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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Col Gerald C. Maxwell, USAFR



Fellow Members –

We held our 6<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament on 21 September at the Links on Redstone. We had 96 golfers participate, and the weather was beautiful! We are still calculating how much money was raised – the net proceeds will fund scholarships. Much thanks to our co-chairmen Bruce Robinson and Don Kimminau and their committee – John Inman, Rick West, Charles Clements, Lou and Laurie Kubik, Marty Ohme, and Carrie Hightower.

I also want to recognize the volunteers from the Redstone Arsenal Community Women's Club who assisted with the planning and execution of the tournament. They include Kristina DeBusk, Stephanie Walburn and Ivonne Campbell. Their assistance was very much appreciated! And thanks to all the other people who helped make the tournament a success.

Our golf tournament kicked off the Redstone Arsenal Retiree Appreciation Days (RAD) event. The Chapter also manned a booth at the vendor exhibits (and signed up at least one new member). CAPT Paul Frost, USN-Ret, from MOAA National was in town to support the RAD. He played in the golf tournament, helped man the Chapter booth, and gave a talk on retiree benefits at the speaker event.

The Chapter received its 6<sup>th</sup> straight Level of Excellence award. It was presented to those Chapter members attending a leadership conference in Memphis, TN by MOAA President Lt Gen Dana Atkins, USAF-Ret.

Reminder that our membership meetings are the last Wednesday of the month. Lunch is served at 11 a.m., followed by a business meeting at 11:30, and then our featured speaker. Please make sure that you RSVP so we have an accurate head count for lunch orders. The 25 October guest speaker will talk about Burritt on the Mountain. Also, check out our award winning MOAA website for more information and updates: <http://huntsvillemoaa.org>

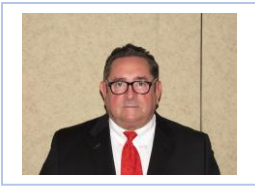
Gerald Maxwell

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## Legislative Corner

### Lt Col Charles Clements, USAF-Ret



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**“All politics is local.”** Last month I wrote a little about the upcoming primary for the US Senate seat vacated by Jeff Sessions. Here’s an update. A recent poll indicates Roy Moore has a lead on the incumbent, US Senator Luther Strange. The numbers were 50.3% for Moore, 32.2% for Strange and 17.5% of the voters polled were undecided. The margins of error were 4.4%. For what’s it worth, AL.COM reported that on the morning of last month’s primary our former Alabama House Speaker and current felon, Mike Hubbard, e-mailed friends “strongly suggesting” they vote against Senator Strange. I can understand the sentiment—Luther was Alabama’s attorney general and his office prosecuted the former speaker for 20-plus violations of Alabama ethics statues. But it won’t be a cakewalk for Roy. According to the Huntsville Times the Senate Leadership Fund (a PAC) donated \$2.5 million to the Senator Strange campaign after last month’s primary. In any case, remember the Republican runoff vote is September 26<sup>th</sup>. If you voted as a Democrat in the primary you need not go to the polls until the election in December.

In other news, US Representative Mo Brooks will not run unopposed for re-election in 2018. The fourth term Congressman will have at least two Republican competitors—both who are members of HCMOAA. His opponents are Clayton Hinchman, an Iraq War veteran who lost his right leg as the result of an IED, and state Senator Bill Holtzclaw, a retired US Marine. The primary election is just around the corner—5 June 2018.

And on a State-level, because of Senator Holtzclaw making this run he will give up his District 2 seat in the senate. Alabama State Representative Phil Williams has announced he intends to run for the seat Bill is vacating. But we are electing a governor next year too. Governor Kay Ivey likes her new job and has decided to run for a full term. The Republican field could be crowded. So far six folks have started raising funds for a run. They are our own mayor, Tommy Battle, Jefferson County Commissioner David Carrington, Birmingham evangelist Scott Dawson, state corrections officer Stacey George of Capshaw, state Senator Bill Hightower of Mobile, and Birmingham businessman Joshua Jones. On the Democratic side, former state Supreme Court Chief Justice Sue Bell Cobb is running and Tuscaloosa Mayor Walt Maddox is considering a run.

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**PX / Commissary**  
**Col Gerald C. Maxwell, USAFR**



**Main Exchange**

A huge furniture savings event for Columbus Day! Bassett and Ashley for all rooms in your house. Save 20% through 19 October. Also, enjoy 18 months special financing when you use your STAR card!

