstone Arsenal, Mr. Spencer was promoted to a position as the U.S. Army Missile Command Adjutant General, handling a myriad of military personnel matters such as maintaining the military strength on Redstone Arsenal and assisting families of seriously ill/injured and deceased soldiers.

In 2003, Mr. Spencer attended flight school and earned his Private Pilot license. He later obtained an Instrument and Commercial Pilot rating and in 2007 received his Certified Flight Instructor certificate from the Federal Aviation Administration. In addition to his duties at Redstone Arsenal, he began teaching others to fly in February 2007. Mr. Spencer retired from civil service on June 30, 2007.

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Survivors include his loving wife, Carol Spencer; son, Shane Spencer (Harlene); and grandchildren, Andrew and Hannah.

In Lew's memory memorials may be made to The Ark (<https://arkinc.org/>).

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



Celebrating National Nutrition Month

This year's theme is "Discover the Power of Nutrition." Food is more than fuel, and it can shape how you feel, move and think. Making balanced choices at meals and snacks powers your body and supports long-term health.

Including lean protein, whole grains, fruits, vegetables and healthy fats in your meals can help keep your energy steady throughout the day. Drinking enough water helps with digestion, thinking clearly and staying energized. Small changes, like adding fruit to breakfast or a small salad at dinner, can make a big difference over time.

Finding healthy foods may feel challenging. Many communities offer help through farmers markets, food pantries and grocery delivery. A dietitian can also help you find food and nutrition programs and other resources. Together, you can make a plan that fits your needs.

Simple tips to build healthy habits:

- Add a fruit or vegetable to each meal.
- Choose lean proteins like beans, fish, chicken or eggs.
- Choose water or low-fat milk instead of sugary drinks.
- Plan meals or snacks to avoid skipping meals.
- Practice home food safety to reduce the risk of foodborne illness.
- Use local food services when needed.
- Talk with a dietitian for support.

This National Nutrition Month, discover how food can power your day. You don't need to change everything at once. Focus on one habit at a time. Small steps can lead to big health benefits.

Explore resources like recipes, cookbooks and cooking videos to learn healthy cooking methods.

From the Surviving Spouse Liaison – Next of Kin Boxes

Hi All!

Is it April already? My how the year is flying past us. I know it has been a couple of months since I introduced myself to you and in case any of you missed that article then please allow me to re-introduce myself. My name is Angie Inman and I am the Spouse/Surviving Spouse representative on your Huntsville MOAA board. Going forward my goal is to at least reach out directly each month through the newsletter with just a couple of key points to hopefully generate some feedback and participation from our Huntsville Spouse and Surviving Spouse contingent. I will leave my email at the end of my article and would love your input on topics of concern and areas of interest. This would help going forward on making sure that I represent you in the best way possible. I certainly look forward to the opportunity to get to know each of you better.

One of the items that I have brought up for discussion with the other board members is how I might be able to help generate more interest/participation from our spouse/surviving spouse contingent. In an effort to facilitate this I am attempting to gauge interest in some particular areas that I might set up either speakers or small workshops depending on the level of interest I get. The first one that has been suggested from other military sources was a Next of Kin (NOK) Box Workshop or Session. For those of you unfamiliar with the NOK Box, I will keep it simple. It is really just an organization box for all the important life documents. Usually, they are water and fire proof. The key to the workshop is to help the military family begin to put together a list of documents they need to collect or update to go into the NOK Box. MOAA has a very nice list of helpful links and phone numbers to assist with where to begin the process of gathering the documents. Everyone will have different sets of documents based on many varied circumstances but there are lists of documents that should be included. We would most likely seek someone from the One Stop or one of the Non-Profits that make use of the NOK Box routinely to help us conduct the workshop or speak on its use. It would be an excellent item for our Surviving Spouse contingent but as we go into Severe Weather Season don't overlook these as a way to be prepared for any emergency. I will be seeking your input on this over the next couple of months to gauge interest. I will be at the monthly meeting but of course you are welcome to email me your thoughts if I miss you.

