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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Charles T. Clements, Lt Col, USAF, Ret



Dear Members -

Well, summer is upon us and the year is halfway over already. I had intended to tell everyone how great the recent Summer Party was, but due to a dismal response from membership we had to cancel the affair. Out of almost 450 members, only 14 RSVP'd to attend. I would be interested in knowing why you decided not to attend – out of town, too busy, not interested, poor menu, no entertainment, or whatever. Send me an e-mail, so we can adjust next year.

Members from the Chapter also supported the annual “BBQ with the Vets” at the Tut Fann VA Home last month. They had the opportunity to provide meals to and socialize with some of the residents.

Back in the Spring of 2014 the Chapter conducted a day bus trip to Lynchburg, Tennessee for shopping, lunch and a tour of the Jack Daniel's distillery. It was a big success. That being said, we are planning to have a repeat trip in the Fall. Additional details to follow as they become available.

Join us for this month's member meeting - Dr. Casey Wardynski, Huntsville School Superintendent, will be our guest speaker. We will also be voting on a very important amendment to our constitution – see details inside!

Planning continues for our annual golf tournament - scheduled for 22 September at the Links at Redstone in conjunction with Retiree Appreciation Day. We expect a large turnout of golfers - volunteers will be required on the day of the tournament to help with registration and other activities. Also, we are looking for donations of items to be used as door prizes or in gift baskets, as well as help with soliciting local businesses for donations of goods and/or services. Please contact me or the golf committee if you can help out in any of these areas.

Remember that we have moved the date for our monthly breakfast to the second Saturday of the month. This month's breakfast will be on July 9th at the Golden Corral on University Drive in Huntsville.

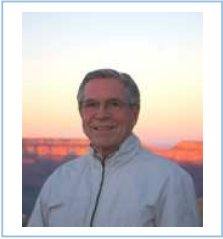
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Legislative Corner

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



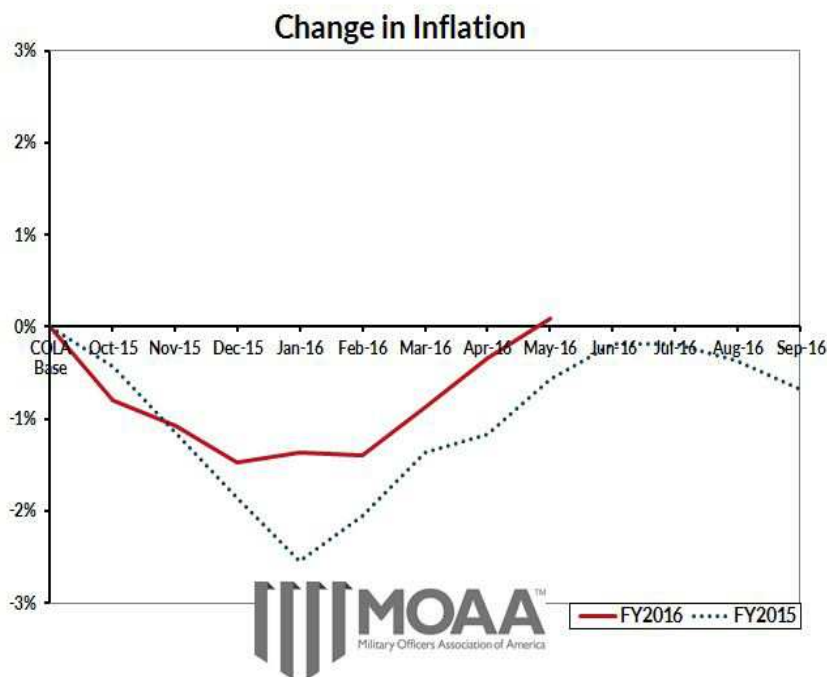
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• COLA is Finally, gradually “Climbing out of the Hole”

The May CPI is 234.444, and .1 percent above the FY 2014 COLA baseline. Because there was not a positive COLA in FY 2015, the FY 2014 baseline is used. The CPI for June 2016 is scheduled to be released on July 15, 2016.