Starting 11 November, formerly serving military can shop online (although not in store) at the Exchange. All veterans are being encouraged to confirm veteran eligibility status at <https://www.vetverify.org>. This takes about 5 minutes.

Also, download the Exchange Extra app on I-tunes and Google Play. Your link for coupons, extra sales, sweepstakes entries, coffee club specials and more!

**Shopette**

Gluehwein is coming to your shopette in October! Also check out the wine of the month M nage a' Trois – 50 cents off.

In the “What’s New?” section, find Cragganmore 12 years old single malt Scotch whisky, Forged Oak Kentucky Straight Bourbon whiskey, Makers Mark American Pharaoh Bourbon whiskey, as well as Trail’s End, Knob Creek, Belle Meade, High West, and Jefferson’s Ocean (aged at sea) - Kentucky Straight Bourbon whiskies. Also new is Laphroaig select Islay single malt scotch whisky – claiming to be the most richly flavored of all scotch whiskies.

In preparation for the Holidays, they have Carolan’s Irish cream and Pennsylvania Dutch egg nog.

**Commissary**

Football season continues! Your Commissary has you covered for all the chips, dips, sauces, marinades, steaks, chops, chicken wings and whatever else you might need to make your tail gate party one of the best! Also, mixed nuts, cashews and pistachios. Don’t forget to check out the table of coupons and sales flyers at the store entrance.

Your Commissary also has a huge selection of candies for Halloween - M&M’s, snickers, lollipops, and more - in the center of the store in the Club Pack Savings Isle. They also have fruit cake, as well as all the ingredients if you want to make your own - red and green cherries, ginger/lemon peel, citron – everything you need!

Just arrived - Sweet Baby Ray’s Beef Jerky – honey BBQ, sweet & spicy, sweet teriyaki and original. 🍷

**Need Addresses**

**None at this time**

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

**Concerns**

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

**None at this time**

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## **Fox Army Health Center**

### **MAJ Bruce T. Robinson, USA-Ret**



## **TRICARE Is Changing - here is what you need to know:**

### **Region Consolidation**

Currently, there are three TRICARE regions in the U.S. to include TRICARE North, South and West. The TRICARE North and South regions will combine to form TRICARE East, while TRICARE West will remain mostly unchanged. Two new contractors, Humana Military and Health Net Federal Services, will administer these regions. This change will allow better coordination between the military hospitals and clinics and the civilian health care providers in each region.

### **TRICARE Select**

A new program, TRICARE Select will replace TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra both stateside and overseas. Stateside, TRICARE Select will be a self-managed, preferred provider network option. You will not be required to have a primary care manager (PCM) and therefore you can visit a TRICARE-authorized provider for services covered by TRICARE without a referral. Overseas, TRICARE Overseas Select will be a preferred provider organization-styled plan that provides access to both network and non-network TRICARE authorized providers for TRICARE covered services. TRICARE Select adopts many improvements, including additional preventive care services previously only offered to TRICARE Prime beneficiaries.

### **TRICARE Prime**

TRICARE Prime is a managed care program option. An assigned PCM provides most of your care. When you need specialty care, your PCM will refer you to a specialist. Active duty service members and their family members do not pay anything when referred to a network provider by their PCM. All others pay annual enrollment fees and network copayments.

### **Enrollment**

All current TRICARE beneficiaries will be automatically enrolled into plans on January 1, 2018 as long as they are eligible. TRICARE Prime enrollees will remain in TRICARE Prime. TRICARE Standard and Extra beneficiaries will be enrolled in TRICARE Select. During 2018, you can choose to enroll in or change coverage plans. Enrollment will move to a calendar year open enrollment period beginning in the fall of 2018, during which active enrollment will be required for coverage for the following year. The open enrollment period for will begin on the Monday of the second full week in November and run through the Monday of the second full week in December of each calendar year.

### **Are You Ready? Act Now:**

You can begin to prepare for the upcoming changes now by:

- Signing up for a [DS Logon](#)
- Updating your personal information [DEERS](#)

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## **Surviving Spouse's Luncheon**

**Mrs. Carrie Hightower**  
**256-882-3992**

The surviving spouse's luncheons resumed on 21 September.

We will gather on Thursday, 19 October at 12 noon.

This month's restaurant is the Blue Plate Café at 7540 Memorial Parkway SW.  
Phone is 256-885-3550.

Everyone will be called. Hope to see you there.

