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



Greetings Huntsville Chapter Members –

Welcome to the February edition of the BEST MOAA Chapter Newsletter in America! So far, 2021 has been interesting, to say the least. At least the Tide Rolled!

Many thanks to those of you who attended the January Membership Meeting on Zoom. The attendance continues to increase, and the meeting was over in about a half hour. Our Chapter Officers were sworn in for another term and we are caught up on approving meeting minutes and Treasurer's reports. We will continue to use Zoom until it is safe to get together. The next Zoom meeting will be **February 24<sup>th</sup> at 1000**  
← **Note the new time!**

Our donation drive for the Scholarship Fund continues – slow but steady! Again, the Chapter and I thank those of you who have so generously donated to this very worthy cause. We are only halfway to the total contributions we need to award the same level of scholarships that we did last year. If you have not contributed already and wish to do so, I have included a donation form with the email promulgating this newsletter. If you work or know someone able to help, please forward the form to them.

Just a gentle reminder that annual dues are due! To make it easy, there is a list of those whose membership expired in this issue. We really do not want to lose a single person from the chapter!

It looks like the COVID surge is trending downward. Hopefully, all of you are doing fine! Please continue to follow CDC and AL guidelines regarding the COVID. As usual, I will reiterate that there is NO reason or excuse not to take adequate personal measures including face masks and sanitizer! In addition, I hope you all consider the vaccine when eligible. It will not prevent COVID completely, but as a BBC special I watch stated, "It is another layer of armour!"

If anyone has suggestions or ideas for the Chapter, please let me know! My email and phone number are in this issue. **Stay Safe!**

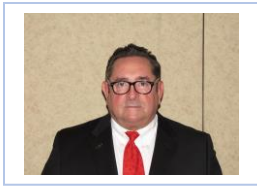
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***Due to the coronavirus situation, Member Meetings are cancelled until further notice***

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## Legislative Corner

### Lt Col Charles Clements, USAF-Ret

**Take  
Action**

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“All politics is local.”

On the National Front everyone should be aware, former President Trump has been impeached again. On 12 December the US House of Representatives voted 293 to 197 (including 10 Republican members) to impeach the President on the charge of "incitement of insurrection". By the time this is published Joe Biden will be President. It is unclear to this writer whether the newly seated Senate will take up a trial. If a trial is to be conducted and if the vote to acquit or convict is along Party-lines, the result is likely to be an acquittal because conviction requires a two-thirds vote.

The DoD has announced that Redstone Arsenal will be the home to the US Space Command. Not everyone is happy about that decision. It will be interesting to see if this decision will stand in the Biden administration.

Troops serving in Space Force are now referred to as Guardians, former Vice President Mike Pence announced 18 December 2020. "It is my honor on behalf of the president to announce henceforth the men and women of the United States Space Force (USSF) will be known as Guardians," Pence said during a ceremony to celebrate Space Force's first birthday, which is December 20. "Soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Guardians will be defending our nation for generations to come." The announcement comes after months of troops in the military's newest branch being referred to using the placeholder title of 'space professionals'.

Guardians is a name with a long history in space operations, tracing back to the original command motto of Air Force Space Command in 1983, 'Guardians of the High Frontier,'" a tweet from the USSF's account stated following the announcement. Space Force has roughly 2,000 personnel, most of whom are transfers from the USAF, though the service has recently started enlisting new recruits. Space Force hopes to recruit 300 enlisted service members in 2021 and reach 6,500 members overall in a year. Most of them will come from USAF transfers.

Locally, the Alabama Legislature convenes in regular annual sessions on the first Tuesday in February 2021. The length of the regular session is

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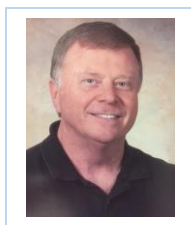
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**Main Exchange**

Your main Exchange has TV's, computers, a wide selection of Apple products, washers, dryers, kids' clothes (Oshkosh, Carter's for name brands) and novelty superhero tees on sale! Plus, snacks, drinks, and other items you will want to get for all the games.

At <https://www.shopmyexchange.com> review your recent purchase and be entered to win a \$250 gift card - ends 4 Feb.2021. Also, sign up to get four free months of Apple Music. Then enter for a chance to win a \$100 Exchange gift card by downloading the new Digital Garrison app to connect with your Army community at the app store or Google play. Check out the on-line Valentine's Day gift guide!

