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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Col Gerald C. Maxwell, USAFR



Fellow Members -

Another year past and the future year is full of promise! Hopefully you and yours are doing well.

It is January, and that means it is time for our annual members to renew their memberships. A list of those for whom this applies is contained within. Please check it out, and if your name is listed send in your check and remain a member in one of the best MOAA Chapters around.

Your Chapter is looking forward to a bright future also! Our scholarship fundraising in 2019 will be the highest to date. Our efforts to raise money for these scholarships were led by our Golf Committee (headed by Bruce Robinson) and our top volunteer Rick West. You don't want them to have all the fun, so you too can get involved by letting me or any of the board members (our contact info is in the Sentinel) know of your willingness to help make us an even better MOAA Chapter! We currently have a need for a Programs Chair. Some guest speakers for 2019 still need to be lined up, so the task at hand would be primarily coordination. There are several committees that could also benefit from your talent. I'm certain we can find a position that will fit your skill set and available time.

If you did not get a chance to attend our gala Christmas party last month, you missed a great time. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make it a success.

We are looking forward to our next membership meeting on 30 January, where the guest speaker will be Marty Linz from H&R Block. Marty will discuss the many changes in the new tax law that take effect this month. This will be a timely presentation. Also, at this meeting we will swear in our newly-elected Chapter officers. Rick West will be assuming the role of Chapter President. Please make your reservations early to enjoy the camaraderie and welcome Rick on board!

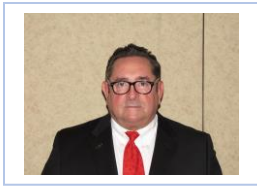
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Member Meeting 30 January Guest Speaker is Marty Linz from H&R Block

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Legislative Corner

Lt Col Charles Clements, USAF-Ret



**Take
Action**

→ <http://www.moaa.org/takeaction/>

“All politics is local.”

President Donald Trump and Congress are on the verge of passing actual bipartisan legislation that would ever so slightly ease mass incarceration. The bill, known as the First Step Act, would take modest steps to reform the federal criminal justice system and ease some punitive prison sentences. It would affect only the federal system — which, with about 181,000 imprisoned people, holds a small but significant fraction of the US jail and prison population of 2.1 million.

Here are the major provisions of the First Step Act:

- The bill would make retroactive the reforms enacted by the Fair Sentencing Act of 2010, which reduced the disparity between crack and powder cocaine sentences at the federal level.
- The bill would take several steps to ease mandatory minimum sentences under federal law. It would expand the “safety valve” that judges can use to avoid handing down mandatory minimum sentences. It would ease a “three strikes” rule so people with three or more convictions, automatically get 25 years instead of life. It would restrict the current practice of stacking gun charges against drug offenders to add possibly decades to prison sentences. All of these changes would lead to shorter prison sentences in the future.
- The bill would increase “good time credits” that inmates can earn. Inmates who avoid a disciplinary record can currently get credits of up to 47 days per year incarcerated. The bill increases the cap to 54, allowing well-behaved inmates to cut their prison sentence by an additional week for each year they’re incarcerated.
- The bill would allow inmates to get “earned time credits” by participating in more vocational and rehabilitative programs. Those credits would allow them to be released early to halfway houses or home confinement. Not only could this mitigate prison overcrowding, but the hope is that the education programs will reduce the likelihood that an inmate will commit another crime once released and, as a result, reduce both crime and incarceration in the long term.
- The bill would also exclude certain inmates from earning credits, such as undocumented immigrants and people who are convicted of high-level offenses.
- And it would make other changes aimed at improving conditions in

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PX / Commissary
Col Gerald C. Maxwell, USAFR



Main Exchange

Valentine's Day is fast approaching, and sales suggestions flyers will soon be available. You can also pick up the new fragrance sales catalog with new ideas for Valentine's Day. Also remember to stop by the jewelry counter and check out the Valentine's Day sale items.

Check every Friday for Manager Specials. Typically, a huge sale on clearance items that have been discounted as much as 75% - they are practically giving stuff away.

Don't forget new sales ads are available both at your PX and on-line. Big screen TV's and sound bars are on sale in January, so you can watch and hear the game almost like you are there! Also, be on the lookout for seasonal clearance items. Finally, be sure to check the super daily special on line! The deals are only for a day and often sell out.

