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



Greetings all!

I don't know about you all, but I am definitely enjoying the cooler weather...finally! Mid-September was just plain nasty!

The September membership meeting was great! MG Grisham did a great job in presentation and fielding questions! I think everyone that attended learned a lot about the SPACECOM transition to RSA – I know I did!

Our next meeting is October 28th at the Summit Club with Meet and Greet starting at 1030. Our guest speaker will be Ms. Dena Kilgore from MOAA National. Several of the Governing Board members have participated with Dena during MOAA Webinars and I am sure she will provide us with the latest and greatest information from inside the Beltway! Please RSVP early!

The golf tournament went very well. If you attended the Membership meeting, you heard the details. Bottom line is that we had our best results ever, netting over \$16k from the tournament. A list of the sponsors is on page 15. We had a full field of golfers and EVERYONE showed on game day! Fun times!

Although the books are closed for this year's tournament, we still need a little help in matching last year's scholarship amounts. I am still working a couple of grants, but donations are the real kicker in getting us over the top! It is a very worthy cause as each of you knows - and the donations are usually fully tax deductible as the Scholarship Fund is 501(c)(3)!

FYI, we have some additional upcoming events:

- RAD – October 23rd
- Veterans Day Parade – November 11th
- December 11th – Chapter Holiday Party at The Overlook starting at 5pm

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!

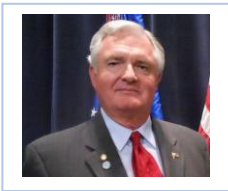
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This month's membership meeting in on 28 October – the guest speaker is Dena Kilgore from MOAA National

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Legislative Corner

COL John Fairlamb, USA-Ret

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Action**

→ <http://www.moaa.org/takeaction/>



Federal Legislation:

COLA preview: Following the September 11th inflation report, AARP projects a 3.6 percent Social Security cost-of-living adjustment for 2027. The COLA is based on changes in consumer prices in the third quarter of the calendar year and will be finalized in mid-October.

The House passed the extension of government funding previously passed by the Senate and President Trump signed the bill avoiding a government shutdown before the midterm elections. The continuing resolution (CR) funds the government through Dec. 11 pushing the spending battle to just before the holidays after the outcome of the midterms determines how much leverage each party holds to set the 2027 spending agenda.

The House is on recess and the Senate will recess in early October until after the midterm elections. Thirty-five seats in the Senate and all 435 seats in the House are up for grabs.

Here is key legislation MOAA will be pressing lawmakers to pass when they return 9 November.

- The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The House and Senate have proposed versions of the must-pass annual defense authorization bill. The House version (**H.R. 8800**) authorizes a \$1.15 trillion budget that includes a **tiered pay raise** of 5% to 7%, **reverses cuts to more than 40 military treatment facilities (MTFs)**, mandates **additional oversight for the TRICARE pharmacy benefit**, and more. The Senate version (**S. 4784**), with a top line budget of \$1.14 trillion, was **advanced by the Senate Armed Services Committee in June** but has not been brought to the floor. It shares provisions aimed at reversing MTF cuts and enhancing pharmacy oversight, but authorizes only a 3.6% pay raise across the board. It also contains a provision that would establish a digital system to improve TRICARE beneficiary access to care, **a priority of MOAA's**. Once the bill passes the Senate, negotiations will begin between the chambers on a final bill.
- The *Take Care of Americas Veterans Act (TCAVA)*, an omnibus bill containing some 60 separate bills supporting veterans has been stalled by funding questions. MOAA is taking a pragmatic view and feels TCAVA will greatly help many veterans, survivors, and caregivers – past, present and future and believes this bill is a pivotal opportunity to achieve long-awaited wins for veterans across the country. MOAA CEO, Lieutenant General Kelly, explained MOAA's position in an article at this link. <https://tinyurl.com/5btdsss7>

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Exchange

Columbus Day Specials are on their way, and your Exchange is stocking up for Halloween! Visit the Redstone Exchange for all of your Halloween costume, décor and entertaining needs. Shop early for best selection.

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

Car and motorcycle show in exchange parking lot with Trunk or Treat 23 October from 1600-1800.

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.

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!

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! If you wait, you can sometimes get 15% off! Also, Black Friday is coming up so you could use the discount then for even more savings. Also, guns and ammo area usually have a special sale of 20% off for Black Friday. Your first day purchases discount also applies to guns and ammo! Check with the gun counter for upcoming sales – current STAR card sale ends Oct 1st & includes some shotguns and ammo with 20% all Muddy outdoor apparel.