## **Equifax Credit Bureau Compromise**

Cyber criminals have stolen 143 million credit records in the recent hacking scandal at big-three credit bureau Equifax. At this point you must assume that the bad guys have highly personal information that they can use to trick you. You need to watch out for the following things:

- Phishing emails that claim to be from Equifax where you can check if your data was compromised
- Phishing emails that claim there is a problem with a credit card, your credit record, or other personal financial information
- Calls from scammers that claim they are from your bank or credit union
- Fraudulent charges on any credit card because your identity was stolen

Here are 5 things you can do to prevent identity theft:

- First, sign up for credit monitoring (there are many companies providing that service)
- Next, freeze your credit files at the three major credit bureaus Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. Remember that generally it is not possible to sign up for credit monitoring services after a freeze is in place. Advice for how to file a freeze is available here on a state-by-state basis: <http://consumersunion.org/research/security-freeze/>
- Check your credit reports via the free [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com)
- Check your bank and credit card statements for any unauthorized activity
- If you believe you may have been the victim of identity theft, here is a site where you can learn more about how to protect yourself: [www.idtheftcenter.org](http://www.idtheftcenter.org). You can also call the center's toll-free number (888-400-5530) for advice on how to resolve identify-theft issues. All the center's services are free. Great information on the Equifax Data Breach at: <http://www.idtheftcenter.org/equifaxdatabreach>



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

*God's Glory*

God's "glory" is how we describe the sum effect of all of his attributes. Grace, truth, goodness, mercy, justice, knowledge, power, eternity—all that He is. Therefore, the glory of God is intrinsic, that is, it is as essential to God as light is to the sun, as blue is to the sky, as wet is to water. You don't make the sun light, it is light. You don't make the sky blue; it is blue. You don't make water wet; it is wet. In all these cases, the attribute is intrinsic to the object.

In contrast, man's glory is *granted* to him. If you take a king and take off all his robes and crowns and give him only a rag to wear and leave him on the streets a few weeks, when put next to a beggar you'll never know which is which because there is no intrinsic glory. The only glory a king has is when you give him a crown and a robe and sit him on the throne. He has no intrinsic glory.

That's the point. The only glory that men have is granted to them. The glory that is God's is his in his essence. You can't de-glory God because glory is His nature. You can't touch his glory. It cannot be taken away. It cannot be added to. It's His being.

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
The whole earth is full of His glory!" Isaiah 6:3



**7 Tips to Stash Enough  
Cash for Retirement**

1. Accept responsibility:  
Too often, we want to blame outside forces before we hold ourselves accountable.
2. Establish a plan:  
Winging it is not a valid financial strategy. You wouldn't establish a business without a business plan, and your family's finances should be no different.
3. Stay out of debt:  
Debt negates income. In the short term, no extra income means no assets, which equals no retirement fund. In the longer term, you can reduce your retirement income needs by planning to enter retirement without any debt.
4. Communicate:  
You can't run a business if the partners don't discuss, plan, and run the operation as a team; lack of cooperation between partners leads to organizational failure.
5. Save enough:  
Many people underestimate how much money they will need to save for their retirement. Think about funding 40 years of unemployment: That's retirement.
6. Invest with thought:  
Building enough assets to fund a secure retirement doesn't happen by accident. The sooner you start making projections and developing a plan for your retirement, the better.
7. Be wary of individual stock portfolios:  
Individual stock portfolios pose too much risk for someone who needs to get their financial house in order.



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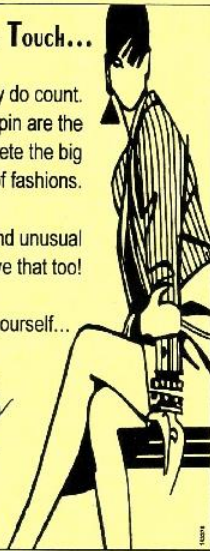
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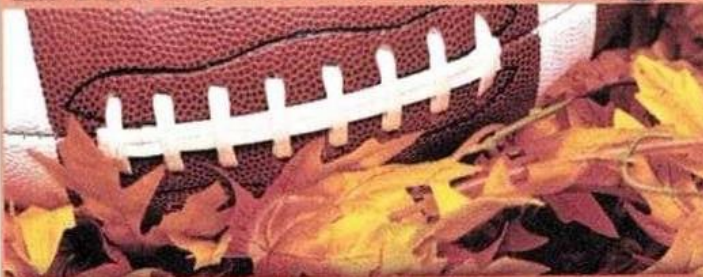
If they join the Chapter, lunch is on us at the next meeting