Please Remember: Military retiree COLA is calculated on the basis of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), not the overall CPI. And, monthly changes in the index may differ from national figures reported elsewhere.



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Main Exchange

Visit your Redstone Exchange this summer for all your outdoor fun needs. July is Grilling Month! Stop by Outdoor Living and treat yourself to a new grill this year! The Exchange has some hot new items. Stonewall Kitchens (made in the USA) has a display in the front of the store. Items include jellies, jams, mixes, cooking sets and BBQ sauces. Stop by the Lancome cosmetic department and meet the new Lancome Team. There are samples to try and the team will be glad to assist you!

Join us for the HealthSouth Blood Drive in front of the Redstone Main Exchange Wednesday 6 July, 2016 from 1-6PM. Join us Monday, July 25th as we celebrate our 121st Exchange Birthday at the Redstone Main Store. Stop by at 1000 for refreshments and enter to win free gifts!

Mark your calendars for heading back to college! Our College Essentials Sale is usually in late July so watch for the Exchange ads.

We continue to seek feedback from our customers and would love to hear from you. Our survey is online and easy to use. Please take a few moments after your next shopping trip to fill out our Customer Satisfaction Survey. The link information is on your receipt or go to <https://surveymonkey.com/s/MyExchSurvey>. Have a safe Fourth of July from your Redstone Exchange!

Shoppette

Special hours will be in effect for the July 4th holiday. Several spirits will be on special for July so please stop in and check out our selection. If you have not been by to see what Redbox has to offer you in movies, the machine is conveniently located just outside the store for 24/7 operation. And did you know you can download their app and reserve new releases so they will be there when you want them? Just bring the credit card you used to reserve them, swipe and you have an evening of great entertainment!

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Need Addresses

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:

Persons to contact are:

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Fox Army Health Center
Col Gerald C. Maxwell, USAFR



*The Commanding General,
Regional Health Command – Atlantic (Provisional),
Brigadier General Ronald Place*

*requests the pleasure of your company at a
Change of Command Ceremony at which
Colonel David J. Carpenter, Jr.*

*will relinquishes command of
Fox Army Health Center to
Colonel Michael S. Oshiki*

*on Friday, the eighth of July
at one o'clock in the afternoon*

*Bob Jones Auditorium
John J. Sparkman Center
Building 5304
Redstone Arsenal, Alabama*

Reception to follow in the Auditorium Lobby



Mrs. Carrie Hightower
256-882-3992

Widow's Activities



Mrs. Liz Townsend
256-721-9762

WOW Support Group

The WOW Support Group does not meet during the months of July and August.

Everyone will be called in September.

MOAA Widow's Luncheon

The MOAA widow's luncheon will be held on Friday, July 8th, at Gibson's BBQ, 3319 Memorial Pkwy SW, Huntsville. Phone: (256) 881-4851.

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

Please call Liz at 256-721-9762 for reservations.

Summer Time is Disaster Prep Time

Summer rays and cool breezes can quickly turn into unexpected lightning and blinding rains. TRICARE makes it easy to get the care you need in the event of a natural disaster.

In emergencies, the Department of Defense (DoD) can approve a waiver of primary care manager (PCM) referrals. Waiving the PCM referral requirement allows affected beneficiaries to get care from TRICARE-authorized providers without a PCM referral, avoiding point-of-service charges.

The "Emergency Refill Too Soon" waiver authorizes early prescription refills for affected beneficiaries. When a prescription waiver is authorized for an impacted area, information about early refills is posted on the TRICARE website. Beneficiaries who've signed up for [TRICARE updates](#) via email or SMS text-messaging receive the update directly. Also check TRICARE's social media pages for updates.

Severe weather can happen at any time, during any season. Disaster preparation is important and being prepared is just as essential as knowing how to get help. Everyone should have an emergency "Go To" kit, and copies of important documents like your Uniformed Services ID card driver's license, Social Security card and list of prescriptions and shot records. Also have a list of health insurance you have in addition to TRICARE, such as Medicare or an employer-sponsored health insurance plan. TRICARE supplements don't qualify as "other health insurance."