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! Also, check out your Exchange on Facebook!

Shopette Huge savings on individual and case lots sales. Gluehwein and Peach Schnapps is now at your shopette for holiday mixers! Egg Nog arriving soon! Christmas gift sets are also starting to arrive. Also check out the wine of the month and check out 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.

None this month

Concerns

This month the following people were reported as being ill or recuperating and need our support and prayers:

None this month

Persons to contact are:

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



October is Breast Cancer Awareness month & Domestic Violence Awareness month

The next scheduled training closure is Friday, October 16 from noon-4 pm

Classes:

- Healthy Relationships: Wednesdays at 10:00 am in FAHC Mental Health conference room
- Menopause Reunion: Friday October 23, 1–3 pm in FAHC Fox Den
- Managing Diabetes Class: Tuesday, December 1, 10-11:30 am in FAHC Burrow

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HEALTHY Relationships

Family Advocacy Program
Healthy Relationship Skills Group

Participants learn healthy communication skills and effective ways to resolve conflict.

- Every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.
- No registration necessary.
- Held in the Mental Health conference room.
- Open to TRICARE enrolled beneficiaries.



It's okay to ask for help or reach out!

AVAILABLE RESOURCES:

- Chaplain
- Military OneSource
- Military and Family Life Counselor (MFLC)
- Mental Health Department, FAHC

FOX ARMY HEALTH CLINIC
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM
256-955-8888 x1937

FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM CLASSES

The family advocacy program is a family enrichment initiative that can assist with your next training or wellness event, safety standdown day, or outreach initiative by providing the following workshops.



Workshops are provided in-person or virtually through MS Teams

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BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

More Appointments Available!

We are increasing available Well Woman Exam appointments this October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Call to Schedule
256-955-8888, option 2

4100 Goss Road, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35809

"Launching Readiness...Delivering Excellence!"

Source: CDC / U.S. Cancer Statistics



CDC Key Facts

1 in 8 women will develop invasive breast cancer in their lifetime.
~42,000 women die from breast cancer each year in the U.S.
Early detection through regular screening significantly improves survival rates.

Well Woman Exams include clinical breast exams & screening referrals

Reconnect, Recap & Reignite: THE MENOPAUSE REUNION

...Because the conversation doesn't end at week six...

You're invited — and so is your plus-one! Join Heather Hough, Brittany Huey, and their special guest Laura Kutys, MS, LPC-S, CST-S, for a special 2-hour reunion workshop for past participants of our Menopause Series and their spouses/partners.

♥ If you haven't been able to join in for the 6 week series, this is your chance to attend a condensed version with an added bonus!

WHAT TO EXPECT



A RECAP

A recap of everything you learned over your 6 weeks with us.



EXPERT INSIGHTS

A Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) joining us to discuss how perimenopausal influences desire and arousal including:



PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS

Practical solutions, tips & tricks



TOGETHER STRONGER

Psychoeducation for both partners on what healthy functioning really looks like

FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 23, 2026
1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

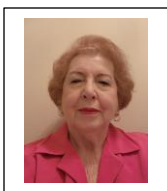
FOX ARMY HEALTH CENTER:
THE FOX DEN
4100 Goss Road
Redstone Arsenal, AL 35809
(Check in at PCC, take the elevator to B, turn right, and you will see "The Fox Den" on the right)

CONTACT
HEATHER HOUGH:
256-955-8888, ext. 1294

Bring your partner.
Bring your questions.
Let's keep the conversation going...

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE! RSVP ON/BEFORE
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19 BY 4:00 P.M.

You've got questions. ♥ We've got answers.



Redstone Arsenal Widow's Luncheon

Mrs. Bonnie Treadway
256-859-1484

Our next luncheon will be held on Thursday 15 October, 2026, at Carrabba's Italian Grill, [2801 South Memorial Parkway](#). We gather at 12:00 noon. Point of contact is Bonnie Treadway, [256-859-1484](#). Everyone will be notified.

Surviving Spouse Corner: Legislative Priorities

National MOAA's [Legislative Action Center](#) is a valuable resource for the surviving spouse community. This online tool provides intent and particulars of MOAA-support bills as well as the opportunity to contact your elected officials on the legislation.

