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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Col Gerald C. Maxwell, USAFR



Fellow Members -

Are you ready for some football?! Word is that Alabama has a great chance for yet another National Title. Of course, Auburn and a few other colleges might disagree with that.

Our annual golf tournament is fast approaching. It will be held on 20 September at the Links at Redstone. The tournament is the chapter's primary fund-raising activity, and all proceeds go towards our scholarship program. Get your registrations in now! We are still in need of sponsors, door prizes and any items you might have to donate. If you know of any businesses that might be interested in sponsoring the tournament, please let me know. Also, be sure to tell your friends and associates about the tournament - it is open to all. See the flyer inside.

Our speaker at the 26 September membership meeting will be Mike Ballard. He has been in the financial services industry for the past 35 years. He had an accomplished career at Protective Life Corporation in Birmingham serving as President and CEO of ProEquities, a registered broker/dealer. He built that firm from a start up to one with 1,100 financial planners nationwide.

One last thought. The Chapter's Nomination Committee has been formed, led by our past president, Charles Clements. The committee is looking for members interested in serving as Chapter Officers for the 2019-2020 term. Interested? Please contact Charles. The elections are held in October.

Also check out our MOAA website for more information and updates about your EIGHT years in a row--5 Star award winning Huntsville MOAA chapter:
<http://huntsvillemoaa.org>.

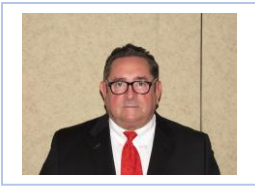
Gerald Maxwell

Member Meeting 26 Sep
Guest Speaker is Michael Ballard from Alliance Wealth Management

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Legislative Corner

Lt Col Charles Clements, USAF-Ret



**Take
Action**

→ <http://www.moaa.org/takeaction/>

“All politics is local.”

In the Alabama Legislature 922 bills were introduced during the 2018 legislative session, of which 314 were enacted and became law. I bring three to your attention.

1. Act 2018-133. This act (1) provides for the issuance of a removable windshield placard by the Department of Veterans Affairs to certain recipients of certain military honors or to individuals who are recognized as having a certain veteran status; (2) provides that it is unlawful to park in certain parking places designated for recipients of a certain military honor or for individuals with a specific veteran status; (3) provides that it is an affirmative defense to a prosecution of the act if the defendant is in fact a recipient of the military honor or has the veteran status that was designated at the parking place at which the alleged violation occurred; and (4) provides for the distribution of the proceeds of any fines collected under the act.

2. Act 2018-194. This act amends the Code of Alabama 1975 to: (1) change the name of the Heroes for Hire Tax Credit Act of 2012 to The Veterans Employment Act; and (2) authorize a tax credit of \$2,000 to certain small businesses that hire an unemployed or combat veteran for a full-time position paying at least \$14 an hour if the veteran has been unemployed for 12 consecutive months. The act also adds Section 40-18- 320.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to provide definitions for the terms combat veteran, recently deployed unemployed veteran, and unemployed veteran.

3. Act 2018-540. This act amends the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the issuance of professional licenses and certificates to the spouses of active duty military personnel, to: (1) require the adoption of rules to implement the issuance of and acknowledgement of professional licenses and certificates obtained in other jurisdictions by the spouses of an active duty reserve or transitioning member of the United States Armed Forces, including the National Guard, or a surviving spouse of a service member who, at the time of his or her death, was serving on active duty, who is relocated to and stationed in the state under official military orders, if the issuing state has licensing criteria greater than or substantially similar to that of Alabama; (2) provide for the issuance of temporary licenses and 48 certificates under certain circumstances; and (3) specifically exclude from the act any license or registration issued by the Securities Commission under the Alabama Securities Act, any certification issued by the Alabama Police

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Main Exchange

Check out our big screen TV's selection—now is the time to gear up for all the college games!

The Exchange will be participating in Soldier for Life-Retiree Appreciation Days:

21 Sep - Exchange booth at the Community Action Center

22 Sep – At the Main Store starting at 1 PM - free gift bags to the 1st 50 customers, register to win gift cards & refreshments

The Exchange values your opinion! Please take a moment to tell them how they are doing. Please take our survey at www.ExchangeCustomerSurvey.com and register for a chance to win Sweepstakes Prizes. As always shop early for best selection.

Shopette

Every month a new Limited Time Special and Spirit of the Month. NEW at your Express - Jameson Irish Whiskey Caskmates and Jameson Black Barrel. Also NEW - Moet & Chandon Champagne - plan ahead for New Year's! Also - Rug Doctor is available at the shopette. Check out the monthly promotions and save!

Commissary

September has Labor Day promotions on meats, butts and ribs, case lot sales, National Honey month and Hispanic Heritage month.

September is also National Preparedness Month, which highlights emergency planning; commissary patrons can save much on their critical supplies.