Have the numbers to family doctors and the regional contractor close at hand for help getting care. Make [a disaster plan](#) and practice it. TRICARE has a downloadable contact wallet card with all the contacts you need for help with your health plan. Visit the [TRICARE](#) website for details on how to stay safe and get the care you need in a disaster.



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

Friendliness to Enemies

"But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who hate you." (Luke 27-27, NASV)

While still a young boy, a certain Christian formed the habit of praying beside his bed before he went to sleep. Later, when he joined the army, he kept up this practice; though he became an object of mockery and ridicule in the barracks. One night as he knelt to pray after a long, weary march, one of his tormentors took off his muddy boots and threw them at him one at a time, hitting him on each side of his head. The Christian said nothing, took the persecutor's boots, put them beside the bed and continued to pray. The next morning, when the other soldier woke up he found his polished and shined boots sitting beside his own bed. It so affected him that he asked the Christian for forgiveness. And after a time the tormentor became a Christian.

"But, I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. " (Matthew 5:44-45, NASV)



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO
HUNTSVILLE CHAPTER MOAA**

LTC Andre Cota-Robles, USA

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

Scholarships

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

Please consider making a donation to our program. Contact Gerald Maxwell for details.



Treasurer's Report

CAPT Richard West, USN

For the Month of May 2016

Beginning Balance	\$9268.59
Credits	754.00
Debits	684.88

Ending Balance	\$9337.71
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Membership Meeting

27 July 2016

1100 – Summit Club

Guest Speaker: Dr. Casey Wardynski

Colonel Casey Wardynski was appointed as Superintendent for Huntsville City Schools in June 2011. Previous to this, he served as the chief financial officer for Aurora, Colorado Public Schools where he was responsible for guiding all financial, food server and risk management activities for the District with 51 schools and revenues of over \$320 million serving over 35,000 students.

Wardynski previously served as director of the Office of Economic & Manpower Analysis at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, where he was also an associate professor of economics.

By way of leading change in areas ranging from Army human capital development to talent management, Wardynski pioneered the innovative use of game technology and new media to support Army marketing. He also conceived and led Army wide deployment of new talent management strategies and technologies to integrate and improve all functions associated with developing, retaining and employing the varied skills and talents of the Army's 60,000 officers.

Wardynski's innovations are in use in more than 30 agencies and have achieved efficiency and effectiveness gains worth more than \$200 million per year. These new business practices have earned national recognition for excellence from such diverse groups as Harvard University and the Council for Excellence in Government to the American Association of Advertising Agencies.

He holds a bachelor's degree from the United States Military Academy; a master's degree in public policy from Harvard University; and a doctorate in policy analysis from the Rand Pardee Graduate School. Wardynski is a member of the 2010 class of The Broad Superintendents Academy and a graduate of Leadership Aurora. Under the leadership and direction of Superintendent Wardynski, Huntsville City Schools was the first school district in the nation to implement a Digital 1:1 initiative across all grade levels, Pre-K through 12th grade. Students in grades Pre-K through 2nd grade use Ipads in the classroom and all students in grade levels 3rd through 12th have a school issued laptop that they use in the classroom and at home. Huntsville City Schools implemented the Digital 1:1 initiative in the Fall of 2012.

