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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Col Gerald C. Maxwell, USAFR



Fellow Members -

I hope everyone had a great time over the holiday's! I just realized that Valentine's Day will soon be here, and it will be time to show some extra appreciation for the special person in your life. Did you realize there are other special persons in your life? That is, your fellow brothers and sisters you have served with. You can continue serving by becoming active with the Chapter – serve on the board or a committee, attend our monthly meetings, or otherwise get involved.

It is very disconcerting to see the same people, often your Board members, over and over again at Chapter events. We have over 400 valued members that have served this great country. Your service is still needed! Your Board members and I request that you make an effort to get involved. An hour a month to attend our monthly member meetings is not a lot to ask. The speakers are always entertaining, and you might make some new friends.

Some opportunities to get involved include serving on the Golf committee, supporting the Memorial Day wreath laying ceremony, having lunch with the heroes at the Tut Fann veterans home at the annual BBQ, helping staff a Chapter booth during Retiree Appreciation Day, riding in the Veterans Day parade, supporting Christmas gift wrapping at the PX, or serving as a member of the Board - there are currently several open positions.

We also have several exciting members meetings coming up. In March we have Chapter member and recent Congressional Medal of Honor winner CPT Mike Rose as the speaker. The meeting will be held at Nick's Ristorante. Seating is limited, so get your reservations in now. Details are inside. In August we are trying to confirm either Mo Brooks or Doug Jones as the speaker, for an update on all the goings on in Washington, DC. Check our website for the latest information.

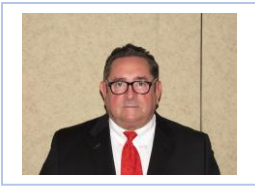
Gerald Maxwell

Get Involved!

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Legislative Corner

Lt Col Charles Clements, USAF-Ret



**Take
Action**

→ <http://www.moaa.org/takeaction/>

“All politics is local.” As I mentioned last month, be prepared to begin the next election cycle—the primary is set for 5 June 2018. The runoff is scheduled for 17 July, and the general election is set for 6 November 2018. You will be making a lot of choices. We will be electing someone to the US House of Representatives, as well as the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, state auditor, secretary of state, state treasurer, Madison County Sheriff, a person for Alabama State Senator, and for the Alabama House of Representatives. And that is not the complete list. One will need a road map come Election Day.

Please take time to look at <http://takeaction.moaa.org>. These are some of the key bills MOAA thinks are important to you. Let your representatives in DC know what you think of them. This is a link to a webpage that allows you to prepare e-mails or print out letters your representatives.

- **S 143.** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State.
- **HR 1384.** A bill to amend titles 5, 10, 37, and 38 of the United States Code to ensure that an order to serve on active duty under section 12304a and 12304b of title 10, United States Code, is treated the same as other orders to serve on active duty for determining the eligibility of members of the uniformed services and veterans for certain benefits and for calculating the deadlines for certain benefits.
- **HR 92.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program.
- **HR 93.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for increased access to Department of Veterans Affairs medical care for women veterans.
- **HR 102.** A bill to expand the research and education on and delivery of complementary and alternative medicine to veterans, and for other purposes.

The TOP 10 Legislative Issues for the State of Alabama are on our website. Go to our Chapter's webpage at <http://huntsvillemoaa.org/legislative0.aspx>. Please take time to read them.

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PX / Commissary
Col Gerald C. Maxwell, USAFR



Main Exchange

It's Valentine's Day. Stop by your PX and pick up your copy of the Valentine's Day sales suggestions. There are many new fragrances available. And of course, remember to stop by the jewelry counter and check out the sale items.

Just in time for the Super Bowl, new technology big screen TV's and sound bars are on sale. Watch and hear the game almost like you are there! Also, computers, boots, kid's clothes, furniture – it's all on sale at your PX!

For your New Year's resolution to get in shape – pick out your exercise equipment and gear - on sale now.

