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



Fellow Members -

We held our 7th annual golf tournament on 20 September at the Links on Redstone. We had 81 golfers participate, and the weather was fantastic! We are still calculating how much money was raised – a first look indicates it will equal or exceed last year's proceeds. The money will fund merit awards for deserving students in Northern Alabama. Much thanks to our golf chairman Bruce Robinson and our committee – John Inman, Rick West, Charles Clements, Lou and Laurie Kubik, Don Kimminau, Marty Ohme and Carrie Hightower.

I also want to recognize the volunteers from the Redstone Arsenal Military and Civilians Club who served on the golf committee. They include Kristina DeBusk, Stephanie Walburn, Sandrah Fager, Michelle Nash and Mary Anne Carleton. 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 annual Redstone Arsenal Retiree Appreciation Days (RAD) event. The Chapter manned a booth at the vendor exhibits, and CAPT Kathy Beasley, USN-Ret, from MOAA National was the keynote speaker at the event.

A reminder that our membership meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month in the Bob Howell room at the Summit Club. Lunch is served at 1100 followed by a business meeting at 1130, and then our guest speaker. Please make sure that you RSVP so we have an accurate head count for lunch orders. This month's speaker, Mr. Lyndon Smith, will talk about new dimensions in residential fire safety.

Also, check out our award-winning Chapter website for more information and updates: <http://huntsvillemoaa.org>.

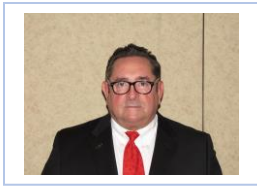
Gerald Maxwell

**Member Meeting 31 Oct**  
**Guest Speaker is Lyndon Smith from Southeastern Fire Advisory**

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## Legislative Corner

### Lt Col Charles Clements, USAF-Ret



**Take  
Action**

→ <http://www.moaa.org/takeaction/>

**"All politics is local."**

There will be a runoff between Frances Akridge, and Mary Jane Caylor, the incumbent, for District 2 seat on the Huntsville City Council. The runoff is on 9 October. If you live in District 2, please go to the polls and VOTE! Also, heads up. The Alabama State general election is set for 6 November 2018. This is also a Federal mid-term election. All State US Representatives are on the ballot. Speaking of ballots, a composite ballot is on our website. It doesn't look exactly like how the Madison, Marshall, Limestone, etc. ballots will appear due to an effort to show races outside of Madison County. Educate yourself and vote either in person or via an absentee ballot.

Please read the recent posting to the Legislative part of our webpage. There are three articles of note. One article lists the programs that are a part of the National Defense Authorization Act. Two articles deal with the 2019 National Defense Appropriation Bill that came out of Conference Committee on 13 September 2018. This Bill has not been signed into law as of the time I wrote this article. Other news:

- Under the new Disabled Veterans Access to Space-A Travel Act, veterans with a service-connected, permanent disability rating of 100% can hop on any scheduled or unscheduled military flight within the continental United States (and scheduled overseas flights) operated by Air Mobility Command (AMC).
- As of August, the CPI had increased 2.8 percent from 2017. So, if there is zero inflation for September, we may be looking at a 2.8 percent pay raise for 2019. That would be the highest increase since 2012.
- For years now, the capacity issue at Arlington National Cemetery has been a hot topic. MOAA members voiced their opinions a couple of years ago and have consistently shown a desire to keep burial eligibility as close to its current standards as possible. However, eligibility is going to change due largely to the fiscal 2019 National Defense Authorization Act. The Secretary of Defense must report to Congress his recommendation regarding eligibility guidelines by this time next year.
- A recent letter from Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie to the

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



**Main Exchange**

Labor Day Specials are still here, Columbus Day Specials are on their way, and we are gearing up for Halloween! Take care of all your Halloween costume, décor and entertaining needs at the Exchange. Shop early for best selection.

Use your Military Star card and enjoy 10% off in the Exchange Food Court and Burger King (download the Burger King App for on the go coupons to increase your savings).

Join us in October for our annual Exchange celebration honoring our Military retiree family. Also, the new AAFES Toy Book should be available in late October—offering specials on toys through December for that special little one on your Christmas list. Be sure to get your copy.

Don't forget to check out the Super Daily Special and especially the Friday Frenzy at [shopmyexchange.com](http://shopmyexchange.com). Please take a few moments after your next shopping trip to fill out our Customer Satisfaction Survey at <https://surveymonkey.com/s/MyExchSurvey>.