Since joining the Huntsville City School District, Dr. Wardynski has received the following honors:

- Alabama PTA Superintendent of the Year Award recipient (2011-2012)
- North AL African American Chamber of Commerce "Game Changer" Award recipient (Sept. 2012)
- Tech Leader of the Year (Fall 2012) by Tech & Learning Magazine
- Tech Savvy Superintendent of the Year (2012/2013) by e-School news
- Listed as one of the Top Eleven Influential Leaders in the City of Huntsville by Al.Com (Dec. 2014)

Menu: Fried catfish, baked chicken, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, fried okra, strawberry cobbler, rolls 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 23 July 2016

- **The Future of Social Security**

On 9 June 2016 the Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC), a Washington think tank, released the recommendations of its chartered Commission on Retirement and Personal Savings, which examined whether Americans are meeting the financial retirement goals. Former Sen. Kent Conrad (D-ND), a member of the 2010 Bowles-Simpson Commission that proposed a variety of dramatic cuts, and Mr. James Lockhart III, a former Director of the Federal Housing Agency, co-chaired the commission composed of 17 former public officials and experts in savings and retirement policy.

The commission was tasked to make recommendations on how to increase national savings, improve income security during retirement (including Social Security reforms), and guard against the potential costs of long-term care and the loss of income due to disability. You may recall that fifty recommendations came out of the commission, including regulations harmonizing early-withdrawal rules for IRAs and 401(k)-type plans, ending subsidies that encourage the use of home equity for pre-retirement consumption, increasing the Social Security retirement age to reflect increases in life expectancy, and increasing the amount of income subject to Social Security taxes.

The commission also recommended linking Social Security cost of living adjustments to the chained Consumer Price Index (CPI) beginning in 2017. Many of the proposals make sense, but MOAA and virtually all other associations representing retirees have long opposed the chained CPI, which would depress annual COLAs to retired pay, Social Security, VA disability compensation, and other federal annuities by about 0.3 percent per year - which would compound to impose significant payment cuts over time.

I recommend you take a look at the Commission's Full report at: <http://bipartisanpolicy.org/library/retirement-security/> digest it, and make your druthers known to your elected Senators and Representatives in Washington before you find, somewhat like the Affordable Care Act, is suddenly the law of the land and you and your heirs' futures.

- **A Note from the Tricare Bulletin from Annemarie Fox**

Many things change when you retire from the military. One of those is your health plan. We'll take a quick look at some of the changes you may see. When you retire from active duty, you will be dis-enrolled from your TRICARE Prime Option. You may then re-enroll in TRICARE Prime or of the other options available to you. If you retire to a Prime Service area, you can enroll in TRICARE Prime online, by phone, or through the mail. You will need to pay annual enrollment fees. You can find it if you live in a Prime Service Area on TRICARE.mil/prime and click on Prime Service Area Zip Code Look Up.

You may choose to use TRICARE Standard, TRICARE Extra or another plan based on your location and the needs of your family. Whichever plan you choose, you must enroll within 30 days to avoid any gaps in coverage. 



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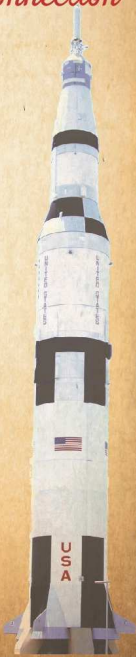
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Auxiliary Members: 65
Life Members: 210

New this month: 1
Deaths this month: 2
Renewals: 0

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Memorial Day Wreath Ceremony



Ms. Carrie Hightower has participated in the Memorial Day Wreath Ceremony at Maple Hill Cemetery for as long as anyone can remember.

Carrie has informed us that she is no longer able to deal with the heat and humidity of summer, and will no longer be the keeper of the wreath.

If you would like to assume this prestigious role, please contact Charles Clements.

**34 Birthdays in July
Happy Birthday!**



TAPS

**Col Morton Eldridge, USAF
COL Michael Dooley, USA**

Our deepest sympathy to the
families of our departed friends

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The Free Smoking Cessation Program: Living Your Ideal Lifestyle

Are you living your ideal lifestyle? If your answer is no, you're not alone. It can be tough to make lifestyle changes part of your daily routine. For example, smoking less and starting an exercise routine can help you quit smoking, but it's not easy to design your lifestyle around those small changes long enough to make it a new routine.

