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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Col Gerald C. Maxwell, USAFR



Fellow Members -

Where did June go!? It will not be long before school is back in session! Remember during the July 4th holiday—be safe and remember those who made this holiday and great country what it is today! Happy Birthday America!

The Tut Fann BBQ was held 9 June and the folks there greatly enjoyed our visit. Thanks to our Chapter volunteers for helping to serve the food. A free lunch and a chance to socialize with the resident heroes from all the military services. You should consider being there next year.

When you are out and about, ask your fellow officers if they are members of MOAA – both National and our Chapter. One of the primary reasons many said they were not members – they were unaware there was a local Chapter. You are our best recruiter.

We continue to need additional advertisers for *The Sentinel*. Advertisers are one of our best sources of income. Inquire with the various businesses you deal with if they might be interested in placing an ad. All they can say is “no”.

Elections for Chapter officers for the 2019-2020 term will take place this fall. If you are interested in serving, let any board member know.

Our next membership meeting is 29 August. Our guest speaker will be COL Terri Coles, USA-Ret, Director of Council and Chapter Affairs at MOAA National. She will be able to report out on the recent “Storming the Hill”, provide an update on MOAA goals and objectives, and answer your questions. Save the date for this important meeting.

As always, be sure to check out our Chapter website for more information and updates: <http://huntsvillemoaa.org>.

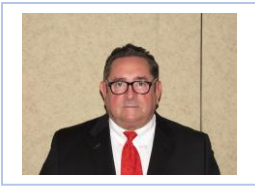
Gerald Maxwell

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Legislative Corner

Lt Col Charles Clements, USAF-Ret



**Take
Action**

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“All politics is local.” VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

We are days away from the Alabama primary run-off election scheduled for July 17th. The Madison County Democratic ballot has one race—District 7 State Senate seat. The Madison County Republican ballot has six races—Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and two other state-wide judges.

After more than two years of continuous negotiation and the unrelenting pursuit to fix VA's Choice program and reform the veterans' health system, veterans scored a victory when the long-awaited VA MISSION Act finally was signed into law. The legislation represents a major shift in how the VA will deliver care - a system virtually untouched by major transformation in more than 25 years. In the end, the reform is expected to cost in excess of \$50 billion dollars over the next five years. That estimate well could skyrocket if system improvements aren't carefully managed, and there is ongoing oversight during implementation. Some of the major provisions in the act include:

- Expanding the VA's comprehensive caregiver support program to pre-9/11 veterans, providing eligible caregivers additional support services and a monthly stipend
- Eliminating the broken Choice program and establishes one community care program called the Veterans Community Care Program
- Allowing veterans and their doctors to choose the best option on where to get health care whether in the VA or from one of the providers in the VA's community care network
- Streamlining eligibility standards so veterans have greater choice, doing away with the former distance and wait-time restrictions
- Investing in the VA's workforce to attract and retain high-quality health care providers
- Expanding access to telehealth care closer to home
- Establishing mobile deployment teams to help provide additional care to the VA facilities with the highest need
- Recruiting medical scribes to help physicians focus on serving veterans, rather than spending time on paperwork

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Main Exchange

The Alabama Tax Free weekend is coming! This year it occurs 20-22 July. A list of items for the tax free weekend can be found at: <https://www.freetaxweekend.com/alabama-free-tax-weekend-back-to-school/>. Plan to deduct the normal tax that would be collected from your Exchange purchase for the eligible items.

The Exchange will be celebrating its 123rd Anniversary on 25 Jul with refreshments in the mall area 1100-1300 hrs.

You can save even more by signing up for the Military STAR card! The first day you use it – ALL your purchases are 10% off. Additionally, every day save 5 cents per gallon at your Exchange service station and earn 2% cash back on all purchases. The STAR card is now being accepted at your Commissary as well.

Shopette

Be sure to stop in every month to see the wine and spirit specials. Plus, check out the Spirits of the Month shelves - most on sale!

While there check out the movies at the Red Box machine just outside the entrance – you can reserve your movies using the Red Box app and pick them up anytime that day.

Commissary

Your commissary has you covered for that Independence Day cook-out. Pick up charcoal, wood chips, hamburgers, steaks, hot dogs, brats, buns, beans, corn, aluminum foil, and all the associated condiments – everything you need for a successful BBQ. Plus, don't forget to check out the clearance items in the meat section. Reduced for quick sale means additional savings.