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*Legislative – continued from page 2*

On the National front, a recent Senate markup of the FY 2018 National Defense Authorization bill proposed a five-year demonstration project to examine the feasibility of offering Medicare Advantage customized for TRICARE for Life (TFL) beneficiaries. Medicare Advantage plans are offered by private companies that contract with Medicare to provide Part A and Part B benefits. Medicare Advantage plan options include health maintenance organizations (HMOs), preferred provider organizations (PPOs), and others. DoD will select certain markets and contractors for the demonstration. TFL beneficiaries will be either enrolled or may choose to opt out of participation. This was reported in the September issue of the Military Officer, pages 27 and 28. I asked the MOAA legislative guys what this meant. Parks Noyes, a MOAA service representative, responded. In part, he said “the study would determine if there is any benefit to offering specific customized plans to TFL beneficiaries. The study would look at such things like how covered benefits, premiums, copays/cost shares, average annual out-of-pocket costs, and beneficiary experience would be affected by having a Medicare Advantage plan in conjunction with TRICARE for Life.” The entire e-mail response is on our website.

Details of some of the many topics germane to the members of our Chapter are on our webpage at <http://huntsvillemoaa.org/legislative0.aspx>. Please take time to read them.

Remember, all politics is local. If you have a question, concern or gripe write or e-mail your two US senators and your representative in the House of Representatives. MOAA National provides good templates for letters and e-mails one may use. Go to <http://www.moaa.org/Content/Take-Action/Top-Issues/Top-Issues.aspx> to view the issues MOAA would like for you to communicate with your elective officials in Washington DC.

**COLA WATCH:** The August CPI is 239.448, 1.9 percent above the FY 2016 COLA baseline. The CPI for September 2017, the final month of the fiscal year, is scheduled to be released on October 13, 2017.

The final COLA is determined by comparing the average CPI of the final three months of the fiscal year to the same quarter of the prior year. **MOAA predicts a final cost of living adjustment of approximately 1.8 percent. This would mean you could see an \$18 increase for every \$1000 of retired pay.** Note: Military retiree COLA is calculated based on the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), not the overall CPI. Monthly changes in the index may differ from national figures reported elsewhere. |||

### **Veteran’s Day – 11 November 2017**

The Chapter gets tickets to the Veteran’s Day dinner and breakfast at the Von Braun Center.

The Chapter also enters some cars into the Veteran’s Day parade through downtown Huntsville

If you are interested in participating in any of these events, let a board member know.



## **HCMOAA Treasurer's Report August 2017**

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

1. The August 2017 Treasurer's Report is presented as follows. It was approved at the 9/27/17 Membership Meeting.

2. Monthly Summary:

	Operating Funds	Savings	Scholarship Fund
Starting Balance	\$ 8449.67	\$ 7998.14	\$ 6653.28
Income	\$ 2087.80	\$ 0.20	\$ 2910.00
Expenses	\$ 2162.68	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 8374.79	\$ 7998.34	\$ 9563.28

3. Notable income included Sentinel advertising, eclipse trip payments, and credit card payments for golf tournament.

4. Notable expenses included eclipse trip bus cost and membership meeting meals.

5. Chapter savings account activity was limited to interest.

6. Scholarship Fund checking account activity was limited to income from Tournament registration and Sponsors.

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

Note: The FY2018 budget was approved at the 9/27/17 membership meeting.

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### **Scholarships**

The Chapter has an active scholarship program. In conjunction with the RSA Community Women's Club, we issue scholarships each year to deserving students. Please consider donating to our program. Contact Rick West at [rickw675@att.net](mailto:rickw675@att.net) for details.

### **Scholarship Fund Donations Received during September 2017**

Tom Jones  
John Olshefski  
Mike Ballard – non-member

Total received for September: \$300  
Total received year to date: \$400



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO  
HUNTSVILLE CHAPTER MOAA**

**Col Chuck Rice, USAF  
Capt Steven Lavender, USAF**

**Membership Statistics**

Total Members: 426  
Regular Members: 357  
Surviving Spouses: 69

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**MEMORIALS**

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**Board Member Position  
Open**

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

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

If you are interested in serving as Secretary, contact any board member.



