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



Greetings all!

I was going to mow the lawn today. However, as I type this, the sky is black, the rain is pouring, and the thunder rolls! Guess I dodged that bullet? I have a desk covered with paperwork and a dining room full of tournament “junk” that are both calling for my attention...

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29th, at the Summit Club with our regular Meet and Greet starting at 1030. Our guest speaker will be Wes Kelley, the CEO of Huntsville Utilities. There have been a lot of changes to our Nation’s energy resource management since he last talked to us in 2022 and our bills (not just electric) certainly reflect it! This should be a great meeting so come early and bring your questions. **RSVPs are now open.** Please send them to John Vanderbleek at jvbleek78@gmail.com or 256.893.1565. Remember that family & guests are welcome.

Once again, our annual Golf Tournament was a complete success! We received a lot of compliments from the participants and sponsors. We are still working on the financial totals which will be presented to membership at the October meeting. Many thanks to all the players, volunteers, and sponsors/donors. A list of the sponsors and donors is included in this edition of the Sentinel.

FYI, we have some additional upcoming events:

- RAD – October 31st; I will provide the RAD Bulletin to all members with an email address as soon as I receive it. FYI, CAPT Frost from MOAA National will be the featured speaker and update us on the latest from inside the Beltway.
- Veterans Day Parade – November 11th – we are registered for 2 vehicles.
- December 6th – Chapter Holiday Party at The Overlook starting at 5pm. See the flyer in this Sentinel. Send in your RSVPs as soon as possible.

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 October and make sure you are ready for winter!

Rick

The next member meeting is on 29 October – the guest speaker is Mr. Wes Kelley – CEO of Huntsville Utilities

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Legislative Corner COL John Fairlamb, USA-Ret

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Federal Legislation:

The Support Military Families Act (H.R. 977) aims to permit federal employees who are spouses of military members to telework or work remotely. While the bill has not yet passed, bipartisan support and advocacy have already influenced the administration to grant temporary exemptions for military spouses.

The Military Spouse Hiring Act (H.R. 2033 and S. 1027) (a MOAA priority) has been introduced in both the House and Senate and referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. The bill, sponsored by a bipartisan group of legislators, aims to encourage the hiring of military spouses by adding them to the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) program.

On 19 September, the House approved a short-term, clean continuing resolution (CR) to fund government operations until 21 November to avert a shutdown at month's end, sending the bill to the Senate. Later in the day, the Senate voted against the House bill. Both chambers are in recess until 29 September leaving only 2 working days until the end of FY-25.

Debate in the Senate is over whether to have a clean CR, meaning an agreement just to extend the current spending levels until a 2026 budget is passed, or a CR with some added funding for health care to replace some of the cuts made in the Big Beautiful Bill Act.

Congress' failure to agree on a budget means there will be either a bad or a worse outcome for the start of the new fiscal year. Either both houses will reach agreement on a CR by 1 October, or there will be a government shutdown for some period of time.

The House and Senate continue work 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. The House passed it's version of the NDAA September 10th. The centerpiece of the House bill is a [wide-ranging proposal](#) meant to streamline the defense acquisition process by cutting the time it takes to validate requirements for new procurement programs. The Senate draft NDAA also includes a complete

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Exchange

We are stocking up for Halloween! Stop by your Exchange or go online and get your Halloween costumes, décor and entertaining needs. Shop early for best selection. The Exchange will also have a Trunk or Treat - check with them for date, time, and specifics.

Columbus Day Specials are on their way. A huge furniture savings event. Bassett & Ashley for all rooms in your house all on sale through mid-October. Also, 18 months special financing when you use your STAR card!

Use your Military Star card and enjoy 10% off (occasionally more) at both Redstone Exchange Food Courts. Download the food apps (Burger King, Subway, and Popeye's) for even more savings. If you haven't gotten your STAR card yet, make a list of items you've always wanted. Keep it handy and apply for the STAR card - because ALL your first day military exchange purchases are at least 10% off!

Join us in October for our annual Exchange celebration honoring our Military retiree family. The new AAFES Toy Book should be available in late October—offering toys on sale through December! Be sure to get your copy or check on line!

Black Friday is coming up. Guns and ammo usually have a special sale of 20% off. Starting 26 September, with your STAR card, the gun shop has 10% Beretta firearms, 10% off rifle ammo, and 20% off Holosun Advanced Rifle Optics.

Your Exchange price matches! Not applicable to warehouse stores (like Amazon), and competitors ad required for items over \$10. Must be the identical item/model number.

Every month, check out the online sweepstakes! This month a Red Bull KTM bike, \$1,000 gift card, and several happy birthday Air Force items are available. Also, check out your Exchange on Facebook!

Shopette

The shopette is undergoing a major remodel, and the alcohol is scattered all over the store. If you can't find the item you want, they probably have it in the back.