**Shopette**

Gluhwein is coming in October to the Redstone Express. This year's assortment will include favorites such as Cherry, Blueberry, White and Red. Stock up for the holidays while supplies last. This is a fast seller!

Also, watch for Holiday gift boxes of your favorite beverage. Perfect for gift-giving at that Christmas party.

**Commissary**

Coming in October 2018, your new commissary portal is launching at <http://my.commissaries.com>. It should offer a new commissary shopping experience that is convenient, easy, and mobile.

The commissary has 49 cents a pound turkey in stock! I just bought mine and there were plenty remaining. Buy two, one for now and freeze one for fixing at Thanksgiving.

Be sure to check out the organic section on your right as you enter the commissary! Then as you turn left at the end of the first aisle, check out the discount beef and pork on your right in the small freezers by the meat area.

As part of the Feds Feeds Families effort, you can pick up a pre-packaged bag as you enter the store, pay for it, and it's on its way to a needy family.

Don't forget you can use your Military Star card at your commissary.

**Need Addresses**

**LCDR Richard Edgar, USN**

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

**Concerns**

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

**None this month**

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



## **TRICARE Access during an Evacuation or Natural Disaster**

With wildfire and hurricane season underway, have a disaster preparedness plan for you and your family. Access to your TRICARE benefit, prescriptions, and medical resources may change during a disaster. Be informed and learn the best way to keep you and your family safe.

### **Prepare for an emergency**

Follow these easy steps to make sure your family can access your TRICARE benefit during an emergency.

### **Sign up for disaster alerts**

Find out if emergency TRICARE policies apply to your enrollment area by [signing up for email or text alerts](#).

### **Keep key medical information accessible**

This includes copies of medical records, your uniformed services ID card, and a list of current illnesses and prescription bottles for all family members. Schedule time to [update your information](#) a few times a year.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency [Ready Campaign](#) has tips to help you create an emergency plan. Your plan should consider the area where you live. For example, do you live in an area prone to wildfires or hurricanes? And what are each family member's specific needs, including medication? Update your plan every time you move.

### **Access care during an emergency**

TRICARE will announce any emergency procedures in the [disaster alert](#). This will include the counties affected and the date range for the procedures. If you live in the counties listed by TRICARE, you may be able to access emergency prescription refills at any [TRICARE retail network pharmacy](#). Call ahead or bring in your empty prescription bottle. To find a network pharmacy, call Express Scripts, Inc. at 1-877-363-1303 or [search online for a pharmacy](#) near you.

If you're displaced during a disaster, you may be unable to get care from your regular doctor. TRICARE may also authorize referral waivers during a state of emergency. If seeking non-network care during an emergency, keep your receipts. File any claims with TRICARE as soon as possible.

Know how your family's access to care may change during a weather-related emergency. Receive [text alerts about your health benefit](#) and get real-time [weather updates](#). Follow these tips to get the care you need, no matter what the forecast.

Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee objected to proposed legislation that would extend benefits to some 90,000 Blue Water Navy veterans of the Vietnam War. Wilkie's letter called into question the scientific evidence behind the proposal, which would allow those who served aboard ships off the coast of Vietnam to claim presumptive exposure to Agent Orange, which is connected to a variety of cancers and other long-term illnesses. It also takes issue with the cost of the legislation; \$5.5B over ten years.

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. But understand these House and Senate Bills go away when the Congressional period ends in a few months—the new Congress must fill these bills again.

### **Update – Voluntary Drug Recall Alert: Valsartan**

On July 13, 2018, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a voluntary recall of valsartan. Valsartan is used to treat high blood pressure and heart failure. The FDA announced the voluntary recall after finding an impurity linked to cancer in drug products containing valsartan.

Not all valsartan-containing drugs are affected and have been recalled. Express Scripts identified 31,120 TRICARE beneficiaries who potentially received contaminated products through the mail order network or from retail pharmacies. The Department of Defense (DoD) sent notification letters to all beneficiaries who potentially received currently affected products.

The FDA notes that because this an [ongoing investigation](#), more manufacturers may voluntarily recall their valsartan products. If additional valsartan products are added to the recall list, the DoD will continue to send letters to TRICARE beneficiaries who received contaminated products. Patients and prescribers are also encouraged to check the [FDA website](#) often for potential changes in the recall status of their valsartan medicine.