You can download the Exchange app for your smart phone and get the latest sales and the Exchange Extra app to scan items, get coupons, join the coffee club, get life style/fitness tips and receive the latest Exchange sale promotions – from anywhere in the world! Your Exchange has it all at:
<https://www.shopmyexchange.com/savings-center/>

All veterans can now shop on-line at the PX. Increased PX sales help keep them operating and building new Exchange's.

Shopette

Stop by and stock up for the big game. Your Shopette has all the drinks, mixers, snacks and other party items you need for the big celebration when your team wins!

Plus, your Shopette often has giveaways and other contests.

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

Commissary

According to their web sites, the Exchange and commissary will be

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Need Addresses

None this month

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

Concerns

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

None this month

Persons to contact are:

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



Update DEERS for the New Year

Is your information current in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS)? Before the year ends, be sure you and your family's information is up to date and correct. Incorrect information in DEERS can cause problems with TRICARE claims and other health care benefits. To remain eligible for TRICARE coverage, you must keep your information up to date in DEERS.

What is DEERS?

DEERS is a database of active duty and retired service members, their family members, and others who are eligible for TRICARE. Maintaining your DEERS record is key to getting your TRICARE benefits.

Qualifying Life Events and DEERS

If you experience a Qualifying Life Event (QLE), update DEERS. A QLE is a certain change in your life, such as marriage, the birth of a child, or a child going away to college, which may mean different TRICARE options are available to you. Therefore, it's essential to update and verify your information in DEERS anytime you experience a QLE. Remember, your Social Security number (SSN) and the SSNs of all of your covered family members must be in DEERS for your TRICARE coverage to be accurate.

How to Make Updates

You have several options for updating and verifying DEERS information. You can make changes in person, by phone, online, or by mail. To add or remove family members, visit a local ID card office. Only sponsors can add a family member in DEERS. Family members age 18 and older may update their own contact information. To update your information, choose one of these options:

- **Phone:** Call 1-800-538-9552 (TTY/ TDD: 1-866-363-2883) or fax updates to 1-800-336-4416
- **Online:** Log into [milConnect](#)
- **Mail:** Mail updates to:
Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office
Attention: COA
400 Gigling Road
Seaside, CA 93955-6771

Find more information about DEERS on the [TRICARE website](#). Take command of your health and start the New Year with your DEERS information up to date.

PX / Commissary – continued from page 3

by any potential continuing government shutdown. Your commissary takes the STAR credit card, so you can shop at your Exchange, the commissary, and get breakfast/lunch/dinner at any of the Redstone food spots at 10% off – always – on top of coupons. Many of the food court restaurants have apps you can download to your phone for on the spot coupons! Plus, your STAR card gives you 5 cents off per gallon of gas at the Shopette!

Just in time for the big game. The bakery and deli can create meat and cheese trays or/and sandwich trays. Please call 256.876.3517 and provide a two-hour notice.

Check out the commissary store brands. They offer high-quality, low-cost private label options for commissary patrons. These brands are Freedom's Choice for food items; Home Base for nonfood items; Full Circle Market for healthy, USDA-organic-certified and GMO-free options; Tippy Toes for baby and child care items; Top Care for health and beauty products; and Flock's Finest for wild bird food. |||

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prisons, including banning the shackling of women during childbirth and requiring that inmates are placed closer to their families.

What will be of interest is how the State of Alabama reacts to this Act. By and large, it seems local municipalities and states will only embrace federal incentives on criminal justice issues if they actually want to adopt the policies being encouraged.

Please read the recent postings to the Legislative portion of our webpage. The posting deals with the income tax provisions, outlawing the time honored "Bread and Water" punishment, and the "\$2.7 trillion enterprise audit that DoD failed.

As always, please take time to look at <http://takeaction.moaa.org>. The National Headhunters 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. |||

Did you Know?