When online, remember to check the super daily special and the Friday frenzy deal for special savings!

You can also download the Exchange app and get the latest sales sent to your smart phone. For more deals, download the Exchange Extra app - scan items, get coupons, join the coffee club, get life style/fitness tips and receive the latest Exchange sale promotions.

As always shop early for best selection.

Shopette

The Shopette continues to host new product samplings and your favorite liquors and wines on Thursdays and Fridays. Stop in to see what your new favorite might be!

While there, always check for the latest promotional contests and vendor sponsored give-a-ways. It's your chance to win!

Be sure to stop by on Valentine's Day. The Shopette has several events planned.

On your way out, don't forget to visit the Red Box and rent your favorite movies. Plus, download the Red Box app on your smart phone and get text alerts for additional information, sales, and free movie rentals.

Commissary

Make your New Year a healthy one! Your commissary has the new award-winning dairy, lactose, casein, gluten and soy free mozzarella and cheddar shreds by Daiya. It melts and stretches just like the real cheese. Also, by Perfect Fit Meals, herb crusted chicken, roasted pork loin, paleo hunter-gatherer chicken, turkey skillet scramble, southwest style chicken, chicken parmesan, Havana chicken breast, and lemon pepper chicken.

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Need Addresses

None this month

We have lost track of the above member. 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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Fox Army Health Center
MAJ Bruce T. Robinson, USA-Ret



Fox Army Health Center 2018 Red Cross Volunteer Appreciation Day

Fox Army Health Center leaders know that a little help can go a long way when everyone is united for one common goal.

Fox staff paused January 8th for their annual observance of American Red Cross Volunteer Appreciation Day, a time to recognize the more than 30 individuals – and one therapy dog – who help make the medical treatment facility a success day in and day out.

“When I say it can’t happen without you guys, those are not empty words, that is a very true reality. Thank you all. You guys are truly the backbone of the difference between good and great. Thank you so much,” said Fox Commander COL Michael Oshiki, who presented each volunteer with a certificate of appreciation.

Over the course of 2017 volunteers gave 5,171.75 hours in service to Fox beneficiaries through a variety of roles, whether it be working in the pharmacy or providing information at the front desk. The Red Cross volunteers are an important part of why our wait times in the pharmacy have decreased from an average of one hour and 40 minutes in summer 2016 to under 10 minutes today, in a large part because of their sole support of the refill window.

“Without Red Cross folks that wouldn’t happen – there’s absolutely no way,” Oshiki said. Volunteer Shirley Walker had the most service hours for 2017 with 478.5, while Yvonne Quantock continued her legacy as the longest serving volunteer with 47 years of service. When she began volunteering in pediatrics in 1970 Fox was still a hospital.

“I like the people,” said Quantock, who typically volunteers on Fridays. “I’m now working in the pharmacy – I’ve been in the pharmacy for about 20 years – and I just enjoy it. It’s fun. I enjoy the work.”

Peggy Mann, Service to Armed Forces specialist for the American Red Cross, who coordinates the volunteers for Fox, echoed Oshiki’s appreciation.

“I really, really appreciate all of the dedication and your help,” Mann said. “You allow the staff here to be able to do what they need to do but doing what you do in supporting and loving on our active duty and veteran military population.”



Surviving Spouse's Luncheon

Mrs. Carrie Hightower
256-882-3992

The surviving spouse group had to cancel the January luncheon due to bad weather. That's two in a row. Hopefully our luck will improve.

We will gather on Thursday, 15 February at 12 noon.
This month's restaurant is the 88 Buffet at 10300 University Drive, Huntsville.
Phone is 256-971-9870.

Reservations are a must. Hope to see you there.

Surviving Spouse Corner: A Year in Review

The Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee (SSAC) began 2017 with the exciting opportunity to develop the second MOAA Virtual Chapter — following in the successful footsteps of the [Uniformed Services Nurse Advocates Virtual Chapter](#). We completed the necessary paperwork in August and forwarded it to MOAA to be submitted to the board of directors for their approval at their February meeting.