Check back often – there will be more sales and specials as Independence Day approaches.

Have you noticed “Home Base” and “Freedom’s Choice” brands on the shelves? These are commissary brands and will always give you additional savings over name brands.

At <http://www.commissaries.com> you can check out the latest commissary sales flyer, recipes/coupons and sign up for the commissary rewards card – you can save worldwide. Download the app at the Apple Appstore and Googleplay.

Need Addresses

None this month

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

Concerns

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

Mrs. Lucy Mize

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



TRICARE Retiree Dental Program ends Dec. 31, 2018

If you are enrolled in or eligible for the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program or TRICARE Retired Reserve now what? You may qualify for Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) for 2019—now including DENTAL AND/OR VISION. Get Ready: You may enroll during Open Season—from Nov. 12 through Dec. 10, 2018—visit tricare.benefeds.com to learn more about FEDVIP open season and to sign up for email alerts.

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NEW Starting 2018—TRICARE Health Benefits Open Season

Prime and Select Enrollees may switch benefit plans during open season from Nov. 12 through Dec. 10, 2018. If you choose to do nothing, your plan will remain the same for the next year. Remember, you can only change between Prime and Select Plans during Open Season or with a Qualifying Life Event. Learn more by visiting tricare.mil/openseason.



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Changes coming to Military Treatment Facilities

The FY 2017 defense bill included some extensive structural changes to the military health system. More than 400 Military Treatment Facilities (MTF) nationwide will soon be under the administrative authority of the Defense Health Agency (DHA) because of the FY 2017 bill.

The change was spurred by an attempt to streamline health care administration across DoD. Lawmakers saw the old health systems, managed by each services' surgeons general, as redundant and a hindrance to developing an efficient health care delivery system.

While MOAA has long supported the creation of a unified medical command, there is cause for concern. Increasing operations for the still-young agency poses risks. To mitigate and manage risks, it's important to ramp up slowly. Early negotiations in the FY 2019 NDAA show that Congress shares those concerns, as the current legislative language suggests a two-year phase in of the transfers. This will allow the health agency to steadily ramp up operations and mitigate risks as they arise.

Further, in what MOAA believes is an effort to protect beneficiaries who use MTFs for continuity of care, the legislation would explicitly prohibit the Secretary of Defense from:

- Closing any MTFs
- Limiting health services provided by an MTF
- Taking action to begin closure or service limitation until the transition to DHA is complete

Though such prohibitions are limited to the two-year transition and go against the current administration's stated preference, MOAA is pleased to see some protections in place for beneficiaries.

This language is something MOAA will be keeping an eye on throughout the ongoing defense bill debates. The most important factor in this equation is the beneficiary, who through years of service and sacrifice, paid in advance for access to quality care.

Chapter Trip Update

The Chapter was planning a trip to the hills of Tennessee in July for some whiskey distillery tours and tastings. Due to a lack of interest, this trip is going to be cancelled. In its place, we are looking at a trip to the Helen Keller home in Tusculum, AL. This will occur in the fall.

Built in 1820 only one year after Alabama became the 22nd State of the Union, Ivy Green is a simple, white clapboard home design in typical Southern architecture. The main house is of Virginia cottage construction, with four large rooms on the first floor bisected by a wide hall. Each room boasts an individual fireplace. Upstairs are three rooms connected by a hall. Having survived untouched through the ravages of the Civil War, Ivy Green is maintained to the smallest detail in its original state.

Since 1954 Helen Keller's birthplace has been a permanent shrine to the "miracle" that occurred in a blind and deaf seven-year old girl's life. At that time Ivy Green was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

You are welcome to walk the grounds of one of America's true historical treasures and experience the miracle where it actually took place. The cost of admission is \$5.00. We will also stop for lunch at the Coldwater Mill Restaurant.



Surviving Spouse's Luncheon

Mrs. Carrie Hightower
256-882-3992

There will be no luncheons in July or August – enjoy your summer. We will resume again in September.