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Stop by and see our wines of the week and specials of the month! Plus, liquor chocolate filled gift boxes. With Valentine's Day on the way, you don't want to be without a celebratory toast!

**Commissary**

Covid-19 limits still in effect for most items but no limit now on paper products, the isle was fully stocked.

New at the commissary! Hiko brand flavored drinks (tomato, carrot, carrot/strawberry, and other flavors) next to the bread isle. Wide awake coffee drinks in caramel, vanilla, mocha, and coffee. Koia brand protein drinks in coffee and vanilla bean above the bagged salads. Garden Brand plant-based soups in gumbo, chick'n & rice, chick'n noodl' with 10 to 13 grams protein per can.

Don't forget the International food isle where you can find foods from distant lands, as well as the Club Pack Savings isle in the middle of the store – huge savings with club prices! Plus, check out the Valentine's Day candy offers.

**Need Addresses**

**None this month**

We have lost track of the above members. If you know their whereabouts, please have them contact Bruce Robinson at 256-426-0525 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**



“Redstone Arsenal Garrison and Fox Army Health Center (FAHC) are synchronizing all efforts to implement the Department of Defense’s COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan which includes a phased approach to administer vaccinations to all eligible DOD employees. A summary of the approved phasing prioritizes includes:

#### **PHASE 1 – Healthcare Providers, Healthcare Support, Emergency and Safety Personnel**

- Urgent care and first responders (police, search and rescue, and fire personnel)
- Healthcare and support personnel at military treatment facilities (MTFs)
- Personnel preparing to deploy to OCONUS locations
- Personnel preparing to deploy within the next 3 months, including military, civilian, and contractors authorized to receive immunizations from the DOD
- Critical and essential support personnel and other hospital non-clinical staff authorized to receive vaccine with a high-risk of exposure and potential to interface with COVID-19 positive cases
- DOD education activity child and youth services and personnel and food handlers on installations

#### **PHASE 2 – “High Risk” TRICARE Beneficiaries are defined by the CDC and nursing homes and high risk categories for beneficiaries who are over 65 years of age, and/or may have:**

- Cancer
- Chronic kidney disease
- COPD
- Heart condition such as heart failure, coronary heart disease, or cardiomyopathies
- Immunocompromised state from solid organ transplant
- Obesity or severe obesity (BMI greater or equal to 30kgs)
- Pregnancy
- Sickle cell diseases
- Type 2 diabetes
- Trouble quitting smoking

#### **PHASE 3 – The Healthy Population – healthy uniformed personnel, other TRICARE beneficiaries, and those not otherwise mentioned above**

As the DOD continues to move through advanced phasing stages, FAHC and Garrison will utilize every media resource to inform our Beneficiaries on COVID-19 vaccinations. Fox Army Health Center is in the process of developing an online appointment system in order to provide an orderly, efficient, and predictable schedule for those seeking vaccination as we move onto Phases 2 and 3.

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## **Surviving Spouse's Luncheon**

**Mrs. Carrie Hightower**

Due to the coronavirus situation, the need for social distancing, and the fact that the surviving spouses would be more susceptible to complications from an infection, the widow's luncheons are cancelled until further notice.

Everyone will be called when we resume the luncheons.

## **Surviving Spouse Corner: 2020 Review**

Despite obstacles created by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the Surviving Spouse Advisory Council (SSAC) continued to serve all surviving spouses and spouses in the focus areas of encouraging, engaging, and educating. Some major accomplishments were:

- **Surviving Spouse Liaison Training at MOAA's Regional Leadership Conferences** — SSAC members led training at the in-person Florida conference in January and at the virtual events in Colorado Springs and Louisville in September and November, respectively.
- **Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter** — Membership continues to grow, with 134 members from 30 states. The chapter meets quarterly on the third Tuesday of January, April, July, and October at 1 p.m., Eastern Time. The 2020 July and October meetings took place via Zoom. For more information, email [mssvco2@gmail.com](mailto:mssvco2@gmail.com) or go to the [surviving spouse section of MOAA.org](https://www.moaa.org/surviving-spouse).
- **Articles for MOAA Newsletters** — SSAC members wrote monthly articles that are published on the first Thursday of each month in *The MOAA Newsletter*. Read past articles [here](#).
- **Celebrating the Elimination of the "Widows Tax"** — In February, several SSAC members attended the congressional reception on Capitol Hill to [celebrate the elimination of the Survivor Benefit Plan/Dependency and Indemnity Compensation offset](#), also called the widows tax. The repeal of the widows tax is the result of lobbying and letter-writing dating back to the mid-1970s when associations like MOAA (then TROA) and others were lobbying for full payment of SBP without offsets to Social Security and DIC.
- **Selection of New SSAC Members** — Barbara Bowman (Oklahoma), Renee Brunelle (Florida), Patricia Green (Florida), and Vivianne Wersel (North Carolina) were selected to serve on the council from 2020-24, with the option of remaining on for two additional years. [Read more about members of the SSAC](#).
- **Surviving Spouse Liaison Excellence Award** — Mary Dunagan from the Cape Canaveral (Fla.) Chapter was selected for this award. She also serves as the surviving spouse liaison for the Florida Council of Chapters. [Read more about Mary and her accomplishments](#).