If being smoke-free is your ideal lifestyle, the Freedom Quitline offers counseling focused on lifestyle design for TRICARE beneficiaries trying to quit smoking. The Freedom Quitline is a National Institutes of Health-funded research study, co-sponsored by the 59th Medical Wing and University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

Lifestyle design is the "process of taking proactive steps to become the person you'd like to be," says the Freedom Quitline's Dr. Gerald Wayne Talcott, Ph.D. Change is hard. You try, but often can't follow through and implement those changes permanently.

The counselors at the [Freedom Quitline](http://www.freedomquitline.org) are there to help participants stay focused on their goal of being tobacco free. When you quit smoking with the Freedom Quitline, you'll receive telephone counseling specially designed to help increase your motivation to change your behavior. Plus, you'll receive free nicotine replacements sent to your home.


Wouldn't it be great to taste food again, breathe easier, have fresh smelling clothes, more money in the bank, and generally feel better? The [Freedom Quitline](http://www.freedomquitline.org) counselors are available to help you stick with the change you want. It's easy to find out if you qualify. Call 1-844-I-AM-FREE (1-844-426-3733) or go online to learn more at www.freedomquitline.org.

Commissary

July – check for Independence Day sales and August-meat back to school sales. Be sure to check out the pork and beef clearance freezers in each of the respective departments. Check out the Club Packs in the middle of the store for various items – big sizes and big savings! Your Commissary has your summer grilling needs also in the center of the store. Stock up on Gatorade and a wide variety of Cape Cod Chips on sale.

If you haven't discovered it yet – check out the Gelato in the ice cream section. My favorite is the Talenti brand. Everything from chocolate chip, Caribbean coconut, Mediterranean mint, to my favorites, double dark chocolate and coffee chocolate chip. This Gelato is more expensive but worth it!

Your Commissary also has a wide variety of Boars Head sauces and mustards. Check out the display near the bread isle. For quick meals “Think Outside the Box” and stay informed of the many recipes that align with dietary guidelines: <https://www.commissaries.com/healthy-living/healthy-eats.cfm>.

Staying informed of food-safety-related recalls can be a full-time job. Thanks to Commissaries.com, it's just a couple clicks away. Click “Stay Informed” for alerts on products sold in commissaries or on all recalls from the FDA. <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/default.htm>. 

Summer Skin Care

Summer is here (June 20th) and temperatures are rising. As you and your loved ones spend more time in the sun, be sure you practice sun safety and protect yourself from harmful ultraviolet (UV) protection. UV rays are an invisible form of radiation that can pass through your skin and damage your skin cells. Although they can cause skin damage during any season or at any temperature, you are at higher risk in the summer when temperatures are warmer and you show more skin. Suntans and sunburns are both signs of skin damage. They appear after the sun has already killed some skin cells and damaged others.

The National Institutes of Health reports that long term skin damage can cause eye problems, wrinkles, skin spots and skin cancer. You can protect yourself from sun damage by: avoiding the sun when it's strongest (between 10am – 2pm); using sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher; wearing protective clothing; avoiding sunlamps and tanning beds; and, wearing wraparound sunglasses that provide 100 percent UV ray protection. If you've been in the sun, be sure to check your skin for changes in the size, shape, color or feel of birthmarks, moles and spots. Be sure to discuss your concerns with your health care provider.

TRICARE covers [skin cancer exams](#) for individuals with a family history of skin cancer; with an increased exposure to sunlight or clinical evidence of precursor lesions, the red, scaly areas on skin as a result of sun damage. For more information, read [Sun and Skin: The Dark Side of Sun Exposure](#) or visit the U.S. National Library of Medicine's web page on [sun exposure](#).



In concert with the Military Retiree Council
and the Redstone Arsenal
Community Women's Club

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military
Officers Association of America presents
our



Join us at
the Links at
Redstone

5th Annual "Scholarship" Golf Tournament **"Retiree Appreciation – Soldier for Life Days"** **Thursday 22 September 2016**

0800 Shotgun Start
Registration begins at 0630
4-person Scramble Format

Interested in Sponsoring or
Donating directly to the
Scholarship Program?