I hope all of you know how much I/we would love to have you at our monthly meetings. I realize that some of you may have other commitments and I fully understand. Whether you are there every month or when you can or just for the Christmas Party, YOU ARE IMPORTANT! I want all of you to know I am committed to being of service to ALL of you. If I can be of assistance to you, please contact me. I am actively looking at what will improve participation. What will make you excited to attend? If you have suggestions, I would love to hear them. I hope to see all of you very soon.

Angie Inman
Surviving Spouse Liaison
inmanangela@hotmail.com

Exploring TRICARE for Life and Family Member Coverage

Maintaining health care coverage through all phases of life supports good health for you and your family members. When you or a family member becomes eligible for [TRICARE For Life](#), you may have questions about how TFL coverage for one person affects TRICARE coverage for other members of your family.

There are several factors that make you eligible for TFL. One is your entitlement to Medicare. Each person becomes eligible for Medicare based on their birth date, or for those under 65, based on an illness or disability. This qualifies them for Social Security Disability Insurance benefits and, subsequently, Medicare. For these reasons, one family member's eligibility for TFL and Medicare doesn't affect other family members' TRICARE enrollment. They may stay in their current TRICARE plan.

Here are some commonly asked questions when sponsors or one of their family members will soon be eligible for TFL and Medicare.

Q: What is TFL?

A: As described in the [TRICARE and Medicare Turning 65 Brochure](#), TFL is Medicare wraparound coverage. TRICARE and Medicare work together to minimize your out-of-pocket expenses.

A beneficiary's TFL coverage doesn't extend to their family members. If family members are TRICARE-eligible, they'll keep their own TRICARE health plan.

Q: Who's eligible for TFL?

A: TFL is for uniformed services retirees and their family members who are TRICARE-eligible and have Medicare [Part A](#) and [Part B](#), regardless of age or where they live. TFL coverage is automatic once:

- You have Medicare Part A (premium-free hospitalization coverage) and Part B (premium-based medical coverage).
- You show as TRICARE-eligible in the [Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System](#).

Be sure to keep your and your family members' contact information up to date in DEERS.

Q: Is becoming Medicare-eligible a TRICARE Qualifying Life Event?

A: If you or a family member becomes eligible for Medicare at age 65, it isn't a [TRICARE Qualifying Life Event](#) for the person turning 65.

However, it's a QLE for your family members who are *under* age 65. What does this mean? These family members can make eligible changes to their TRICARE health plan. They must make these changes within 90 days of the Medicare-eligible family member's Medicare-effective date. To learn more, go to [Becoming Medicare-Eligible](#).

Q: I missed signing up for Medicare Part B during my Initial Enrollment Period. Does this affect my family members' TRICARE coverage?

A: No. Family members who aren't eligible for Medicare may stay in their current health plan as long as they're TRICARE-eligible.

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Remember, to have TFL coverage, you must have Medicare Part A and Part B. This also applies to people living overseas and those with employer-sponsored health plans.

Did you only sign up for Medicare Part A during your [Initial Enrollment Period](#)? You may sign up for Medicare Part B during either a [Special Enrollment Period](#) or the annual [General Enrollment Period](#). For example, did you opt to use your employer-sponsored health coverage instead of Medicare Part B?

If so, sign up for Medicare Part B during a Special Enrollment Period. The Special Enrollment Period is available:

- Anytime you or your spouse are covered by an employer-sponsored health plan
- Up to eight months following loss of employment or loss of an employer-sponsored health plan

Sign up for Medicare Part B a month before your employment or employer-sponsored coverage ends, whichever happens first. This ensures you have Medicare Part A and Part B and TFL coverage when your employer's coverage ends.

Check out the [TRICARE For Life Handbook](#) for details about Medicare Part B sign-up options.

Q: When I become eligible for Medicare, will my family's TRICARE annual enrollment fee change?

A: Are your family members enrolled in a [TRICARE Prime](#) or [TRICARE Select](#) plan? Their enrollment fee may change. For example:

- If you only have one family member enrolled in TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select, the enrollment fee changes to the individual rate.
- If you have two or more family members enrolled in TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select, the enrollment fee stays at the family rate.