While all bills listed in the Legislative Action Center are important, a number of them deserve the attention of the surviving spouse community. Here are a few:

Strengthening Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) for Surviving Families: Under the [proposed provision](#) authored by Sharri Briley and Eric Edmundson, DIC would increase by 1% each year in addition to the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for three years, to a total of 3%. This incremental step toward parity with other federal DIC beneficiaries can help veteran families manage rising costs for basic necessities.

Allowing Survivors to Move Forward: [The Love Lives On Act](#) addresses the remarriage penalty burdening survivors. Currently, surviving spouses who remarry before reaching age 55 lose important benefits, such as DIC and survivor benefits. The Love Lives On Act would allow surviving spouses to retain these benefits regardless of remarriage at any age. TRICARE eligibility would be restored if a subsequent marriage ends in death, divorce, or annulment. The choice to rebuild a life and a family should not have these financial consequences. The veteran's sacrifice should be met with the nation's commitment to care for the family left behind.

Recognizing the Reality of ALS: The VA recognizes amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, ALS, as a presumptive service-connected condition for certain veterans that results in a 100% disability rating. Current law requires a veteran to have been totally disabled for eight continuous years prior to death for a surviving spouse to receive enhanced DIC. The average life expectancy of someone with ALS is two to five years after diagnosis. This is problematic — most sufferers with this disease don't live long enough to meet the eight-year requirement. The Justice for ALS Veterans Act is a remedy. It would allow eligible surviving spouses to receive increased DIC regardless how long the veteran lived with the disease.

Legislation is a fluid process, bills are written, amended, and recombined. At this time, the [Take Care of America's Veterans Act](#) combines the three acts mentioned above and gives Congress the opportunity to improve these programs at once.

As surviving spouses, we understand that no benefit can ever replace the person we lost, however, families and surviving spouses depend on this assistance. It is our duty to remind Congress that these benefits are part of the promise our nation makes to those who serve and the spouses and families who stand beside them.

[Contact your lawmakers](#) about the Take Care of America's Veterans Act.



Chaplain's Corner

Col Dave McKinney, USAF-Ret

Hebrews 12: 1-3 (Contemporary English Version)

1 Such a large crowd of witnesses is all around us! So, we must get rid of everything that slows us down, especially the sin that just won't let go. And we must be determined to run the race that is ahead of us. **2** We must keep our eyes on Jesus, who leads us and makes our faith complete. He endured the shame of being nailed to a cross, because he knew later on, he would be glad he did. Now he is seated at the right side of God's throne! **3** So keep your mind on Jesus, who put up with many insults from sinners. Then you won't get discouraged and give up.

Has life thrown curve balls? I am sure you, if you are like me, have seen more than your share of curve balls, as life does seem to do that to us. I know Job of the Old Testament was thrown many curve balls. But he did not give up. He persevered and stayed true to his faith in God.

Throughout my life I have been thrown many curve balls. During my first assignment in the Air Force I had someone spread vicious rumors about me that resulted in the loss of a really good job. In another assignment my boss and I crossed really bad paths over my leadership style. In another assignment I watched general officers go into my boss' office and come out with a blank stare, only to find out they had been fired. I faced a 2-year cancer journey, then more recently walked with my wife on her 5-year cancer journey. Each of these brought various feelings of anger, despair, and even hopelessness. These are but just a few of the curve balls thrown my way.

Paul writes to the Hebrews telling them of the large crowd of witnesses that are all around them. He encourages them to get rid of all the things that slow you down, especially the sin that just won't let go.

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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: 260
Regular Members: 224
Surviving Spouses: 36

New this month: 2
Deaths this month: 1
Renewals: 0

Welcome New Members to Huntsville Chapter MOAA

COL Stephen Stasevich, USA
CAPT Jeffrey Currer, USN

Recruiting

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

PX/Commissary – continued from page 3

Spirits of the month on sale including Jack Daniels and several other whiskeys, tequilas, bourbons, and vodkas. Limited time special Old Forrester bourbon whisky.

You can also order Hunt Brothers pizza party packs-10 pizzas with your choice of toppings – call 256-881-0367.

Also stop by to rent a carpet cleaner.

Commissary

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 (also chocolate covered)! 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 - your 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 via, Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, and YouTube. 