Directly and indirectly, approximately 104,000 people work in support of Redstone Arsenal in the Huntsville area, with about \$18 billion of federal funds going into the local economy. The installation accounts for 9.8 percent of Alabama's gross domestic product. The Arsenal is truly a federal platform (Team Redstone) which includes the following organizations: Army Materiel Command, Army Contracting Command, Aviation and Missile Command, Security Assistance Command, Marshall Space Flight Center (NASA), Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space, Missile Defense Agency (OSD), Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, Redstone Test Center, Program Executive Office for Aviation, FBI, Missile and Space Intelligence Center (DIA), and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Altogether, some 40,000 people work on Redstone daily and this is expected to increase to about 50,000 by the early 2020s. Interestingly, there are only about 900 military personnel stationed on Redstone Arsenal.



Surviving Spouse's Luncheon

Mrs. Carrie Hightower
256-882-3992

Due to poor weather, the turnout at our December luncheon was small
We will be meeting on 17 January at Kacey's Buffet, 10017 South Memorial Parkway in Huntsville
Phone: 256-715-0183
Everyone will be called with the details – reservations are a must

Surviving Spouse Corner: SBP / DIC Offset

SBP allows uniformed services retirees to elect to provide continuing financial support for an eligible survivor. SBP provides the survivor 55% of the servicemember's selected military retired pay. Enrollment is elected at the time of retirement, and the retired member pays 6.5% of retired pay as a premium. Automatic coverage is extended to survivors of servicemembers who die on duty Post-9/11.

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation is a VA program providing a modest annuity of \$1,258 per month (\$15,095 per year) for survivors of veterans whose death is determined to have been caused by military service. Under current law, survivors who are eligible for both SBP and DIC must forfeit a dollar of their SBP annuity for every dollar of DIC received from the VA. Often, the offset wipes out the SBP annuity the military retiree paid for. In such cases, the survivor receives a proportional refund of SBP premiums – with no interest on what often has been many years of premium payments.

In multiple Congresses, a majority of House and Senate members acknowledged the inequity and cosponsored corrective legislation to recognize SBP and DIC are paid for different reasons. SBP is a servicemember-purchased annuity, whereas DIC is an indemnity payment when military service caused the member's death. Further, service-disabled retirees have limited opportunities to purchase additional life insurance, and policies that are available impose exorbitant premiums.

In 2008, Congress acknowledged the inequity in law, authorizing a modest Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA) for SBP-DIC widows to begin phasing out the offset. In June 2009, Congress took the next step, increasing SSIA monthly payments to \$200 beginning in FY 2015 and rising to \$310 in FY 2017. Barring an additional law change, SSIA authority will expire May 1, 2018. The accompanying House Armed Services Committee press release stated, "This legislation (SSIA) is latest step in our continuing effort to eliminate the so-called 'widow's tax', which has long denied surviving family members the full payment of their Survivor Benefit Plan benefits... this bill does not completely end the offset ... the House Committee ... will continue to explore every opportunity to pursue legislation that brings us closer to eliminating the 'widow's tax'.

In the ultimate irony, a separate law, validated by the courts, terminates the SBP-DIC offset who remarry at age 57 or later. So current law punishes survivors who remarry before age 55 by ending their SBP and DIC eligibility – and punishes survivors age 57 or older who don't remarry by imposing the SBP-DIC offset.

No other federal surviving spouse is required to forfeit his or her federal annuity because military service caused their sponsor's death. Further, the offset does not apply to surviving military children – only to the spouse. And no other federal survivor is required to remarry to avoid a reduction in his or her survivor annuity eligibility.



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

Prayer for a New Year

Lord, I confess before You that: I have had longings and nudges from you which I did not translate into action.

I have made decisions without consulting You, then have blamed You when things went wrong.

I have said that I trusted You yet have not turned my affairs over to you.

I have been greedy for present delights and pleasures, unwilling to wait for those joys which time and discipline alone can give.

I have often sought the easy way and have consistently drawn back from the road that is hard.

I have been fond of giving myself to dreams of which I am going to do sometime yet have been so slow in getting started to do them.

Forgive me for all the intentions that were born and somehow never lived.

And now I claim Your promise to change me. Do for me what I cannot do for myself. Lead me into a new tomorrow with a new spirit. Cleanse my heart; create with me new attitudes and new ideas, as only You can. Amen.