In April, SSAC members participated in MOAA's annual Storming the Hill event in Washington, D.C., during which we asked legislators to prevent disproportional TRICARE fee hikes, end harmful sequestration cuts, and eliminate the Survivor Benefit Plan/Dependency and Indemnity Compensation offset affecting 63,000 surviving military spouses or extend and increase the Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA) if the offset cannot be eliminated. We received positive feedback, and Congress included a provision in the FY 2018 National Defense Authorization Act that provides a permanent extension to the SSIA. We will continue to push Congress to eliminate the offset in its entirety.

We continued efforts to increase our visibility within the MOAA membership, including presentations about the SSAC at the Regional Leaders Workshop in Memphis in September and in Oklahoma City in November and the column "Your Secret Weapon" by Col. Terri Coles, USA (Ret), on page 48 of the November issue of *Military Officer* about the important roles of spouses and surviving spouses in local chapters.

Finally, in December, the SSAC named Shirley Phillips, of the Tucson (Ariz.) Chapter, its 2017 Surviving Spouse Liaison Excellence Award winner.

It has been a busy and exciting year with many new and challenging opportunities for the SSAC. We look forward to 2018 with the addition of new committee members, including a new virtual position aimed at younger surviving spouses who might not be able to travel because of jobs, children, etcetera, but who are interested in working on surviving spouse issues. Applications will be on the MOAA website in January 2018, and the two-year term begins April 2018.

SSAC member applications will be available in March 2018 on the MOAA website. Deadline for submission is June 30, and the four-year term, with an optional two-years, begins October 2018.



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

Spiritual Disciplines

Chile is one of the astronomy capitals of the world, boasting three big-time observatories, including the Cerro Tololo observatory with its five telescopes.

Chile is the mecca of astronomers for several reasons. The sky is clear 85 percent of the time. The Cerro Tololo observatory is built 7,200 feet above sea level in the Andean foothills, where there is less air to distort a telescope's view. The region has a natural inversion layer that keeps the air at high altitude stable and the view better. Northern Chile is also directly under the Milky Way, so astronomers can peer into our galaxy for up to eight hours a night, in contrast to five hours at observatories in Hawaii which is the astronomy capital of the northern hemisphere.

Certain places on earth offer a clearer view of the heavens, and certain disciplines offer a clearer view of the heavens, and certain spiritual disciplines offer a clearer view of the spiritual things. Throughout the history of the church, believers have found that activities such as Bible memorization and meditation, fasting and prayer, solitude and study, celebration and worship, guidance and confession have helped them better see God and His truth.

"Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the Word, that you may grow thereby... (1 Peter 1:1-2, NKJV)."



COMING SOON - THE MOAA NEWSLETTER!

We know your email inbox gets filled fast and often. Our revamped email bulletin, The MOAA Newsletter, will allow you to hear from us as much or as little as you would like. You will be able to personalize your newsletter by selecting topics that interest you most. We'll provide more information soon about how and when you can customize your newsletter experience. Keep an eye out for future announcements.