If you take valsartan, the FDA recommends:

- Continue taking your current medicine until your doctor or pharmacist gives you a replacement or a different treatment option.
- If you are taking any medication containing valsartan, compare the information on your prescription bottle with the information in the recall list (company, National Drug Code, lot number) to determine if your current medicine has been recalled. If you are not certain, contact your pharmacist.
- If you have medicine included in the recall, contact your pharmacist. The pharmacist may be able to provide you with valsartan made by another company. If not, contact your doctor immediately to discuss other treatment options.

You can find the latest information about the recall and affected products on the [FDA website](#).

If you have more questions about the recall, contact the FDA or the Defense Health Agency (DHA) Pharmacy Operations:

- **FDA:** 855-543-3784 (toll-free) or [druginfo@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:druginfo@fda.hhs.gov)
- **DHA:** 866-275-4732, option 1 (toll-free) or [dha.jbsa.pharmacy.mbx.pass@mail.mil](mailto:dha.jbsa.pharmacy.mbx.pass@mail.mil)



## **Surviving Spouse's Luncheon**

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

Our September luncheon was cancelled due to my illness  
We will be going to Hartselle, Alabama on 18 October  
Everyone will be called with the details

## **Open Season for FEDVIP Dental and Vision Plan Coming Soon**

The open season for enrollment in the new dental coverage for TRICARE beneficiaries - FEDVIP - is 12 Nov to 10 Dec 2018. FEDVIP will replace the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP).

### **Open Season Rollout**

The 2019 FEDVIP Plan Comparison Tool will be available 1 Oct at [TRICARE.benefeds.com](https://TRICARE.benefeds.com), and brochures for 2019 plans are available online. MOAA members will find an in-depth article in the November issue of Military Officer describing the 10 dental and four vision plans to be offered.

### **Plan Choice**

TRICARE beneficiaries may find they have access to a more robust dental benefit than before, as well as the option of vision plans - a completely new offering. FEDVIP offers a variety of plans, with different levels of cost and coverage, including High and Standard options. There are no plan exclusions and no waiting periods, except for orthodontia. In-progress treatment will be honored, up to FEDVIP carrier limits. The biggest change for beneficiaries will be that families can choose a dental and/or vision plan that meets their unique needs.

### **Choosing a Carrier and Plan Option**

- Ask your dentist if they participate in a FEDVIP plan.
- Review your family composition and situation for the upcoming benefit year.
- Use the Plan Comparison Tool, comparison information in the November issue of Military Officer, or plan brochures to compare benefits and coverage versus premium cost.

### **During Open Season**

Once TRICARE Open Season begins, go to [TRICARE.benefeds.com](https://TRICARE.benefeds.com) and complete the following:

- Answer a few simple questions about your eligibility.
- Provide information on yourself and your family and create an account.
- Select a plan that meets your family's needs.
- Review your selection and enroll in the plan.
- Receive enrollment verification.

### **FEDVIP Premium Payments**

As part of the FEDVIP enrollment process, BENEFEDS will set up your preferred method of payment or charge you automatically through DFAS. Payments are retrospective, not prospective. BENEFEDS will collect your first FEDVIP payment 1 Feb 2019. Delta Dental will terminate your allotment for your 2018 TRICARE Retiree Dental Plan (TRDP) coverage following the December premium collection 30 Nov, with no action required on your part.



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

**Eyes Opened**

A Christian worker in Arizona tells of a fierce looking cowboy who came to him asking for copies of Mark's Gospel, and who told him this story:

I went to San Francisco and threw away much money in rough revelry. I slept late after a night of dissipation. When I awoke I saw a little Book on the table near my bed - the Gospel of Mark. I angrily threw it on the floor. I did the same thing the second morning. Awakening the third morning, I saw the same little Book.

This time I took it with me to a nearby park and began to examine it. I spent the day reading it. I heard the Son of God say to a leper. "Be clean" (1:41). I heard him say to a paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven for you" (2:5,9). I heard Him commend the widow for her mite (12:43). I saw Him take little children in His army and bless them. I heard Him say, "Could you not watch one hour?" (14:37) I saw Him die.

It broke my heart and changed my life. I am a different man. Now, stranger, I spend much time giving away copies of the Gospel of Mark.



**Chapter Trip**

The Chapter is looking at a trip to the Helen Keller home in Tuscumbia, AL, on Saturday, 20 October.