**Need Health Advice? Talk
to a Registered Nurse
Anytime**

Sometimes you need a quick answer to a health question, and it helps to have an expert to turn to. With the Military Health System (MHS) Nurse Advice Line, you can get advice from a registered nurse anytime, 24/7. Whether you're worried about your sick child, or need health care advice while traveling, the [MHS Nurse Advice Line](#) is only a call or click away.

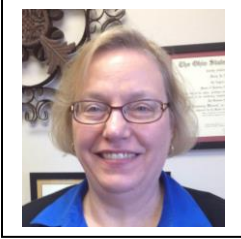
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- Help you understand your symptoms and decide when to visit a provider
- Find an urgent care or emergency care facility
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You can reach a nurse online 24/7 using secure web chat and video chat. Connect at the [MHS Nurse Advice Line website](#), or find all country-specific numbers listed there for a phone call. If you're in the U.S., Guam, or Puerto Rico, you can call 1-800-TRICARE (1-800-874-2273) and choose option 1. The MHS Nurse Advice Line is only available to beneficiaries living or traveling in the U.S. or a country with an established military hospital or clinic.

The MHS Nurse Advice Line isn't for emergencies. If you have an emergency, call 911 or your local emergency service center, or go to the closest emergency room or facility.

The next time you need help making decisions about your immediate health care needs, don't guess. Contact the [MHS Nurse Advice Line](#) and take command of your health.



Membership Meeting
30 January 2019
1100 – Summit Club

Guest Speaker: Ms. Marty Linz
Tax Professional, H&R Block

Marty Linz is a Master Tax Advisor and IRS Enrolled Agent with over 8 years of experience as a tax professional with H&R Block. In addition to her work in tax preparation, she is also the co-owner of a chiropractic clinic in South Huntsville. Before moving to Huntsville in 2013, she spent over 30 years in construction project management after earning her Civil Engineering degree from Georgia Tech and MBA from Ohio State. Asked why she works as a tax professional, she answered “I enjoy helping clients by using my knowledge of the tax code to claim all credits and deductions to which the client is entitled. Completing tax returns is very stressful and intimidating for many people, but I love being there to help ease the stress for my clients.”

Marty will talk about the new tax code changes for 2018 and answer your questions. Highlights include:

- Cutting individual income tax rates
- Doubling the standard deduction
- Eliminating the personal exemption
- Eliminating most itemized deductions
- Limiting deduction for state & local taxes
- Doubling estate tax exemption
- Doubling child tax credit
- Repealing Obamacare individual mandate

Menu: Baked Ziti, Chicken Parmesan, Green Beans, Salad, Tiramisu 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 26 January 2019



HCMOAA Treasurer's Report November 2018

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

1. The November 2018 Treasurer's Report is presented herein. It was reviewed by the Governing Board and forwarded for membership approval at the January 2019 meeting.

2. Monthly Summary:

	Operating Funds	Savings	Scholarship Fund
Starting Balance	\$ 5050.68	\$ 8001.14	\$22202.15
Income	\$ 1640.00	\$ 0.20	\$ 245.00
Expenses	\$ 1438.26	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 5252.42	\$ 8001.34	\$22447.15

3. Notable income: individual dues, payments for Christmas social, and payments for membership meeting meals.

4. Notable expenses: website domain name and site renewals (2 years), supplies for recruiting mailing, ROTC/JROTC medals, membership meeting meals, and sponsorship of MOWW Youth Leadership Conference.

5. Chapter savings account activity was limited to interest.

6. Scholarship Fund checking account activity included member donations.

7. The Chapter holds an \$8000 (current value: \$8153.46) 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 issue 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 December 2018

COL Everett Mosley – LMT Beneficiary Donation

Total received for December:	\$200
Total received FY19 to date:	\$920



Many thanks to our generous donors!

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO
HUNTSVILLE CHAPTER MOAA**

**MAJ Robert Usher, USA
MAJ Theron Bowman, USA**

Membership Statistics

Total Members: 381
Regular Members: 315
Surviving Spouses: 66

New this month: 2
Deaths this month: 1
Renewals: 10

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_____ Renewal _____ Two Years \$20
_____ Three Years \$30

If New, how did you hear about us?

