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**Level of Excellence
Five Star Chapter**

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



Hi Everyone –

Some great news – the Chapter won a 5 star level of excellence award for the second straight year. That indicates that we are doing all of the things recommended by MOAA National. Kudos to our board members for making it happen. I'll be going to the MOAA National Annual Meeting in Colorado Springs to accept the award.

Our second annual golf tournament is fast approaching. The date is 13 September at the Links at Redstone. All proceeds go to fund our scholarship program. There is still time to sign up and hit the links with your friends. We also have some great prizes to give away. Details inside.

Our Alabama Council of Chapters is planning a State Convention to be held in Montgomery in April 2015. I would be interested in knowing what type of agenda items and/or speakers would cause you to want to attend. Send me a note with your thoughts.

Football season is upon us. Any interest in having a chapter gathering at a local sports bar to root for your favorite team? I would be interested in your thoughts on that as well (Roll Tide!).

Finally, we have a Member Spotlight article in the edition of *The Sentinel*. I would like to make this a recurring theme. If you have something in your career background that is noteworthy, let me know and we'll get it published to share with our membership.

- Bruce

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REMINDERS

Monthly Membership Meeting: Next meeting is Wednesday 25 September 2013, 1100 hours at the Summit Club. Guest Speaker is KC Bertling, President of the Community Womens Club.

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

Breakfast: Next breakfast is Saturday, 28 September 2013, 0900 hours at the Steak and Shake – Madison Square Mall.

Governing Board: Next meeting is Thursday 12 September 2013, 1100 hours at the Summit Club.



Legislative Corner

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



This month I want to extend a hearty "Thanks" to Past President Hal Hicks for his lengthy service to retirees and veterans in several organizations, including our own. He has graciously introduced me to several additional sources of information which will be of interest to chapter members. Hopefully I will be able to provide more useful and more widely sourced information to the membership in the future. Hal is currently somewhat 'inactive' due to pressing priorities, but plans to return to chapter activities in the future when time permits. In the meantime, "Best Wishes Hal!"

I hope many of you are making the effort to contact your legislators while they are home. If you live in the Huntsville/Decatur / area, the following may be helpful:

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Also, phone numbers are available for Washington offices via the Capital Operator direct at (866) 272-6622 or (800) 828-0498.

Other Items of Interest:

- VFW Helps VA Battle Backlog

The VA recently began pushing "Fully Developed Claims" to help break a 1.9 million-claim backlog by the year 2015. VFW National Commander Bill Thien said his nationwide cadre of 1,200 VA-accredited service officers has always strived to submit fully developed claims, and that this was reemphasized in service officer training a year ago. The VA considers claims to be "fully developed" when all available supporting documentation or evidence within the control of the veteran is submitted with the application. Thien said it is important that every claim be as fully developed as possible because it normally takes well over six months for a new claim to get adjudicated, and if denied for insufficient

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Exchange

Roberto (or “Montie”), the store manager sat right down and loaded me with stuff for the next few months. There is a fashion show for children of all sizes on 31 August. Starting on 15 September the store will celebrate Hispanic Heritage month. Last year we saw typical Spanish dances with local talent including some from the store. This will be over the last half of the month of September.

Look for the opening of the Exchange Express near the corner of Mills Road and Martin Road. It is next to the Redstone Federal Credit Union. It is well ahead of schedule and may be operational in late October but the expected opening is scheduled for 1 November with a food court and so forth! Looking about as far ahead, this is a heads up for the October Tent Sale on 3 to 5 October for Talladega.

The greeting card racks are now filled with American Greeting Cards. While briefly passing there I got one vote against the change and three votes for the change. In the same area I found Sandpiper See-through “Quick Pack” items for those who travel a lot or get a lot of TDY. Next to them are Front License Plates for Army, Airborne, Air Force, Marine Corps and Army Dad and Army Mom. After looking for two months for a new road atlas I found them in the Exchange (whoops, almost wrote “PX” again) next to the license plates. The last atlas from the PX cost me about \$7.00. Today it will cost me \$19.95 but it will have all the Military Installations marked on it. At least five bases that I used to stop at on trips are now closed so it pays to look ahead.

Last month’s football hero in my column is now doing “two-a-days” and from what his Mom said I would guess he will be playing this year in the line while still a freshman. Go Army!! (And for my Brother, “Go Navy”, and for two uncles and a cousin, “Go Air Force!”)