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

**Moral and Physical Courage**

“Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with the sword and spear, for the battle is the Lord’s, and He will give you into our hands (1 Samuel 17:47, NKJV).

“Courage is putting your fears aside and doing your job,” a father shares with his son this advice on bravery to his son in a U.S. Army advertisement. That is good advice. But the Christian can say “Courage is putting your fears aside and doing your job through confidence in a faithful God.” Two of our Presidents gave advice that showed both moral and physical courage.

“And having thus chosen our course, let us renew our trust in God and go forward without fear and with manly hearts.”  
--Abraham Lincoln

“Do not ask the Lord for a life free of grief, instead ask for courage that endures...” --Theodore Roosevelt

David’s courage in facing Goliath came from his steadfast focus on the might of Jehovah God: “You come to me with a sword, a spear and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Hosts, the God of the armies of Israel” (1 Samuel 17:45, NASB).

Courage is the strength of purpose that enables one to understand fear of difficulty. Moral courage is a reliance of the presence and power of God and a commitment in His commandments. Physical courage is based on moral courage.



**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:  
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**Membership Statistics**

Total Members: 355  
Regular Members: 300  
Surviving Spouses: 55

New this month: 1  
Deaths this month: 0  
Renewals: 25

**Welcome New Members to  
Huntsville Chapter MOAA**

**LCDR Chase Ackerman, USN**

**Recruiting**

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



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limited to 30 meeting days within a period of 105 calendar days. There are usually two meeting or "legislative" days per week, with other days devoted to committee meetings. Special sessions of the Legislature may be called by the Governor, with the Proclamation listing the subjects which the Governor wishes considered. These sessions are limited to 12 legislative days within a 30-calendar day span. In a regular session, bills may be enacted on any subject. In a special session, legislation must be enacted only on those subjects which the Governor announces in his proclamation or "call." Anything not in the "call" requires a two-thirds vote of each house to be enacted.

There are two bills that have been "pre-filed" that are noteworthy. One is Senate Bill 7 sponsored by Senator Elliott of the Finance and Taxation Education Committee. This bill would provide for an exclusion from Alabama taxation for any federal tax credits, advance refunds, or loan forgiveness resulting from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.

The other is Senate Bill 30. It was pre-filed on 13 January 2020 by Senator Orr. It would provide civil immunity for business entities, health care providers, educational entities, churches, governmental entities, and cultural institutions operating in this state, as well as individuals associated with these entities, from certain damages claimed by individuals who allege that they contracted or were exposed to Coronavirus, during a declared state of emergency. This bill would also provide immunity for certain health care providers during the performance or provision of health care services or treatment that resulted from, was negatively affected by, or was done in support of or in response to the Coronavirus pandemic or the state's response to the pandemic.

Please read the recent posting to the Legislative Affairs portion of our webpage. There are three articles: One is about the US Space Force, the second is a list of National legislation that became law in 2020 and the third is an article about the Fry Scholarship.

As always, please take time to look at <http://takeaction.moaa.org>. The National Headquarters of MOAA has outlined action items they think are important to active-duty force as well as those who have served, including you. On the MOAA webpage each action item is presented in the following format: Who is Affected; The Issue; and The Remedy. IIII

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- **Facebook Group Name Change** — The group was renamed "[Surviving Spouses and Friends](#)" so people other than surviving spouses can join.

The opportunity to serve as an SSAC member for the past six years has been a great honor for me. MOAA is an organization composed of a myriad of programs designed to serve members and led by incredible professionals. I feel I have been part of an SSAC team that has blazed new trails for surviving spouse members and spouses of living uniformed servicemembers. We changed our name from "auxiliary members" to "surviving spouse members" to represent our status as voting MOAA members. What began as an almost total focus on advocacy six years ago has developed into a broad spectrum of programs.

