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



Greetings all!

I don't know about you, but the heat and rain have been killing my ability to work outside...and FORGET any fishing! Well, at least it is August, and our Chapter meetings will resume with a bang!

Our next meeting is tentatively August 27<sup>th</sup> at the Summit Club with Meet and Greet starting at 1030. Our guest speaker is still TBD – we are working hard on some great candidates! Based on speaker schedules, the date/time of our meeting may change. I hope to confirm very soon and will keep you informed!

Although pretty much nothing extra-curricular was scheduled for July, we were certainly busy planning for this year's golf tournament. Our 2025 tournament is scheduled for September 5<sup>th</sup> at The Links at Redstone. The Golf Committee is fully engaged in seeking sponsors and donations for the tournament and the silent Auction. Our next golf committee meeting is Wednesday, August 13 at 1200 at the Weeden Grill at The Links. We welcome any and all help – come early and enjoy some lunch!

We are still looking for more sponsors/donors and more players – we have just over a month left! Let's all work to make this a big success! We will need volunteers for the day of the tournament. I will send out a separate email with the positions we need help filling.

There are many other ways to help the Scholarship Fund. See my previous email or contact me and we can work something out! It is a very worthy cause as each of you knows!

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

Have a happy and safe August! Hopefully the weather will give us a bit of a break!

Rick

*There next member meeting is on 27 August – the guest speaker is TBD*

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## Legislative Corner

### COL John Fairlamb, USA-Ret

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Action**

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#### Federal Legislation:

The final “One Big Beautiful Bill Act” (OBBBA) the president signed includes [\\$150 billion in DoD funding](#), some of which addresses MOAA focus areas. This funding is in addition to that in the 2026 defense spending bills still being drafted.

- Better BAH: \$2.9 billion in supplemental funds for the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH), though details on how the funds will be spent remain unclear. MOAA has fought to [restore BAH to 100% of projected housing costs](#).
- Unaccompanied Housing: \$1 billion for Army, Navy, Air Force, and Space Force housing, and more than \$230 million to support the Marine Corps Barracks 2030 program.
- Health Care: \$2 billion in additional funding for the Defense Health Program.
- Child Care: \$100 million in child care fee assistance and another \$62 million to modernize staffing at DoD child care centers.
- More Spouse and Family Support: \$100 million for Impact Aid payments to assist school districts with large DoD populations since military personnel living on base don’t pay local school taxes, and \$10 million for military spouse professional licensing.

#### Also included in OBBBA:

- Billions of dollars for NASA projects key to Huntsville’s space economy.
- After funding for the Space Launch System and Orion capsule was in jeopardy from budget cuts in Trump’s fiscal year 2026 budget request, money for the programs is now secured for the next few years as part of Trump’s OBBBA.
- These federal spending plans come as the Trump administration intends to downsize staffing at the space agency by about 31%.
- The Space Launch System, the heavy-lift launch vehicle that can send astronauts to the moon, will get \$4.1 billion for Artemis missions IV and V through 2029. The SLS is managed at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville. In total, nearly \$10 billion is allocated for space funding, including Mars and Artemis missions and the Moon to Mars program.

Since congress was totally absorbed getting agreement on this complicated bill, little other work is being done on important legislation. [The Support Military Families Act](#) (H.R. 977), remains in House committee deliberation as does

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**Exchange**

Football season starts next month and a large screen TV will make you feel like you are in the game. Then relax with upcoming specials on mattresses, exercise equipment, appliances, home, kitchen and maintenance items. Remember to check out the no tax appliances available with Exchange partner Home Depot and if you find something at another exchange just ask them to ship it to your local Exchange – no charge.

You can save even more by signing up for the Exchange STAR card! The first day you use it – ALL your purchases are at least (sometimes more during a promotion) 10% off on your bill! Plus, every time you use the STAR card for gas at the PX, save five cents per gallon and you always get 10% off at the food court! Plus, there are specials throughout the year when you use your STAR card. Check out the clearance items in each depart of your Exchange and the clearance table by Customer Service.

There are new gun sales every two weeks at the gun counter (sometimes ammunition also) and on line. Sadly, sales lately have been only 5% off when previously they had been 10% off with the STAR card. But we are getting closer to the Black Friday Thanksgiving sale when you can make your list of items you want to purchase and then get usually 20% off at the gun counter with your STAR card,

Formerly serving military can shop online (although not in store) at the Exchange! All veterans are being encouraged to confirm veteran eligibility status at <https://www.vetverify.org>.