Commissary

Robin Daniel, Store Director, “Gave the Scoop for the Group” for September when not much is happening. The store is working to fill

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Need Addresses

LTC Richard Carzoli
BG Wendell Childs
LTC John Lary
LTC George Leach

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:

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Carrie's Notes

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MOAA Auxiliary

On behalf of the Auxiliary, I would once again like to extend an invitation to MOAA spouses to join us for canasta and lunch. We meet at 9:30 AM every third Tuesday of the month. The point of contact is Ursula Spicer at 256-881-4741. Winners for August were Tami Jensen (1st) and yours truly (2nd). Our next meeting will be on Tuesday September 17th.

WOW Support Group

Now that summer is over we will resume our activities once again. Our first luncheon will be on September 19th at the Summit Club on Redstone Arsenal at 11:00 AM. Everyone will be called. I hope you had a great summer.



Fox Army Health Center

Col Edward L. Uher, USAF-Ret



Fox Army Health Center Department of Pathology Receives Accreditation from College of American Pathologists (CAP)

Fox Army Health Center Department of Pathology, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama based on results of a recent on-site inspection as part of the CAP's Accreditation Program.

The facility's director, Michael E. Cooke, DO, was advised of this national recognition and congratulated for the excellence of the services being provided. Fox Army Health Center Department of Pathology is one of more than 7,000 CAP-accredited facilities worldwide.

The U.S. federal government recognized the CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program, begun in the early 1960s, as being equal-to or more-stringent-than the government's own inspection program. During the CAP accreditation process, designed to ensure the highest standard of care for all laboratory patients, inspectors examine the laboratory's records and quality control of procedures for the preceding two years. CAP inspectors also examine laboratory staff qualifications, equipment, facilities, safety program and record, and overall management.

About the College of American Pathologists: The College of American Pathologists (CAP), celebrating 50 years as the gold standard in laboratory accreditation, is a medical society that serves more than 18,000 physician members and the global laboratory community. It is the world's largest association composed exclusively of board-certified pathologists and is the worldwide leader in laboratory quality assurance. The College advocates accountable, high-quality, and cost effective patient care. More information about the CAP can be found at www.cap.org.

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Fox Army Health Center Ends Furlough

We kindly thank your patience and indulgence during the mandatory furloughs. Our last day of furlough was Friday, 16 August 2013, and we will resume normal operating hours the week of 19-August 2013.

Fox Army Health Center's normal operating hours are Monday-Friday from 7am-4:30pm.

As a Reminder, the Health Center will close at 2pm on the first Thursday of each month, and closed the entire day on Saturday, Sunday, and all federal holidays. Advice Nurses are available during non-duty hours at (256) 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice. Fox is an ambulatory care clinic and does not have an emergency room. In an emergency, dial 911.

TRICARE Expands Special Needs Care for Retirees

The Department of Defense is not making changes for active duty family members seeking autism services. However, an expansion of services through the Applied Behavior Analysis Pilot Program will allow retirees and their families to receive Autism Service Demonstration benefits.

Tricare has long covered ABA for active duty family members as a benefit of the Extended Care Health Option. To increase access to ABA services, in March 2008 the DoD implemented the ECHO Autism Demonstration for active duty family members. The demonstration expanded the opportunity for access to ABA services through a variety of provider types, to include ABA "reinforcement" by tutors. ABA reinforcement by tutors has not been available for non-active duty family members.

Beginning July 25, autism services available to non-active duty family members are greatly expanded with the introduction of the ABA Pilot Program. The pilot program provides retirees and their families with access to additional areas of ABA reinforcement. Autism care and treatment is evolving, and the pilot program is expected to provide insight into evaluation protocols. It was developed by crafting requirements through consultation with experts in the field and with advocacy groups in an attempt to discover validated tests, and the best approach for focusing on what would be the most appropriate care in order to provide the best possible outcomes for children with autism.

Dr. Jonathan Woodson, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs and director of the TRICARE Management Activity, said it is "paramount" for children with autism to obtain professional reassessments to ensure they get the right care, at the right time, with updated care plans.

Autism care benefits for qualifying children of active-duty service members enrolled in Tricare will not change. There is also no change in benefits for anyone enrolled in the basic medical program that began July 2012, according to officials at the Southern Regional Medical Command.

FAHC Renovations Update

Fox Army Health Center is in the process of renovating several restrooms throughout the Facility over the next several months. This major renovation project, encompassing a total of 24 restrooms, will be completed in several phases.