Huge savings on individual and case lots sales. Glühwein is now available at your shopette! Eggnog arriving soon! Peach Schnapps arriving soon! Christmas gift sets are also starting to arrive. Check out the wine of the month and the "What's New?" with newly offered wines and spirits.

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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.

Mrs. Louise Garman

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



The Latest News from FAHC

- **Alabama Raises Medical Consent Age to 16 with Passage of SB101**
The state of Alabama has updated its laws regarding medical consent with the enactment of Senate Bill 101 (SB101), 1 October 2025. This legislation raises the age at which individuals can generally consent to medical treatment from 14 to 16 years of age.
- The bill includes provisions for exceptions in cases of emergency medical care, treatment for sexually transmitted infections, substance abuse, and mental health services under specific conditions.
- Now available! ScriptCenter at the PX. A new secure, convenient, and private way to pick up your refills!
- Fox Army Health Center will close at noon on October 17, 2025 to allow staff to enjoy Organization Day.
- The FAHC Walk n Chalk event to honor survivors, remember loved ones, and raise awareness for breast cancer and cancer screening is on October 24 at 1 p.m. (flyer attached)
- Fox Army Health Center will close at noon on November 7, 2025 to allow staff to attend FAHC Town Hall.
- Need to cancel or reschedule your appointment? Don't Be a No-Show. Call Fox Army Health Center at 256-955-8888 option 2.



You've served our country. Let us serve you.
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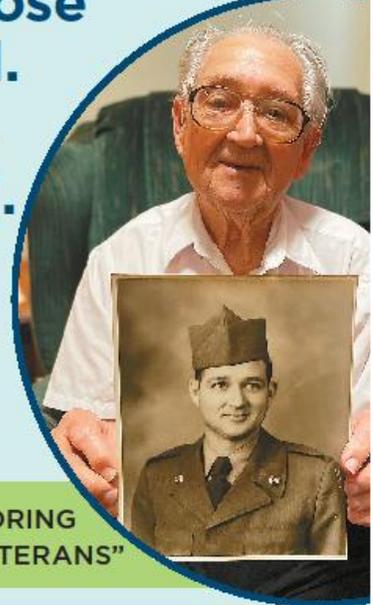
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Use the Madison County Property Notification System to secure title to your property. Title fraud is increasing and it's a legal nightmare for property owners who have property sold out from under them. The Alabama Legislature hopes to help prevent title fraud by requiring more notarization of documents and providing legal recourse for property fraud victims during the 2026 legislative session. But you can increase protection for your home now by going to the Madison County website and placing a property notification request on your real estate page so you will be notified of any changes to your property information. **It's easy and it's free.**

1. First go to <https://www.madisoncountyal.gov>
2. Click on Departments along the top tabs
3. Click on Tax Assessor
4. Go to Appraisals and Assessment Data
5. Enter your last name and first name in the left column
6. Find your property and hit the Details tab
7. Find the Blue Property Notification tab on the right side near the top of the screen... click on the tab
8. Fill in your telephone and email address and hit save. You will receive a confirmation email that your property is subscribed to the notification system.

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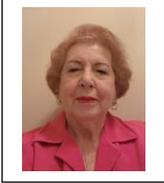
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Surviving Spouse's Luncheon

Mrs. Bonnie Treadway
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Our next luncheon will be held on Thursday, 30 October, at the Redstone Arsenal Chapel. We gather at 11:00 AM. There will also be a program held at 9:30 AM for those who wish to attend. All will be notified.

Surviving Spouse Corner: Writing Your Legacy

"The legacy you leave is the life you lead." -- Unknown

As spouses and survivors of those who have served and defended our freedoms and our country, we play a vital role. We have very interesting and unique stories to tell.

Sharing your legacy – telling your story – will contribute to a more realistic narrative about life in the military and what it means to be a military spouse. It will better describe the roles we as military spouses and survivors have played. We have demonstrated leadership, strength, flexibility, dependability, and determination.

Over the years, whether our spouse was on active duty or retired, we have worked alongside, in front, and behind. We are often recognized as the unsung heroes of the military establishment.

Sharing Your Story

How do you begin to write about your legacy? First, decide how you want to tell your story: It can be an essay, a video, a recording, a letter, a blog, or a combination of different methods.

Next, decide on your audience: Family? Friends? Colleagues? Community? Of course, you can always produce several versions, depending on your audience and method.

Our stories – our legacy – can demonstrate the unique experiences and challenges we faced when married to a servicemember. These stories provide a personal perspective on military life as we know it. They showcase the many challenges of frequent moves, deployments, and how it all can affect our families, especially our children.

When writing your story, share the experiences that will educate your readers and create understanding about the different challenges you encountered. Share lessons learned along with any failures ... and successes! Also share stories about special relationships, the numerous moves and major choices you made. Your stories will be celebrated, cherished, and appreciated by your family, friends, and colleagues.

Many stories will turn out to be shared experiences. I travel a lot and talk to MOAA chapters and other military-associated groups where I always tell my story. As I talk about the frequent moves, my constant job changes, making furniture fit, the quarters assigned, and the undesirable locations, I always see a lot of heads nodding "Yes, I know!" right along with me.