Beginning this month, commissaries worldwide will offer limited weekly quantities of frozen turkeys at 49 cents a pound for patrons who want to get a jump on saving for their holiday meals. Weekly available quantities of frozen turkeys are expected to increase closer to Thanksgiving.

No more clipping coupons - save time and money with the Commissary Rewards Card! Simply pick up your Rewards Card at any location worldwide and register it at the following link, and you're ready to start saving. Manufacturers have provided coupons for our customers to help you make the most of your benefit.

Need Addresses

Mrs. Helen McGuffey

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

Concerns

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

None this month

Persons to contact are:

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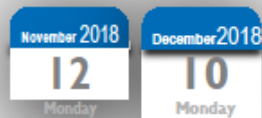
Fox Army Health Center MAJ Bruce T. Robinson, USA-Ret



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW for Coverage Beginning in

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2018 Open Season:



[NOV. 12 – DEC. 10]



TRICARE® is implementing an Open Season for enrollment. You can only enroll in TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select or switch plans during Open Season or after a qualifying life event (QLE). The TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) is ending on Dec. 31. Many TRICARE-eligible beneficiaries will qualify for the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP).

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Active Duty Service Member	You can only change plans if you're retiring. At retirement, coverage ends. Learn about your options and what to do at www.tricare.mil/Retiring	You do not qualify to purchase a FEDVIP vision plan. You will continue to get your vision care from your military hospital or clinic.	You do not qualify to purchase a FEDVIP dental plan. You will continue to get your dental care from your military hospital or clinic.
Active Duty Family Member <small>*Not including adult children enrolled in TRICARE Young Adult</small>	You can change plans during the 2018 Open Season.	You must enroll during Open Season.	You do not qualify to purchase a FEDVIP dental plan. You can get your dental care through the TRICARE Dental Program.
Reserve Component Member or Family Member enrolled in TRICARE Reserve Select®	No action needed. This doesn't apply to you.	You must enroll during Open Season.	You do not qualify to purchase a FEDVIP dental plan. You can get your dental care through the TRICARE Dental Program.
Retired Service Member or Family Enrolled in TRICARE Prime®, TRICARE Select®	You can change plans during the 2018 Open Season.	You must enroll during Open Season.	TRDP ends December 31, 2018. You must enroll in a FEDVIP dental plan during Open Season to maintain coverage.
Retired Service Member or Family Member using TRICARE For Life	No action needed. This doesn't apply to you.	You must enroll during Open Season.	TRDP ends December 31, 2018. You must enroll in a FEDVIP dental plan during Open Season to maintain coverage.

To learn more about Open Season, visit www.tricare.mil/OpenSeason.

For a full description of FEDVIP plans and coverage options, visit www.tricare.benefeds.com.

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Officers' Standards and Training Commission, and the practice of any profession regulated by the Alabama State Board of Pharmacy, Board of Dental Examiners, State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Alabama Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board, and State Board of Medical Examiners.

Please read the recent posting to the Legislative part of our webpage. There are four articles of note. One deals with adding domestic violence as an offense under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Two address the recently enacted National Defense Authorization Act and the other updates the Military One Source program.

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.

Protect Your Health Through Preventive Care

Preventive health helps you to identify and address health issues before they worsen. Practicing it protects you and your family from disease and illness. Preventive health for you may also mean finding ways to fit more exercise into your life and healthy food choices — all of these things can help you maintain good health. TRICARE covers many preventive health care services with no out-of-pocket costs to you. How you get preventive care depends on who you are and your TRICARE program option.

TRICARE Prime enrollees can get preventive care from their primary care manager or any TRICARE network provider in their region. You can use a non-network TRICARE-authorized provider with no copayments if you have a referral and authorization. TRICARE Select enrollees pay nothing for covered preventive services if they see a TRICARE network provider.

Preventive services include vaccines, exams, and screenings. Follow these preventive health tips to help keep you and your family healthy:

- **Make Health Exams Part of Your Routine**
 - TRICARE covers preventive health exams for both women and men. For women under age 65, TRICARE covers well-woman exams. They include breast exams, pelvic exams, and Pap tests to include HPV DNA testing.
 - Important health screening tests for men include blood pressure and cancer screenings. One health promotion and disease prevention exam is available yearly to TRICARE Prime and TRICARE Select beneficiaries.
- **Make Healthy Living a Lifestyle**
 - Make healthy living a lifestyle. Eating a balanced diet improves your overall health while maintaining a healthy weight. Motivate yourself and your family to eat more fruits and vegetables, drink more water, and limit processed foods.
 - Being active lowers your risk of developing chronic conditions like obesity, high blood pressure, diabetes, and high cholesterol. Check out recommended guidelines to help maintain or improve your health through regular physical activity.