I especially appreciate the opportunity to assist in the development of the surviving spouse liaison training for the MOAA regional conferences. I am confident the new SSAC will raise services to higher levels as they "never stop serving." IIII



## **HCMOAA Treasurer's Report December 2020**

**Submitted by Lt Col Charles T. Clements, USAF (Ret.)**

1. The December 2020 Treasurer's Report is presented herein. It was virtually reviewed by the Governing Board and forwarded for membership approval at the next membership meeting.

2. Monthly Summary:

	Operating Funds	Savings
Starting Balance	\$ 8,552.24	\$ 8,005.03
Income	\$ 1,813.00	\$ 0.07
Expenses	\$ 519.13	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 9,846.11	\$ 8,005.10

3. Notable income: Renewal of Conditioned Air Solutions advertisement, LMT revenue for O'Donnell, Young and Hoffman, donations, and dues.

4. Notable expenses: Payment to LMT for O'Donnell, Young and Hoffman, payment to HCMOAA Scholarship Fund, and bankcard fees.

5. Chapter savings account activity was limited to interest.

6. The Chapter Operating Funds contains \$1403.07 in reserved funds donated by various VSOs in support of the 2019 RAD Luncheon for the Retirees. This is money unused from 2019 donations and will be applied to a future RAD luncheon or similar event.

7. The 5-month CD was opened on 19 October 2020 with Wells-Fargo. The CD was opened with a balance of \$8,515.59 and the current balance is \$8,515.73. The CD matures in mid-March 2021. The funds represented by this CD are for reserve funding and advance dues payment protection.

### **Scholarship Fund Donations**

The Chapter has an active scholarship program. In conjunction with the RSA Military & Civilians' Club, we issue scholarships each year to deserving students. Please consider donating to our program. Contact the HCMOAA Scholarship Fund Treasurer, Rick West, at [rickw675@att.net](mailto:rickw675@att.net) or 256.776.6901 for details.

Total received for January:	\$1450
Total received FY21 to date:	\$6290



*January donors are listed on the next page*

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**Veterans in the 117th Congress, by the Numbers**

The 117<sup>th</sup> Congress now contains 91 veterans among their ranks, the lowest total since at least World War II. The number of veterans in Congress has declined steadily since the mid-1970s, as the military shifted from an end strength of largely drafted individuals to an all-volunteer force. In 1973, nearly three in every four members of Congress had some type of military service. In 2021, it'll be about one in every six members who have military experience.

That's the lowest since at least the start of World War II. Information on congressional members with veteran experience before then is incomplete, making comparisons difficult. However, the number could grow in coming years. Of the 79 lawmakers elected to the 117th Congress who are aged 45 or younger, 21 (about 27 percent) served in the military.

But for now, the shrinking cohort of veterans elected to the House and Senate this session will be charged with sharing their knowledge of Defense Department operations and Veterans Affairs procedures with colleagues who lack direct personal experience on the topics.

Here's a look at the group, by the numbers:

- 91 total veterans in the 117th Congress.
- 17 will serve in the Senate, 74 will serve in the House.
- 28 are Democrats, 63 are Republicans.
- 13 served in the military in the 1960s or earlier.
- 50 served in the military after 2000.
- More than half (49) had overseas combat deployments.
- 15 are first-time lawmakers.
- 6 are women, a decrease of 1 from last Congress.
- 44 served in the Army, Army Reserve or Army National Guard.
- 15 served in the Air Force, Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard.
- 15 served in the Marine Corps or Marine Corps Reserve.
- 17 served in the Navy or Naval Reserve.
- None served in the Coast Guard.
- Texas has the most veterans in their state delegation, with nine.

12 states have no veterans in their state delegations (Idaho, Missouri, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wyoming)



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<input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership***	<input type="checkbox"/> Three Years \$30	

\*New members joining after September 1<sup>st</sup> will have their membership paid through following calendar year

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Membership in our MOAA Chapter is not the same as MOAA National membership. At a minimum, FREE "Basic" MOAA National membership is required. If you are not already a National member, we will add you as a Basic member. Again, it's FREE and provides several valuable benefits. Please contact us for more information.