And then I hear from other military spouses and survivors – different stories, unique experiences, and outcomes with lessons to be learned.

During the military life we have shared with our spouses, we have demonstrated dedication, unwavering support, resilience, sacrifice, solidarity, and courage through many deployments and relocations. Make your story real:

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Chaplain's Corner
Col Dave McKinney, USAF-Ret

Psalm 1

- 1 Blessed is the man
 who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,
or set foot on the path of sinners,
 or sit in the seat of mockers.
- 2 But his delight is in the Law of the LORD,
 and on His law he meditates day and night.
- 3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water,
 yielding its fruit in season,
whose leaf does not wither,
 and who prospers in all he does.
- 4 Not so the wicked!
 For they are like chaff driven off by the wind.
- 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
 nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD guards the path of the righteous,
 but the way of the wicked will perish.



I spent the past few weeks looking over my life, the many trials and the many blessings I've faced. I've spent time thinking about the many people I've met, the acquaintances who fell by the wayside and those who I count as friends.

Growing up, my parents would tell me to remember who I was. They really stressed that friendships could be good, but could also lead you down the primrose path to major trouble. This made me think to make sure I paid attention to who I hung out with growing up. There were some bad influencers for sure, and I did find myself in trouble sometimes, even finding myself in jail once while in high school. Yet, for some reason these so-called friends and I never seem to click. More than 50 years later, I still stay in touch with some of my childhood, even though our lives have widely diverged. We all consider ourselves successful. And to be honest, my childhood acquaintances, who seem to always like to be in trouble, have gone radio silent, nary a word from or about them (even in our class reunions).

Psalm 1 makes this so clear. It's words I've used with my children,

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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: 258
Regular Members: 221
Surviving Spouses: 37

New this month: 3
Deaths this month: 2
Renewals: 0

Welcome New Members to Huntsville Chapter MOAA

Mrs. Angela Inman
COL John Schulz, USA
LTC Marc Jacobson, 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.

Commissary/PX – continued from page 3

Commissary

Be advised that the Commissary has re-arranged all of the items on all of the aisles. Basically, the entire store layout has been modified. Many people were complaining about not being able to find things. If you have not been there recently, be forewarned.

Football season continues! Your Commissary has you covered for all the chips, dips, sauces, marinades, steaks, chops, chicken wings and whatever else you might need to make your tail gating party one of the best! Also, mixed nuts, cashews and pistachios!

Don't forget, while entering the Commissary, check out the table of coupons and sales flyers – you will find several coupons covering those football party necessities! Also check out the local made honey.

Your Commissary also has a huge selection of candies for Halloween - (M&M's, snickers, lollipops, and more!) right in the center of the store in the Club Pack Savings Isle! They also have fruit cake and all the materials if you want to make your own! Red and green cherries, ginger/lemon peel, citron – everything you need!

Keep in mind for your holiday planning - the bakery and deli can create meat and cheese trays or/and sandwich trays. Please call 256-876-3517 and provide a two-hour notice. Your Commissary also takes the STAR card.

Don't forget, you can connect with your Commissary on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, and YouTube. 

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

JOIN FOX ARMY HEALTH CENTER IN RAISING AWARENESS AND SUPPORTING EARLY DETECTION

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WALK

Friday, October 24th at 1:00 pm

BREAST CANCER IN OUR COMMUNITY

According to the Alabama Department of Public Health, Madison County's breast cancer incidence rate is 156.1 per 100,000, which is higher than the Alabama state overall rate of 124.7/100K.

TAKE ACTION

- Women ages 40-74 at average risk: Get a mammogram annually.
- Women with higher risk (family history, BRCA1/2 mutation, prior chest radiation): Talk with your provider about starting screening earlier & adding breast MRI in addition to mammography.
- Women 75 and older: Screening decisions should be based on overall health and discussed with a healthcare provider.

Fox Army Health Center is here to support you in making informed choices about breast health. To schedule an appointment, call 256-955-8888 option 2.

overhaul of the Defense Acquisition System.

Many MOAA priorities are in the House and Senate draft bills and as soon as the Senate passes its version, the two bills will go to a conference committee to resolve differences and agree on the text for a final bill.

2026 COLA Watch: Consumer prices rose 2.9% in August from a year earlier as tariffs are raising the price of goods according to a survey of economists. Excluding volatile food and energy costs, core inflation is expected to have increased 3.1%, the same as in July. As of late September, the estimated COLA for 2026 is 2.7% but this does not include the September data. The official COLA will be announced in October based on average data from July, August and September, so this figure will probably go up slightly.

The estimate for the Medicare Part B deduction increase could be more than the COLA increase, but the “hold harmless provision” in Social Security legislation ensures your 2026 Social Security payment will not go down.

Alabama Legislation: Legislators are pre-filing bills for consideration in the 2026 session.