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. The cost of admission is \$5.00.

We will meet at Ivy Green at 0945 for a group photo. Then you can tour the grounds at your own pace. The address is 300 North Commons Street West, Tuscumbia, AL We will also have the opportunity to stop for lunch at the Coldwater Mill Restaurant before returning to Huntsville. RSVP to Jim Treadway at 256- 859-1484 or [jtreadway51@mchsi.com](mailto:jtreadway51@mchsi.com) by 15 October if you are interested in having lunch.



**Membership Meeting**  
**31 October 2018**  
**1100 – Summit Club**

**Guest Speaker: Lyndon Smith**  
**The Southeastern Fire Advisory**  
*Retired Fire Officials Advising Homeowners*  
*New Dimensions in Fire Safety*

Mr. Lyndon W. Smith, a 33-year professional in residential fire safety, is going to talk about the 'New Dimensions in Residential Fire Safety.' Mr. Smith introduced this educational program for seniors in 1983, and he and his staff of retired fire chiefs and fire marshals have kept the program current in accordance with changes in public standards and fire detection technology.

Mr. Smith is a graduate of Yale University. He is a former US Army National Guard officer. He is the retired President of the Firewatch Corporation and has come to share with us today a thirty-year legacy in residential fire safety.

Other groups like ours have said:

"He provided valuable new information. This presentation gave our seniors many opportunities to laugh, even to laugh at their own lack of knowledge." Jolly Sixties, Mocks United Methodist Church, Advance, NC

"Everyone was so very impressed with his presentation and his knowledge. As soon as I got home I checked my fire extinguisher and I related some excellent information to my husband." Eileen Griffin, NARFE, Blairsville, GA

"Thank you for the wonderful presentation at tonight's MOAA meeting. I have already heard from several members that it was enjoyable and, best of all, informative. You are a remarkable speaker." Frank Edwards, Vice President, MOAA, Sumner, TN

This is not just another fire safety talk. Prepare to be surprised and entertained. A great door prize is included!

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**Menu:** Bratwurst, Pork Schnitzel, German Potato Salad, Sauerkraut, German Chocolate Layer Cake 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](mailto:csdowning@bellsouth.net), NLT 27 October 2018



## **HCMOAA Treasurer's Report August 2018**

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

1. The August 2018 Treasurer's Report is presented herein. It has been reviewed by the Governing Board and was approved by membership at the September 2018 meeting.

2. Monthly Summary:

	Operating Funds	Savings	Scholarship Fund
Starting Balance	\$ 6012.97	\$ 8000.54	\$ 7515.68
Income	\$ 1371.80	\$ 0.20	\$14040.00
Expenses	\$ 1577.99	\$ 0.00	\$ 1212.49
Ending Balance	\$ 5806.78	\$ 8000.74	\$20343.19

3. Notable income included member dues, payment for member lunches, bankcard payment for golf tourney, and reimbursement of "Bill Pay" payment for golf tourney items.

4. Notable expenses included bankcard transfer to the Scholarship Fund, ALCOC travel reimbursement, member lunches and "Bill Pay" for golf tourney items.

5. Chapter savings account activity was limited to interest.

6. Scholarship Fund checking account activity included income from tournament sponsors, player registration, and member donations. Expenses include purchases to support the golf tournament and supplies for the member donation mailing.

7. The Chapter holds an \$8000 (current value: \$8153.46) Certificate of Deposit with Renasant Bank for reserve funding and advance dues payment protection.

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### **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](mailto:rickw675@att.net) or 256.776.6901 for details.

### **Scholarship Fund Donations Received During September 2018**

**Please see article on the next page.**

Total received for September:	\$2805
Total received FY18 to date:	\$6370



## **2018 Scholarship Fund Member Donations Drive**

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

The week of August 13<sup>th</sup>, the Chapter mailed 374 letters to chapter members requesting tax deductible donations for the HCMOAA Scholarship Fund. Many thanks to CDR Chris Downing for a lot of help in completing this significant effort!

To date, we have received over 65 donations due to the mailing. I have been overwhelmed by the wonderful response of our very generous members. This is a great cause and will allow us to meet or exceed last year's scholarship awards! Please accept my personal thanks and the thanks of the Governing Board and all your fellow members for contributing!

