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Military Officers Association of America

# The Sentinel



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



Hi Everyone –

We held our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual golf tournament on 29 August at the Links at Redstone. The turnout was better than last year, and through the innovative ideas of the golf committee we managed to double the amount of money raised. Kudos to John Inman, Rick West, Don Kimminau, Arno Hoerle, Lou Kubik, Norb Patla, Earl Freeman and Carrie Hightower

I also need to recognize the volunteers from the Community Women's Club who helped stuff goodie bags, assisted with registration, and helped with the awards ceremony. They also made gift baskets (which were real moneymakers), provided many innovative ideas, and we could not have done it without them.

There are several items in this month's Sentinel that I want to call to your attention:

- The MOAA Alabama State Convention
- Some changes for those receiving the hardcopy newsletter by mail

I shouldn't have to discuss meeting etiquette, but recent events require it. If we require an RSVP for a meeting, that means we are taking a headcount. If you say you are coming, be there. If things change, call and say you can't make it. The Chapter lost \$300 in August due to no-shows. Just showing up without an RSVP is unacceptable. The main reason we have meetings is for our guest speakers to share their knowledge with you. Walking out after the meal and before the speaker gets to talk is also unacceptable, and reflects poorly on the chapter. Showing up at a business casual meeting in jeans and a t-shirt also reflects badly on the individual and the chapter. We are all former officers - we can do better than this.

Finally, save the date of 13 December for the Christmas party. Reservation information will be on the website shortly, and in the November newsletter.

- Bruce

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## Get Involved!

### REMINDERS

**Monthly Membership Meeting:** The next meeting is Wednesday, 29 October 2014, 1100 at the Summit Club. The guest speaker will be Dr. John Dabrowski, MDA Historian.

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

**Breakfast:** Next breakfast is Saturday 25 October 2014, 0900 hours at the Steak & Shake Madison Square Mall.

**Governing Board:** Next meeting is Thursday 9 October 2014, 1100 hours at the Summit Club.



## Legislative Corner

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

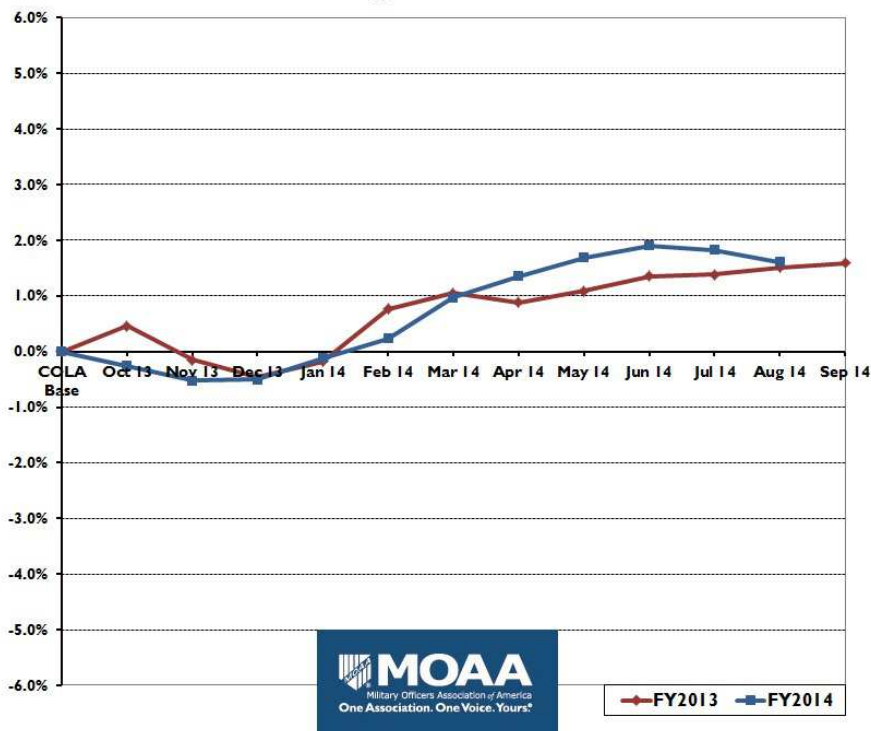


Since I returned to the work force this past week, this will be a somewhat abbreviated article. By next month I expect to be adapted to my new schedule and should return to a more regular regimen and will continue to try to keep you abreast of the important issues we face. In the meantime, continue to let your elected representatives hear from you by any means available. I will be forwarding any alerts from National MOAA to those of you who have email.