FAHC – continued from page 4

FAHC is supporting the veterinary clinic with their outreach. The clinic is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 8 am to 4 pm. They are closed on Thursdays for inventory/training.



Redstone Arsenal
Veterinary Treatment Facility

Vaccine Clinic!

Pre-Registration Required!

Contact us to schedule an appointment.

Come get your pets vaccinated!
We will be offering vaccinations, bloodwork and microchipping.

October 16 | 0800 - 1600

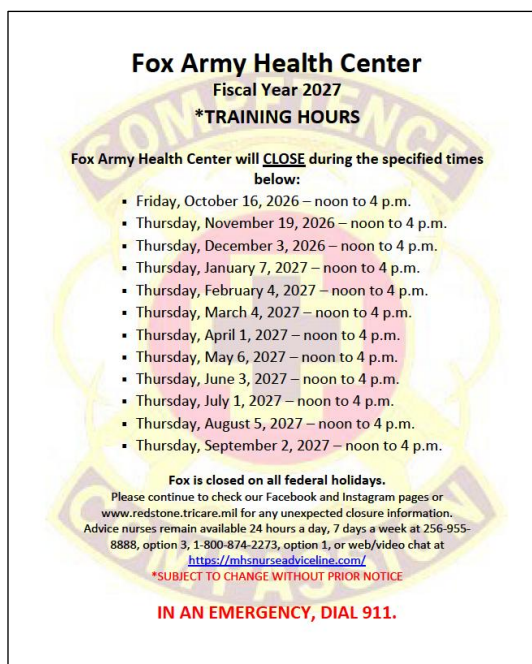
Wellness Screening	\$30	Heartworm Antigen/ADX Test	\$21/\$36
Rabies Vaccine	\$17	Canine Influenza Vaccine	\$29
DAPv Vaccine	\$22	FelV/FIV Test (Feline)	\$37
Leptospirosis Vaccine	\$22	Feline DAPv (FVRCP)	\$22
Bordetella Vaccine	\$26	Feline Leukemia Vaccine	\$26

All pets will receive a wellness screening, and every transaction has a \$2 user fee.

To receive registration documents:
• Email: redstonevet3583@gmail.com
OR
• Come to the clinic to pick up a registration form.

Healthy Pets. Stronger Readiness.

CONTACT US (256) 876-2443
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HUNTSVILLE, AL 35898



Fox Army Health Center
Fiscal Year 2027
***TRAINING HOURS**

Fox Army Health Center will **CLOSE** during the specified times below:

- Friday, October 16, 2026 – noon to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, November 19, 2026 – noon to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, December 3, 2026 – noon to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, January 7, 2027 – noon to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, February 4, 2027 – noon to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, March 4, 2027 – noon to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, April 1, 2027 – noon to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, May 6, 2027 – noon to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, June 3, 2027 – noon to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, July 1, 2027 – noon to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, August 5, 2027 – noon to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, September 2, 2027 – noon to 4 p.m.

Fox is closed on all federal holidays.
Please continue to check our Facebook and Instagram pages or www.redstone.tricare.mil for any unexpected closure information. Advice nurses remain available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 256-955-8888, option 3, 1-800-874-2273, option 1, or web/video chat at <https://mhsnurseadvice.mil>

***SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE**

IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911.

In a tribute to deceased Senator Lindsey Graham, the Senate passed a House bill to impose harsher sanctions on Russia which President Trump signed. The measure allows the Trump administration to impose tariffs on the largest purchasers of Russian oil — including China and India — with an exception for countries that buy small amounts to ensure American allies aren't targeted. The bill also extends existing sanctions on Iran to squeeze both countries economically.

<https://tinyurl.com/3m6tkd2s>)

 A bill to fix some of the biggest problems in college sports cleared a hurdle when the Senate voted 74-24 to halt debate and move the measure closer to a final up-or-down vote. The [Protect College Sports Act](#) (H.R. 9137), creates a uniform national standard for college athletics by regulating Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) deals, sports agents, transfer rules, and revenue sharing. Both Alabama senators support the legislation. Read more [HERE](#).

The Digital Asset Market Clarity Act came up for a vote in the Senate on 15 September but only got 50 of the 60 votes needed to pass. A similar act passed the House last July. The Clarity Act would have been the first major piece of crypto legislation in the U.S. Points of contention still under discussion include:

- Who gets to regulate the crypto industry: The Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) split the duties in the bill with the CFTC given more power.
- Big banks were staunchly against the bill arguing it opens the door for stable coins to usurp their role as a safe haven for consumers' money.
- Senators wanted stronger ethics guardrails, particularly against President Trump's recent crypto ventures.