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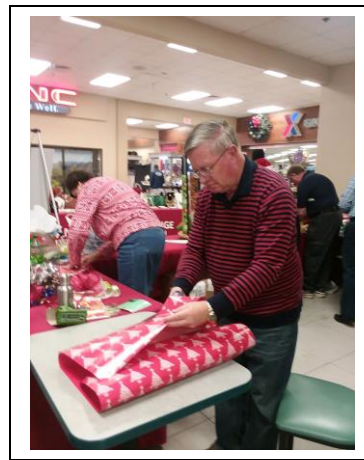
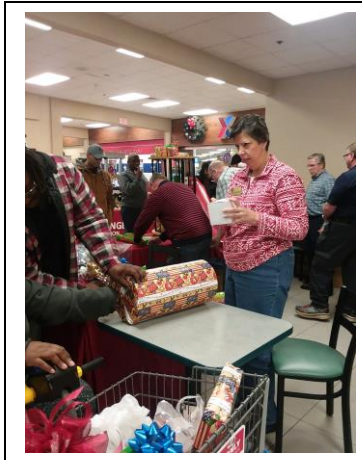
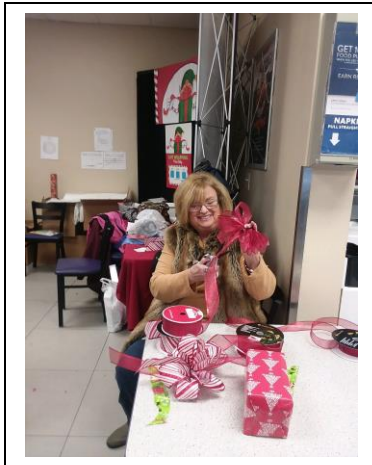
Also, check out the new Back to Nature crackers. Flavors include crispy wheat, classic round, and stoneground wheat.

For your pets, the Commissary has (in the refrigerated section – near the bread) – Dog Joy treats in real chicken, real beef, and turkey bacon. Plus, from Fresh Pet, beef and chicken stews. They also make several cat food varieties. Next to the that display, find Velveeta and Ro-Tel tomatoes for game day dip. For the sweet tooth, there are plenty of goodies for the store bakery, as well as a Krispy Kreme doughnut display!

Check out <http://commissaries.com> for recipes, cooking tips, and coupons! Also, sign up for your commissary connection to make the most of your commissary benefit. You will receive the latest commissary news, promotions, events, and news about your local commissary.



Chapter Happenings



Christmas gift wrapping at the PX

TRICARE Prime Users No Longer Need Referrals for Urgent Care

TRICARE Prime enrollees will now have an easier time accessing urgent medical care.

As of 1 January, most TRICARE Prime users won't need referrals for urgent-care visits - something that was previously required after the first two urgent-care visits each year. Point-of-service charges also will no longer apply for urgent-care claims, the Defense Health Agency announced.

Active duty servicemembers should still use military hospitals and clinics for their medical care. Those enrolled in TRICARE Prime Remote who don't live near a military hospital or clinic, however, won't need a referral when seeking urgent care.

Those on [TRICARE Select](#) or any other TRICARE plan can visit any authorized provider - in- or out-of-network - for urgent care.

[Urgent care](#) is for non-emergency illnesses or injuries requiring treatment within 24 hours. Examples, according to the DHA, include a sprain, a rising temperature, or a sore throat.

If you're not sure whether to seek urgent care, you can call the 24/7 [Nurse Advice Line](#) at (800) TRICARE (874-2273)-Option 1, according to the release. A registered nurse can answer questions, give advice, and assist with finding a provider or scheduling an appointment.

Urgent care can serve as a good option if you're traveling or your primary doctor is unavailable. TRICARE users can find a nearby facility by using the [provider-search tool](#).

Any TRICARE Overseas Prime users in need of care while on temporary duty or leave status in the U.S. may access urgent care without a referral or an authorization. Active duty troops must follow up with their primary-care manager, though, per DoD and service-specific regulations.

You can learn more about this and other changes to TRICARE [here](#).



HCMOAA Treasurer's Report December 2017

Submitted by CAPT Richard C. West, USN (Ret.)

1. The December 2017 Treasurer's Report is presented herein. It will be presented to the membership for approval at the January 2018 Membership meeting.

2. Monthly Summary:

	Operating Funds	Savings	Scholarship Fund
Starting Balance	\$ 7233.28	\$ 7998.94	\$14073.08
Income	\$ 889.27	\$ 0.20	\$ 130.00
Expenses	\$ 1470.75	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 6651.80	\$ 7999.14	\$14203.08

3. Notable income included individual dues, Christmas social payments, Christmas gift wrapping event, and payments for membership meeting meals.