[Health Plan Costs](#) can help you understand your costs. You can also call your [TRICARE regional contractor](#).

Q: As a spouse, if my sponsor passes away, does this affect my eligibility for TFL?

A: If your sponsor dies after they retire from active duty, you stay eligible for TRICARE unless you remarry (unless the new spouse is a retired service member). You'll have TFL when you, the surviving spouse, have both Medicare Part A and Part B.

Q: How can I learn more?

A: TRICARE offers the following resources:

- [TRICARE For Life Handbook](#)
- [TRICARE and Medicare Turning Age 65 Brochure](#)
- [TRICARE and Medicare Under Age 65 Brochure](#)
- [“Getting Started with Medicare and TRICARE”](#) webinar
- [TRICARE podcast](#) “TRICARE For Life” series 

What determines the date of Easter?

Easter is one of the most significant dates on our calendar every year. However, unlike many other holidays that have a fixed date, Easter's observance can vary widely from year to year, falling on any Sunday between March 22 and April 25. This variability has puzzled many, leading to the question: Why does Easter fall on a different day each year?

The answer lies in the sky, specifically in the movements of the moon and the sun. Easter is scheduled to fall on the first Sunday after the Paschal Full Moon, which is the first full moon occurring on or after the spring equinox. However, the determination of the Paschal Full Moon is not based on actual astronomical observations but on a set of ecclesiastical rules and tables, which approximate the lunar cycle.

This system was established by the Council of Nicaea in A.D. 325, with the aim of harmonizing the celebration of Easter among Christians. The council's decision to link Easter to the Paschal Full Moon and the spring equinox was a compromise between following a purely lunar calendar, like the Jewish calendar used to determine the date of Passover, and a fixed solar date.

The ecclesiastical rules that define the date of Easter add even more complexion. For instance, the church calendar fixes the date of the spring equinox on March 21, regardless of the astronomical equinox's actual date. Additionally, the methods for calculating the Paschal Full Moon vary, leading to differences in Easter dates between the Western (Roman Catholic and Protestant) and Eastern (Orthodox) Christian traditions.

Despite the complexity behind the date of Easter, its variable nature has a beautiful underlying significance: our celebration of Jesus' resurrection aligns with the cycles of rebirth and renewal amongst God's creation.



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The Senate General Fund budget committee approved an FY 2027 spending plan. The **\$3.72 billion spending bill** is about \$37.1 million more than Gov. Ivey proposed and about \$8.5 million more than the current budget. Increases include \$5 million for the state court system and \$10 million for the Legislature’s first payment on the new State House under construction by the Retirement Systems of Alabama, expected to be completed this year.

Alabama is closer to becoming a closed primary state after House Bill 541 passed and moved to the Senate. Called the Safeguard Alabama Voter Engagement Act, in primary elections, registered Democrats would vote on the Democratic ballot only and Republicans would vote on the Republican ballot only. The bill could create problems for registered independents who could be locked out of voting in primary elections. Currently, only 13 states have closed primaries.

Lawmakers are proposing to tie tens of millions of dollars in higher education funding to how well Alabama’s public colleges and universities help students graduate, find jobs and meet workforce needs. **Senate Bill 344** and HB 565 would establish a performance-based funding program for many of the state’s colleges and universities and would create a formal connection between state funding and outcomes such as graduation rates, employment and workforce demand.

The Legislature is close to final passage on a bill to reduce tax abatements for large data centers locating in the state. The Senate and House unanimously passed companion bills to lower sales and use tax abatements on centers from 30 years to 20 years. While lawmakers say they welcome the massive facilities that store electronic data critical to online consumption, they do consume a large amount of water and energy and should be treated differently than other industries the state is targeting with incentives.

The Alabama Legislature sent Gov. Ivey a bill raising the financial penalties for those who abuse their public offices. **Under Senate Bill 58**, public officials and employees convicted of a felony related to their position would have to forfeit contributions to the state retirement system and that money would be used as restitution to the harmed office or entity.