Legislators have been holding meetings to discuss tying a portion of state funding for public four-year colleges and universities to performance metrics such as graduation rates and workforce placement. Legislators think outcomes-based funding could better align Alabama’s 14 public universities with workforce and economic needs making Alabama’s colleges and universities part of the plan to help raise the state’s labor force participation rate which is among the lowest in the nation, and encourage graduates to stay in Alabama. Future funding could be tied to how well colleges and universities are meeting these metrics.

From the national anthem to pronouns, Alabama lawmakers are bringing back bills for the 2026 legislative session that didn’t pass in the 2025 session. Nearly all of the first batch of education-related pre-filed bills are focused on ongoing debates over what happens inside public schools as well as broader questions of safety, parental rights and health. Issues such as playing the national anthem; allowing time for religious instruction; increasing penalties for making a terrorist threat against a school; allowing volunteer chaplains in the schools; giving parents parental leave from work to attend school events and allowing students to be exempted from vaccine and testing requirements with a parent’s written note, are just a few that will be debated again.

The Legislative Sunset Committee is taking a closer look at the dozens of agencies that collect annual fees, some totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars per year, from Alabamians who are required by state law to hold an occupational license ranging from bail bondsmen to pharmacists. (Sunset provisions can be included in funding bills to be sure funding levels get a relook and are not just continued.) Now witnesses answering questions about licensure boards’ spending, revenue or their fees on licensees will be sworn in and asked to tell the truth in an effort to start holding people accountable for untruthful comments or rhetoric. Previously, these sunset meetings have been non-events and largely a rubber-stamping of reauthorizations.

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HCMOAA Treasurer's Report for July 2025

Submitted by Col Dave McKinney, USAF-Ret

**Treasurer's Reports
will resume next
month**

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 August 2025

Lt Col Monty and Nancy Hand, USAF (Ret.)
Anonymous (2)

Total received for September:	\$1100.00
Total received CY25:	\$1600.00



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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		
_____ Phone Number	_____ E-mail Address	_____ Signature			

Attention Annual Members

It is not too early to renew your membership for next year
 The Chapter has one of, if not the, lowest membership rates in the country at \$10

Those members needing to renew are listed on page 19

You can also renew for multiple years and lock in that low rate
 Don't know when your membership expires? Contact MAJ Bruce Robinson at
 256-426-0525 or brobinso1976@gmail.com.

Don't want to worry about renewing ever again - consider becoming a Chapter Life Member – contact
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Membership Meeting
29 October 2025
1100 – Summit Club

Guest Speaker: Mr. Wes Kelley
CEO – Huntsville Utilities

Wes Kelley is the President and CEO of Huntsville Utilities, which provides service to over 200,000 electric, 100,000 water, and 56,000 natural gas customers in Huntsville and Madison County, Alabama. Huntsville Utilities is the 17th largest publicly-owned utility service in the nation.

In addition to electricity, natural gas, and water, Huntsville Utilities operates a citywide fiberoptic infrastructure to provide high-speed telecommunication services in the community. This network is used by Google Fiber, to provide its high-speed internet service to the residential and business community.

Mr. Kelley is chairman of the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association’s Board of Directors. He previously chaired the Regulatory/Contract Compliance Advisory Group and served on the Tennessee Valley Authority’s Regional Energy Resource Council, Customer Planning Council, and Integrated Resource Plan Working Group.

In his community, Mr. Kelley is a graduate of Huntsville Leadership Flagship class 34, serves on the board of the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber, the Huntsville Botanical Gardens, and is the Vice Chair of the U.S. Space and Rocket Center (the home of Space Camp).

Before coming to Huntsville Utilities in 2017, Mr. Kelley led Columbia Power & Water Systems and Pulaski Electric System, both in middle Tennessee.

Menu: Bratwurst, Chicken Schnitzel (with Jaeger sauce), Red Cabbage, German Pan-Fried Potatoes, German Chocolate Layer Cake, Cucumber Salad, Broetchen 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 NLT 24 October 2025.



16 Birthdays in October

Mrs. Bonnie Treadway
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Lt Col Brian J Smith, USA
MAJ Marcus H Sachs, 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 brobinsol1976@gmail.com so it can be included in future newsletters. Thank you.

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maybe not verbatim from the Psalm, but they knew to remember who they were and to choose their friends wisely. I think the Psalmist says it clearly with, "For the Lord guards the path of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

What kind of legacy are you leaving your children, your grandchildren? Our children, although grown, still need to hear sage advice from their parents. And sometimes, our grandchildren may not get this message from their parents, so it falls on us as grandparents to help guide our future by using the encouraging words from Psalm 1.