The Exchange values your opinion! Please take a moment to tell them how they 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. Plus, check out the DEAL of the DAY every day at [shopmyexchange.com](http://shopmyexchange.com).

**Shopette**

As always save 10% on wine with your STAR card. Whenever you use your STAR card at the pump, you always get 5 cents off per gallon (more during promotions).

Stop in to see the wine/spirit of the month and other specials! Check out the large variety of craft beers, bourbons and single malt scotches.

Hungry? The Shopette has a variety of hot lunch items, as well as coffee to wake you up.

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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**

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



**Other Health Insurance:** let Fox know about your other health insurance (OHI) now. Effective immediately, the Pharmacy will be required to check for OHI for each prescription filled. This will increase wait times by about 8 minutes for each prescription. Updating your information now will save time when this process begins.

**Don't be a No-Show!** Call to cancel! Not canceling your appointment ahead of time prevents other patients from getting care when they need it. Please call 256-955-8888 option 2 to cancel or reschedule your appointments.

**Walk-in-Wellness:** confidential and discreet STD testing.

**Community Care Connect:** an opportunity to speak directly with the FAHC commander, and to hear about our new offerings in person. Join us at 11 a.m. on August 20!

**Mind & Body Detox:** Dietician, Heather Hough, and Behavioral Health Consultant, Brittany Huey, are offering another Mind and Body Detox. This one to learn how to be kind to yourself in a body-obsessed world. Weekly on Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m. from September 3 – September 24. RSVP to Heather Hough at 256-955-8888, extension 1294.

**CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING**  
FOX ARMY HEALTH CENTER

*"Cervical cancer is one of the most preventable cancers, with vaccines and screening drastically reducing the risk."—Centers for Disease Control (CDC)*

According to The American Cancer Society,

<b>13,360</b> New cases of invasive cervical cancer will be diagnosed this year in the US.	<b>4,320</b> Estimated deaths from cervical cancer this year in the US.
99.7% of the cases of cervical cancer are caused by the Human Papilloma Virus—CDC	<b>HPV</b> The CDC recommends HPV vaccination for ages 11-26

**Cervical Cancer Screening Guidelines**

- Age 21-29: Start getting pap tests at age 21.
- Age 30-65: Have a pap test and an HPV test (co-testing) every 5 years.
- Age 65 and older: Discuss what is right for you with your healthcare provider.

Protect yourself! Schedule a well woman exam today by contacting Fox Army Health Center at 256-955-8888, option 2.

**The Mind and Body Detox:**  
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RSVP by August 29, 2025  
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**2025 Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament**

It's that time again. The golf committee will have its next planning meeting on **13 August**, 12 noon, at the Links. Come early for lunch.

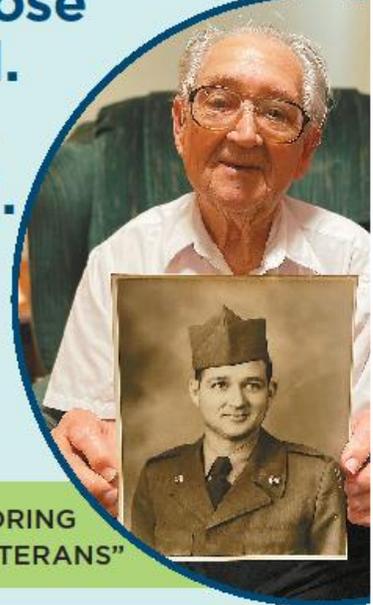
As always, we need volunteers to make the tournament successful.

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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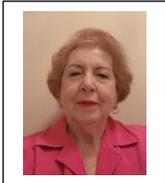
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## Surviving Spouse's Luncheon

**Mrs. Bonnie Treadway**  
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Our next luncheon will be held on Thursday, 21 August.  
Jonathan's Grill at Cliff Farms, 8184 Hwy 72 West, Madison, AL.  
We gather at 11 AM. Everyone will be called.

## Surviving Spouse Corner: Understanding Long-Term Care Insurance Policies

National statistics show that [70% of Americans will need some level of long-term care](#), which can be a range of services and support to meet your personal care needs. Most long-term care might be considered non-medical or custodial care.

The insurance industry definition of long-term care is when you cannot perform two of the [six activities of daily living](#): toileting, transferring, eating, dressing, bathing, and continence. Significant cognitive impairment might also result in the need for long-term care.

The cost of long-term care will vary depending on where you live. You will need to research the cost of long-term care for your local area. Levels of care might include an Alzheimer's disease/dementia care unit, nursing home care, assisted living, in-home care, and adult day care. In many parts of the country, the cost can be over \$100,000 a year.