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☐ 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 #		
<input type="checkbox"/> Active	<input type="checkbox"/> Retired	<input type="checkbox"/> NG	<input type="checkbox"/> Former Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Reserve <input type="checkbox"/> Surviving Spouse
_____ Mailing Address		_____ City	_____ State	_____ Zip
_____ Phone Number		_____ E-mail Address		

## **Save the Date**



**Saturday, 16 December 2017**

**Huntsville Chapter MOAA Holiday Party**

**The Overlook at Redstone - Cocktails 5 PM / Dinner 6 PM**

**Details in next month's *Sentinel***





## 28 Birthdays in October

CW3 Raymond Watford, USA  
LTC Dallas Shaw, USA  
Col Michael Vaccaro, USAF  
Col Edward Uher, USAF  
CW2 Edward Baltz, USA  
LTC Russell Dunford, USA  
COL William Stevenson, USA  
Col Adrian Ritchie Jr, USAF  
LTC Robert Dudley, USA  
LTC Melville Adams, USA  
LTC Robert Hearon, USA  
COL Melvin McLemore, USA  
LTC Harold Walden, USA  
LTC James Cox, USA

CPT Gary Rose, USA  
LtCol Barney Barron, USAF  
Col Donald Brewer, USAF  
Mrs JoAnne Long  
MAJ Curtis Smith, USA  
LTC John Scott, USA  
Capt Howard Sanderford, USMC  
Maj Glen Crawley, USAF  
CW2 Robert Glasier, USA  
CAPT Richard West, USN  
LTC Albert Parmentier, USA  
BG Daniel Montgomery, USA  
COL Dewey Granger, USA  
CPT Robert Hinchman, 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](mailto:brucer76@knology.net) so it can be included in future newsletters. Thank you.



**TAPS**

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

**None this month**

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



**Membership Meeting**  
**25 October 2017 – 11 AM**  
**Summit Club**

**Guest Speaker: Caroline Kelly Buncick**  
**Development Director - Burritt on the Mountain**

Situated on a magnificent 167-acre site with a panoramic view of the city at the top of Governor's Drive, the Burritt Living History Museum lies in the heart of Huntsville, Alabama, atop Monte Sano/Round Top Mountain. Burritt on the Mountain is an open-air, living history museum consisting of Dr. Burritt's large hay bale insulated mansion, five log houses and one cabin from the Northern Alabama region of the Tennessee River Valley, each furnished period correct, the Old Madison Baptist Church from 1884, a fully functioning blacksmithing forge, and a fully functioning Rosenwald School. The museum grounds on Round Top Mountain, a plateau connected to Monte Sano Mountain, were the estate of local physician William Henry Burritt, who willed his house and surrounding acreage to the city of Huntsville to be used as its first museum which has grown significantly since Dr. Burritt's gift in 1955. Within its Historic Village, is located the oldest documented structure in Alabama, the Eddins House. With its beautiful vistas overlooking Huntsville, today Burritt is a popular venue for concerts, weddings, conferences, and spring, fall, and summer camps for children from the surrounding area. Through festivals, educational programs, and the newly organized Burritt Folk School, this special museum services the whole family with educational and entertaining experiences. This is a place where our community members can go to touch, feel, and experience history. Through Burritt's mission statement: "Our mission is to enhance lives and build community through education, artistic, and recreational experience," this museum lives up to the commitment to benefit our entire community.

Caroline Kelly Buncick, the Development Director for Burritt Museum, will be the featured speaker at the 25 October Membership Meeting to tell us about the many interesting and informative programs available at The Burritt. Caroline is a native of Madison County and grew up on a farm in Monrovia. Because her family ties go back multiple generations on the farm, she is very interested in the historic skills that are demonstrated at Burritt on the Mountain. Some of these skills, such as blacksmithing, the fiber arts and animal husbandry, she grew up around as a child. Caroline has been with Burritt for over 13 years, starting as their first Marketing Director and then moving into her current position in Development. She loves creating and building relationships between Burritt and its members, volunteers and the local community. Presenting to groups about Burritt is one of her favorite areas of her position.