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

Blessings, Dave





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

TAPS

Mrs. Janet Camp – passed on 12 January 2025 at age 89. Born and raised in Davenport, Iowa, she moved to Huntsville in 1963. She is retired from AVEX Electronics where she served as Assistant to the President and was the Industrial Security Officer. She is a past member of the HOPE Place Board of Directors, past Board Chair and Board member for Junior Achievement of North Alabama, and Past Member of the Huntsville Chapter of the American Officers Association Board of Governors. She was a member of the AVEX Electronics chapter of the American Management Association and member of the AVEX Community Involvement Committee. She is a past volunteer with the Huntsville Community Chorus Association and with the Commercial Division of the United Way of Madison County.

Mrs. Camp was a member of Holmes Street United Methodist Church. She also served as the Surviving Spouse Liaison for our Chapter.

She is survived by daughters Susan Burns (Burt Burns) of Hendersonville, North Carolina, Tracey Foster (Frank Foster) of Gloster, Mississippi, by grandchildren Casey McCarty (Patrick) of Birmingham, Tara Adams of Nashville, Frank Foster (Christina) of St. Francisville, LA, Elizabeth Foster of Gloster, Mississippi, great-granddaughter Rayburn Foster and Goddaughter Melissa Charley.

A memorial service was held at Holmes Street United Methodist Church in Huntsville, AL on Saturday, January 25th at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the charity or organization of your choice.

LTC James Henry Foster, Jr. (USA-Ret) - passed to be with his Lord on September 13, 2025, in [Huntsville, Alabama](#). He was predeceased by his father, James Henry Foster; mother, Pauline Swinford Foster and brother, Jerry Don Foster.

Survivors include the love of his life for 66 years, his wife, Glenda Davis Foster who as a military spouse and was called upon to be a single parent during the three years James was deployed alone; daughter, Donna Lynne Foster Dailey (Dennis); son, James Henry "Hank" Foster III (Kristi Fields); grandson, Keegan Foster Teel; granddaughter, Molly Elizabeth Foster Inger (Cody); and great-grandsons, Bryson, Cason, Jenson and Grayson Inger.

James served 20 years in the US Army with postings in Germany, Korea and two Vietnam combat command assignments. His service included Air Defense Artillery Commander, Heavy Missile and Cannon Field Artillery Officer and Research and Development Coordinator for a number of systems. He was recognized with several awards and decorations including Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC), Army Commendation Medal with (OLC), Meritorious Service Medal with (OLC) and Vietnam Service Medal with Seven Service Stars. He retired from military service in 1983 as a Lieutenant Colonel.

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James joined Martin Marietta Corporation in 1983 as Manager of Advanced Concepts and subsequently was assigned as a Corporate District Office Director in [Huntsville, Alabama](#) for Martin Marietta's Southern Region Customer base. James participated in organizational growth resulting from Aerospace Company mergers and was promoted to Lockheed Martin Corporation Vice President for Domestic Operations. In this role, he was responsible for managing and administering 23 Domestic Field Offices with associated customer relations and protocols.

James was a native of Lauderdale County Alabama, graduated from Coffee High School in Florence and received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of North Alabama in Math and Physics and was commissioned in the Regular US Army. He also received a Master of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas at El Paso. He graduated from key military courses including Guided Missile Systems Engineering, Command and General Staff College and Airborne Qualification.

He was a member of Twickenham Church of Christ, Huntsville, Eagle Scout Association, Field Artillery Association, Association of US Army, Military Officers Association of America, American Legion, Military Organization of World Wars, and Past President of Huntsville Aerospace Marketing Association.

Gone but not forgotten for their dedicated support and service to our Country.

We will miss these outstanding Leaders and Patriots.



Surviving Spouse – continued from page 7

Write about what happened and when, and how your feelings are associated with specific events and milestones. Your story has the power to inspire, connect, and endure.

For example, through my talks and shared memories of my husband, Larry, and my son, Casey, I talk about my struggles and small victories, and I find others who can share and relate with my experiences. People often tell me that they remember my story long after I shared it.

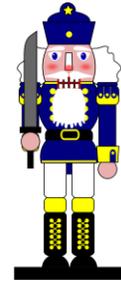
Writing a legacy as a military spouse or survivor involves meaningful reflection about your experiences, values, and contributions. Our stories matter, and they need to be told. As Maya Angelou said, “Your legacy is every life you have touched.”

Start writing your story today! 

Huntsville Chapter MOAA Christmas Party

Holiday Dinner

**Sliced honey glazed pitted ham
Tender oven roasted turkey breast with giblet gravy
Country Style corn bread dressing with giblet gravy
Mashed potatoes
Whole green beans
Yeast Rolls & Butter
Ice Water – Coffee
Sweet or Unsweetened Iced Tea
Pumpkin pie**



HUNTSVILLE CHAPTER MOAA CHRISTMAS PARTY

**THE OVERLOOK at THE SUMMIT CLUB
SATURDAY EVENING, 6 DECEMBER 2025**

COCKTAILS - No Host/Cash bar - 5:00 pm

President's Remarks and Dinner - 6:00 pm

DOOR PRIZES

Live entertainment provided by Dave McConnell, who sings Sinatra

DRESS: Business Casual – khakis/slacks and collared shirts/polo shirts for the men – slacks/skirts and blouses/collared shirts for the ladies – of course you can always dress more formally