Contributors during September included:

LTC Charles Gill	COL Thomas Kunhart	Mrs. Carrie Hightower
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Mrs. Billie Jones	LT James Pointer	LTC Lyn Tronti
MAJ Edward Morfenski	COL John Olshefski	COL James Treadway
Col Andrew Setlow	CPT Aaron Page	Col Michael Vaccaro
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In addition, we had another 13 anonymous donors.

## **2018 Retiree Appreciation Day**

Redstone Arsenal held its 2018 Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) on 21 and 22 September. On Friday the 21<sup>st</sup>, the main events were the Health Fair / Vendor Exhibits at the Community Center and the Retiree Dinner at the Summit Club. On Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup>, there was a free breakfast and numerous guest speakers at the Sparkman Center.

Although previously announced that flu shots would not be available, vaccine was obtained at the very last minute (the day before) and flu shots were administered to about 150 people.

Your Chapter participated in all the events. We (Chris Downing, Rick West, Jerry Haynes) manned a recruiting / information table at the Vendor Exhibits. Several members attended the breakfast and briefings at the Sparkman Center. CAPT Kathy Beasley from MOAA HQ was the featured speaker at the briefings and presented the latest updates on TRICARE and the FEDVIP programs. In addition, she assisted at the Friday recruiting / information table.

Compared to previous years, attendance at all events was greatly reduced. This is most likely due to the Garrison decision to not mail the usually well-received and informative bulletins as it had in previous years. Instead the Garrison attempted to advertise the RAD using DFAS and emails. The email was sent out late and the announcement was just a link buried deep within the standard DFAS email. The link did not work for many people. Many people stated that they only heard about the RAD by "word of email" from other organizations (including HCMOAA). The Garrison will evaluate their methods of advertising the RAD for next year's event.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO  
HUNTSVILLE CHAPTER MOAA**

**None this month**

**Membership Statistics**

Total Members: 380  
Regular Members: 313  
Surviving Spouses: 67

New this month: 0  
Deaths this month: 1  
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:

**Attention Annual Members**

It's not too early to renew your membership – it becomes due on 1 January 2019

Your Chapter continues to have the least expensive dues in all MOAA – a mere \$10 per year

Better yet, you can lock in this rate with a multi-year renewal

Tired of renewing each year?  
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## Membership Application or Renewal Confirmation

Yes! I'd like to add my voice to the Huntsville Chapter

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\_\_\_\_\_ MOAA National  
\_\_\_\_\_ Local event  
\_\_\_\_\_ Letter / e-mail from HCMOAA  
\_\_\_\_\_ HCMOAA website  
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\_\_\_\_\_ First Name                      MI                      Last Name

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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

Per the Chapter By-laws, the election of officers is conducted every two years at the October membership meeting. The candidates being placed in nomination at this time are:

President	Richard C. West	1st VP	William "Pat" Nash
2nd VP	John Inman	Treasurer	Charles T. Clements
Secretary	Mike Barron	Army Rep	James D. Treadway
Navy/USMC Rep	Louis J. Kubik	Air Force Rep	Edward L. Uher

Additional candidates may be placed in nomination at the October meeting prior to the commencement of voting. Newly elected officers are sworn in at the January membership meeting.



## 27 Birthdays in October

CW3 Raymond E Watford, USA  
Col Michael J Vaccaro, USAF  
Lt Col Barney F Barron, USAF  
Col Edward L Uher, USAF  
CW2 Edward C Baltz, USA  
LTC Russell Dunford, USA  
COL William W Stevenson, USA  
BG Daniel L Montgomery, USA  
LTC John R Scott, USA  
Maj Glenn S Crawley, USAF  
LTC Robert W Hearon, USA  
COL Melvin J McLemore, USA  
CPT Robert C Hinchman, USA  
LTC James A Cox, USA

LTC Dallas A Shaw, USA  
Col Donald R Brewer, USAF  
LTC Michael J Monis, USA  
Mrs. JoAnn Long, Jr  
MAJ Curtis Smith, USA  
CPT Gary M Rose, USA  
Capt Howard Sanderford, USMC  
LTC Albert G Parmentier, USA  
Col Adrian A Ritchie, Jr, USAF  
LTC Robert E Dudley, USA  
CAPT Richard C West, USN  
CW2 Robert A Glasier, USA  
LTC Harold E Walden, 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.