Surviving Spouse Corner: The Benefits of Volunteering

Volunteering can have positive benefits for the volunteer as well as for the person or organization that is served. There are many ways you can realize these positive results. It begins with having a little free time and then finding a volunteer site that deals with causes or issues about which you care. If your own knowledge or skills can benefit an organization or activity in which you have an interest, volunteering might be a perfect way to use your spare time.

The benefits of volunteering can be enormous for the volunteer and their family and community. Research has determined using your time in the right situation can reduce stress, help you make new friends, and provide opportunities to learn new skills. Research also indicates a strong correlation between volunteering and health. Those who volunteer have lower mortality rates, greater functional ability, and lower rates of depression as they grow older than those who do not volunteer.

Being a volunteer can help you feel more connected to a community — providing opportunities to meet new people and make new friends and make your community a better place. Even helping with the smallest tasks can make a real difference in the lives of people, animals, and organizations in need. Using your free time to help in a hospital benefits you as the volunteer, the patients and their families, and the hospital staff.

Additionally, volunteering helps you stay physically, mentally, and emotionally healthy and maintain self-esteem. It can lead to graceful aging and add fun to your years.

Research also indicates “volunteers who devote a considerable amount of time to volunteer activities (about 100 hours per year) are most likely to exhibit positive health outcomes.” One key for deriving health benefits from volunteering is to do it for the right reasons.

A 2012 study in the journal *Health Psychology* found that participants who volunteered with some regularity lived longer but only if their intentions were truly altruistic. They had to be volunteering to help others — not to make themselves feel better.

Volunteering with friends or family can be a great way to get to know people better and can help keep you excited about donating your time. Plus, it's a wonderful way to demonstrate to your children how satisfying it can be to do something for others.



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

Where Can We Get Power?

At the close of World War II, two pictures appeared in a magazine showing a soldier in conflict with a tank. The first showed a huge tank bearing down on a tiny soldier, about to crush him. The picture was proportioned to show the odds involved when a foot soldier with a rifle faced the tank. The next picture showed what happened to that soldier's odds with a bazooka, or rocket launcher, in his hands. This time the tank appeared to be shrunken in size and the soldier at least equal in size, if not a little larger.

Without the power of God released in our lives, when in conflict with sin we are like an infantry soldier in the presence of a tank. We cannot do a thing. But by trust in the power of the living God at work in us, we can say, 'No!' and make it stick. We can turn and begin to live as God intended us to live.

Furthermore, in the Lord's Prayer Jesus teaches us that we are to ask God "to deliver us from temptation." In the following passage we are given a wonderful promise that He will deliver from temptation; and, therefore, we can have the victory over sin: "No temptation has overtaken you, but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape to endure it (1 Corinthians 10:13, NASB).



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- Establishing a walk-in care benefit in the community for veterans in need of non-emergency care
- Establishing a commission to review and recommend realigning of resources to strengthen and modernize the VA medical infrastructure to address the needs of the changing veteran population

In other news, the May 2018 Consumer Price Index (CPI) is 245.77, which is 2.5 percent above the FY 2018 COLA baseline. The CPI is a measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers from around the country for a market basket of consumer goods and services. Collectively, the CPI is also used to adjust annuities for other federal retirees, survivors, and Social Security recipients.

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. It only takes a minute to "take action". Make your voice heard.



Chapter Happenings



May Membership Meeting – Guest speaker COL Thomas Holliday,
Redstone Arsenal Garrison Commander

Save the Date

Chapter Membership Meeting - 29 August 2018

**Guest Speaker: COL Terri Coles, USA-Ret
Director of Council & Chapter Affairs, MOAA National**



COL (R) Terri Coles served over 20 years in the U.S. Army as a Signal Corps officer, serving in a wide range of command and staff assignments including postings in Korea and Germany and command at both the battalion and brigade level. She also served on the Department of the Army staff as an Inspector General and culminated her military career serving as a division chief in the Command, Control, Communications and Computer-J6 Directorate, on the Joint Staff, Pentagon.

After leaving active duty, Terri became active in the local Frederick, Md., community and was selected as a member of the board of associates for Hood College, where she worked to nurture strong relationships between the student vets on campus and the greater Frederick community.

Terri joined MOAA in 2012 and served as Deputy Director in the Career Transition Center before assuming her role as Senior Director in Council and Chapter Affairs.