The basic cost of a long-term care insurance policy is determined by your age and any health issues you might have as well as decisions you select for coverage. These might include daily benefit, home care, benefit period, lifetime benefit, and elimination period, which are all part of the basic premium. Generally, the younger you are when you buy a policy, the lower your premium will be. However, depending on the policy, the premium might not be guaranteed, and the insurance company might increase the premium.

Adding to the complexity of long-term care insurance policies are numerous riders (options) available. Every rider you choose will increase the premium cost but will also add an enhanced overall benefit. Some, but not all, of the riders available might include: percentage benefit increase, spousal shared care, waiver of premium, spousal survivorship, international benefit, cost-of-living adjustment, nursing care, nonforfeiture, shortened benefit, and paid-up benefits.

The premiums you pay for a qualified long-term care insurance policy might be included as part of your medical expenses if you itemize deductions on Schedule A on your IRS form 1040 instead of taking the standard deduction.

A long-term care insurance policy also gives you choices as to what facility you use or if you choose to stay in your home and have home health care.

The long-term care insurance industry is continuing to evolve with new and enhanced products, such as providing a death benefit if you never use it for long-term care and guaranteed fixed premiums.

Consult with an elder law attorney and a trusted financial advisor when doing your research. But please, discuss this with your spouse and plan now.



**Chaplain's Corner**  
**Col Dave McKinney, USAF-Ret**

**Psalm 23**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me  
beside the still waters.

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

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

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

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



Traveling is something many of us in the military have learned to deal with. Some of us thrived on the excitement of the move, yet I know others despised all that went into the move. Sometimes we had time to prepare for it, yet sometimes we were dealt with short notice moves - leaving no time to plan. And we persevered.

When my son was in college, his idea after he graduated college was to travel light, meaning if he could not fit all his stuff in his car, he didn't want or need it. He wanted the freedom to pick up and go, not having all the stuff we accumulate in life to carry with him.

Max Lucado wrote a book, *Traveling Light*, based on Psalm 23. In this book Max shares the many burdens we can accumulate in life; the burden of envy, the burden of grief, the burden of the grave to name but just a few. Max shares that understanding and believing the 23rd Psalm can help us lessen our burdens. The

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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: 219  
Surviving Spouses: 37

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

**Welcome New Members to Huntsville Chapter MOAA**

**None this month**

**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.

*Commissary/PX – continued from page 3*

### **Commissary**

August has kids and college students back in school. Stop by your Commissary for school snacks and to fill the home or dorm refrigerator. Also, while entering the Commissary check out the table of coupons and sales flyers – you will find several coupons covering those school necessities!

Ask for your Commissary Rewards Card – you can use it to pre-load digital coupons. Customers must visit the Commissary website beforehand to download, or "clip", their desired promotions. Follow the Commissary on Facebook or on X @YourCommissary.

Feds Feeds Families continues - at the entrance of your Commissary or just past the checkout lines you will find an opportunity to give back to your community. Pre-packaged bags for the Feds Feeds Families food drive. A wide variety of items bagged and convenient.

Also, check out the International Aisle with foods and treats from all over the world. The discount meat freezer next to the beef section usually has a good selection – ribs, chicken & more. Also, visit the produce section for items to compliment your summer grilling.

I've asked the commissary manager and the customer service office about stocking new items. Bring the empty package of the item you want with the UPC so that they can try to get it.

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### **Governing Board Vacancies**

The Chapter has several vacancies on the Governing Board that we are looking to fill with volunteers from the membership. They include:

**Surviving Spouse Liaison** – responsible for keeping the surviving spouses of the Chapter informed & look out for their welfare – you do not have to be a surviving spouse to serve

**Membership Chair** – responsible for recruiting and retention of Chapter members – this is a key position

**Webmaster** – responsible for all aspects of the Chapter website – ideally this would be a member's child or grandchild who is website savvy – this is a key position

**Publicity** – responsible for advertising Chapter events – primarily the golf tournament

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H.R.1277 — the Promote Military Spouse Act, that expands the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) to include the hiring of a qualified military spouse.

The House and Senate are working on the two defense bills for 2026. *The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)* authorizes programs and funding for the coming year and establishes key policy provisions, but the *Defense Appropriations Bill* actually provides funding. Usually, these two bills are pretty much in synch but there can be programs authorized but not funded.