4. Notable expenses included Christmas social payments and payments for membership meeting meals (November).

5. Chapter savings account activity was limited to interest.

6. Scholarship Fund checking account activity was limited to individual member donations.

7. The Chapter holds an \$8000 (current value: \$8133.13) Certificate of Deposit with Renasant Bank for reserve funding and advance dues payment protection.

Scholarship Fund

The Chapter has an active scholarship program. In conjunction with the RSA Military & Civilians Club, we award scholarships each year to deserving students. Please consider donating to our program. Contact Rick West at rickw675@att.net or 256.776.6901 for details.

Scholarship Fund Donations Received During January 2018

Women's Military Dependents' Championship Golf Tournament

Total received for January:	\$390
Total received FY18 to date:	\$520



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO
HUNTSVILLE CHAPTER MOAA**

**Col David Hall, USAF
CW4 Robert Savage, USA**

Membership Statistics

Total Members: 428
Regular Members: 359
Surviving Spouses: 69

New this month: 2
Deaths this month: 3
Renewals: 13

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:

**Board Member Position
Open**

We have an opening on the board for a Secretary. The position is currently being filled on an interim basis.

The Secretary's duties mainly are to take minutes at the board and membership meetings to document the proceedings.

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

_____ New _____ One Year \$10*
_____ Renewal _____ Two Years \$20
_____ Three Years \$30

If New, how did you hear about us?

_____ MOAA National
_____ Local event
_____ Letter / e-mail from HCMOAA
_____ HCMOAA website
_____ Friend / acquaintance
_____ Other (Please explain _____)

Interested in a Chapter Life Membership
Contact us for pricing (age-based)

*\$5 for New Members joining between 7/1 to 11/1

New Members joining after 11/1 will have membership paid through following calendar year

_____ First Name MI Last Name
_____ Preferred Name Birthday Spouse's Name Period(s) of Active Duty
i.e. 1965 – 1990
_____ Grade Branch of Service MOAA National Member #
_____ Active Retired NG Former Officer Reserve Surviving Spouse
_____ Mailing Address City State Zip
_____ Phone Number E-mail Address

PAST DUE

Attention Annual Members

PAST DUE

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

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Don't risk getting dropped from the rolls (see next page) – renew now!

You can also renew for multiple years and lock in that low rate
Don't know when your membership expires? Contact CDR Chris Downing at
256-828-9740 or cdowning@bellsouth.net

Don't want to worry about renewing ever again - consider becoming a Chapter Life Member – contact
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The following members are past due on renewing their memberships

LTC	Melville	Adams	USA	COL	James	Allred	USA
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COL	David	Byers	USA	LT	William	Byrd	USN
COL	David	Carpenter	USA	LTC	Richard	Carter	USA
Mrs	Margot	Chabot		CDR	Andre	Coleman	USN
LTC	Andre	Cota-Robles	USA	LTC	James	D'Arienzo	USA
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COL	John	Fellows	USA	Maj	John	Finn	USAF
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Mrs	Nada	Gabardi		LTC	Charles	Gill	USA
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LT	Aubrie	Hess	USN	LTC	Arno	Hoerle	USA
COL	Michael	Howell	USA	CDR	Paul	Jensen	USN
COL	Gary	Jerauld	USA	LTC	Edwin	Kennedy	USA
Col	Donald	Kimminau	USAF	MAJ	James	Kirsch	USA
CW3	Darrel	LaCanne	USA	MAJ	Mark	LaFlamme	USA
LTC	Ruby	Lardent-Davis	USAR	LTC	James	Leary	USA
LTG	Patricia	McQuiston	USA	MAJ	Harold	Meeker	USA
Maj	Edward	Morfenski	USAF	COL	Paul	Mullek	USA
CW4	Edwin	Nickel	USA	CDR	Rudolph	Ohme	USN
COL	Henry	Oldham	USA	MG	Virgil	Packett	USA
COL	Alfred	Paddock	USA	Mrs	Jean	Parker	
CPT	Richard	Pella	USA	COL	Larry	Pigue	USA
LTG	James	Pillsbury	USA	LT	James	Pointer	USN
CAPT	Samuel	Powers	USN	CDR	Harry	Puryear	USN
MAJ	Ryan	Rushton	USA	Col	Joseph	Rutter	USAF
COL	Christopher	Sargent	USA	Col	Eric	Silkowski	USAF
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Get those checks in the mail now. We need you as members to keep the Chapter healthy. Best deal – renew for three years!