Legislation to resolve the divisive battle over state internet sales tax distribution is dead for this session. **Senate Bill 347** stalled in the Senate General Fund budget committee over concerns about it creating winners and losers.

The Legislature forwarded a bill to Gov. Ivey requiring all commercial drivers be proficient in English and makes it a crime to present a false commercial driver license. **SB 242** would codify a federal law that requires English proficiency for commercial drivers. The bill has a \$1,000 fine for operators and a \$2,000 fine for drivers if the driver is not proficient in English and receives an additional traffic citation. ¶¶

Notable Tax Changes

Trump Accounts

Under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, beginning July 5, parents of children 18 years old and younger with a Social Security number can open up a Trump Account — a tax-deferred savings account — in their child’s name. For children born between 2025 and 2028, parents can claim a one-time \$1,000 seed contribution, provided by the U.S. Treasury, via IRS Form 4547 to establish the investment account.

Contributing to the child’s account is optional, but parents, grandparents, friends and employers can contribute up to a combined total of \$5,000 each year to the child’s account. The money can’t be withdrawn before the child turns 18, at which point it can be used for qualified expenses like education, purchasing a first home and starting a business. After 18, the standard rules for traditional individual retirement accounts apply. For more information, visit trumpaccounts.gov.

Other One Big Beautiful Bill Act changes

Many of the changes under OBBBA are in effect for tax years 2025 through 2028. Among them are:

New car loans: Interest is tax deductible on car loans used to buy a new vehicle, as of Jan. 1, 2025. It must be for personal use, and the final assembly must have been in the United States. The maximum annual deduction is \$10,000. The deduction phases out for single filers with modified adjusted gross income over \$100,000 and joint filers over \$200,000.

SALT deductions: The deduction allowed for state and local income taxes, property taxes and real estate taxes has increased from \$10,000 to \$40,000 for most taxpayers.

Tips tax deductions: Employees and self-employed individuals may deduct qualified tips that are received in occupations listed by the IRS. The maximum annual deduction is \$25,000. For those self-employed, the deduction can’t exceed the individual’s net income. The deduction phases out for single filers with modified adjusted gross income over \$150,000 and joint filers over \$300,000.

Overtime tax deductions: Those who receive qualified overtime compensation may deduct the premium pay that exceeds their regular rate of pay — such as the “half” portion of “time-and-a-half” compensation. The maximum annual deduction is \$12,500 for single filers and \$25,000 for joint filers. The deduction phases out for taxpayers with modified adjusted gross income over \$150,000, and over \$300,000 for joint filers.

Deduction for seniors: Those who are age 65 and older may claim an extra deduction of \$6,000, or \$12,000 for a married couple where both spouses qualify. The deduction phases out for taxpayers with modified AGI over \$75,000 and joint filers over \$150,000. Your Social Security may be taxable, depending on your total income and filing status.

Standard deductions: The standard deduction has increased to \$15,750 for single filers or married couples filing separately; \$23,625 for single heads of households with dependents; and \$31,500 for married couples filing jointly.

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Mortgage interest: The mortgage interest deduction is still capped at \$750,000 of indebtedness, and the law makes that permanent. This amount won't increase in future years because of inflation.

Income from payment apps: The OBBBA repeals the requirement for 1099K forms for people who received a minimum of \$600 for goods and services through payment apps like PayPal and Venmo. It raises that threshold to \$20,000 in gross pay, and 200 transactions. Mitchell notes it applies to payments for goods and services, not money sent to family members, splitting rent or other personal, nontaxable transactions. But any income will still be taxable; the law just cuts down on the paperwork.


Earned Income Tax Credit: This applies to eligible low- and moderate-income workers. You may qualify for the EITC even if you can't claim children on your tax return. The credit could reduce the amount of taxes owed or increase your refund. For example, for tax year 2025, a married couple filing jointly with three qualified children, with a maximum adjusted gross income of \$68,675 might qualify for a credit of up to \$8,046. There are special EITC rules and considerations for military members who receive nontaxable combat pay.