Contact: Charles Clements
(Huntsville Chapter MOAA President)
256-450-3610 or
charles.clenents@mda.mil

Early Bird Special:

Register by August 20th at the reduced rate of
\$65 per player / \$260 per 4-person team!

Don't wait – Sign up Now!

100% of net proceeds returned as
merit awards for the Huntsville
Chapter MOAA Student Scholarship
Program

Individual Golfer - \$75
Or
4 Person Team - \$300

Includes range balls, cart, golf, lunch &
door prize ticket

Prizes for: Top Three Teams, Longest
Drive, Straightest Drive, Closest to the Pin,
Hole in One

Silent Auction with lots of great items!
Mulligan / Power Drive packages for sale!

To Sign Up Contact

Rick West Bruce Robinson
256-776-6901 or 256-450-3191
rickw675@att.net brobinso@mitre.org

Mail this form and your check made out to HCMOAA to

Rick West, 151 Tipton Rd, Gurley, AL 35748

PLAYER 1: _____ PLAYER 2: _____

PHONE: _____ PLAYER 3: _____

E-MAIL: _____ PLAYER 4: _____

Member Spotlight – COL Roy Brown, USA

As Relayed by CDR Christine Downing

Our member in the Spotlight this month is Roy Brown who was born and raised in South Carolina. At the young age of 17, he enlisted in the Navy during World War II and spent 4 years as an Aviation Ordnance man aboard the USS Georgetown.

He enjoyed his time in the Navy, but had grander plans, so after the war he used his G.I. Bill to attend the University of South Carolina, ultimately getting his Juris Doctorate. Roy then chose to enter the Army and spent 26 years in the Judge Advocate General Corps. Starting out at the Basic Infantry Officer School at Fort Benning, he then went on to attend other Army schools before being stationed at Camp Darby in Italy, located just outside of the town with the famous leaning tower. This was a very enjoyable tour as it afforded the opportunity to travel in Europe.

Many tours followed including the Pentagon with the Judge Advocate General, the Secretary of the Army's staff, Viet Nam, and Headquarters of the U.S. Army of the Pacific in Honolulu. During this tour, Roy was on the Inspector General's team and was afforded more opportunities for travel. He was on the team that visited many of the island nations after the war who were being given assistance in reforming their nations and deciding whether to become U.S. territories.

But after four years on the lovely island, Roy and his wife Lucy decided they needed a little more room to roam and he asked to transfer back to the continental United States. He was given the choice between a return to the Pentagon, or Huntsville. Lucy, who has a degree in Home Economics, and their three daughters thought that northern Alabama would make a much better choice. And that was a decision that everyone now thinks was one of the best they made. The family very much loved this area; two of his daughters graduated from Auburn and one from Alabama. He said that although the Iron Bowl game days are very exciting for the family, they've certainly enjoyed the rivalry over the years!

During his last tour here at Redstone Arsenal, Roy was part of the Ballistic Missile Defense program and made several trips to Kwajalein. After retiring from the Army, Roy worked for many years assisting local attorneys. Now that he is fully retired, he loves to spend his time watching football on TV, especially his alma mater, the University of South Carolina. He is thankful for what he believes has been a wonderful life – a fulfilling career and a loving family.

Social Security Update

If you attended the May membership meeting, then you received the great briefing on benefits from Briana Collins from the Birmingham Social Security office. The brief covered recent changes in the law, and provided many examples of different benefit scenarios.

Briana was generous enough to provide us a copy of the brief. You can find it on the Chapter website under "Good to Know Stuff".

If you have any questions concerning Social Security benefits, or in general, please contact your local Social Security office.