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**Menu:** Pork Schnitzel, Bratwurst, German Potato Salad, Green Beans, German Chocolate Layer Cake, 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](mailto:csdowning@bellsouth.net), NLT 21 October 2017

## **Fox Army Health Center** **Holiday and Training Schedule** **Fiscal Year 2018**

### **Federal /Training Holiday observed (Full Day Closures):**

#### **Federal Holidays**

<b><u>Federal Holidays</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
Columbus Day	9 October 2017 (Monday)
Veterans Day	10 November 2017 (Friday)
Thanksgiving Day	23 November 2017 (Thursday)
Training Holiday	24 November 2017 (Friday)
Christmas Day	25 December 2017 (Monday)
New Year's Day	1 January 2018 (Monday)
Martin Luther King's Birthday	15 January 2018 (Monday)
President's Day	19 February 2018 (Monday)
Memorial Day	28 May 2018 (Monday)
Independence Day	4 July 2018 (Wednesday)
Labor Day	3 September 2018 (Monday)

### **Designated Training Days (Full Day Closures):**

#### **Designated Training Dates**

#### **Schedule Type**

1 March 2018 (Thursday)	Training Day
7 June 2018 (Thursday)	Training Day
2 August 2018 (Thursday)	Training Day

**During Routine/Individual Training, and Organizational Activity Days, the entire health center will open from 0730-1130. Closure will occur from 1130-1630 on the following dates:**

#### **Routine/Individual Training & Organizational Activity Dates**

#### **Schedule Type**

5 October 2017 (Thursday)	Training/Organization Day **
2 November 2017 (Thursday)	Training Afternoon
1 February 2018 (Thursday)	Training Afternoon
5 April 2018 (Thursday)	Training Afternoon
3 May 2018 (Thursday)	Training Afternoon
22 December 2017 (Friday)	Training Afternoon
29 December 2017 (Friday)	Training Afternoon
12 January 2018 (Friday)	Training Afternoon
16 February 2018 (Friday)	Training Afternoon

\*\*note: 5 October 2017 is designated as a full day closure for the health center. Routine training will occur in the morning, and Organization Day activities will take place in the afternoon.

## Chapter Happenings



Chapter President Gerald Maxwell receives a golf sponsorship check from Hexagon Corporation



August Speaker Cory Samz receives a certificate from President Maxwell



Rick West receives the 5-star Level of Excellence award from MOAA President Lt Gen Dana Atkins at the Memphis Leadership Seminar



CAPT Paul Frost from MOAA National, Hector New, Rick West and Bruce Robinson at the Chapter table, Retiree Appreciation Day



## **Huntsville Chapter Objectives**

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

## **Benefits of Membership**

We are the largest of the 13 chapters in Alabama and have about 450 members. We have been recognized by National MOAA for the last four years with Level of Excellence awards. We provide grassroots support for issues that affect us, and are active in both the Redstone Arsenal and Madison County communities. Why should you join our chapter? This is what we do, and what's in it for you:

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

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

## **Attention Annual Members**

It's not too early to renew your membership for next year – why wait until the last minute

The Chapter has one of, if not the, lowest membership rates in the country at \$10

***You can't even get lunch for \$10 these days!***

You can also renew for multiple years and lock in that low rate

Don't know when your membership expires? Contact CDR Chris Downing at  
256-828-9740 or [csdowning@bellsouth.net](mailto:csdowning@bellsouth.net)

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

## **Important Dates in October**

- 1 October – Henry Ford's Model T goes on sale (1908)
- 1 October – People's Republic of China founded (1949)
- 3 October – East and West Germany re-united (1990)
- 4 October – Space Age begins with Soviet Union launch of Sputnik I (1957)
- 4 October – Pope Paul VI becomes first Pope to visit the US (1965)
- 6 October – The "Jazz Singer" opens – first motion picture with dialogue (1927)
- 6 October – Egyptian President Anwar Sadat assassinated (1981)
- 8 October – Great Chicago fire destroys 17,450 buildings (1871)
- 9 October – Columbus Day
- 10 October – Vice President Spiro Agnew resigns (1973)
- 12 October – Monthly Board Meeting – Java Café**
- 13 October – Navy established (1775)
- 13 October – Cornerstone of the White House laid by George Washington (1792)
- 14 October – Chuck Yeager breaks the sound barrier (1947)
- 14 October – Monthly Breakfast – Royal Rose Diner**
- 16 October – Queen Marie Antoinette beheaded (1793)
- 19 October – "Black Monday" – Wall Street stocks drop 22.6% in value (1997)
- 20 October – General Douglas MacArthur returns to the Philippines (1944)
- 20 October – Jacqueline Kennedy married Aristotle Onassis (1968)
- 21 October – Thomas Edison tests the first incandescent light bulb (1879)
- 22 October – Beginning of the Cuban missile crisis (1962)
- 24 October – United Nations founded (1945)
- 25 October – Monthly Member Meeting – Summit Club – Burritt on the Mountain**
- 26 October – Gunfight at the OK Corral (1881)
- 28 October – Statue of Liberty dedicated (1886)
- 31 October – Halloween