\$30.00 PER PERSON (Members & Family) - \$35.00 PER PERSON (Guests)

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RSVP by 25 November 2025 (with check made out to HCMOAA) to:

**MAJ Bruce Robinson
809 Farley Drive SE
Huntsville, AL 35802
256-426-0525**



Draft legislation pre-filed for the 2026 session would create a new crime of public corruption in Alabama. The proposed law would apply to elected officials and public employees who embezzle or steal funds or misuse confidential information which could be a misdemeanor or felony offense, depending on the amount of funds wrongfully taken. The intent is to help prosecutors by tightening the law to get money back and punish bad actors.

Lawmakers are increasingly concerned about expected dips in revenue in the coming years. The fiscal year 2025 receipts are fine but the concern with the General Fund is that much of its growth since 2023 is from interest on state deposits; the earnings from high interest rates; and billions of dollars in federal COVID-19 funds sitting in state coffers waiting to be spent. It's been a lucrative situation, but that COVID money must be spent by the end of 2026, and interest rates will eventually drop having a negative impact on the General Fund. Interest earnings are down 5.5% from last year and are expected to continue declining, and nothing else in the General Fund grows enough to offset a big decline in this revenue source. Department heads are already voicing needs for budget increases so the 2026 legislative session could be spotty.

The chair of the Senate's General Fund committee said "the numbers are not adding up" on budget requests from state agencies for FY 2027 with needs shaping up to far exceed the estimated funds available. Alabama faces challenges from federal funding changes and cuts from the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), which increase the state's responsibility for funding programs within the Alabama Department of Human Resources (ADHR), especially in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), requiring at least a \$35 million increase in the 2027 ADHR budget alone.

Legislation to put more verification requirements on property title transactions is expected in the 2026 session. Title fraud is a legal nightmare for property owners who have had property sold out from under them requiring legal recourse to enforce their rights. The draft bill aims to help prevent title fraud by requiring more notarization of documents and providing legal recourse for property fraud victims. The draft also puts restrictions on unsolicited real estate offers, in which people are contacted by those offering to buy property, often for prices well below market value. 🏛️



The following annual members need to renew their memberships:

LTC Robert Archer, USA
CW2 Ann D Bruno, USN
CW4 Christopher R Chance, USA
MAJ Lewis M Davidson, USA
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MAJ Jean M Downs, USA
BG Leslie L Fuller, USA
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COL Jason E Kerr, USA
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LTC Johanna L Mora, USA
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Medicare and Pain Management Services

Living with pain is challenging, but you have options. Medicare covers **many services** to help you manage pain safely and effectively, including physical and occupational therapy, chiropractic services, acupuncture, and chronic pain management programs.

You can better control pain if you address it early. **Work with your doctor** to create the right treatment plan for you. Along with Medicare-covered services, your doctor might also suggest things like meditation, tai chi, or yoga.

If your doctor prescribes pain medication, make sure to take it exactly as directed and store it safely. If you or someone you know has an opioid addiction, seek help from a health care provider. Medicare covers **opioid use disorder treatment services** for as long as you need them.

Pain management

Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) covers pain management services. Here is a description of available services, coverage details and associated costs.

Description

There are many ways to manage pain safely and effectively. Pain management services offer treatment options that may help you manage your pain and related issues with less risk long term, like:

- [Acupuncture for chronic low back pain](#)
- [Alcohol misuse screenings & counseling](#)
- [Behavioral health integration services](#)
- [Chiropractic services](#)
- [Chronic pain management and treatment services](#)
- [Depression screenings](#)
- [Mental health & substance disorder services](#)
- [Occupational therapy](#)
- [Opioid Use Disorder treatment services](#)
- [Physical therapy](#)

Prescription pain medications covered under Medicare prescription drug coverage (Part D) may be effective at treating certain types of pain, especially during short-term use. If you have Part D, the plan may also have programs in place (like [Medication Therapy Management Programs](#) or drug management programs) to help you use prescription opioid pain medications more safely.

Coverage details

Part B will help you cover most pain management services. However, your doctor may recommend treatment options that Medicare doesn't cover, like massage therapy. If this happens, or if your doctor or other health care provider recommends you get services more often than Medicare covers, you may have to pay some or all of the costs. Ask questions so you understand why your doctor is recommending certain services and if Medicare will pay for them.

Costs

- For most pain management services, you pay 20% of the Medicare-approved amount for visits to your doctor or other health care provider to diagnose or treat your condition. The Part B deductible applies.
- If you get your services in a hospital outpatient clinic or hospital outpatient department, you may have to pay an additional copayment or coinsurance amount to the hospital.
- You pay nothing for a yearly depression screening if your doctor or health care provider accepts assignment.