Proposed Changes to the Chapter Constitution and By-laws

Amendment to HCMOAA Constitution and By-Laws (C&BL) (to be voted upon at the July 27, 2016 membership meeting)

**By CAPT Rick West, USN (Ret.)
Chairman, C&BL Committee**

Below is a summary of the changes to the C&BL. Two significant changes drove the requirement for this amendment. First is the alignment of all our financial dealings to the Fiscal Year. This was necessary to eliminate significant extra effort when dealing with external agencies (i.e. MWR and RSA Legal) regarding financial reporting and authorization to operate onboard RSA. Second was the need to ensure contributions to HCMOAA can be tax deductible for the donor – our tax exempt status is not an issue. To be tax deductible as a 501(c)(19) Veterans' Organization, at least 90% of our members must be war veterans as defined by the IRS. Including the Auxiliaries as regular members brought our percentage well under 90. By moving the Surviving Spouses / Auxiliaries out as a separate but related organization as recommended by the IRS, we restore our percentage well above 90 and regain our tax deductible status.

Summary of Changes to HCMOAA Constitution and By-Laws to be Approved at the July 27, 2016 Membership Meeting:

- Updated some references and terminology. Clarified some meanings.
- Added reference to HCMOAA relationship with RSA Military Retiree Council.
- Removed reference to Auxiliaries under membership classes.
- Clarified prorated dues for new members.
- Changed financial references / requirements to Fiscal Year.
- Appendix 1 – LMT: Updated survivor notification requirements; clarified requirements for joining LMT; aligned LMT financials with Fiscal Year and adjusted reporting requirements; clarified refund of LMT deposits.
- Appendix 2 – Auxiliary Standing Committee. To align with IRS code for 501(c)(19) “tax deductible” status, Auxiliaries were removed as a membership class of HCMOAA and established as a separate but related auxiliary organization – the Surviving Spouses / Auxiliaries Organization (SSA). Objectives and administration of SSA are detailed in this Appendix.

A copy of the updated C&BL will be available after July 1st on the Constitution page of our website. If you have any questions about the specific changes, feel free to contact me at rickw675@att.net or call me at 256-776-6901.

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.

Veterans Court Mentors Needed

On June 1st, Circuit Judge Ruth Ann Hall briefed the North Alabama Veterans & Fraternal Organizations Coalition (NAVFOC) about the Madison County Veterans Court.

The Veterans Court started in 2014. Veterans Court is a pretrial diversion program open to veterans who commit non-violent offenses at the state level. They have to enter a plea for the charge and then they come to court twice a month for different phases of the program. Each veteran is assigned a primary and secondary mentor who are all retired veterans and they help the court monitor the veteran's living conditions, whether they are going to treatment, and any kind of issues they may have. The mentors get to know the defendants on a personal level, and let the court know what issues they may be facing that likely led them down the path to Judge Hall's courtroom.

If you are interested in this worthy cause, please see <http://navfoc.org/DomainData/NAVFOC/PDF/VETERAN%20COURT%20MENTOR/VetMentorInfo&App.pdf> for more information, mentor requirements, and an application. You can also do an internet search for "Madison County Veterans Court" and find many articles and endorsements of the program.

Important Dates in July

- 1 July – Bureau of Internal Revenue established (1862)
- 1 July – Battle of Gettysburg begins (1863)
- 2 July – US Constitution ratified (1788)
- 2 July - Civil Rights Act signed (1964)
- 4 July – Independence Day
- 7 July – Hawaii annexed (1898)
- 9 July – Monthly Breakfast – Golden Corral**
- 10 July – Allied invasion of Italy begins (1943)
- 12 July – AL Council of Chapters Meeting – Maxwell AFB**
- 14 July – Monthly Board Meeting – Summit Club**
- 14 July – Fall of the Bastille (1789)
- 16 July – San Diego founded (1769)
- 16 July – First atomic bomb detonated (1945)
- 16 July – John F. Kennedy Jr.'s plane crashes (1999)
- 17 July – Czar Nicholas II & his family murdered (1918)
- 20 July – Man first walks on the moon (1969)
- 22 July – John Dillinger shot & killed (1934)
- 27 July – Monthly Membership Meeting – Summit Club**
- 30 July – Jimmy Hoffa disappears (1975)
- 31 July – US Patent Office opens (1790)