She is a native of Philadelphia and holds a Bachelor of Arts in communications from Villanova University and a Master of Arts in strategic studies from the Army War College Pennsylvania.



HCMOAA Treasurer's Report May 2018

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

1. The May 2018 Treasurer's Report is presented herein. It has been reviewed by the Governing Board and will be presented to membership for approval at the August 2018 meeting.

2. Monthly Summary:

	Operating Funds	Savings	Scholarship Fund
Starting Balance	\$ 6932.75	\$ 7999.93	\$ 4194.86
Income	\$ 655.00	\$ 0.21	\$ 3500.00
Expenses	\$ 582.92	\$ 0.00	\$ 179.18
Ending Balance	\$ 7004.83	\$ 8000.14	\$ 7515.68

3. Notable income included individual dues, a donation in memory of Ray Weinberg, and payments for membership meeting meals.

4. Notable expenses included office supplies (toner, envelopes, paper) and membership expenses (printer, ink, envelopes, stamps). Payments for May's guest speaker and membership meeting meals will be reflected in the June report.

5. Chapter savings account activity was limited to interest.

6. Scholarship Fund checking account activity included payments by two tournament sponsors and the purchase of toner and other office supplies.

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 June 2018

NONE

Total received for June:	\$0
Total received FY18 to date:	\$520



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO
HUNTSVILLE CHAPTER MOAA**

**MG Douglas Gabram, USA
Mrs. Kathleen Weinberg
Mrs. Charlotte Miller**

Membership Statistics

Total Members: 385
Regular Members: 317
Surviving Spouses: 68

New this month: 3
Deaths this month: 3
Renewals: 0

MEMORIALS

If you would like to send a memorial contribution to the Huntsville Chapter MOAA, please send the following information along with your check to: Memorials, HCMOAA, P.O. Box 1301, Huntsville, AL 35807

In memory of:

By:

**Board Member Position
Open**

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

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_____ Three Years \$30

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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

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_____ 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

Election of Chapter Officers

Regular elections of officers will be held biannually on even numbered years. Prior to the August membership meeting, a nominating committee will be appointed to identify potential candidates. The names of the candidates will be proposed at the September membership meeting and published in the October edition (electronic and printed) of *The Sentinel*.

At the October membership meeting the recommended slate of nominees will be read and additional nominations called for from the floor. Nominations will then be closed, and election of officers will take place.

The results of the election shall be published in the November and January (printed only) editions of *The Sentinel*. The newly elected officers will take office at a formal installation at the January membership meeting.



34 Birthdays in July

LTC Clifford T Flanigan, USA
LTG Robert L Moore, USA
LTC Eugene A Marchetti, USA
LTC Robert Archer, USA
COL George E Lewis, USA
LTC Steven R Palmer, USA
COL Norbert Patla, USA
LTC Charles R Gill, USA
CWO Howard R Raymond, USA
Col Stephen C Baker, USMC
CW3 Monty L Lewis, USA
COL George S Laslo, USA
LT William G Byrd, USN
CDR Timothy L Zane, USN
Mrs Opal E Otto
LTC Paul H Fall, USA
COL John G Greaves, USA

Maj Edward L Morfenski, USAF
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LTC Daniel A Cutshall, USA
COL Mary S Hall, USA
MAJ Diana M Hansen, USA
Col Daniel J Krenzel, USAF
LTC Paul L Hoffman, USA
CH (LTC) Bert E Wiggers, USA
CW5 Harry L Hobbs, USA

If we missed your birthday, it's because we don't have it on file. Please e-mail your birth date to MAJ Bruce Robinson at brucer76@knology.net so it can be included in future newsletters. Thank you.

The Golf Committee Needs You

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

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



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



TAPS

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

LTC Henry R. Arnold, USA-Ret - 93, passed away Saturday June 9, 2018 at his home. He is preceded in death by his loving wife of 58 years, Gladys O. Arnold (2003). Mr. Arnold served in the Pacific during WWII on the USS New Orleans and later continued his military career in the US Army for a combined total of 28+ years, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. Mr. Arnold leaves, to cherish his precious memory, two daughters; Vivian (Butch) Wright, and Debbie (Mike) McCleary three grandsons, Rhett (Melanie) Bass, Col Curtis Bass USAF, Brett (Malarie) McCleary and step-grandson, Rev. Dr. Scott (Denise) Wright; six great-grandchildren. Visitation was held Tues. June 12 at 1:00pm with funeral services at 2:00pm at Legacy Chapel Funeral Home. Interment followed at Huntsville Memory Gardens. Please sign the online guest book at www.LegacyChapel.com.