#### • COLA Watch Continues.

The Consumer Price Index dipped 0.2 percent in August, falling to 234.030. It now stands 1.6 percent above the FY2014 COLA baseline of 230.327. The July, August, and September CPIs will be used to calculate the 2015 COLA. **MOAA predicts the 2015 COLA to fall somewhere between 1.6 and 1.8 percent.** Information for the Consumer Price Index for the month of September is scheduled to be released on October 22.

#### Change in Inflation



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**PX / Commissary**  
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**Exchange**

October will be an exciting month for the Redstone Exchange!

Join us 3-9 October for our annual Exchange celebration honoring our Military retiree family. Enter to win one of four \$50 gift cards to be given away that week!

Be sure to stop by our new Subway located in the Redstone Exchange Food Court. They are open for Breakfast 7 days a week. Monday- Friday 0700-1800 and Sat-Sun 0800-1700. Eat fresh!

The newly renovated customer restrooms are now open in the Exchange Mall. Thank you for your patience!

October 17th will feature the Re-grand Opening of the Redstone Shopping Center! Join us at 1000 for an exciting ribbon cutting to kick off the 2014 holiday shopping season. Our new stock assortment features enhanced branded merchandise in response to customer feedback! Shop great brands like: Bose, North Face, Timberland, Ralph Lauren, Lucky Brank, Michael Kors fashions and accessories, Smashbox, Murad, Philosophy, Butter London, OPI, Orly, Essie, Laura Geller and much more! Join us for our Re-Grand opening celebration October 17th!

Visit the Redstone Exchange for all of your Halloween costume, décor and entertaining needs. Shop early for best selection.

**Commissary**

At the commissary there will be the Home for the Holidays Giveaway! Oct. 9-22, sponsored by the Dr. Pepper Snapple Group. There is the Hungry for Football Every Day Event, sponsored by ConAgra Foods throughout October, featuring recipe books and coupon savings. Prepare for your Thanksgiving holiday meal, beginning Nov. 1, with the Free Turkey Coupon booklets. 🇺🇸

**Need Addresses**

**CPT Joseph W. Illes**

We have lost track of the above members. If you know their whereabouts, please have them contact Chris Downing at 256-828-9740 to update their addresses.

**Concerns**

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

**None this Month**

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### **TRICARE Benefits Changes by E-mail**

The Department of Defense is going green. Instead of sending you hard copy letters, they will be sending emails directing you to milConnect at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/>. This is a secure Department of Defense website where you can check personal information and benefit changes, including TRICARE. They can post information quickly and securely in milConnect.

In milConnect, you can get TRICARE enrollment cards to print, check your Primary Care Manager, read eligibility change letters, and more. Log in to your milConnect account every so often to see what's new.

DoD is looking to do away with all paper notifications. In some cases, they will send post cards directing you to milConnect or the TRICARE Web site at [www.tricare.mil](http://www.tricare.mil). You can update you or your family's email addresses by logging in to milConnect. Click on the "MyProfile" menu item. If you don't want to get email notices, you may "opt out" under the "MyProfile" menu.

For more information on TRICARE letters, email notices, and more instructions, please go to [www.tricare.mil/letters](http://www.tricare.mil/letters).



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## **Carrie's Notes**

Mrs. Carrie Hightower, 256-882-3992

### **MOAA Auxiliary**

Sorry, no report this month as there was a poor turnout at the September meeting. Our next meeting will be on October 21st, same time and place.

### **WOW Support Group**

Our luncheon on Thursday, 16 October, will be held at Chili's at 4925 University Drive at 12:00 noon. Please note the time change.



## **Fox Army Health Center**

**Col Edward L. Uher, USAF-Ret**



### **A Little Health Goes a Long Way**

More than half of all cancer deaths can be prevented with the right choices, according to the American Cancer Society, which includes exercise, healthy diet and not missing appointments for screenings. But it's more than just cancer – living a lifetime of wellness can prevent an array of other health risks and improve your overall health.