Preventive health is a daily commitment to making smart choices and becoming more proactive about your health. Learn more about your TRICARE preventive health care benefits to help you and your family take command of your health now and for years to come.



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

Napoleon and the Soldier

The Emperor Napoleon was reviewing some troops in Paris; and in giving an order thoughtlessly dropped the bridle upon the horse's neck, which instantly set off on a gallop. The emperor was forced to cling to the saddle. At this moment a common soldier sprang before the horse, seized the bridle, and handed it to the emperor. "Much obliged to you, captain," said the chief, by this one word making the soldier a captain. The man believed the emperor and saluting him, asked, "Of which regiment, sire?" Napoleon charmed with the faith, replied, "Of my guards," and galloped off.

As soon as the emperor left, the soldier laid down his rifle, saying, "He may take it who will," and instead of returning to his comrade, he approached the group of staff officers. On seeing him, one of the generals scornfully said, "What does the fellow want here?" "This fellow," replied the soldier proudly, "is a captain of the guard." "You my poor friend! You are mad to say so!" "He said," replied the soldier, pointing to the emperor, who was still in sight. "I ask your pardon sir," said the general respectfully, "I was not aware of it."

You see how a person may be sure that God gives peace: it is by believing His testimony, just as the soldier believed that of the emperor. That is to say as he believed himself to be a captain before wearing his uniform; so on the word and promise of God, one believes himself to be a child of God before being sanctified by His Spirit.



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 10AM 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 by 15 October if you are interested in having lunch.



Membership Meeting

26 September 2018
1100 – Summit Club

Guest Speaker: Michael B. Ballard
Alliance Wealth Management Group

Mike Ballard has been in the financial services industry for the past 35 years. He had an accomplished career at Protective Life Corporation in Birmingham serving as President and CEO of ProEquities, a registered broker/dealer. He built that firm from a start up to one with 1,100 financial planners nationwide.

While busy at work Mike also served his community. He served for many years on the Foundation Board at Children's Hospital of Alabama ultimately serving as the Foundation President. He also served for a number of years on the Board of Trustees.

Mike retired from Protective Life in 2002 and started his firm, Alliance Wealth Management Group. The focus of Alliance Wealth is to assist retirees and near retirees with their money management issues and concerns. By using his experience and knowledge of the insurance and investment industries he helps his clients work toward their financial goals.

Mike is affiliated with the non-profit educational group American Financial Education Alliance where he serves as an instructor as part of his community outreach believing that education is a huge part of making good financial decisions. He is an accomplished marathon runner having completed 20 marathons in the past 7 years.

Mike and his wife Mary have been married for 34 years, have two adult children and one grandchild.

For our meeting Mike plans to speak about the economy in the "Age of Trump" and smart money management in retirement. These are timely topics that are relevant to all. Should be a good meeting.

Menu: Pulled pork, baked chicken, green beans, baked beans, peach cobbler and assorted beverages

Cost: \$15 for Chapter members and their guests – pay at the door – cash or check only

RSVP: CDR Christine Downing, 256-828-9740, csdowning@bellsouth.net, NLT 22 September 2018



HCMOAA Treasurer's Report July 2018

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

1. The July 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	\$ 6168.43	\$ 8000.33	\$ 7515.68
Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.00
Expenses	\$ 155.46	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 6012.97	\$ 8000.54	\$ 7515.68

3. Notable income included: none.

4. Notable expenses included payments for Sentinel newsletter printing and mailing.

5. Chapter savings account activity was limited to interest.

6. Scholarship Fund checking account activity: none.

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 August 2018

Please see article on the next page.

Total received for August:	\$3045
Total received FY18 to date:	\$3565



2018 Scholarship Fund Member Donations Drive

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

The week of August 13th, 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 40 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!

There is still plenty of time to return your donation before the end of the Fiscal Year!

Contributors during August include:

Col Jon Owings	CDR Chris Downing	MAJ John Wilson
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In addition, we had 10 anonymous donors.



Registration for the MOAA 2018 Annual Meeting is now open. Register by 21 Sep 2018 if you plan to attend.

Direct any questions to Suzanne Walker at 703-838-8162 or e-mail suzanne@moaa.org.

The event will be held at the Arizona Grand Resort & Spa in Phoenix, Arizona

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO
HUNTSVILLE CHAPTER MOAA**

**LTC Roderic Spencer, USA
Mrs. Freddia Scott
Mrs. Wilda Szeremi**

Membership Statistics

Total Members: 381
Regular Members: 314
Surviving Spouses: 67

New this month: 3
Deaths this month: 2
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:

CAPT William Howard, USN

By: COL Hal Hicks, USA

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

_____ New	_____ One Year	\$10*
_____ Renewal	_____ Two Years	\$20
	_____ Three Years	\$30

If New, how did you hear about us?