- The draft Senate NDAA includes a long overdue complete overhaul of the Defense Acquisition System.
- The Senate Armed Services Committee’s \$32 billion top line increase includes authorizing billions more for the Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer (DDG-51), Virginia-class submarine and future intercontinental ballistic missile programs.
- Here’s a summary of the senate draft: [https://www.armed-services.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/fy2026\\_ndaa\\_executive\\_summary.pdf](https://www.armed-services.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/fy2026_ndaa_executive_summary.pdf)

Many MOAA priorities are in the House and Senate draft bills:

#### **Currently Serving:**

- Military Pay: Both the House and Senate versions support a base pay increase of 3.8% in 2026, which would keep pace with the [Employment Cost Index](#).
- Separation Pay: The House version would boost the Family Separation Allowance to \$400 per month.
- Allowances: The House version requires studies to improve the accuracy of both the Basic Allowance for Housing and the Basic Allowance for Subsistence, a long-standing MOAA priority.

#### **Families and Survivors:**

- Child Care: The House version includes a three-year extension of the [In-Home Child Care pilot program](#), providing fee assistance for military families seeking in-home care.
- Impact Aid: *Funding targeted for communities near large military installations because military personnel living on base do not pay property or school taxes but their children attend the local school systems.* The Senate version authorizes \$50 million “to educational agencies affected by the enrollment of military and DoD civilian dependents” along with \$10 million in impact aid payments for children with disabilities and \$20 million “for local educational agencies determined by the Secretary of Defense to have high concentrations of military children with severe disabilities.” The House version authorizes \$35 million to local educational agencies impacted by the presence of tax-exempt federal property and an additional \$10 million for locations serving military-connected children with severe disabilities.
- Food Security: The House bill excludes BAH from the eligibility calculation for the Basic Needs Allowance, [a long-standing MOAA priority](#).
- Housing: The House bill requires a Government Accountability Office (GAO) review of privatized military family housing inventory.

#### **Retirees and Veterans**

- Transition Help: The House bill enhances the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) by standardizing the presentation of VA offerings while introducing transitioning service members to VA-approved veterans

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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		
_____ Phone Number	_____ E-mail Address	_____ Signature			

**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](mailto:brobinso1976@gmail.com).

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

***Spread the word!***

**Membership Meeting**  
**27 August 2025**  
**1100 – Summit Club**

**Guest Speaker: TBD**

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**Menu:** Country Fried Steak with White Pepper Gravy; Baked Chicken – Bone-In; House Tossed Salad with Ranch Dressing; Wild and Long Grain Garden Rice; Apple Cobbler; Rolls with Butter; Iced Tea, Water and Coffee

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

**RSVP:** COL John Vanderbleek, 256-893-1565, [jvbleek78@gmail.com](mailto:jvbleek78@gmail.com) NLT 23 August 2025.



**27 Birthdays in August**

MAJ John V Yelverton, USA  
COL John D Rivenburgh, USA  
Lt Col Ronald G Harvey, USAF  
CW5 Paul M Steele, USA  
COL William A Holbrook, USA  
Lt Col Garry M Moore, USAF  
Mrs. Carol H Freyder  
COL Gene Lesinski, USA  
CDR David B Campbell, USN  
LTC Norman P Hopkins, USA  
MAJ Richard J Quinones, USA  
MAJ Albert G Lang, USA  
COL Arthur S Irish, USA

MAJ Lewis M Davidson, USA  
Mrs. Judith McKinley Jr  
Col Frederick J Driesbach, USAF  
MAJ Warner A Davis, USA  
COL Michael C Barron, USA  
Col William D McKinney, USAF  
COL William J Roberts, USA  
LTC David A Diehl, USA  
COL Ronald C Crowley, USA  
LTC Richard A Carter, USA  
CPT Camden J Kent Jr, USA  
Capt William L Jackson, US  
MAJ Raymond L Springsteen, 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](mailto:brobinso1976@gmail.com) so it can be included in future newsletters. Thank you.

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Lord is our Shepherd...and just like a good shepherd He is watching over us, so that we don't need to carry those burdens. My son wanted to be able to travel light. I also want to travel light, but not necessarily for the same way my son wanted to. I want to travel through life without all the burdens that weigh me down, letting me be free to answer God's call.

I firmly believe that God wants each of us to be able to travel light, not bogged down in all the burdens we face in life -- He wants us to travel through our journey letting Him carry those burdens for us.

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



Blessings, Dave



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

### **TAPS**

**Mr. Alvin Mortimer Jupiter** - 96, passed away peacefully July 13, 2025 in Sun City Center, Florida. Born August 31, 1928 in New York City, Al was preceded in death by his parents, Rae Schuman Jupiter Friedman and Alfred F. Jupiter, his brother Philip Jupiter, his wife of 44 years Sylvia Wagner Jupiter, and his grandson Richard A. Hernandez, III.