“The American Cancer Society reports that studies show living a healthy lifestyle is a very important way to modify risk for the development of various forms of cancer, as well as other chronic diseases such as heart disease and diabetes,” said Mary Bouldin, nurse educator at Fox Army Health Center. “Lifestyles choices that can lower risk include maintaining a healthy weight, not using a tobacco product and staying physically active.” The American Cancer Society offers the following guidance on taking charge of your health to lower your risk factors:

- **Maintain a healthy weight.**

For women who have gone through menopause and are overweight, there is an increased risk of breast cancer, according to the ACS, but maintaining a healthy weight is important at every age. The optimal Body Mass Index is under 25, Bouldin said.

“Increased risk for cancer development was observed in participants of studies who were overweight or obese,” Bouldin said. “A diet high in vegetables, fruits, whole grains, lean proteins, and low in sugar, saturated fat and trans-fat can help individuals maintain a healthy weight, while providing your body the tools it needs to maintain optimal health.” To find out if you're at a healthy weight, check out the Body Mass Index calculator at [www.cancer.org/healthy](http://www.cancer.org/healthy).

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## SWITCH TO THE AUTO INSURANCE WHERE 92% OF MEMBERS PLAN TO STAY FOR LIFE<sup>1</sup>



*USAA members Robert Griffin III,  
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and his parents, U.S. Army veterans*

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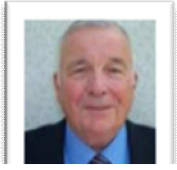
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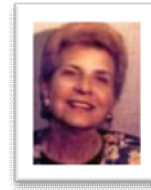
**Chaplain's Corner**  
CH (LTC) Bert Wiggers, AUS-Ret

**How Can We Fail with the Great Shepherd?**

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,  
For You are with me;  
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:4 (NKJ)

President-elect Abraham Lincoln left his home in Springfield on February 11, 1861. One month later he was to be inaugurated. He had a premonition this would be the last time he would see Springfield. Lincoln gave a farewell message to the people of his home town as he stood on the back of the rear platform of his train car. He closed his speech with the following words: "Today I leave you. I go to assume a task more difficult than that which devolved upon General Washington. The great God which guided him must help me. Without that assistance I shall surely fail; with it, I cannot fail."

We may struggle with the enemies of pain, suffering, disease, etc. Only one person can walk with us through the death's dark valley and bring us safely to the other side. He is the Great Shepherd. Life is uncertain; therefore, we should follow the Shepherd who offers us eternal comfort.



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

**10 October 2014**

The MOAA widow's luncheon will be held on Friday, 10 October, at the Red Lobster, 1818 University Drive, Huntsville, phone 256-533-2880.

Liz Townsend, phone 256-721-9762, will be our hostess. We will meet at 11:00 AM.

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

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO  
HUNTSVILLE CHAPTER MOAA**

**Mrs. Pattie Chatfield  
Col Chuck Hummer, USAF**

HCMOAA is reporting time spent on volunteer activities to Redstone Arsenal. Please keep track of your volunteer hours throughout the month and report them to Ray Weinberg at 256-885-0089 or ray.kw@juno.com.

**Scholarships**



The Chapter has instituted an active scholarship program. In conjunction with the Redstone Women's Club, we will issue one or more scholarship each year to a deserving student.

Please consider making a donation to our program. Contact Norb Patla for details.



- **The Drawdown of Our Forces**

*(Taken from an article by Col. Mike Hayden, USAF (Ret) of the National MOAA Staff)*

Just over a year ago, I wrote a column insisting the services use all the tools in their drawdown toolkit before forcing people out of the force. However, recent headlines have shed light on the Army providing pink slips to nearly 1,200 captains and 550 majors — several while serving in combat zones. The Army is caught between a rock and a hard place. It is in the midst of drawing down over 120,000 active duty troops from the peak of 570,000 members to 450,000 by 2019. This drawdown is far from over — if you escaped round one, don't think you're necessarily safe in round two or even three. And that number could shrink even further, to as small as 420,000, if sequestration is not “de-triggered.”

There is little dignity with providing pink slips to those who are in harm's way. Most of these troops and their families have only known service during wartime. Following the build-ups needed for previous conflicts, Congress has provided the Pentagon with the necessary tools to reduce end strength — both voluntarily and involuntarily. So why not use voluntary tools like Temporary Early Retirement Authority and Voluntary Separation Pay and drawdown the troops with dignity? The Army is squeezing every dollar and reverting to the most cost-effective drawdown tools — reductions in force and selective early retirement boards and others involuntary means — vice those that would incentivize troops to volunteer to leave.