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_____ Phone Number	_____ E-mail Address		_____ Signature		

## Attention Annual Members

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

***Members who need to renew are listed on the next page  
Don't risk getting dropped from the rolls – renew now!***

You can also renew for multiple years and lock in that low rate  
Don't know when your membership expires? Contact MAJ Bruce Robinson at  
256-426-0525 or [brucer76@knology.net](mailto:brucer76@knology.net).

Don't want to worry about renewing ever again - consider becoming a Chapter Life Member – contact  
COL John Fairlamb at 256-539-0161 or [fairlambjrf@comcast.net](mailto:fairlambjrf@comcast.net) for the details



## **The following annual members need to renew their memberships:**

COL James R Allred, USA  
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LTC James F Duttweiler, USA  
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COL Norbert Patla, USA  
LT James L Pointer, USN  
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LCDR Walter A Starkey, USN  
COL Steven E Walburn, USA  
LTC Glen W Williams, USA  
CAPT Scott W Witt, USN

## **Governing Board Vacancies**

The chapter either has, or will have, vacancies in several governing board positions. We need some dedicated volunteers to fill these positions and help the leadership team keep the chapter vibrant. Brief descriptions of the positions follow. If you think you may be able to fill one of the vacancies, or desire additional information, contact any board member.

**Membership:** A key position. The chair maintains a roster of chapter members & keeps it in synch with MOAA National's online roster. Responsible for recruiting & retention of members.

**Webmaster:** Maintains the chapter's website & keeps it current. You can be as creative as you want. The position could be filled by a spouse, child or grandchild of a member.

**Chaplain:** Provides spiritual support to members in need. Provides prayers at chapter meetings. Provides a monthly newsletter article. You need not be a military chaplain or any type of priest or minister to fill the position.

**Publicity:** Helps to advertise chapter events with local media & the Redstone Rocket. The main event is our fundraising golf tournament.

**Historian:** This position has not been filled for many years. The historian would be responsible for establishing a digital archival system for storing relevant chapter documents. You can be as creative as you want.

# There's no time like now to plan your future.



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## Scholarship Golf Tournament

Our annual fundraising golf tournament for 2021 is scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Links at Redstone.

The Chapter's Golf Committee will begin to hold monthly planning meetings as soon as it is safe to conduct face-to-face meetings. They will take place at the Links restaurant over lunch.

The Golf Committee needs volunteers to make the tournament a success. You don't need to know anything about golf to help out.

Areas where you can help include:

- Corporate sponsorships
- Soliciting items for the silent auction & door prizes
- Soliciting rounds of golf from local courses
- Advertising the tournament
- Signing up golfers
- Helping staff the tournament – registration, silent auction, photography, manning prize holes, placing hole signs, and more

If you would like to join the Committee, or just find out more, contact Bruce Robinson at 256-425-0525 or

[brucer76@knology.net](mailto:brucer76@knology.net)

Hope to see you on the Links!





## 21 Birthdays in February

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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](mailto:brucer76@knology.net) so it can be included in future newsletters. Thank you.

## Commissary Surcharge

Is the Commissary Surcharge Going to Increase? There's good news and bad news. First, the good news is that the surcharge is definitely not going up. And in case you don't believe me, here's a quote straight from the commissary headquarters: Kevin Robinson, a commissary spokesperson, told us, "It would take a change in law to raise the commissary surcharge and, to date, no legislation has been proposed to do so." The commissary surcharge has long been set at 5%. You'll find it noted at the end of your commissary receipt, and it is calculated on your total purchase amount before coupons are deducted. Revenue from the surcharge pays for commissary construction and infrastructure updates.

There is, however a relatively recent additional fee for some shoppers using debit or credit cards. Service-connected disabled veterans rated below 100%, Purple Heart recipients and their caregivers registered with the VA's caregiver program are authorized access to the commissary starting Jan.1, 2020. But when adding those users to the system, DeCA also added a credit and debit card fees for those users. For credit cards the fee is 1.9% and for debit card use a 0.5% fee. These don't come into play if you pay with cash, check or the Military Star card.



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## The Origins of Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is a time to celebrate romance and love and kissy-face fealty. But the origins of this festival of candy and cupids are actually dark, bloody — and a bit muddled.

Though no one has pinpointed the exact origin of the holiday, one good place to start is ancient Rome, where men hit on women by, well, hitting them.

### **Those Wild and Crazy Romans**

From Feb. 13 to 15, the Romans celebrated the feast of Lupercalia. The men sacrificed a goat and a dog, then whipped women with the hides of the animals they had just slain.