Al is survived by daughters Karen Pline (David) and Ellen Hernandez (Richard). He leaves behind five grandchildren: Samantha Barry (Micah), Zachary Pline (Catherine), Jacob Pline, Anna Olson (Brett) and Richard M. Hernandez. He also leaves two great-grandchildren, Isla and Nora Pline, and his dear companion of 12 years, Cathy Katz.

Al graduated from The Bronx High School of Science in 1946 and completed his undergraduate degree in Biology at Brooklyn College in 1949. He later received an MBA from The Florida Institute of Technology. He met his wife Sylvia while both served in the US Army Chemical Corps in Maryland. They moved to Huntsville in 1958 for Al to work on the space program. Al retired from NASA in 1981 after working on all of NASA's significant programs including Mercury, Gemini, Apollo, Skylab, Space Lab and the Space Shuttle.

Al was active in the community and sports, playing in local golf, tennis and table tennis leagues. He loved music and played mandolin and piano in musical groups in Huntsville and Sun City Center. Al was deeply involved in Temple B'nai Shalom and the Jewish community in Huntsville. He served as President of both the Temple Brotherhood and B'nai Brith. He was also a 32nd degree Mason.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Temple B'nai Shalom, Huntsville, Alabama.

Graveside service was held Thursday, July 17th at 10 AM at Maple Hill Cemetery in Huntsville, AL.

**Mrs. Esther Smith Gober** – had a remarkable life spanning more than 105 years. Mrs. Gober was predeceased by her husband, Lewis LaRon Gober, of 66 years. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Stuart Jr. and Henry, and five sisters, Mary, Elizabeth, Grace, Martha, and Kathyryne. She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

She attended Mississippi University for Women and Delta State University. While her husband was serving in the Army in WWII, from 1943-46, she worked at the Mississippi Ordnance Plant and U.S. Army Foster General Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi. From 1946 to 1951, she worked in bookkeeping at Coburg Dairy and I. M. Pearstine & Sons, Charleston, SC. In 1951, she accepted a position in the office, Chief of Ordnance in the Pentagon. In 1956, she relocated to the U.S. Army Ballistic Missile Agency in Huntsville, AL, as the Administrative Officer, Control Office. In 1964, she accepted the position of Administrative Officer, Saturn I/IB Program Office, Industrial Operations, Marshall Space Flight Center, NASA. In 1968, she accepted a position with the Automated Logistics Management Systems Agency, St. Louis, Missouri. She took early retirement in 1972 to care for her ailing father in Kosciusko, Mississippi. In 1981, she returned to Huntsville, AL.

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Esther was a loving, caring wife, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend. She had a generous spirit and took delight in giving away her wonderful home cooking. She was known for her lemon extract cake, fruit cake, pecan pie, "smilies", garden-fresh vegetables, and sweet iced tea. In addition to her many years of hospitality and entertaining, Esther enjoyed painting florals with watercolor. She loved Magnolia Trace and served as an ambassador there for many years.

Memorial services for Mrs. Gober were held in the Magnolia Room at Magnolia Trace (1 Clubhouse Ave. SW, Huntsville, AL) on Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 4:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Magnolia Trace Endowment Fund, 1 Clubhouse Ave. SW, Huntsville, AL 35802.

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



## **Programs Information**

Sending this out to the Huntsville MOAA Faithful to see if there is enough interest to put a group travel plan together for this coming fall. If you are interested, please send reply to [jvbleek78@gmail.com](mailto:jvbleek78@gmail.com) stating how many in your party would like to attend.

1. Chattanooga, TN Rock City [Discover Rock City - Rock City](#)
2. Chattanooga, TN Aquarium; [Tennessee Aquarium · Chattanooga Attractions • IMAX Movies](#)
3. Chattanooga, TN Chickamauga Civil War Battlefield Tour; [Chickamauga Battlefield - Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#)
4. Top of the Rock Café, Jasper, TN; [Top of the Rock Restaurant & Brewery](#)
5. Ms. Mary BoBo's Restaurant, Lynchburg, TN; [Miss Mary Bobo's Boarding House & Restaurant | Lynchburg TN Visitors Guide](#)

The following link is for those who would be interested in adult programs. See the information at their website: Learning Quest "Adult Learning and Enrichment Programs". Year-Round opportunities in the Huntsville area. \$20 annual membership fee gives you access to a number of classes and programs on a variety of topics and interests. [Membership | Learning QUEST](#)

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- service organizations that can assist with transition into civilian life and navigating benefits available to service members and their families.