21 Birthdays in February

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COL Patrick S Stone, USA
COL Jeffrey S Ogden, USA
LTC James H McWhorter Jr, USA
COL Frederick R Bisch, USA
LTC Glen W Williams, 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 brucer76@knology.net so it can be included in future newsletters. Thank you.

The Golf Committee Needs You

It's that time again. Initial planning is underway for the 2018 Scholarship Golf Tournament. You don't need to know anything about golf, or commit an excessive amount of time – you can volunteer as much or as little as you see fit. The following are some of the ways you can help:

- When you visit a local merchant, ask them if they could donate any goods or services
- Recommend businesses that we can approach to be sponsors
- Spread the word about the tournament to any golfers that you know
- Set aside some time on tournament day to help out at the course – just an hour or two
- Join the golf committee – we meet monthly over lunch at the Redstone golf course



If interested, or to find out more, contact Bruce Robinson, brucer76@knology.net or 256-426-0525



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

TAPS

COL Don M. Stotser, USA - 86, passed away peacefully after a brief illness, at Huntsville Hospital surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2018. He is preceded in death by his parents, Garold M. and Retha Aker Stotser. Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife of close to 65 years, Anita DeNelle Agee Stotser; two daughters, Debra DeLynn Stotser of Austin, TX and Diana Nalley (Brian) of Huntsville; two sisters, Joann Abbott (James) of Lawrenceburg, TN and Patsy Parkes (Joe) of Nashville, TN; a brother, LTG (Ret) George Stotser (Dorothy) of Madison, AL; four grandchildren, Joanna Nalley, Liza Allen (Brit), Andrew, and Lindsey Nalley; one great-grandchild, Daniel Nalley; many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Don was a proud veteran of the US Army. After a 30-year career, he retired with the rank of Colonel. He loved life, family, and outdoor activities. Don Stotser was dearly loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew him! Visitation was held at Valhalla Funeral Home on Saturday, January 6, 2017 from 2:00 to 3:30. A funeral service, conducted by Pastor Murray Wilkon, followed at 3:30pm in Valhalla's chapel. Please sign his guest registry at www.valhallafunerals.com.

Lt Col Robert Page Moss, USAF - 98, was born July 12, 1919, and was called home to Heaven on January 11th, 2018. Page was a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force and a veteran of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. Page was born in Guntersville, Alabama, to William Lane Moss and Sarah Cothran Sanders. Shortly after Pearl Harbor, he dropped out of law school at the University of Alabama to join the military. Although his intent was to become a marine, he joined the United States Air Force because it had the shortest recruitment line. Page served as a bombardier in Europe during WWII, flying 67 missions in B-25 aircraft. Sixty-five of those missions were as lead bombardier. He flew 56 night intruder missions as navigator on B-26 aircraft during the Korean War, although he was not a rated navigator at that time. Among his decorations are the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with the nine Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Meritorious Service Award. Page is survived by daughters, Suzanne Moss Peden (Lance) and Veronique Moss Taylor (Tim); and grandchildren, Michael Page Peden (Lauren), John David Peden, Madeleine Nicole Taylor, Sarah Elizabeth Taylor, and Emilie Marie Taylor. He was preceded in death by his wives, Nicole Violier Moss and Ivalene Noel Moss; parents, William and Sarah Moss; brother, Malcolm Lane Moss; and sister, Adele Moss Woodall. Page retired in Huntsville, Alabama, where he lived for over 45 years. He died after a very brief battle with the flu with family by his side. The family would like to thank the nurses and caregivers of Aspire and Kindred Hospice for their tremendous love and care of Page throughout his declining health. A memorial gathering was held at the the home of Lance and Suzanne Peden on Saturday, January 20th between 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. for a memorial gathering. Page requested that any donations made in his honor go to the National Rifle Association.