The Roman romantics "were drunk. They were naked," says Noel Lenski, a historian at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Young women would actually line up for the men to hit them, Lenski says. They believed this would make them fertile.

The brutal fete included a matchmaking lottery, in which young men drew the names of women from a jar. The couple would then be, um, coupled up for the duration of the festival — or longer, if the match was right.

The ancient Romans may also be responsible for the name of our modern day of love. Emperor Claudius II executed two men — both named Valentine — on Feb. 14 of different years in the 3rd century A.D. Their martyrdom was honored by the Catholic Church with the celebration of St. Valentine's Day.

Later, Pope Gelasius I muddled things in the 5th century by combining St. Valentine's Day with Lupercalia to expel the pagan rituals. But the festival was more of a theatrical interpretation of what it had once been. Lenski adds, "It was a little more of a drunken revel, but the Christians put clothes back on it. That didn't stop it from being a day of fertility and love."

Around the same time, the Normans celebrated Galatin's Day. Galatin meant "lover of women." That was likely confused with St. Valentine's Day at some point, in part because they sound alike.

### **Shakespeare In Love**

As the years went on, the holiday grew sweeter. Chaucer and Shakespeare romanticized it in their work, and it gained popularity throughout Britain and the rest of Europe. Handmade paper cards became the tokens-du-jour in the Middle Ages.

Eventually, the tradition made its way to the New World. The industrial revolution ushered in factory-made cards in the 19th century. And in 1913, Hallmark Cards of Kansas City, Mo., began mass producing valentines. February has not been the same since.

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Today, the holiday is big business: According to market research firm IBIS World, Valentine's Day sales reached \$17.6 billion last year; this year's sales are expected to total \$18.6 billion.

But that commercialization has spoiled the day for many. Helen Fisher, a sociologist at Rutgers University, says we have only ourselves to blame.

"This isn't a command performance," she says. "If people didn't want to buy Hallmark cards, they would not be bought, and Hallmark would go out of business."

And so, the celebration of Valentine's Day goes on, in varied ways. Many will break the bank buying jewelry and flowers for their beloveds. Others will celebrate in a SAD (that's Single Awareness Day) way, dining alone and binging on self-gifted chocolates. A few may even be spending this day the same way the early Romans did. But let's not go there. ■■■

### **Redstone Arsenal Tax Center**

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- The tax center will open on 1 Feb. You can call 842-1040 and talk with Rachael Yeoman for more info. She is in charge of the tax center.
- No in-person services – drop off only.
- The tax center volunteers provide free tax preparation to active duty, active-duty family members, retirees, their family members and Reservists/National Guardsmen serving on active duty for 29 days or more.
- The IRS will start processing tax returns on 12 Feb.
- Last year's returns prepared by the volunteer-operated facility totaled 4,777 which included 2,411 federal and 2,366 state. This delivered \$4,377,185 in refunds and saved \$978,438 in fees.



## **Five Senior-Friendly Apps to Organize Your Finances**

It's estimated that about one-third of people over 65 have trouble paying their bills, and many are in debt. Retirement can be a welcome and exciting time but going from a regular paycheck to what's typically a smaller fixed income can bring the wrong kind of excitement.

That's why it's more important than ever for seniors to watch their pennies, and there are a slew of apps out there to help you stay on top of your finances.

Seniors sometimes get a bad rap when it comes to technology, but they aren't Luddites – just like millennials, most can't live without their cellphone and computers. They *are* more apt to lose patience with badly designed programs, so apps that are straightforward and without all the bells and whistles are most popular with seniors. Here are some to try.

The [Military Retirement](#) app from [Lynnfield LLC](#) informs military personnel of their benefits upon retirement. Better still, it can estimate your retirement pay without the need to enter personal identifying information. It also addresses premiums and plan options related to the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), TRICARE, disability pay, and more.

“Create a budget then stick to it” is the mantra of many financial experts. [PocketGuard](#) not only helps you create a budget but makes sure you follow it by showing you how much spending money you have after factoring in your required expenses and financial goals. You'll know at a glance whether that new Roomba you've been eyeing will blow your budget.

Unfortunately, seniors are often the target of scams, fraud, and identity theft, which can wipe out accounts in short order. Designed specifically for seniors, the [EverSafe](#) app protects your finances through extensive monitoring of all your accounts. By becoming familiar with your historical financial behavior, this app will alert you (and anyone in your circle of trust) to any irregular activity, allowing you to take swift action.