## What You Need to Know about MOAA Travel

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

**TAPS**

**CW4 Aniceto Ilanga Bagley, USA-Ret - 92**, passed peacefully at his home on Friday, 14 September. He will be forever remembered as a son, a brother, a dedicated and decorated soldier, a husband, a father, a grandfather, and for his love of the Sunday comics, Beetle Bailey remaining his favorite. Aniceto was born in Carles, Iloilo Province, Republic of the Philippines to Josefa Enojas Ilanga and Enrico Escolar Ilanga. He was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Gertrude, his mother and father, his adoptive parents Merle Zane Bagley and Van Augustus Bagley, three brothers and one sister. In 2017, Aniceto was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in recognition for his service in the Philippine military during World War II. Those who knew Aniceto understood his was a life marked by a stalwart service to greater causes. His selfless dedication to others was exemplified during his 32 years as a soldier, which began as a Philippine guerrilla in World War II, then as a Philippine Scout, and later as an enlisted soldier and Chief Warrant Officer 4 (CW4) in the United States Army, from which he retired with honor and distinction having earned the Meritorious Service Medal; Army Commendation Medal with 1st Oak Cluster; Good Conduct Medal (1st and 2nd award); National Defense Service Medal with first Oak Leaf Cluster; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal (1st and 2nd award); Philippine Liberation and Independence Ribbons and the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

Aniceto continued to serve others through his lifelong dedication to veterans and not-for-profit organizations which included Disabled American Veterans (DAV), The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), The American Legion, the Military Officers Association of America, the U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association and The Philippine-American Association of Alabama, and many others. Aniceto was also featured in the 2012 Lou Diamond Phillips narrated documentary, *Forgotten Soldiers*, in which he commented on his experiences as a Philippine Scout. Aniceto is survived by seven brothers and sisters, daughters, Karen Gallaher (Robert), and Shirley Bruce (Bill), son, Robert Bagley, as well as grandchildren, Aaron Gallaher, Aricia Gallaher Mincy (Rick), Cody Klinner, Ryan Williams, and great-grandson, Jonathan Joseph Gimbel. Visitation was from 5 to 6 PM Thursday, 20 September at Laughlin Service Funeral Home. A memorial service followed in the funeral home chapel. Aniceto will be interred alongside his wife in the Arlington National Cemetery Columbarium, at a date to be determined. Aniceto's family invites those wishing to honor his life of service to submit a donation on his behalf to the charitable organization of their choice.

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



## Chapter Happenings



Golf tournament,  
RAD and  
September member  
meeting





## The Wall that Heals    1-4 November 2018    John Hunt Park



The Wall That Heals - Vietnam Veterans Memorial Replica & Mobile Education Center will be coming to Huntsville 1-4 November. The Replica and Mobile Education Center will be located in the John Hunt Park off of Airport Road. The Wall That Heals will be hosted by around 35 cities this year.

The new replica is 375 feet long and 7.5 feet high. More than 58,000 names on this new replica are engraved to allow visitors to make rubbings of individual service's member's names just as one can at the Wall in Washington, DC.

Once the Wall is set-up it will be open 24 hours a day through 1400 hours on Sunday, November 4. A substantial number of volunteers will be required. You may sign up as a volunteer for a specific period of time here:

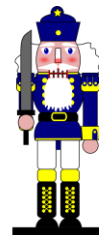
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Additional exhibits will be located in the Jaycee Building and the Veterans Memorial Museum in John Hunt Park.

# ***Huntsville Chapter MOAA Christmas Party***

## **Holiday Dinner**

Sliced honey glazed ham  
Oven roasted turkey breast with giblet gravy  
Country Style corn bread dressing with giblet gravy  
Rice pilaf  
Whole green beans almandine  
Yeast Rolls & Butter  
Ice Water – Coffee  
Sweet or Unsweetened Iced Tea  
Carrot cake



## **HUNTSVILLE CHAPTER MOAA CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**THE SUMMIT CLUB  
SATURDAY EVENING, 15 DECEMBER 2018**

**COCKTAILS - No Host/Cash bar - 5:00 pm**

**President's Remarks and Dinner - 6:00**

**pm**

**DOOR PRIZES**

**DRESS:** Business Casual – khakis/slacks and collared shirts/polo shirts for the men – slacks/skirts and blouses/collared shirts for the ladies – of course you can always dress more formally

**\$20.00 PER PERSON (Members & Family) - \$25.00 PER PERSON (Guests)**

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## **Say ‘Shoo’ to the Flu with TRICARE**