Our nation should not forget that many of these service members have deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan multiple times. These same service members who have been told their performance has been nothing short of exemplary now will be sent packing as part of the drawdown efforts.

Personnel planners should focus on what's right versus what's cost-effective. As a former recruiter, I can tell you the best influencer for a young recruit is knowing a veteran was treated with dignity on his or her way out of the service. On the flipside, a recruiter's worst nightmare is dealing with a potential recruit who knows a veteran who was involuntarily let go. Voluntary measures and tools provide service members with a choice, recognize their service and sacrifice, and allow them to leave on their terms and with dignity.

**The bottom line:** Treat the troops with dignity, and use the tools.

- See more at:

[http://www.moaa.org/Main\\_Menu/Take\\_Action/The\\_Bottom\\_Line/2014\\_The\\_Bottom\\_Line/The\\_Bottom\\_Line\\_\\_Drawdown\\_\\_Cut\\_With\\_Dignity.html#sthash.Kx80oB0G.dpuf](http://www.moaa.org/Main_Menu/Take_Action/The_Bottom_Line/2014_The_Bottom_Line/The_Bottom_Line__Drawdown__Cut_With_Dignity.html#sthash.Kx80oB0G.dpuf) 

## **Results from 29 August Scholarship Golf Tournament**

We had 56 golfers compete this year – the Mulligans, raffle & silent auction were very successful

Total income: \$8868.01

Total expenses: \$4484.27

Net proceeds: \$4383.74

*Great job by the golf committee and the  
Community Women's Club volunteers – the money  
raised was nearly double that of the previous year!*



■ Get moving.

When it comes to reducing the risk of breast cancer, and others, physical activity may help, according to the American Cancer Society, which is why and Bouldin recommend adults get at least 150 minutes of moderate intensity a week – that’s just 30 minutes five times a week. For children, it should be an hour each day.

Forego your usual lazy Saturday and head to Big Spring Park instead for Healthy Huntsville’s First Saturday Fitness Classes, free workouts to get you motivated and moving. Scheduled for this Saturday is an interval workout at 8:30 a.m., Pilates at 10. Classes meet in Big Spring Park east, near the rock fountain.

■ Eat right.

The American Cancer Society recommends eating at least two and a half cups of fruits and vegetables a day, particularly whole fruits and vegetables. Be aware of portion sizes and watch your sugar intake, especially when it comes to soda and other drinks. Choose fish, poultry, beans and whole grains over beef, pork, lamb and refried grains, and limit processed meats.


With the help of local farmers markets, families can find fresh and healthy choices for their table right in their backyard. The Madison City Farmers Market is held every Saturday, through Nov. 22, at 1088 Hughes Road. October and November hours are 9 a.m. to noon. The Madison County Farmers Market, open Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Nov. 15, is located at 1022 Cook Avenue.

■ If you’re going to drink, do it in moderation.

Drinking alcohol does increase one’s risk of developing breast cancer, according to the American Cancer Society. Women should limit their intake to one drink per day, classified as 12 ounces of beer, five ounces of wine or a shot of liquor; no more than two drinks a day for men.

■ Get screened.

Regardless of the many healthy choices you may make on a daily basis, screening plays a crucial role when it comes to breast cancer as well. Early detection saves lives. The American Cancer Society recommends annual mammograms beginning at age 40. Some women, due to family history and other factors, may require screening at an earlier age. Talk with your doctor to determine what’s right for you. Every three years women in their 20s and 30s should have a clinical breast exam; for women over 40, annually.

For more information about healthy choices you can make to prevent cancer, visit [www.cancer.org/healthy](http://www.cancer.org/healthy). 

## **2015 Alabama State MOAA Convention**

The Montgomery Chapter, with help from the Alabama Council, is organizing the 2015 Convention.

### **Host Hotel**

#### **Renaissance Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center**

201 Tallapoosa Street, Montgomery, AL 36104, **334-481-5000**

Room Rate: \$105.00+taxes, available 4/23/2015 through 4/26/2015

Parking Fee: \$8 per day, special discounted parking fee

20% Discounted Spa Treatments at the Montgomery Spa (located on property)

### **Agenda\***

#### **Thursday, April 23**

- Business Meeting/Luncheon (council members only)
- Explore Montgomery that afternoon – shop & catch the downtown attractions
- An **Evening Biscuits Baseball Game** at Riverwalk Stadium - Go Biscuits!!