There's nothing more annoying than having to pay a late fee, so let the [Prism](#) app track your bills and pay them (on time!) for you. You can plan payments weeks ahead of time, like that twice-a-year life insurance payment that's so easy to forget. The app can even pull due dates and balances automatically for over 11,000 billers across the country.

Your investment accounts, no doubt, play an integral role in your golden years. The [Personal Capital](#) app lets you manage all your investments in one place. It acts as a second set of eyes by assessing your risk, analyzing fees, and letting you know when your portfolio's out of whack compared with your goals.

These are just a handful of the hundreds of apps out there to help you with your finances. Choose the ones that best suit your needs and capabilities. Although many apps are free, some do charge a nominal fee.

Before diving into these or any other financial app, it might be wise to visit [Ready, Set, Bank](#). This website is designed to help seniors gain confidence using technology to manage their finances.

## **COVID-19 vaccines at the VA**

### **Who will get a COVID-19 vaccine first?**

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has authorized the first 2 COVID-19 vaccines. We'll have a limited amount of these vaccines to start. We've worked with the CDC and other federal partners to develop a phased plan. Our goal is to do the most good for the most people during this time.

### **Under this plan, we're now offering vaccines to these 2 groups:**

- Veterans living in our long-term care facilities, **and**
- VA health care personnel. Vaccinating our VA health care personnel helps us continue providing care for Veterans.

### **We based this plan on these criteria from CDC guidelines:**

- Risk of becoming infected with the virus
- Risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19
- Risk of spreading the virus to others
- Risk of harm to society if essential workers, including health care personnel, are unable to work

After these first 2 groups, we'll begin to offer vaccines to more Veterans who are at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19. If you're eligible to get a vaccine, your VA health care team will contact you. You don't need to reserve a vaccine or come to a VA facility to request or receive a vaccine until we contact you. Our staff will only provide vaccines to Veterans who are currently eligible for one based on VA and CDC risk criteria.

### **Who is at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19?**

We'll follow CDC guidelines for determining who is at high risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19. Factors that may influence the risk of severe illness include the following:

- **Age.** The risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19 increases with age.
- **Existing health problems.** People with certain health problems (like diabetes, heart disease, or obesity) have a higher risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19.
- **Other factors** that raise a person's risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19, such as living in a nursing home or other group living facility.

If you have questions about how your personal risk for COVID-19 will determine when you can get a vaccine, send a secure message to your VA health care provider. If you don't receive care at VA, contact your primary health care provider. To learn more about people at increased risk, go to the CDC website.

### **Basic information about getting your vaccine at the VA**

As the supply of vaccine increases, we'll work with our care teams to let you know your options. It's your choice if you want to get a vaccine or not. Your decision won't affect your VA health care or any of your VA benefits in any way.

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## **Where we'll offer vaccines**

The first 2 authorized COVID-19 vaccines require special storage and handling. Because of this, we have a limited supply of vaccines. Our VA facilities will provide vaccines to Veterans receiving VA health care who are most at risk. When more vaccines are available, we'll determine when we can provide vaccines through our community provider network.

## **Eligibility**

When more vaccines become available, we plan to offer a free COVID-19 vaccine to all Veterans receiving VA health care who want one. Your team will contact you when a vaccine is available to you. If you decide to get the vaccine, your team will help you schedule your appointments. If you're not currently receiving health care through VA, you can apply now.

## **Safety**

The U.S. vaccine safety system ensures that all vaccines are as safe as possible. Safety is a top priority as federal partners work to make COVID-19 vaccines available. Before the FDA authorizes a vaccine for use, they carefully review the available safety data and clinical trial results for that vaccine. To learn more about the safety of the 2 authorized COVID-19 vaccines, read the FDA fact sheets:

- [FDA Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine fact sheet \(PDF\)](#)
- [FDA Moderna COVID-19 vaccine fact sheet \(PDF\)](#)

We'll closely monitor everyone who gets a COVID-19 vaccine for reactions, side effects, or adverse events. An adverse event is an injury or harm that happens to someone after they receive a vaccine, which may or may not have been caused by the vaccine. We'll report this information in our vaccine monitoring and tracking system. This is the same system we use to monitor reactions to all vaccines, including those for the flu and shingles. To learn more about COVID-19 vaccine safety, go to the CDC website.

## **Privacy**


We'll share the same information with the CDC that we share for other vaccines. This includes the following information:

- Demographic information (like age, gender, race, and ethnicity) that helps the CDC understand which groups of people are receiving the vaccine
- Adverse reactions to the vaccine

We won't share names or street addresses.