Project work will begin on Tuesday, 20 August 2013 @ 1630 Hours. The Facility Management Team will post restroom(s) renovation schedules and locations in advance of actual work prior to the start of each phase. Please be mindful of alternative restroom locations, and don't hesitate to ask anyone on the Fox Army Health Center staff for assistance if needed. We apologize for any inconveniences in advance, and we thank you for choosing Fox.

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Fox Army Health Center Welcome New Providers

They come from two distinctly different paths – one who vowed she would never be a nurse, another who always knew he wanted to be a doctor – but together, they are working to help Fox Army Health Center’s beneficiaries live a lifetime of wellness.

Fox Army Health Center recently welcomed nurse practitioner LTC Carla Crouch and physician MAJ Francisco Rubio to its patient centered medical home.

“These outstanding professionals are a great addition to the Fox Team”, said COL William Darby, Fox Army Health Center Commander. “Their experience and competence will enable Fox to improve on the great quality care that we already provide to our beneficiaries.”

Born and raised in Indiana, Crouch never intended to be a nurse. Taking one look at her two sisters’ careers in nursing, Crouch instead pursued a career in the lab. But after a few microbiology courses waiting for things to grow in Petri dishes, Crouch realized that her sisters were on to something.

“I figured out myself that I’m a people person,” said Crouch, who longed for more interaction. “That was just the natural path for me.”

Joining the Army National Guard to fund her education, Crouch spent the first nine years of her career in the Indiana National Guard working on her bachelor’s degree in nursing, while also serving as a medic. Upon receiving her degree she took a direct commission on active duty and has since served in Korea, where she was assigned to the 43rd MASH before it was deactivated. LTC Crouch also served in Germany and Kosovo as well as, serving stateside at Brooke Army Medical Center, Ft. Irwin, CA, and Ft. Riley, KS, where she completed her masters to become a nurse practitioner at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

Coming to Fox Army Health Center, Crouch has a hands-on role as chief of the facility’s patient centered medical home, a team focused approach that puts the patient’s needs and wellness at the center of their medical care. Beneficiaries are assigned to a specific team – red, white or blue – which consists of a primary care provider, two licensed practical nurses and a registered nurse.

“Patient centered medical home benefits the patient because they can have some expectations from their team,” Crouch said. “Knowing where to go to get answers is key to moving along in a care plan for someone.” One of the primary goals of patient care is helping beneficiaries live a lifetime of wellness, not just coming in to Fox when something is wrong with their health.

“We do a lot of wellness reiteration,” Crouch said. “That’s the biggest change about health care with patient centered medical home is that we’re looking forward to their health, not just what’s happening right here today. As people get older, certain screenings needs to happen, and that’s at the forefront of the team’s mind. Have they had a colonoscopy? Have they had a mammogram? Those kind of preventive measures are being looked at by the entire team, and that helps tremendously.”

Efforts are currently under way to fill Fox’s vacant family practice positions within the three teams, allowing beneficiaries better access to appointments and improved patient care.

“The big message for patients is to understand when they call for an appointment, we are going to make every effort to ensure they have their appointment with their assigned provider,” Crouch said. “Now that we’ve got more

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more providers, we're going to be able to maintain that standard of having the right patient with the right provider at the right time."

MAJ Rubio is one of those new family care physicians at Fox and is responsible for the blue team. For as long as the Miami native can remember, he has wanted to be a doctor. Over the course of his 15 years in service to his country, he has served at places such as Ft. Rucker, Ft. Bragg, Ft. Stewart, Bosnia, Afghanistan, Iraq, and now Redstone Arsenal, where he is happy to exercise his helpful nature.

"I love just being able to help people, to help them feel better and stay healthy," Rubio said. "It's just gratifying."

One of his favorite parts of his career is evident in the Christmas cards he receives every year, from the smiling families whose lives he has touched as a family medicine doctor.

"Delivering babies at my previous assignment – that's my favorite part," Rubio said. "Being able to take care of the moms throughout their pregnancy, deliver the babies, and then take care of them until I leave. You kind of become part of their family. It's a nice thing."

As the primary care provider for the blue team at Fox, Rubio is granted the opportunity day in and day out to help his fellow Soldiers strive for a lifetime of wellness, and encourages all his beneficiaries to make healthy choices, such as exercising and eating right.