LTC James Kenneth Scott, Sr., USA-Ret - 76, native of Plevna, passed away Saturday June 16th. He was a member of Disabled American Veterans, the Reserve Officer's Association, and American Legion. He was a former member of the Optimist Club. He was in the ROTC at Florence State University. He was a graduate of the Command General Staff College. James was a Vietnam War Veteran, part of the 2nd Battalion 1st Infantry Division and 16th Infantry Regiment. James received his under graduate degree at Florence State University and a master's degree from Florida Institute of Technology. James attended Latham United Methodist Church. James was preceded in death by his parents, James and Allie Scott; and his brother, Jerry Ray Scott. Survivors include his wife, Freddia Nicholson Scott (married December 21, 1968); son, James "Jamie" Kenneth Scott, Jr., (Jeanie) of Helena; son, Jonathan Frederick Scott of Huntsville; sister, Kay Scott Johnson (Glenn) of New Market; sister, Janie Scott Weir (Ronnie) of Kelso, TN; and grandchildren, Alyssa Scott, Ryan Scott, and Katie Price of Helena; his nieces and nephews and special friends, Judy and Sidney White. Visitation was from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday at Laughlin Service Funeral Home. The funeral service was at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at Latham United Methodist Church with the Rev. Matt Jones officiating. Burial will be in Maple Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Huntsville Hospital Foundation.

LTC Floyd E. Teller, USA-Ret – 89, of Madison, passed away on Friday June 22nd.

COL James M. Eubanks, USA-Ret - age 87, a native of Mobile, died June 22, 2018, in the comfort of his home surrounded by family. Jim Eubanks grew up in downtown Mobile and attended Yerby School and later Barton Academy. During World War II as a youngster he joined Mobile's Civil Defense organization and served as an usher, assistant to the local block warden and a bicycle messenger. He joined the Alabama National Guard as a private soldier while he was still a student at Murphy High School in the class of 1948. He was with the Guard when it was ordered to active duty during the Korean War. He served as a combat medic in Korea with a front-line infantry battalion of the 3rd Infantry Division and was wounded there while rescuing a wounded soldier from the battlefield. He was promoted to the rank of Master Sergeant when he was 20 years old and later was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant, upon graduation from Infantry OCS at Ft. Benning, GA. He served two combat tours in Vietnam. He rose through the ranks and retired as a Regular Army Colonel in 1979. During his service, in addition to his combat tours he held numerous high-level command and staff positions, including service on the Army General Staff in Washington, D. C. He was Chief of Staff of the Army's Adjutant General Center and Executive Officer to the Department of the Army's Adjutant General. In Vietnam he served as Adjutant General of the 23rd Infantry Division, the largest division ever fielded by the Army in combat. His final assignment was as Adjutant General of one of the Army's five major commands, the Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Monroe, VA.

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His service was recognized by three awards of the Legions of Merit, three Bronze Stars, the Air Medal, the Purple Heart, four Army Commendation Medals and the Combat Medical Badge. The Vietnamese government awarded him the Vietnamese Honor Medal and the Cross of Gallantry. In 1979 he was inducted into the Infantry OCS Hall of Fame at Ft. Benning, GA. He was a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College where he was awarded the General George C. Marshall Award as the top graduate of his class. He also received awards as the top graduate of his classes at the Army Medical Officers Advance Course and the Adjutant General Officer Advance Course. He also was a graduate of the National War College in Washington, D.C.

He held a Bachelor of Science degree from Maryland University, an MBA degree from George Washington University and a Doctor of Laws degree from Emory University. After his retirement from the Army, he was a Group Vice President for National Data Corporation in Atlanta, GA where he was responsible for two of the corporation's four major divisions. After his retirement from that position, he returned to Mobile and built a home in West Mobile County. After returning to his home town, he continued to be active in the community and military affairs.