**DoD Health Care**

- **Dental Readiness:** The House bill provides no-cost dental coverage under TRICARE for members of the reserve component.
- **Improved Access to Care:** The House bill would create a pilot program designed to streamline access to OB-GYN care by providing it without a referral to TRICARE Prime beneficiaries. It would also institute a five-year pilot treating pregnancy as a qualifying life event for the purposes of eligibility to enroll in TRICARE Select.

President Trump signed the “rescission” bill revoking \$9.1 billion of congressionally approved funding for foreign aid (\$8 billion) and public broadcasting (\$1.1 billion) that DOGE classified as wasteful spending. A rescission bill is a legislative measure, rarely used by a president, that cancels previously approved budget authority preventing the spending of allocated funds. This bill eliminates virtually all funding for the U.S. Agency for International Development (foreign aid) and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting that funds National Public Radio and the Public Broadcasting System (PBS).

The Senate confirmed Gen. Michael Guetlein, a former program executive officer at the Missile Defense Agency in Huntsville, to lead the Golden Dome project. Senate confirmation is a step toward making President Trump’s Golden Dome, a multi-layered homeland defense shield, a reality. Trump estimates the massive project will cost around \$175 billion and be completed by the end of his term in 2029.

**2026 COLA Watch:** 2.7% is the current estimate for the 2026 Social Security COLA increase. The official COLA will be determined based on data from July to September, so this figure could go up or down slightly by end of September. The estimate for the Medicare Part B deduction increase is more than the COLA increase. But the “hold harmless provision” in Social Security legislation ensures that your 2026 Social Security payment will not go down, but many of us may be trading water for 2026.

**Alabama Legislation:**

It will take at least a year and \$50 to \$60 million to rebuild the badly damaged Command Sgt. Maj. Bennie G. Adkins State Veterans Home in Enterprise after an April fire. The veterans home, that opened only about six months before the fire, cost \$98.8 million to build. Residents had to be housed in other locations temporarily because the fire damaged the building containing the kitchen and the laundry impacting critical services.

State Legislators are beginning to draft bills for the 2026 legislative session. A proposal from Sen. Arthur Orr, R-Decatur, would prohibit the purchase of candy and soda under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), sometimes referred to as food stamps. The draft bill requires the Alabama Department of Human Resources to request a waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Services to ban candy and soda. Several other states have gotten similar waivers in recent months.

Rep. Phillip Ensler, D-Montgomery, has decided he will not seek reelection in 2026. The first-term representative won the redrawn district 74 in 2022, defeating an incumbent Republican with 60% of the vote. Ensler will continue to serve through the end of his term in 2026.

Rep. Matt Simpson, R-Daphne, has pre-filed a bill that would make “murder in which there was an intent to create a great risk of death to multiple persons” subject to the death penalty. Critics say evidence shows the death penalty does not act as a deterrent. 

## Using TRICARE For Life Overseas

Summer brings lots of exciting opportunities for travel. But what happens when an unexpected accident occurs while you are enjoying your vacation overseas?

Prior planning for an emergency allows you to focus on fun rather than the uncertainty surrounding foreign health care. These tips will help you better understand your TRICARE For Life and Medicare coverage ... and provide some peace of mind for your travels.

### **Coverage 101**

For those enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B traveling in the U.S. or its territories, Medicare remains your primary payer and TRICARE For Life still acts a wraparound Medicare supplement.

However, when you travel overseas, Medicare does not provide any coverage. TRICARE becomes your primary payer in medical emergencies.

### **What It Will Cost**

When TRICARE becomes primary, you'll be responsible for paying TRICARE's annual deductible and cost shares. The 2024 deductible is \$150 per individual per year, no more than \$300 per family. Overseas, the cost share for beneficiaries is 25% of the TRICARE allowed amount.

The 2024 catastrophic cap for TRICARE For Life is \$3,000; that's the most you should pay out of pocket for any covered care.

### **How It Works**

You may generally seek care from any overseas civilian provider without a referral. However, services such as nonemergency inpatient admissions for substance use and mental health care do require [prior authorization or a referral](#).

You can get care at a [military hospital or clinic overseas](#), if space is available. You can also use the [Overseas Provider Directory](#) to find a network provider, although some countries may have few (or no) network providers.

Although many areas of the world have less-expensive health care than the U.S., there is no limit on the amount that non-network providers can charge overseas. In addition to the deductible and cost shares, you'll be responsible for any amount that exceeds the [TRICARE-allowable charge](#), and that amount won't apply toward the catastrophic cap.