COL Harold E. Stubbs, USA - 84, passed away peacefully after a long illness with Parkinson's disease at Crestwood Hospital surrounded by his loving family on Monday January 15, 2018. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lois and Albert Stubbs, and his siblings Albert Stubbs, Kathryn Wood, and Vance Stubbs. He was a loving husband to his cherished wife of 60 years, Grace Morris. He was father to Sheryl Stubbs of Huntsville; Cameron Stubbs and wife Beth of Marietta, GA; Dawn Enright and husband Brian of Kennesaw, GA. He was known as grandfather to John, Mattie, and Sarah Grace of Marietta GA and Patrick and Maggie Enright of Kennesaw, GA. Hal was a proud Army veteran of 27 years. He was awarded numerous medals and received many honors including being named by the Secretary of the Army as the Outstanding Project Manager of the year in 1980.

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During his military career he had overseas tours that included Korea, Vietnam, and the Marshall Islands. After retirement from the Army, Colonel Stubbs worked for Teledyne Brown Engineering as a program manager. Visitation was held from 1 to 2 p.m. Sunday, January 21 at Laughlin Service Funeral Home, and was followed immediately by the funeral in the chapel. Burial was in Maple Hill Cemetery. Memorials may be made to a [charity of your choice](#) in Hal's name.

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



THE REDSTONE ARSENAL MILITARY & CIVILIANS' CLUB
WOULD BE HONORED BY YOUR PRESENCE AT THE

GALAXY GALA

A Night Under the Stars

Friday ~ February 23, 2018

6 p.m. Social Hour ~ 7 p.m. Main Event

The U.S. Space & Rocket Center ~ Huntsville, AL

FEATURING THE TWICKENHAM JAZZ AND SWING BAND
CARVING STATION & HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES | CASH BAR
ENTERTAINMENT | LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS | COCKTAIL ATTIRE
BENEFITING THE RSAMCC COMMUNITY GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIP FUND

RSVP by February 16th to rsamccgalaxygala@gmail.com ~ \$75 per person ~ \$600 for a table of 8

RSAMCC is a private organization not affiliated with Redstone Arsenal or the US Army.

Membership Meeting
28 February 2018
1100 – Summit Club



Guest Speaker: Billy McDonald, author and man of many talents

Billy McDonald graduated from Auburn University and was 2nd team all-SEC in Golf. He has been a banker, stock broker, golf instructor/fitter and Chairman of the Board of a multinational company.

He retired and immediately had a heart attack! While recuperating he ran across a photo of his father in an airplane that he had never seen. Since he had time on his hands, he investigated and found 30,000 letters, documents and photos almost in ruin in his sister's basement. He found out quickly that there was a lot he did not know about his father, Mac. Six years later, Mac's story is now a book - *The Shadow Tiger: Billy McDonald, Wingman to Chennault*. That was not the end of his adventure. He, his wife, Nancy, and daughter, Maggie, went to China in 2016 to present the book and a replica of his father's commanding wings to 8 museums in China where he saw life size pictures of Mac in the museums. It was humbling to share with China history that they did not know. Mac's letters changed that, and the Chinese were very grateful. In 2017, The Smithsonian saw the book and asked Billy for his father's papers; they are now at the Smithsonian being digitized and will be available on the internet. What an honor for a son to preserve his father's legacy. After 4 years of hard work, Billy was able to get his father posthumously awarded the DFC and the Air Medal on August 24, 2018 – Maxwell AFB did a great job on presenting the medals!