He was a member of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) and served as President of the South Alabama Chapter headquartered in Mobile and covering ten of Alabama's southeastern counties and later was elected President of MOAA's Alabama Council of Chapters, an umbrella organization for all 12 chapters in the state. He also was a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Korean War Veterans Association and the Vietnam Veterans Association. His service after returning to Mobile was recognized by his being selected as the Mobile Bay Area Veteran of the Year for 2004 and the award of two of MOAA's highest awards, The President's Award and The Chairman's Award. In 2014 he was inducted into the Murphy High School Alumni Association's Hall of Fame.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 45 years, Nina V. Eubanks; his father, Medric C. Eubanks, a former Mobile County Deputy Sheriff; his mother, Ethel Eubanks-Darouse; and his stepson, J. Cecil Sanderson, Jr. He is survived by 2 children, Wayne M. Eubanks of Mobile and Patricia A. Rohrkemper of Falls Church, VA; 2 step-daughters and their husbands, Martha and John De Marco of Salt Lake City, UT; and Carol and Thomas Tice of Amelia Island, FL; 2 grandchildren, Jason M. Eubanks and Philip N. Eubanks both of Long Island, N.Y.; and 2 step-grandchildren, Rebecca Lee De Marco and Nina Cagel both of Mobile; 2 sisters-in-law, Mary Ann Boggs of LuRay, VA and Carol Lee Clark of Augusta, GA; and great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Visitation was held at the Pine Crest Funeral Home on Dauphin Island Parkway on Friday, June 29, 2018, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Interment took place on the grounds of Pine Crest Cemetery on Dauphin Island Parkway. In lieu of sending flowers we ask that you please make a donation in Col. Eubanks name to the Alabama Battleship Park Foundation, Battleship Memorial Park, Post Office Box 65, Mobile, Alabama 36601.

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





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Summer Safety: 5 Tips for Protecting Your Skin from the Sun

Summer is upon us and with so many sun-filled fun activities to look forward to, don't let safety take a backseat. During times of extreme weather, your skin can be at risk of suffering the most damage. Skin protection, especially during the summer, is crucial to ensuring overall health.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays can damage your skin in just 15 minutes. Skin cancer is the most common of all cancers in the U.S. The most preventable cause of skin cancer is overexposure to UV light, either from the sun or artificial sources like tanning beds and sunlamps. Be aware that indoor and outdoor tanning can be extremely harmful and should be done in a cautious and mindful manner.

You have many options for protecting your skin while outdoors in the sun. Follow these tips this summer to help protect yourself and your family:

- **Use sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher** - Put on broad-spectrum sunscreen with at least SPF15 on all parts of exposed skin before you go outside. This is a good practice even on slightly cloudy or cool days. And remember, sunscreen wears off. You may need to reapply sunscreen if you stay out in the sun for more than two hours, and after you swim or sweat excessively.
- **Wear clothing to cover your skin** - When possible, wear a T-shirt or beach cover-up, in addition to sunscreen. Long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and skirts provide protection from UV rays.
- **Use shade** - Reduce your risk of skin damage and skin cancer by seeking shade under an umbrella, tree, or other shelter when the sun's rays are strongest, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. But don't rely on the shade alone. You still need to remember to use protective measures, like sunscreen and protective clothing, when you're outside.
- **Wear a hat to provide upper body shade** - Wear a hat with a wide brim to shade your face, head, ears, and neck.
- **Wear sunglasses** - Protect your eyes and the skin around your eyes by wearing sunglasses. Sunglasses that wrap around work best because they block UV rays.

Anyone can develop skin cancer. However, a person's skin pigment indicates how likely they are to sustain injury from UV rays. If you notice changes in your skin, such as a new growth, a sore that doesn't heal, or a change in the appearance of a mole, talk to your doctor. TRICARE covers skin cancer exams for people who are at a higher risk for developing skin cancer. This includes individuals with a family or personal history of skin cancer, increased occupational or recreational exposure to sunlight, or clinical evidence of precursor lesions.

Stay tuned for more summer safety tips from TRICARE. To learn more about sun safety, visit the CDC or American Cancer Society websites.

Head of Military Commissaries Says Shelves Must Be Better Stocked

The biggest problem with commissaries, and perhaps a major reason why sales are falling, “is product availability,” wrote Vicky Olhson, wife of a retired Air Force officer who shops on Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala. “There seems to be a total lack of concern on the part of the commissary management to keep shelves stocked.”