If you see a civilian provider, be prepared to pay up front. Ask for an itemized bill and keep the receipt/invoice. You'll have to submit the receipt and [file a claim](#) with the TRICARE Overseas Program regional contractor, International SOS, to be reimbursed.

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You'll have to file with the claims processor for the overseas areas where you got care within three years of the date of service.

If you travel to the [Philippines](#), you must get care from a Preferred Provider or Certified Provider. In the case of emergent/urgent care, beneficiaries should go to the nearest emergency facility for care, but should contact [Global 24 Network Services](#), a subcontractor of International SOS, before leaving the facility, preferably within 24 hours.

If you have questions about coverage or finding care, you can contact the International SOS contractor for the region where you are traveling.

### **Overseas Claims Contacts**

Full contact information for International SOS is available [at this link](#). Some regional resources:

#### **TRICARE Eurasia-Africa (Africa, Europe, Middle East)**

- +44-20-8762-8384 (overseas)
- 1-877-678-1207 (stateside)
- [TRICARElon@internationalsos.com](mailto:TRICARElon@internationalsos.com)

#### **TRICARE Latin America and Canada**

- +1-215-942-8393 (overseas)
- 1-877-451-8659 (stateside)
- [TRICAREphl@internationalsos.com](mailto:TRICAREphl@internationalsos.com)

#### **TRICARE Pacific-Singapore**

- +65-6339-2676 (overseas)
- 1-877-678-1208 (stateside)
- [TRICARE@internationalsos.com](mailto:TRICARE@internationalsos.com)

#### **TRICARE Pacific-Sydney**

- +61-2-9273-2710 (overseas)
- 1-877-678-1209 (stateside)
- [sydTRICARE@internationalsos.com](mailto:sydTRICARE@internationalsos.com)

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## **Medical Evacuation**

What if you're on a cruise, or on safari, or in some other remote location and have an emergency that requires an air evacuation? TRICARE does cover air evacuation if:

- A regular ambulance can't get to you.
- You are far from the nearest facility.
- You can't get care at the nearest facility.
- You must be seen quickly.

It's important to note TRICARE will only get you to the *closest facility* where you can receive care. This does NOT mean TRICARE will evacuate you to the U.S.

## **Before Your Trip**

Make sure all routine medical visits are completed before your trip and you have all necessary prescriptions for the length of your journey.

If you are concerned about medical evacuation or having to pay up front for health care costs, consider purchasing travel health insurance, either for the trip or as an annual policy. Some credit cards may also carry medevac coverage. Those with pre-existing conditions may need to purchase insurance by a certain number of days after their first trip payment to have those conditions covered by the policy.

Stil have questions? MOAA Premium and Life members have exclusive access to our subject-matter experts on staff. If you are not a member but are interested in joining, you can find additional information [at this link](#).



## Weather Scams

When natural disasters strike, there's often a scramble to save lives and valuables. Amid the confusion and stress, there's also the risk of identity theft.

Sadly, criminals have been known to steal sensitive personal information—such as bank account statements, passports, or Social Security cards—from abandoned or damaged homes after storms.

### Before a weather emergency

#### **Know your geography and plan accordingly**

Get a lay of the land if you live in an area that's prone to natural disasters. That way you can better determine how, where, and when to protect yourself, your loved ones, and your valuables—including important documents—*before* an emergency arises.

For example, in addition to wind damage, hurricanes often bring flooding. So if you live in a hurricane-prone area, make sure to keep documents in a waterproof container.

Additionally, take a few minutes to stash sensitive papers and other valuables in a designated "go-bag." This will save you the hassle of packing under pressure.

#### **Prepare documents for a quick getaway**

We live in a digital age, but it's still important to keep and safely store physical copies of the following: Social Security cards, birth certificates, driver's licenses, marriage licenses, passports, and anything else that's specifically related to your identity.

Keep them all in the same protected place—be it a bolted-down safe or a plastic bag—so you're not scrambling to find stuff at the last minute.

Think twice about digitally replicating the documents listed above. By doing so, you're essentially creating a second door for criminals to enter—and you've made it far easier for them to share your personal information with others. But if you must make back-ups, store them remotely using an online password service, not on your easily damaged computer.

### After a weather emergency

#### **Look out for scammers**

During recovery efforts, thieves often pose as government officials, housing inspectors, or general contractors in order to steal money or personal information, which they can then use in a variety of harmful ways like applying for government or insurance benefits in your name.

Know that relief workers won't ask for money or information like your Social Security or account numbers. And if a contractor offers to help with repairs, check if they're licensed—and don't be afraid to ask for references.