"If you just do the basic stuff, then it's really pretty easy to stay healthy, but unfortunately it's easier said than done," Rubio said. "It's following all the simple stuff that grandma said." 🇺🇸

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documentation, two years or more just for the appeal. The VFW supports this initiative because a fully developed claim can cut the initial time in half, which helps speed the delivery of VA programs and services to deserving veterans, and helps to reduce the VA's overall claims workload.

- TRICARE Retiree Dental Program Changes (Rick West and John Inman should be proud-this one came from the Fleet Reserve Association)

Effective October 1, 2013, all TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) beneficiaries will be required to pay their monthly premiums by an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) or through military retired pay allotment. The ability to pay premiums by check or through an online bill pay system will end in September.

Most TRDP enrollees will need to take no action; however, Delta Dental sent letters to all TRDP participants on July 19 with information on where to submit EFT authorization forms and how to submit an EFT authorization online at www.trdp.org.

Delta Dental of California will continue managing the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program through 2018. As a result of this continued relationship, TRDP enhanced the program and overseas participants can look forward to several changes effective January 1, 2014.

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

The Soul

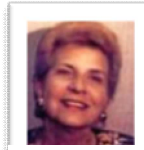
"...and man became a living soul." Genesis 2:7

**"The Lord shall guide you continually,
And satisfy your soul in drought..." Isaiah 58:11**

The soul demands as much attention as the body. It demands the following: fellowship and communion with God, prayer, worship, quietness, silence, meditation, scripture reading, listening, and waiting.

Unless the soul is fed and exercised daily, it becomes weak and shriveled. It remains discontented, confused, and restless. Many people turn to alcohol to attempt to drown the crying and longings of the soul. Others turn to drugs to dull the pain of the soul. Some turn to a new experience they imagine will give them some pleasure. Others attempt to quiet the longings of their soul in other ways. But nothing ever completely satisfies, because the soul was made for God, and without God it is restless and in secret torment. The first step to God is a realization of a person's spiritual poverty. The poor in spirit do not measure the worth of life in earthly possessions, which fade away, but in terms of eternal realities, which endure forever. Wise is the man who openly confesses his lack of spiritual wealth and in humility of heart cries, "God, be merciful unto me, a sinner."

Have you fed your soul today?



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

13 September 2013

The MOAA widow's luncheon will be held on Friday, 13 September at the Outback Steakhouse, 7640 Highway 72 W, Madison, AL. Phone 256-8658493.

Liz Townsend will be our hostess. We will meet at 11:00 AM.

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

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HUNTSVILLE CHAPTER MOAA**

LTC Eric Deets
Lt Col Kim Triesler

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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.

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shelves after the reopening again on Tuesdays. There will be NO case-lot sale in September other than the case-lots sitting by the front entrance every day and all the candy, etc. sitting in the wide middle aisle. Some of those stacks are Four Feet Tall! I bought some Werther's Originals for me and will be back to stock up for Halloween. I even saw Whitman's Assorted Chocolates!

I have seen patrons tear apart the fresh corn making a mess of the display. We had company last night featuring Hickory Charcoal Steamed Corn with grilled Hot Dogs and Two bowls of baked beans all done in a charcoal grill. Delicious but three of the eight ears of "Yellow Corn" were "White Corn" due to the above. If you see this happening, call someone from produce. It is impolite to do this to other customers and me. 🇺🇸

**40 Birthdays in September
Happy Birthday!**



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LTC Linda Green, USA
LTC David Howard, USA



TAPS

LCDR James Conner

Our deepest sympathy to the families of our departed friends

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: _____

2nd Annual MOAA "Scholarship" Golf Tournament

The Links at Redstone
Friday, 13 September – 0800 Shotgun Start
Registration begins at 0700

Cost: \$60 per person – includes green fees, cart, range balls and lunch

Team and Individual Prizes

An excellent assortment of door prizes – PowerBilt Driver, HVAC Service Contracts, Publix Gift Card, Jack Daniels Gift Basket, many more ...

All proceeds fund the Chapter's Scholarship Program

Come on out for a great day on the links!

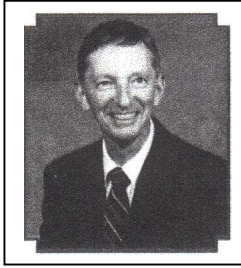
**Treasurer's Report
CAPT Richard West, USN**

For the Month of July 2013

Beginning Balance	\$8911.46
Credits	480.00
Debits	1445.49

Ending Balance \$7935.97





Member Spotlight

George D. Schrader

2013 ALUMNI AWARDS

The University of Kentucky Law Alumni Association and Board of Directors established five awards to honor graduates who have distinguished themselves by contributions to the practice of law and service to communities.