The House overwhelmingly approved a bill that aims to make AI data centers pay for their substantial energy needs as lawmakers sought to address a growing voter concern. The legislation would require state utility regulators to consider a standard by which utilities charge data centers the full cost of new power and transmission upgrades required. All of Alabama's House members voted in favor of the bill and it heads to the Senate where both Alabama Senators have signaled support. Read more [HERE](#).

The House adjourned a week early on 16 September to avoid having to vote on a bill of impeachment against Secretary of Defense Hegseth.

Alabama Legislation:

Data centers have become a major issue in Alabama's midterm elections as concerns over public health impacts and a lack of transparency over the multibillion-dollar facilities grow among communities and public health experts. There are dozens of the facilities which store digital data across the state according to [Data Center Map](#), a website that tracks the facilities. Experts and environmental advocates say the size and quantity of proposed new AI data centers raise significant worries because they use huge amounts of water and electricity and cause serious noise and air pollution.

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HCMOAA Treasurer's Report August 2026

Submitted by Col Dave McKinney, USAF (Ret)

1. The August 2026 Treasurer's Report is presented herein. Details are attached.

2. Monthly Summary:

	Operating Funds	Savings
Starting Balance	\$ 8,907.94	\$1,703.98
Income	\$ 1,413.03	\$ 0.01
Expenses	\$ 1,666.40	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 8,654.57	\$1,703.99

3. Notable income: Dues, stripe fees, petty cash, luncheon fees.

4. Notable expenses: Lunch payments and petty cash.

5. Chapter Saving account activity is limited to interest.

6. The Chapter holds a Certificate of Deposit (CD) in the amount of \$21,209.38. This CD will reach maturity on November 8, 2026. It will be renewed then at the best rate available.

7. The Chapter's Operating Fund contains \$1,188.30 in reserved funds in support of the RAD Luncheon for the Retirees.

Scholarship Fund Donations

The Chapter has an active scholarship program - we issue several 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 goes 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.

Many Thanks for the Following Scholarship Fund Donations Received During September 2026

None

Total received for September:	\$0.00
Total received CY26:	\$1450.00



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www.huntsvillemoaa.org



Membership Application or Renewal

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

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

☐ Active	☐ Retired	☐ NG	☐ Former Officer	☐ Reserve	☐ 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 16

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
COL John Fairlamb at 256-539-0161 or fairlambjrf@comcast.net for the details



Membership Meeting
28 October 2026
The Summit Club on Redstone Arsenal
1030 – Meet & Greet
1100 - Lunch

Guest Speaker: Dena Kilgore, CAE
Program Director, Affiliated Councils & Chapters
MOAA National

As Program Director, Affiliated Councils & Chapters, Dena Kilgore provides direct support for MOAA's network of more than 400 active and engaged councils, chapters, virtual chapters, and satellite chapters. These affiliates expand MOAA's reach through advocacy, community service, member engagement, and brand visibility.

She supports the senior director with oversight of MOAA's council and chapter awards and sponsorship programs promoting excellence in leadership, effective communications, and positive community impact. She also provides in-person support to council and chapter activities and events, and helps organize quarterly council and chapter leader in-person workshops and other training opportunities.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- More than 20 years in association management, engaging members and helping volunteers thrive in their leadership roles.
- Earned the designation of Certified Association Executive (CAE) in 2012.

Menu: Bratwurst, Chicken Schnitzel (with Jaeger Sauce), Red Cabbage, German Pan-Fried Potatoes, German Chocolate Sheet Cake, Cucumber Salad, Broetchen with Butter, Iced Tea, Iced Water & Coffee

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

RSVP: COL John Vanderbleek, 256-893-1565, jvbleek78@gmail.com NLT 24 October 2026.