#### **Replace personal documents**

If your identity-related documents were damaged, lost, or left behind, replace them in this order:

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- **Your birth certificate:** Replace it through your area’s vital records office.
- **Your driver’s license:** Request a “replacement license” through your local department of motor vehicles, online or in person.
- **Your Social Security card:** Check [USA.gov](http://USA.gov) for state-specific information about replacing your card.

If you also need a new passport, which is issued by the federal government, bring all three documents—birth certificate, license, and Social Security card—to a designated passport provider.

These measures might seem challenging in already difficult circumstances, but being aware of fraud may be the best way to protect your future. 

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Investing in Our Future: Supporting Quality Healthcare for All

## DO YOU HAVE OTHER HEALTH INSURANCE (OHI)?



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- ✓ Ensure you’re not overpaying for services.
- ✓ Protect your benefits—don’t risk gaps in coverage.
- ✓ Helps us serve you better and faster.
- ✓ See improvements in facilities, expanded services, and enhanced care.

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**WALK-IN WELLNESS** 

*"Confidential & Discreet STI Testing--No Provider Visit Required"*

**How does it work?**

1. Go to FAHC Laboratory
2. Select "Walk-in Wellness Testing" at kiosk
3. Lab collects blood & urine samples.
4. Nurse will call and coordinate treatment if positive.

**What will I be tested for?**

- HIV
- Chlamydia
- Gonorrhea
- Syphilis
- Hepatitis Panel

**Who can use this service?** Any TRICARE Beneficiary who is at least 14, is not pregnant, and has no current symptoms of an STI.

**Why should I get tested?**

**Why Get Tested?** Knowing your STI status is an important step in stopping the spread of infection. Untreated infections can cause more health problems.

**When should I get tested?**

Within one week of unprotected sex with a new partner.

At least 28 days after last STI treatment.

**At least 28 days after last STI treatment**

**Within 1 week after unprotected sex**

**See your doctor or go to the ER immediately if you are having:**

- Testicle pain
- Abdominal pain
- Pelvic pain
- Fever
- Discharge from penis, vagina, anus

**What can you do to protect yourself?**

**Be Safe Stay Healthy**

- Wear condoms 100%
- Abstain from all sexual activity
- Have sex with just one person that you trust
- Get the HPV vaccine

**CONTACT US** For more information contact:  
Army Public Health Nursing at (256) 955-8888 Ext. 1026 or your PCM.

## **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](mailto:brobinso1976@gmail.com) or 256-426-0525.

## Important Dates in August

- 1 August - Anne Frank penned her last entry into her diary (1944)
- 2 August - President Warren G. Harding died suddenly while in office (1923)
- 2 August- Albert Einstein wrote a letter to President Roosevelt concerning atomic weapons (1939)
- 2 August - The Iraqi army invaded Kuwait (1990)
- 3 August - Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain (1492)
- 5 August - Film star Marilyn Monroe died at age 36 (1962)
- 6 August - The first atomic bomb was dropped over Hiroshima (1945)
- 6 August – The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was signed into law (1965)
- 7 August – The US Congress approved the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution (1964)
- 8 August - Soviet Russia declared war on Japan (1945)
- 9 August - The second atomic bombing of Japan occurred over Nagasaki (1945)
- 9 August - Richard M. Nixon resigned the presidency (1974)
- 11-16 August - Six days of riots began in the Watts area of Los Angeles (1965)
- 13 August – Golf Meeting – Links – 1200**
- 13 August - The Berlin Wall came into existence (1961)
- 14 August – Monthly Board Meeting – 1100 – Java Café**
- 14 August - President Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act (1935)
- 14 August – Japan surrenders, ending World War II (1945)
- 15 August - Woodstock began in a field near Bethel, New York (1969)
- 16 August - Gold was discovered in the Klondike River in Alaska (1896)
- 16 August – Elvis Presley died (1977)
- 17 August - The first transatlantic balloon trip was completed by three Americans (1978)
- 18 August - The 19th Amendment was ratified, granting women the right to vote (1920)
- 21 August – Hawaii became the 50<sup>th</sup> state (1959)
- 22 August - A volcanic eruption under Lake Nios in Cameroon killed more than 1,500 persons (1986)
- 24-25 August - British forces burned the Capitol, the White House and other public buildings (1814)
- 26 August – A volcano erupted on the island of Krakatoa, killing over 36,000 people (1883)
- 27 August – Monthly Member Meeting – 1100 – Summit Club**
- 28 August – The march on Washington, DC, attended by over 250,000 people (1963)
- 31 August - Britain's Princess Diana died at age 36 (1997)