Q&A: TRICARE for Life Coverage of Weight Loss Medications

The Defense Health Agency recently announced it will implement existing regulatory controls regarding [TRICARE coverage of weight loss medications, including Glucagon-Like Peptide 1 \(GLP-1\) drugs](#), to ensure prescription processing aligns with federal coverage requirements. You may have questions, such as:

- Why do some plans cover these drugs while [TRICARE For Life](#) doesn't?
- Should I stop taking my medication if TFL doesn't cover it?
- Can I keep taking my prescription if I pay for it out of pocket?

TFL offers Medicare wraparound coverage. It's different from other TRICARE plan options, like [TRICARE Prime](#) or [TRICARE Select](#). Different laws govern TRICARE Prime and TRICARE Select. These laws allow the Department of Defense to offer certain additional preventive care services and health benefits when received from network providers under those plan options.

Q: Why does weight loss drug coverage differ between TFL and TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select?

A: [Federal law and regulation](#) determine the differences. Federal law doesn't authorize TFL to cover weight loss medications when prescribed for weight loss as the sole or major condition. This is true regardless of the patient's age. Other than bariatric surgery, which is authorized for the treatment of morbid obesity, federal regulation only extends coverage for treatment of obesity for beneficiaries with TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select benefits when provided by [network providers](#).

Q: Why doesn't TFL follow Medicare's exceptions for sleep apnea and heart disease conditions?

A: TRICARE and Medicare operate under different legal frameworks with different coverage authorities. [Medicare Part D](#) may cover certain weight loss medications for non-obesity conditions. These may include sleep apnea or reducing cardiovascular risk. TFL follows separate federal laws and regulations. These laws and regulations [exclude medications intended to control or reduce weight](#). This is regardless of the existence of co-morbid conditions.

Q: Why does this feel sudden?

A: We understand this may feel abrupt. [Express Scripts](#), the TRICARE Pharmacy Program contractor, mailed detailed notification letters to affected beneficiaries. These letters were mailed July 31, 2025 (30 days prior to the change). If you are affected, you shouldn't stop taking your medication right away. Ask your provider what's most appropriate during this transition period.

Q: Which prior authorizations became invalid on August 31st?

A: [Prior authorizations](#) for obesity medications became invalid on Aug. 31 only for those with TFL and others **not** enrolled in TRICARE Prime, TRICARE Select, or premium-based plans.

Q: I'm a TFL beneficiary. What happens if I try to fill my prescription after August 31st?

A: TRICARE will not cover your prescription. You can talk to your provider about other treatment options. Or you can prepare to pay for your prescription out of pocket.

Q: I have TFL and diabetes. Are my GLP-1 drugs still covered?

A: It depends. TRICARE covers certain GLP-1s for the treatment of type 2 diabetes. These include Ozempic, Trulicity, Mounjaro and Victoza. Coverage continues for all patients with a diagnosis of diabetes when prior authorization criteria are met. This is true regardless of their health plan.

Bottom line

We know this may be difficult. We encourage you to work closely with your provider. They can help you find safe and effective approaches that support your long-term health and well-being.

Brushing Scams

Overview

In brushing scams, a company or individual will purchase their own items from online retailers and have them sent to people whose addresses they've obtained, often illegally, aiming to pose as "verified buyers." If you've been subject to a brushing scam, check your accounts for suspicious activity and change your passwords immediately.

Have you ever received a package you weren't expecting? It may have been missing a return address or simply listed a large retailer like Amazon. And inside was an item you didn't order.

If this odd situation has a familiar ring, you were likely the target of a brushing scam.

Scoring free merchandise hardly sounds like a bad thing, but falling victim to a brushing scam means your address, and often your name, is already in the hands of bad actors. They may have even more of your personal details—ones that put you at a heightened risk for [identity theft](#).

Earliest this year, the [Better Business Bureau](#) and the [United States Postal Inspection Service](#) both issued warnings about this illegal scam. In the worst cases, these mystery packages come with a fake QR code that links to phishing websites designed to steal your personal information, or even malware that can infect your devices.

Suspect you've been targeted? Here's what you should do.

How brushing scams work

Brushing scams are commonly run by third-party sellers based in foreign countries. These crooked companies purchase their own merchandise, often from a large online retailer like Amazon or eBay, and have it sent to a person whose address they've obtained.

In doing so, they create a fake customer who has "verified buyer" status on the retailer's website. The scammers can then leave a phony review praising their product.

Brushing scammers may operate on a very large scale, creating thousands of fraudulent customer accounts so they can deceive shoppers with just as many fake reviews. Some brushing scam targets are flooded with packages of unwanted items.

How is this scam profitable? Often, the goods are lightweight and cheap to ship, like face masks or outlet covers. But even when sending items such as humidifiers and Bluetooth speakers, the scammers know that higher sales numbers and better ratings will lead to more real purchases.

Are brushing scams dangerous?

Brushing scams themselves don't generally put victims in danger, but being subjected to one is a good indicator that at least some of your [personal details](#) have been compromised and shared online without your knowledge.