Child and dependent credits: The [child tax credit](#) is up to \$2,200 per child under age 17 at the end of 2025. It's phased out for single filers starting at \$200,000 and for joint filers at \$400,000, so it will apply to most of the military population, Mitchell said. To qualify this year, at least one parent and the child must have a valid Social Security number.

In addition, you and your spouse may be able to claim the [child and dependent care credit](#) if you paid for the care of a child under age 13 in order to work or actively look for work. It also applies to care for a disabled dependent. For 2025, the credit is a percentage of the child care expenses up to \$3,000 per child with a maximum of \$6,000 for two or more qualified dependents. The more you earn, the less the percentage of employment-related child care expenses that are allowed. But the OBBBA enhanced the credit — it now decreases more gradually as income rises. For more information, see IRS Publication 503, Child and Dependent Care Expenses. Those who have the dependent care flexible spending accounts can't use the same child care expenses for this credit. Any money you contribute to a DCFSA reduces the amount of eligible expenses you can claim for the tax credit on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

Adoption of a child: Taxpayers can receive a credit of up to \$17,280 of qualified adoption expenses. The full credit is available for a special-needs adoption. For joint filers with a modified AGI over \$259,190, the credit begins to phase out.

But \$5,000 of the credit is also refundable, meaning that taxpayers could get back more than what they owe in taxes.

529 plans: Effective Jan. 1, 2026, there have been significant enhancements, Mitchell said, including doubling the annual tax-free withdrawal allowed — from \$10,000 to \$20,000 — in connection with the beneficiary's enrollment or attendance at an elementary or secondary school. Also, a lifetime maximum of \$35,000 per beneficiary may be moved from a 529 plan to a Roth IRA tax-free and penalty-free. 

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 over 250 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 Arsenal Military and Civilians 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.

Attention Members

One of the best sources of income for the Chapter comes from advertisements like the ones in this newsletter. You are the best resource for identifying potential advertisers. 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. Let them know that the newsletter reaches our nearly 300 members each month. All they can say is “no”.

If they are interested or desire more information, please let Bruce Robinson know, and he will follow up with them. His contact information is brobinso1976@gmail.com or 256-426-0525.

Important Dates in April

- 1 April – April Fool’s Day
- 2 April – Ponce de Leon discovered Florida (1513)
- 2 April – The first US Mint was established in Philadelphia (1792)
- 3 April – Pony Express service established (1860)
- 3 April – Confederate capital of Richmond surrendered to Union forces (1865)
- 4 April – Dr. Martin Luther King assassinated (1968)
- 5 April – Easter Sunday
- 6 April – US entered World War I (1917)
- 9 April – The Civil War ended (1865)
- 9 April – Monthly Board Meeting – 1100 – Java Café**
- 10 April – Bataan death march began (1942)
- 11 April – Civil Rights Act signed into law (1968)
- 11 April – Apollo 13 launched (1970)
- 12 April – The Civil War began (1861)
- 12 April – President Franklin Roosevelt died (1945)
- 12 April - Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first human in space (1961.)
- 12 April – First space shuttle flight occurred - *Columbia* (1981)
- 14 April – President Abraham Lincoln shot & mortally wounded (1865)
- 15 April – The *Titanic* sank, killing over 1500 people (1912)
- 18 April – The midnight ride of Paul Revere (1775)
- 18 April – The San Francisco earthquake, killing over 4000 people (1906)
- 18 April – Jimmy Doolittle’s air raid on Tokyo (1942)
- 19 April – The Oklahoma City bombing, killing 168 people (1995)
- 20 April – Columbine High School shooting (1999)
- 21 April – The Red Baron Manfred von Richtofen was shot down & killed (1918)
- 22 April – Earth Day
- 22 April - Monthly Member Meeting – 1030 Meet & Greet – Summit Club**
- 24 April – Library of Congress established (1800)
- 26 April – Chernobyl nuclear accident (1986)
- 26 April – Nelson Mandela elected president of South Africa (1994)
- 28 April – Mutiny on the *Bounty* (1789)
- 29 April – Golf Meeting – 1200 - Links**