Now he and Nancy travel around the country speaking to groups encouraging them to find the heroes in their families and to preserve their legacy for future generations (and selling books). They do find time to play golf and enjoy their grandchildren.

Menu: Pork Schnitzel, Bratwurst, German Pan-fried Potatoes, Sauerkraut, German chocolate layer cake, and assorted beverages

Cost: \$15 for Chapter members and their guests – pay at the door – cash or check only

RSVP: CDR Christine Downing, 256-828-9740, csdowning@bellsouth.net, NLT 24 February 2018



Special Chapter Event

March 28th, 2018 – 1100 hours

**Monthly Membership Meeting at Nick's
Ristorante**

10300 Bailey Cove Rd SE, Huntsville, AL

***Cash Bar will
be available!***

***Bar opens,
and seating
starts at
1030!***

Entree Choices:

- **Chicken Piccata**
- **Chicken Marsala**
- **Lunch Filet Mignon**

Cost: \$20

Seating is Limited, and a Standby List will be used.

Menu selection must be made at time of reservation

Note: All entrees will include a choice of soup or mixed green salad with balsamic vinaigrette; garlic mashed potatoes, green beans, bread/butter basket, house-made Cannoli or Cuscinetto Limone, and tea/water/coffee.

RSVP by 14 March (with check made out to HCMOAA) to:

**CDR Christine Downing, USN (Ret.)
116 Spring Tanner Road
Hazel Green, AL 35750-8483**



Guest Speaker:

**CPT Gary "Mike" Rose, USA-Ret
Chapter Member and recent
Medal of Honor Recipient**

Mail this form and your check made out to HCMOAA to Chris Downing (address above).

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***This event is made possible by the generosity of LTC Nick Mikus,
Chapter Member and owner of Nick's Ristorante***

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 about 450 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 Community Women's 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 450+ 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 brucer76@knology.net or 256-426-0525.

Important Dates in February

- 1 February – Space shuttle Columbia breaks up in flight over Texas (2003)
- 2 February – Mexican-American War ends (1848)
- 4 February – Apache Chief Cochise arrested, leading to the Apache wars (1861)
- 4 February – Charles Lindberg born (1902)
- 4 February – Super Bowl Sunday
- 6 February – Ronald Reagan born (1911)
- 7 February – Charles Dickens born (1812)
- 8 February – Boy Scouts founded (1910)
- 8 February – Monthly Board Meeting – Java Café**
- 10 February – First Medal of Honor of World War II awarded (1942)
- 10 February – Monthly Breakfast – Royal Rose Diner**
- 11 February – Japanese nation founded (660 BC)
- 11 February – Thomas Edison born (1847)
- 11 February – Vatican City granted political independence (1929)
- 11 February – Nelson Mandela released from prison in South Africa (1990)
- 12 February – Impeachment trial of Bill Clinton ended (1999)
- 12 February – Abraham Lincoln born (1809)
- 13 February – First public school in America established in Boston (1635)
- 14 February – Valentine’s Day
- 14 February – St. Valentine’s Day massacre (1929)
- 15 February – US Battleship Maine blown up in Havana harbor (1898)
- 15 February – Soviet military withdraws from Afghanistan (1989)
- 19 February – Presidents Day
- 20 February – US loses first major battle of World War II at Kasserine Pass (1943)
- 20 February – John Glenn becomes first American launched into orbit (1962)
- 21 February – Malcolm X assassinated (1965)
- 21 February – CIA agent Aldrich Ames arrested for spying for the Soviet Union (1994)
- 22 February – George Washington born (1732)
- 23 February – First attack on US mainland (Santa Barbara, CA) of WW II by a Japanese submarine
- 24 February – Gregorian Calendar established (1582)
- 28 February – Monthly Membership Meeting – Summit Club**