19 Birthdays in October

Mrs. Bonnie Treadway
CW4 Edward J Banville, USA
LTC Russell L Dunford, USA
MAJ Lance C Granger, USA
CPT Lucia M Claborn, ARNG
Col Adrian A Ritchie Jr, USAF
Lt Col Brian J Smith, USAF
MAJ Marcus H Sachs, USA
Maj Gabriel J Taylor, USAF
CW4 Douglas S Agee, USA

CPT Sean R Sterling, USA
MAJ Curtis Smith, USA
CPT Gary M Rose, USA
BG Daniel L Montgomery, USA
CW5 Thomas L Adkins, USA
CAPT Richard C West, USN
LTC James A Cox, USA
COL Clinton B Boyd, USA
LTC Craig E Cowell, USA

If we missed your birthday, it's because we don't have it on file. Please e-mail your birth date to MAJ Bruce Robinson at brobinso1976@gmail.com so it can be included in future newsletters. Thank you.

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I count myself blessed that I had a large crowd of witnesses, ones that really helped me in my journey. My great crowd of witnesses was quick to step in with support and encouragement. But more importantly, this crowd of witnesses encouraged me to keep focused on Jesus. Staying focused on Jesus helps us control our anger, our jealousy, our desire for revenge, our hopelessness, and even the feeling of total helplessness. I know staying focused on Jesus has helped me to not get discouraged and give up. I encourage you to be open to your crowd of witnesses, and spend time focusing on Jesus.

If you would like to share prayer requests or contact me. I can be reached at 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

COL Jimmy Hill, USA (Ret) – no obituary could be located

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

We will miss these outstanding Leaders and Patriots.



Chapter Happenings – September Member Meeting



MG Grisham addresses the membership



MG Terry Grisham, USA – Director, Redstone
Transition Team, U.S. Space Command –
receives a certificate of appreciation from
Chapter President Rick West

MHS GENESIS Patient Portal transitioning to myAuth login on 23 Sep

Throughout 2026, the online platforms that support your TRICARE benefit are switching from DS Logon to [myAuth](#). myAuth is a simpler, more streamlined login authentication application. Many platforms, including [milConnect](#), [ID Card Office Online](#), and contractor portals, have already made this switch.

On 23 Sep, the [MHS GENESIS Patient Portal](#) will make this switch. This means you'll use myAuth to log in to the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal to access health records from care at [military hospitals and clinics](#).

When the transition to myAuth occurs, you'll have [multiple options for logging in](#). With myAuth, you can log in with:

- A Common Access Card
- A username/password, plus a secure multi-factor authentication method
- Okta Verify. This is an app for personal or government mobile devices that enables secure access without a CAC.

How will this change happen?

When you log in to the patient portal after the transition, you'll see a new login page. This page will help you [create a myAuth account](#) if you don't already have one. You can also visit [myAuth](#) for further instructions on creating an account.

What if I need help?

If you're experiencing issues, visit [myAuth Help](#) for additional resources and guidance on creating or updating your account. You can also find answers to [frequently asked questions](#). If you still need additional assistance, contact the Defense Manpower Data Center at 800-368-3665. DMDC manages myAuth and can answer questions about the transition or address any related concerns.

Although you'll create a new login for myAuth, remember that neither TRICARE nor its contractors will contact you asking for private information like your date of birth, Social Security number, or your username and password. Read messages carefully and check the source email or web address for legitimacy. If something feels off, trust your instincts. If you think you gave personal or account information to a fraudulent entity, change your password right away and [file a report](#).

In the end, the switch to myAuth means:

- **Enhanced security:** More options to protect against unauthorized access
- **A modernized authentication platform:** More ways to log in
- **A more user-friendly experience:** A simpler interface

The switch to myAuth means a simpler, more secure experience in MHS GENESIS Patient Portal.

The following Sponsors / Donors were very generous in supporting our Tournament. Please support them with your thanks and/or patronage!

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*****All the generous "booze" donors at our August luncheon!!*****

Your 2026 Golf Committee

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Missy Schulz (RSAMCC)

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Gary Young

Geno Lesinski
John Vanderbleek
Tim Howell
Jan Granger

The following annual members need to renew their memberships:

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LTC Michael K Wegler, USA
CDR Milton C Williams, USN

CAPT Veronica A Brecht, USCG
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COL John D Williams, USA

A renewal form will be included with the email promulgating this newsletter and can also be found on the chapter's website at huntsvillemoaa.org . If you want to never see your name on this list again, you may consider joining the LMT and contact John Fairlamb at 256-539-0161 or fairlambjrf@comcast.net for a quote?