The scammers likely accessed a list of personal information that was exposed through hacking, [phishing](#), [data breaches](#), or other methods. That data may include more sensitive details as well like Social Security numbers, credit card or bank account numbers, or account passwords.

When bad actors have access to this kind of personal information, it puts you at greater risk for [identity theft](#), giving identity thieves the ability to open new accounts in your name, take over existing accounts, commit insurance fraud, file fraudulent tax returns, and carry out other damaging crimes.

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QR codes and brushing scams

While the primary goal of a brushing scam is to generate fake reviews, some scammers may take it a step further by including QR codes in their unsolicited packages.

These aren't harmless additions; they're another deceptive tactic designed to compromise your security. Scanning a malicious QR code can expose you to phishing attempts or even malware infections, making an already unsettling situation even more dangerous.

Before you scan a QR code on a package, consider these safety tips:

- **Read the link.** When you hover your camera over a QR code, a URL will likely appear. Make sure it looks like it's for the business or organization you expected, and check for typos or misspellings. Be extra wary of shortened URLs, which cybercriminals tend to use.
- **Look for tampering.** Before you scan a code posted in a public place, carefully examine it. Could it be a sticker covering a real code or other information? Legitimate businesses often laminate signage that contains QR codes or place them behind glass.
- **Check the source.** If you receive an out-of-the-blue communication from a trusted company encouraging you to follow a QR code to make a payment or enter personal information, reach out to the company directly before taking action (be sure to check the company's official website for the correct contact information). The same goes if you get an unexpected QR code from a friend, as they could have been hacked.

What to do if you receive unsolicited merchandise

The [Federal Trade Commission \(FTC\)](#) says that you never have to pay for unsolicited merchandise, even if the sender reaches out to you. You also don't need to return unordered merchandise. If you don't want the item, you can donate it or throw it away.

Next, secure your identity moving forward.

- **Notify the retailer.** If you're able to identify the retailer, go to their website and contact customer support so they can investigate the situation. Ask them to check for—and delete—any fraudulent reviews posted in your name.
- **Review your accounts.** It's possible that the brushing scammers have access to one or more of your accounts. Make sure you don't see any unfamiliar orders on the retail websites you use and look for charges you don't recognize on your credit card or bank statements. Continue to review these accounts regularly.
- **Change your passwords.** Immediately select new, [strong, unique passwords](#) for your e-commerce, bank, and credit card accounts. Set up [two-factor authentication](#), or 2FA, whenever it's available.
- **Check your credit report.** Be sure you don't see any strange activity or [changes to your credit report](#). If you spot activity you don't recognize, consider contacting the three major credit bureaus and [freezing your credit](#), which prevents lenders from accessing your credit report. 

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 October

- 1 October – Henry Ford’s Model T went on sale for the first time (1908)
- 1 October – Peoples Republic of China founded (1949)
- 1 October – Panama Cana Zone returned to Panama (1979)
- 2 October – Thurgood Marshall sworn in as first African American justice of the Supreme Court (1967)
- 3 October – East & West Germany reunited (1990)
- 3 October – President Lincoln established Thanksgiving Day as the 4th Sunday in November (1863)
- 4 October – Russians launched the first satellite – Sputnik I - into orbit (1957)
- 4 October – Pope Paul VI became the first Pope to visit the US (1965)
- 6 October – The first "talkie" opened in New York - *The Jazz Singer* starring Al Jolson (1927)
- 6 October – Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was assassinated in Cairo (1981)
- 8 October – Great Chicago Fire (1871)
- 8 October – Sergeant Alvin York single-handedly took out a German machine-gun battalion (1918)
- 9 October – Monthly Board Meeting – Java Café - 1100**
- 10 October – Spiro Agnew resigned as Vice President (1973)
- 12 October - Brazil became independent of Portugal (1822)
- 13 October – US Navy established (1775)
- 13 October - The cornerstone of the White House was laid by George Washington (1792)
- 14 October - Chuck Yeager became the first man to break the sound barrier (1947)
- 14 October – Columbus Day
- 15 October – Napoleon Bonaparte exiled on the Island of St. Helena (1815)
- 15 October – US Senate confirmed Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court (1991)
- 18 October – The Nuremberg War Crimes Trial began (1945)
- 19 October - "Black Monday" occurred on Wall Street as stocks plunged 22.6% (1987)
- 20 October - General Douglas MacArthur “returned” to the Philippines (1944)
- 20 October - Jacqueline Kennedy married Greek businessman Aristotle Onassis (1968)
- 21 October - Thomas Edison successfully tested an electric incandescent lamp (1879)
- 22 October – Cuban Missile Crisis began (1962)
- 24 October – United Nations founded (1945)
- 26 October - The shoot-out at the O.K. Corral (1881)
- 29 October – Monthly Member Meeting – Summit Club – 1100**
- 31 October – Redstone Arsenal Retiree Appreciation Day**
- 31 October - Halloween