Many commissary patrons echoed this complaint, and it's not news to the interim director of the [Defense Commissary Agency \(DeCA\)](#), retired Navy Rear Adm. Robert Bianchi.

Unlike retail grocers, commissaries aren't staffed to stock shelves. For about half of all products sold, managers sign “commercial activities” contracts with firms that provide stockers. Vendors for national brands are responsible for putting products on shelves. They, in turn, use third-party service companies that hire stockers to work in stores after hours solely on these products.

DeCA has allowed this arrangement for decades despite obvious weaknesses, including lack of management control over the performance of these workers. Firms that supply vendor stockers don't supervise them, Bianchi said.

If stockers don't show, product isn't put on shelves. If they show but can't access products, for example if pallets of other goods are in the way, some of them leave without stocking that product, Bianchi said.

Some vendor stockers are even military spouses or servicemembers who elect to work part time to earn extra income. But Bianchi has concluded that vendor stocking is unreliable and an “unsustainable model” for keeping shelves full.

“All I know is, right now, I've got patrons in certain places telling me they're dissatisfied. I have store leadership telling me they have issues. And I want to make things better. I'm looking at positive alternatives.”

One alternative he began testing May 14 at the commissary on Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, Va., is to hire exchange employees to stock brand-name goods. Some exchange workers will begin to restock the Little Creek commissary during the day, rather than only when stores are closed or when managers are pressed to use their own employees to keep popular brands on shelves.

Early results at Little Creek have been “glowing,” Bianchi said.

“The folks are showing up. They're supervised. You can imagine how much easier this is now,” he said. “You send the team into the back and say, 'Everything along that wall needs to get onto the floor,’” as opposed to seeing stockers looking for particular products they alone can handle.

Bianchi said his strategy to end the empty shelf problem is “crawl, walk, run,” so that when he's confident he has the right solution, or combination of solutions, he'll implement swiftly in the year ahead. In that regard, Bianchi acknowledged he is in talks with senior defense officials to lengthen his tour as interim DeCA director, which otherwise would end in June.

“I'm committed to hanging in there because I believe in these benefits and I think we're making important progress,” Bianchi said.

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 July

- 1 July – Battle of Gettysburg (1863)
- 1 July – Internal Revenue Service established (1862)
- 2 July – President Garfield shot and mortally wounded (1881)
- 2 July – Civil Rights Act signed into law (1964)
- 2 July – US Constitution ratified (1788)
- 3 July – Raid on Entebbe (1976)
- 4 July – Independence Day
- 6 July – Louis Pasteur gives first rabies inoculation (1885)
- 7 July – Hawaii annexed by the US (1898)
- 10 July – AUSA Missile Symposium – VBC-N
- 10 July – Allied invasion of Italy began (1943)
- 10 July – The Bahamas gained independence from Great Britain (1973)
- 12 July – Monthly Board Meeting – Java Café**
- 14 July – Fall of the Bastille (1789)
- 14 July – Monthly Breakfast – Royal Rose Diner**
- 16 July – San Diego founded (1769)
- 16 July – Experimental atomic bomb detonated in the New Mexico desert (1945)
- 16 July – Apollo 11 lifted off from Kennedy Space Center (1969)
- 16 July – John F. Kennedy Jr. died in a plane crash (1999)
- 17 July – TWA Flight 800 exploded shortly after takeoff from JFK – killing all 229 on board (1996)
- 20 July – Neil Armstrong walks on the moon (1969)
- 21 July – Guam ceded to the US by Spain (1898)
- 22 July – John Dillinger killed by the FBI in Chicago (1936)
- 25 July – US invaded Puerto Rico (1898)
- 25 July – Italian luxury liner *Andrea Doria* sank - 1,634 people were rescued (1956)
- 26 July – USS Indianapolis delivered an atomic bomb to the Pacific theater (1945)
- 27 July – Korean War ended (1953)
- 27 July – Korean Veterans Luncheon – Summit Club
- 28 July – Bonus March eviction (1932)
- 30 July – Jimmy Hoffa disappeared (1975)
- 31 July – US Patent Office established (1790)

Note: No Membership Meeting in July