#### **Friday, April 24**

- Registration and check in at Renaissance Hotel & Spa
- **Historic Harriot II evening dinner cruise** along the Alabama River –just steps from the host hotel!
- Enjoy late night entertainment in Montgomery's Alley or along the river front –live music, drinks and entertainment!

#### **Saturday, April 25**

- Continental Breakfast before a full day of business meetings
- Speakers and presenters scheduled are from the following organizations:  
**Alabama State Board of Veterans, MOAA Council, MOAA Board**
- **Governor Robert Bentley** has been invited as the luncheon speaker
- Spouses Tour and luncheon include stops at Montgomery's top attractions, historic churches, and world-class theaters
- **Admiral Norbert Ryan, MOAA President**, will be featured as the speaker for the dinner banquet
- Enjoy late night entertainment in Montgomery's Alley or along the river front –live music, drinks and entertainment!

#### **Sunday, April 26**

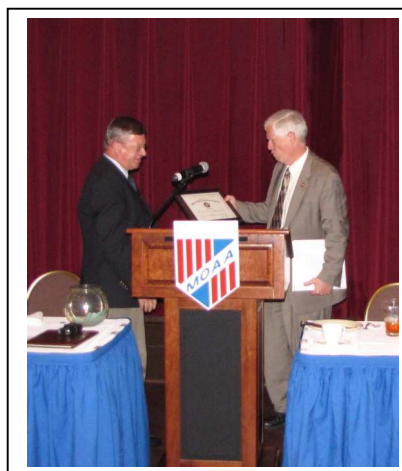
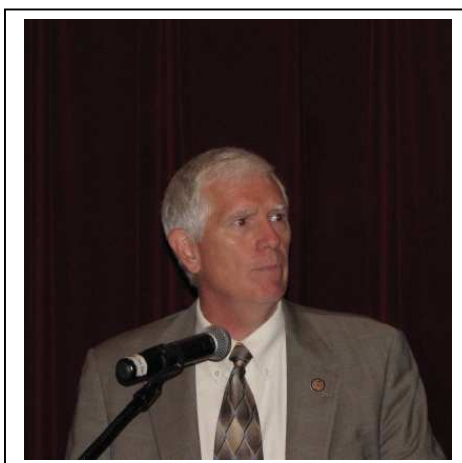
- Memorial Service and plated breakfast
- Meeting Adjourned

\*These are planned/ tentative events and are subject to change

## Chapter Happenings



3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament



August Meeting – Congressman Mo Brooks



Redstone Arsenal Oktoberfest



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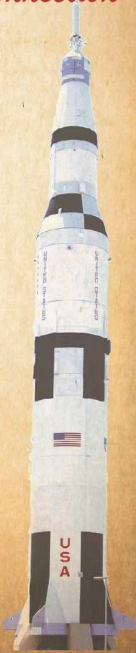
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### **TRICARE Tips for Healthy Living**

***Someone in the U.S. dies by suicide every  
13.3 minutes***

**Do You Know the Signs?**

The risk of suicide is greater if a behavior is new or has increased and if it seems related to a painful event, loss, or change. The following signs may mean someone is at risk for suicide:

- Talking about wanting to die or to kill themselves
- Looking for a way to kill themselves, such as searching online or buying a gun
- Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live
- Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain
- Talking about being a burden to others
- Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs
- Acting anxious or agitated; behaving recklessly
- Sleeping too little or too much
- Withdrawing or isolating themselves
- Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge
- Displaying extreme mood swings

### **Hardcopy Sentinel**

As mentioned several months ago, the Chapter is discontinuing its current process of publishing & mailing the hardcopy *Sentinel*, effective with the January 2015 edition. Even with members paying the nominal \$10 per year fee to help defray the costs (and not all do), it is still not a cost effective process. Beginning the first of the year, the newsletter will only be delivered electronically via e-mail.

The Chapter strongly encourages those members who this will effect to provide an e-mail address, so that you can continue to receive the *Sentinel* electronically.

Those members who chose not to provide an e-mail address will stop receiving the newsletter as they know it. The Chapter is studying alternative forms of communication to keep those effected members informed of what is going on, and a decision will be made shortly as to the form that communication will take.

Members who paid a multi-year fee for hard copy *Sentinel* delivery will have the balance refunded to them.