The University of Kentucky College of Law Legacy Award may be bestowed upon an individual who graduated 50 or more years ago, who has demonstrated exceptional leadership in his or her profession and/or community, and who has made a positive impact on the well-being of the UK College of Law, The Commonwealth of Kentucky, or elsewhere in the nation.

Class of 1955 - GEORGE D. SCHRADER

George D. Schrader served 22 years in the US Air Force and 5 years as Staff Judge Advocate, Alabama State Defense Force. Colonel Schrader initiated a program with the lawyer referral service providing a 25% discount for legal services provided to active, reserve, National Guard and retired members of the armed forces. He holds six degrees from five universities, has authored over 50 articles on law and management and authored or co-authored six books.

He served on the faculty of Auburn University at Montgomery, retiring as Professor Emeritus. He served on the board of directors of the Montgomery Area Council on Aging, was treasurer of the Montgomery Chapter of the Military Officers Association Scholarship Foundation and Historian for that Chapter. He served as Program Chairman of the Baptist Hospital Senior Advantage Organization, fundraiser for the Boy Scouts and Project Officer for the dedication of a highway bridge in honor of a Medal of Honor recipient.

Schrader served as Chairman of his neighborhood community council, head usher at his church and on the church supervisory committee. He helped establish the legal assistance section of the Montgomery County Bar Association, served on the editorial board of Alabama Lawyer and on several Alabama State Bar committees.



Congratulations George – the Chapter salutes you!

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- An increase in the annual maximum amount for each person enrolled, to \$1,300
- Coverage year will run from January 1 through December 31
- Maximums and deductibles will restart every January 1An increase in the annual maximum amount for dental accident coverage for each person enrolled, to \$1,200
- An increase in the lifetime orthodontic maximum amount for each person enrolled, to \$1,750
- A third cleaning allowed for children and adults with documented Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes
- A decrease in monthly premiums

TDRP basic participants can also look forward to a lower premium. Current dental enrollment cards will remain valid under the new contract; however, verification of TRDP eligibility and enrollment will be managed by Defense Eligibility Enrollment System (DEERS).

TRICARE Retiree Dental Program is voluntary, premium based coverage. To get more information about this benefit, visit <http://www.tricare.mil/trdp>. 🇺🇸



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September Membership Meeting

Wednesday 25 September

Guest Speaker: KC Bertling



KC Bertling is a native Korean, grew up in southern part of the country with rich customs and traditions, and with very strict discipline by her parents and two older brothers. In May 1976 she immigrated to the United States, in 1978 accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior, and in September 1983, she became a naturalized US Citizen. She enjoys singing, quilting and volunteering in the community. She currently serves as president of the RSA Community Women's Club, and president/founder of the Legacy 4 Korean War Veterans Foundation while holding a full-time employment with USASMDC/ARSTRAT as Soldiers and Family Program Manager. KC is an entrepreneur and self-motivated leader always seek to serve others with conviction. She is married to Sam and they have one son who resides in Virginia Beach, VA working as military analyst.



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Agent Orange Update (as reported in The Washington Post)

On Tuesday, August 6, The Vietnam Veterans of America North Dakota State Council launched a statewide Agent Orange Education Campaign with the unveiling the first of a series of billboards. Their goal is to reach fellow veterans and their dependents exposed to and suffering from the effects of Agent Orange/dioxin.

"Through advertisements such as our billboards and by convening town hall meetings, stand downs, and other outreach events throughout North Dakota, we hope to reach those suffering from the effects of Agent Orange to provide them with information and resources they need," said *Dan Stenvold*, President of the VVA North Dakota State Council.

"Along with the North Dakota Department of Veterans of Affairs, we will be working with many organizations to contact those who may have been exposed and their families. We are grateful to the North Dakota 63rd legislative assembly, which appropriated a \$50,000 grant for 2013-2015, in support of our outreach efforts," said *Stenvold*.

VVA is committed to ensuring that all veterans exposed during their service receive the care and compensation they have earned by their service to our nation. This includes those who served in Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, Korea, and Laos, as well as those who flew on C-123s, aboard Navy vessels, and on certain military installations and other facilities on and outside the continental U.S., including Guam, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Johnson Island, Ft. Detrick, and elsewhere.