History of Halloween

If you think Halloween is a uniquely American tradition, grab a mini-Snickers and settle in, because you've got some learning to do. Dressing up in a [creative costume](#), traipsing around in the gathering dusk to [collect the best candy](#) or throwing a monster bash with friends are all time-honored holiday traditions. But Halloween didn't start stateside at all.

In fact, the **origins of Halloween** go back thousands of years to the Celtic celebration of Samhain (pronounced "sow-win"), a festival that marked the end of the harvest season and ushered in a new year. During Samhain, the veil between the worlds of the living and the dead was thought to be especially thin, so people could communicate with loved ones who had passed on.

Whether or not you buy into the supernatural, it's still fun to learn a little something about the meaning behind your favorite Halloween traditions before you head out [trick-or-treating](#). Turns out, the holiday has a much more interesting (and sometimes even spookier!) backstory than many people realize. Travel back in time with us to learn what some of the very first celebrations of Halloween looked like, including throwback ghoulies and ghosties, what people used to carve in place of pumpkins and even the elements that Valentine's Day and Halloween have in common.

Who Celebrated Halloween First?

Most scholars agree that Halloween originated around 2,000 years ago, when Celtic people in Europe celebrated the end of the harvest and the start of a new year in a [festival called Samhain](#). People also believed they could commune with the dead more easily during that time, lighting bonfires to ward off ill-intentioned spirits, according to the [American Folklife Center](#).

Halloween Has a Dark Spiritual History

The Celts also believed that the spiritual communication on Samhain made it easier for Celtic priests, or druids, to predict the future. To appease the deities, they built bonfires and sacrificed crops and animals. Villagers also attended the bonfire ceremonies wearing animal heads and skins, which may be where the tradition of Halloween costumes first came from.

Bats are a Halloween Symbol

Nowadays, many of us associate bats with Halloween — and that has historical roots, too. The Druids' Samhain bonfires attracted bugs which, in turn, tempted bats to a tasty feast. In later years, various folklore emerged citing bats as harbingers of death or doom. In [Nova Scotian mythology](#), a bat settling in a house means a man in the family will die. If it flies around and tries to escape, a woman in the family will perish instead.

Romans Had Their Own Fall Festivals

The Romans conquered most Celtic territory by 43 A.D. and brought their culture's fall festivals with them. A Roman October celebration called Feralia also commemorated the passing of the dead. Another holiday, Pomona, honored the Roman goddess of fruit and trees. That's one reason people often bob for apples during Halloween parties.

Christians Are Behind Why Halloween Is on October 31

Fast forward a few centuries, and the festivals that would become Halloween had evolved. Several

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Christian popes attempted to replace "pagan" holidays like Samhain with their own religious observances. By 1000 A.D., All Souls' Day on November 2 served as a time for the living to pray for the souls of the dead. All Saints' Day, or All Hallows, honored the saints on November 1. That made October 31 All Hallows Eve, which later became Halloween.

The British Set Out Ghostly Gifts

Despite the new religious focus, people in Old England and Ireland continued to associate the end of October with the dead wandering among us. They set out gifts of food to satisfy hungry spirits, and as time wore on, people began dressing in creepy costumes to go begging for the treats themselves. The practice was called "mumming," and looked similar to today's trick-or-treating.

The Southern Colonies Brought it Stateside

The first Halloween-like festivities in America started in the southern colonies. People began to celebrate the harvest, swap ghost stories and even tell each other's fortunes, traditions that they probably brought with them from their countries of origin.

Women Bobbed for Apples (and Husbands)

In the 1700s and 1800s, unmarried women performed rituals on Halloween in hopes of finding a husband. Single ladies used to throw apple peels over their shoulders, hoping to see their future husband's initials in the shapes they made where they fell. They also competitively bobbed for apples at parties, believing the winner would marry first. And in a ritual that sounds downright creepy, some thought standing in a dark room with a candle in front of a mirror would make their future husband's face appear in the glass.

The Irish Introduced Jack-o'-Lanterns

The holiday we celebrate as Halloween today really started taking off in the U.S. in the middle of the 19th century, when a wave of Irish immigrants left their country during the [potato famine](#). The newcomers brought their own superstitions and customs, including the jack-o'-lantern. But back then, they carved them out of turnips, potatoes and beets instead of pumpkins.

Halloween Focuses on Treats Today

By the end of the 1800s, more communities were partaking in a more secular (and safer) set of rituals. People started holding parties that included harmless [Halloween games](#), fall seasonal treats and fun costumes over witchcraft and mischievous troublemaking.