## **To get the vaccine**

Veterans can fill out this form to express an interest in getting the vaccine AND receive updates: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/stay-informed/form>

They can also call 2059338101 x-3004 to get the vaccine in Birmingham. 

## **Huntsville Chapter Objectives**

- Promote the aims of the national MOAA organization
- Further the legislative and other objectives of MOAA through grassroots activity
- Foster fraternal relationships among retired, active and former officers of the uniformed services
- Maintain liaison and a positive relationship with the Redstone Arsenal Garrison and other military commands in the Northern Alabama area
- Provide a social venue for members to meet periodically and enjoy fellowship with people of similar interests and backgrounds
- Promote and assist worthy community activities
- Provide useful services and information for members and their dependents and survivors
- Provide representation to the Alabama Council of Chapters of MOAA
- Provide representation to the Northern Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition
- Protect the rights and interests of service retirees and active duty military members in matters of state legislation through the Alabama Council of Chapters

## **Benefits of Membership**

We are the largest of the 13 chapters in Alabama and have over 350 members. We have been recognized by National MOAA for the last four years with Level of Excellence awards. We provide grassroots support for issues that affect us and are active in both the Redstone Arsenal and Madison County communities. Why should you join our chapter? This is what we do, and what's in it for you:

- Partnership with Redstone Arsenal agencies – Fox Army Health Clinic, Army Community Service, MWR, PX/Commissary, Military Retiree Council
- Membership in the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition (NAVFOC) – plugged in to the larger Veterans associations “big picture”
- Recognizing leadership – JROTC/ROTC awards and “gold bar” ceremonies
- Recognizing potential – Scholarship Awards program with the Redstone Arsenal Military and Civilians Club
- Community service/relations – annual Tut Fann Veterans Home BBQ, Memorial Day wreath laying ceremony, Veterans Day parade and events, Retiree Appreciation Day
- Camaraderie – Monthly meetings & breakfasts, parties, golf tournament
- Information – Monthly newsletter, web site, Personal Affairs, guest speakers
- Legislative action – grassroots activities, support for National MOAA agenda
- Venue for getting involved

Please visit our award-winning chapter website at <http://huntsvillemoaa.org> where you can find out more about chapter activities.

## Attention Members

One of the best sources of income for the Chapter comes from advertisements like the ones in this newsletter. You are the best resource for identifying potential advertisers. The next time you go out to dinner, or to shop, or to get a haircut, or to get your car fixed – ask the business manager if they would consider advertising. Let them know that the newsletter reaches our 350+ 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](mailto:brucer76@knology.net) or 256-426-0525.

## Important Dates in February

- 1 February - Space Shuttle *Columbia* broke apart in flight, killing all seven crew members (2003)
- 2 February – Groundhog Day
- 6 February – Queen Elizabeth II assumed the throne (1952)
- 7 February – Super Bowl Sunday
- 8 February – Mary Queen of Scots beheaded (1587)
- 8 February – Boy Scouts of America founded (1910)
- 9 February – Battle of Guadalcanal (1943)
- 11 February – Nelson Mandela released from prison (1990)
- 11 February – Monthly Board Meeting – via Zoom**
- 12 February – Impeachment trial of President Bill Clinton ended (1999)
- 13 February – Firebombing of Dresden (1945)
- 14 February – Valentine’s Day
- 14 February – St. Valentine’s Day massacre in Chicago (1929)
- 15 February – Battleship *Maine* blown up in Havana harbor (1898)
- 15 February – Soviet Union withdraws troops from Afghanistan (1989)
- 15 February – Presidents Day
- 16 February – Mardi Gras
- 17 February – Ash Wednesday
- 19 February - Internment of Japanese Americans began (1942)
- 20 February - Astronaut John Glenn became the first American launched into orbit (1962)
- 21 February – Malcolm X assassinated (1965)
- 21 February – President Richard Nixon goes to China (1972)
- 21 February - CIA agent Aldrich Ames was arrested on spying charges (1994)
- 24 February – Gregorian calendar established (1582)
- 24 February – President Andrew Johnson impeached (1867)
- 24 February – Monthly Member Meeting – via Zoom**
- 26 February - *The Communist Manifesto* pamphlet was published (1848)
- 28 February - NATO conducted its first combat action in its 45-year history in Bosnia (1994)