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### **Membership Application or Renewal Confirmation**

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			<input type="checkbox"/> Surviving Spouse
_____ Mailing Address		_____ City	_____ State
			_____ Zip Code
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## **Attention Annual Members**

It's not too early to renew your membership for next year – why wait until the last minute

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## Membership Statistics

Total Members: 444  
Auxiliary Members: 70  
Life Members: 235

New this month: 2  
Deaths this month: 1  
Renewals: 3

## Election Results

The following individuals, who were nominated for their respective officer positions last month, were elected by the general membership at the 24 September 2014 membership meeting. They will be sworn in at the January 2015 membership meeting and serve two year terms.

- President – MAJ Bruce Robinson
- 1st VP – COL Norb Patla
- 2nd VP – LtCol Charles Clements
- Secretary – LTC Kevin Messer
- Treasurer – CAPT Rick West
- Army Rep – COL Jim Treadway
- Navy Rep – CW4 Louis Kubik
- AF Rep – Col Gerald Maxwell

## Retiree Appreciation Day

The Chapter had a recruiting table at the Retiree Appreciation Day activities at the Sparkman Center on 20 September.

At least 8 new members decided to join the Chapter. We say at least 8 because 8 people actually paid. Other people took applications with them and could mail in their form and payment later.

Most noteworthy of the 8 new members was Lt. Gen. Patricia McQuestion, Deputy Commanding General of the Army Material Command. We hope to have her as a guest speaker in the near future. Also recruited were 3 active duty Army O6s, 2 active duty Army O4s, a retired Army O5 and former Navy O5.

Kudos to the team manning the booth: Carrie Hightower, John Inman, Rick West, Jerry Haynes, Charles Clements, Ed Uher, Bill Stevenson, Chris Downing & Ray Weinberg

**27 Birthdays in October  
Happy Birthday!**



CW3 Raymond Watford, USA	CPT Gary Rose, USA
LTC Dallas Shaw, USA	LtCol Barney Barron, USAF
Col Michael Vaccaro, USAF	Col Donald Brewer, USAF
Col Edward Uher, USAF	LCDR Thomas Long, Jr, USN
CW2 Edward Baltz, USA	MAJ Curtis Smith, USA
LTC Russell Dunford, USA	LTC Kevin Messer, USA
COL William Stevenson, USA	Capt Howard Sanderford, USMC
Col Adrian Ritchie Jr, USAF	Maj Glen Crawley, USAF
LTC Robert Dudley, USA	COL Brion Chabot, USA
LTC Melville Adams, USA	CAPT Richard West, USN
CAPT John Huling, USPHS	LTC Robert Hearon, USA
COL Melvin McLemore, USA	BG Dani3l Montgomery, USA
LTC James Cox, USA	LTC Harold Walden, USA
LTC Albert Parmentier, USA	



**TAPS**

Our deepest sympathy to the families of our departed friends

**Mrs. Lucille Johnson**

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**Treasurer's Report**

**CAPT Richard West, USN**

**For the Month of August 2014**

Beginning Balance	\$15468.94
Credits	3789.00
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Ending Balance \$15550.58





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## October Guest Speaker

### MDA Historian

**John R. Dabrowski, Ph.D.**

Dr. John R. Dabrowski assumed his current position as the Missile Defense Agency Chief Historian in March 2012. His responsibilities include documenting the official history of America's missile defense programs as well as providing historical support to the MDA Director and MDA staff. He is the principal advisor to the MDA Director and MDA staff on missile defense history. He provides staff supervision of all MDA historical activities as well as providing liaison with external organizations and museums to ensure the accuracy of their products and displays.

Dr. Dabrowski has served as a government civilian historian with the US Air Force and the US Army as well as a uniformed military historian with the US Army. Dr. Dabrowski has served as a staff historian with the Tactical Air Command and Air Combat Command History Offices as well as having served as the chief of the History Office for the US Logistics Group (TUSLOG), Ankara, Turkey; the 51<sup>st</sup> Fighter Wing/7<sup>th</sup> Air Force, Osan AB, South Korea, and the 16<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, Florida. In 2006, Dr. Dabrowski was selected to be the US Army Aviation Branch Historian, Ft. Rucker, Alabama, a position he held prior to being assigned to MDA.

Dr. Dabrowski retired from the US Army Reserve with the rank of colonel in 2007 after 30 years of service, having held numerous positions on active duty and within the Army Reserve throughout his career.

He will talk about his recent trip to Europe documenting numerous World War II historical sites and points of interest.