Americans Spend a Lot on Candy

Trick-or-treating skyrocketed in popularity by the 1950s, when Halloween became a true national event. Today, over 179 million Americans celebrate the holiday — and spend about \$9.1 billion annually in the process, according to the [National Retail Federation](#).

Halloween Is Not a Federal Holiday

While Halloween is lots of people's favorite holiday, the day isn't a federal holiday. Despite all of the festivities that happen in the evening, it's still a work day and most businesses and banks follow their regular hours. So, if you're rushing home to answer your doorbell, you're certainly not the only one.



Legislative – continued from page 10

Policy recommendations range from promoting more data centers to passing a moratorium on new facilities for a year to study how to regulate them. But the state's hands are tied when it comes to new regulation because the Legislature passed a [law](#) prohibiting the state from having [stricter environmental regulations than the federal government](#). If a federal regulation does not exist, it is difficult for the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) to make a rule. The EPA announced [in June](#) it would not set national standards for data centers.

Following up on an issue before the Legislature last session, the Alabama Public Television (APT) Board will fund a \$40,000 survey on state attitudes toward APT and PBS programming.

The remaining tax on food will be an issue in the next legislative session. Several candidates for statewide office pledged to support repealing the grocery tax including both the Democratic and Republican candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Lawmakers already passed legislation reducing the statewide portion of the grocery tax from 4% to 2% but this tax money supports the Education Trust Fund and finding an offset has been a showstopper so far. ■■■

Schedule of Events – Veterans Week

Friday November 4

7:30 am – Veteran Prayer Breakfast, Valley YMCA Madison AL

- Keynote Speaker: LTG Robert Rasch, Director of RCCTO
- Cost: No cost to veterans – all others-\$30 per person or table of 8 \$300
- Veterans, please register to reserve your free ticket: [Events for Veterans \(ymcahuntsville.org\)](#)

Thursday, November 10

6 p.m. – [Veterans Dinner](#), VBC, South Hall (social hour 5-6 p.m., program at 6 p.m.)

- Honored guests (invited)
- Senior military leaders and elected officials (invited)
- Induction of local heroes into the Madison County Hall of Heroes
- Induction of Purple Heart recipients into the Purple Heart Honor Roll

The dinner is open to the public. [Tickets are required](#).

Friday, November 11

8:00 a.m. – [Veterans Day Breakfast](#) in honor of Gold Star Families, Roundhouse (breakfast buffet begins immediately, program at 9 a.m.)

- Honored guests (invited)
- Senior military leaders and elected officials (invited)
- Recognition of local Gold Star families
- The breakfast is open to the public. [Tickets are required](#).

11 a.m. – [Veterans Parade](#), downtown Huntsville

- Honored guests (invited)
- Senior military leaders and elected officials (invited)
- Free and open to the public. The best viewing is at Veterans Memorial Park on Monroe Street.

Marine Corps Birthday Ball, Jackson Center Visit [semperfictf.org](#) for more information

Redstone Arsenal
55th Retiree Appreciation Day Events
October 22-23, 2026



October 22, 2026
ID Cards (One Stop Bldg. 3494) 0730-1500
Legal Services (SJA Bldg. 3439) 0830-1530

October 23, 2026
Benefit Briefings (Heiser Hall, Bldg. 3712) 0900-1230
Health Fair (Free Flu Shots) / Information booths
Community Activity Center (Bldg. 3711) 1230-1430

POC: Betty Anderson (256)842-2719



Per the Chapter Constitution & By-laws, the bi-annual election of Chapter officers will take place at the October membership meeting. The following individuals are running for the listed positions:

President	CAPT Richard West
1 st Vice President	CW4 Ed Banville
2 nd Vice President	COL Gene Lesinski
Secretary	COL Michael Barron
Treasurer	Col Dave McKinney
Army Rep	MAJ William Crawford
Navy/Marine Corp Rep	COL Raymond Regner
Air/Space Force Rep	Col Gerald Maxwell

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 retuned 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 “retuned” 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)
- 22-23 October – Redstone Arsenal Retiree Appreciation Day**
- 24 October – United Nations founded (1945)
- 26 October - The shoot-out at the O.K. Corral (1881)
- 28 October - Monthly Member Meeting – 1030 Meet & Greet – Summit Club**
- 31 October - Halloween