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_____ 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

Attention Annual Members

It is now 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

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 CDR Chris Downing at
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Don't want to worry about renewing ever again - consider becoming a Chapter Life Member – contact
COL John Fairlamb at 256-539-0161 or fairlambjrf@comcast.net for the details

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COL Steven E Walburn, USA
MAJ Paul E Freeman, USA
LTC John E Cole, USA
CW4 Michael H McIntosh, 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.

Expanded TRICARE Coverage for Ambulance Services

TRICARE expanded ambulance services to cover both treat-and-release and joint response services this year.

TRICARE now covers:

- **Treat-and-release:** This is when an ambulance treats you but doesn't take you to the hospital.
- **Joint response:** This is when an ambulance crew needs the help of a paramedic or intermediate EMT to give you advanced life support services.

Ambulances can be network or non-network providers. In an emergency, sometimes a non-network ambulance may treat or transport you. If a non-network provider bills you for treat-and-release or joint response, they can charge up to 115 percent of the TRICARE-allowable charge.

Active duty service members aren't liable for payment for treat-and-release or joint response services.

Learn more about TRICARE ambulance services and your costs. And take command of your health.



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

TAPS

COL Everett Cole ‘Mose’ Mosley, USA-Ret – died peacefully on December 13, 2018.

Mose would have written, “Mose passed, lifelong treasures (junk) for sale,” but we felt he deserved a little more.

Born and raised in Lauderdale, MS, he attended Vanderbilt University and George Washington University Medical School. He was a Medical Officer in the Army, which included a tour in Vietnam. With his family, he settled in Huntsville in 1969 practicing as an Anesthesiologist for nearly 25 years.

He believed in a life of service: to God through mission trips around the world, and to his community through support of organizations such as Kiwanis, Huntsville Hospital Foundation, Huntsville Botanical Gardens and Lincoln Village.

Some of his many interests included hunting, gardening, dining (both fine and not so fine) and time with friends and family.... sharing his opinions which he believed everyone deserved to hear. He was preceded in death by his wife, Devvy. Survivors include his children, David Mosley (Anne) and Elizabeth Mosley.

A graveside service was held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday December 19 at Maple Hill Cemetery, McClung entrance. A reception followed from 11:30 to 1:30 at Gideon Blackburn House, 402 Lincoln Street SE.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Huntsville Botanical Garden or the Huntsville Hospital Foundation.

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



Chapter Happenings



Gold Bar Ceremony at
Alabama A&M University



Members enjoying the Chapter Christmas Party

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 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 400+ 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 January

- 1 January- New Year's Day
- 1 January – Emancipation Proclamation (1863)
- 1 January – Ellis Island opened (1892)
- 1 January – Fidel Castro seized power in Cuba (1959)
- 3 January – King Tut's tomb discovered (1924)
- 3 January – Alaska becomes the 49th state (1959)
- 4 January – George Washington gives 1st State of the Union address (1790)
- 7 January – College Football Playoff Championship Game
- 8 January – Battle of New Orleans (1815)
- 8 January – AT&T broken up into the “Baby Bells” (1982)
- 10 January – League of Nations established (1920)
- 10 January – Monthly Board Meeting – Java Café**
- 11 January – Alabama seceded from the Union (1861)
- 12 January – Monthly Breakfast – Royal Rose Diner**
- 16 January – Shah of Iran flees to the US (1979)
- 20 January - Franklin Roosevelt inaugurated to a 4th term (1945)
- 21 January – Vladimir Lenin died (1924)
- 21 January – Martin Luther King Day
- 21 January – Supersonic Concorde began service (1976)
- 22 January – Abortion became legal in the US (1973)
- 23 January – USS Pueblo seized by North Korea (1968)
- 24 January – California gold rush begins (1848)
- 24 January – Winston Churchill died (1965)
- 25 January – Al Capone died (1947)
- 25 January – First scheduled trans-continental airline flight (1959)
- 27 January – US ends involvement with the Vietnam war (1973)
- 28 January – The Coast Guard was established (1915)
- 28 January – Space Shuttle Challenger exploded (1986)
- 30 January – Adolf Hitler appointed Chancellor of Germany (1933)
- 30 January – Monthly Member Meeting – Summit Club**