The best way to keep the flu at bay is prevention. Make sure you and your family members use your TRICARE benefit and [get a flu shot](#). You can also adopt good practices to avoid the spread of germs. Flu viruses are serious, contagious viruses that can lead to hospitalization or even death. To combat the flu, take these [three actions](#):

### **Get vaccinated.**

- The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) recommends a yearly flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting yourself.
- Children six months and older should get a flu vaccine every fall before flu activity begins since it takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies that protect against flu to develop in the body. Getting vaccinated later during the flu season can still be beneficial.
- Certain groups of people have an increased risk of becoming very ill from or developing complications from the flu. These include [pregnant women](#), people with certain chronic health conditions, [people age 65 and older](#), and health care workers.
- TRICARE [covers](#) the flu vaccine.

### **Take basic health precautions.**

- [Wash your hands](#) frequently with soap and water. Use an alcohol-based hand rub if unable to wash your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick and stay home if you have [flu-like symptoms](#). These include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, and fatigue.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or the crook of your elbow, not into your hands. Throw the tissue in the trash after use.

### **If you have the flu, take antiviral drugs as prescribed by your doctor.**

- It's best to take [antiviral drugs](#) within two days of getting sick. Antiviral drugs can make illness milder, shorten the time you're sick, and prevent serious [flu complications](#).
- Speak with your provider to learn more about antiviral drugs.

You and your family can get the [flu shot](#) at no cost through either a [military hospital or clinic](#), a [participating network pharmacy](#), or a [TRICARE-authorized provider](#). The pharmacy benefit covers free vaccines when given by a pharmacist at a network pharmacy. If a provider administers your vaccine at an onsite pharmacy clinic, it may not be covered, and you may have to pay the entire cost. You can go to your primary care provider or TRICARE-authorized provider for the vaccine if the pharmacy has restrictions or the vaccine isn't available. However, you may have to pay copayments or cost-shares for the office visit, but the vaccine will be no cost to you.

Take command of you and your family's health this flu season by knowing your options and staying [prepared with TRICARE](#).

## **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

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If they are interested or desire more information, please let Bruce Robinson know, and he will follow up with them. His contact information is [brucer76@knology.net](mailto:brucer76@knology.net) or 256-426-0525.

## Important Dates in October

- 1 October – Hitler's troops occupied the Sudetenland portion of Czechoslovakia (1938)
- 1 October – Henry Ford's Model T went on sale (1908)
- 1 October – Peoples Republic of China founded (1949)
- 1 October – US returns Panama Canal Zone to Panama (1979)
- 3 October – Abraham Lincoln designates the last Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day (1863)
- 3 October – East and West Germany reunited (1990)
- 4 October – Belgium gained its independence from the Netherlands (1830)
- 4 October – Space Age began with launch of Russian satellite Sputnik I (1957)
- 6 October - The Jazz Singer starring Al Jolson, the first “talkie”, opened in New York (1927)
- 6 October - Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was assassinated in Cairo (1981)
- 7 October – German Democratic Republic established (1949)
- 8 October – Columbus Day
- 8 October – The Great Chicago Fire erupted killing over 300 and leaving 90,000 homeless (1871)
- 8 October - Sergeant Alvin C. York's heroics in WWI earned him the Medal of Honor (1918)
- 10 October – Spiro Agnew resigned as Vice president (1973)
- 11 October – Monthly Board Meeting – Java Cafe**
- 11 October – Albert Einstein warned that his theories could lead to an atomic bomb (1939)
- 13 October – US Navy established (1775)
- 13 October – Monthly Breakfast – Royal Rose Diner**
- 14 October – Nazi Germany withdrew from the League of Nations (1933)
- 14 October – Captain Chuck Yeager became the first man to break the sound barrier (1947)
- 15 October – The US Senate confirmed Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court (1991)
- 19 October – The British Army surrendered to the Americans at Yorktown. (1781)
- 19 October – "Black Monday" occurred on Wall Street as stocks plunged 22.6% (1987)
- 20 October – General Douglas MacArthur returned to the Philippines (1944)
- 21 October – Thomas Edison successfully tested an electric incandescent lamp (1879)
- 22 October – Cuban Missile Crisis (1962)
- 24 October – The United Nations was founded (1945)
- 26 October – The Gunfight at the O.K. Corral in Tombstone, Arizona (1881)
- 31 October – Monthly Member Meeting – Summit Club**
- 31 October - Halloween