_____ MOAA National
_____ Local event
_____ Letter / e-mail from HCMOAA
_____ HCMOAA website
_____ Friend / acquaintance
_____ Other (Please explain _____)

Interested in a Chapter Life Membership
Contact us for pricing (age-based)

*\$5 for New Members joining between 7/1 to 11/1

New Members joining after 11/1 will have membership paid through following calendar year

_____ First Name	_____ MI	_____ Last Name			
_____ Preferred Name	_____ Birthday	_____ Spouse's Name	_____ Period(s) of Active Duty i.e. 1965 – 1990		
_____ Grade	_____ Branch of Service	_____ MOAA National Member #			
_____ Active	_____ Retired	_____ NG	_____ Former Officer	_____ Reserve	_____ Surviving Spouse
_____ Mailing Address		_____ City	_____ State	_____ Zip	
_____ Phone Number		_____ E-mail Address			

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.



29 Birthdays in September

MAJ James L Stanley, USMC
MAJ Mary L Shaw, USA
MAJ Joe H Williams, USA
LTC Peter D Schofield, USA
LTC Linda L Green, USA
COL Robert S Troth, USA
LTC Jason L Galindo, USA
CAPT Scott W Witt, USN
CPT Richard J Pella, USA
MAJ James M Tynan, USAF
LTC Andre M Cota-Robles, USA
COL Everett C Mosley, USA
Lt Col Claude R Baldwin Jr, USMC
Mrs Kathleen Weinberg
CW4 James E Keirstead, USA

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MAJ Larry N Levaas, USA
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COL Steven S Debusk, USA
Mrs Ann Eittreim
Mrs Margot J Chabot
Capt Steven E Lavender, USAF

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.

Chapter Happenings



August Membership Meeting – Guest Speaker Lt Col Scott Wadle, USMC-Ret, from MOAA National



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

TAPS

MAJ Robert Charles Szeremi, USA-Ret - 79, long time resident of Huntsville, AL passed away August 12, 2018 in Ocala, FL. A celebration of his life will be planned in the future. His grave will be located in Maple Hill Cemetery, Huntsville, AL.

Robert was born in Budapest, Hungary as Robert Karoly Masi to Clara Schonberger and Avito Masi on March 25, 1939. They fled war torn Hungary during World War II and immigrated to the United States in the late 40s. His father Avito was killed in the war, and when his mother remarried his name was changed to Szeremi. Robert went to high school in Tampa, Florida at Hillsborough High School and graduated in 1956. He went on to earn an engineering degree from the University of Florida and later two master's degrees. He married in 1962. He was a retired Major in the US Army where he served over 20 years and did 2 tours of duty in Vietnam. Upon retiring from the Army, he worked with NASA for over 20 years and played a crucial role working on multiple space shuttle missions & the international space station. He was an avid skier, hiker, camper, bridge player, a chess master, and spoke multiple languages. He was a world traveler and was always looking for the next adventure.

Robert was an exchange student host for many children from other countries and had over 20 exchange students stay in his home. His biggest passion was family and he made many trips overseas to keep in touch with close as well as distant Italian and Hungarian family. He also helped many extended family members visit him in the United States. He touched the lives of countless people around the world. His legacy of enthusiasm and living life to its fullest will live on in their memories.

Robert was also active in the Chapter, serving for many years with the Life Management Trust activity.

Robert is survived by his grandchildren Ariel Hamilton, Vincent Graham and Carli Graham, his children Yvonne Graham, Laura Szeremi and David Szeremi, and his wife Wilda Szeremi.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the Windsor of Ocala and the Hospice of Marion County for their support in his final days. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial donations in honor of Robert Szeremi to the brain support network: <https://www.brainsupportnetwork.org>.

CPT William L. "Bill" Howard, USN-Ret - 94, of Huntsville, AL passed away July 28, 2018. He was a native of Atlanta, GA and was preceded in death by his parents - Lee G. and Ruby C. Howard; his three siblings - Gerald Howard, Paul Lamar Howard, and Louise Tapager Kirk; and his caring wife of 30 years, Anne.

Bill is survived by his dear friend, Helen, and exceptional neighbors, Pat, Ann, and Gloria. He is also survived by son Andy (Tina); daughter Lee; daughter Sue (David); granddaughter Lillis (Lloyd); and

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grandson Scott (Taylor). Nieces, nephews, cousins and various other in- and out-laws will also have stories to remember of their Uncle Bill.

As a member of the Greatest Generation, Bill served in the Navy during WWII, graduated from Georgia Tech, and went on to a career as a missilier at NASA (various certificates noting all). His active duty service was particularly active—he survived fierce fighting at the Battle of the Coral Sea, the sinking his aircraft carrier Yorktown at the Battle of Midway, a typhoon onboard the aircraft carrier Altamaha, and a monsoon in the South China Sea. After his honorable discharge (note: certificate), he continued to serve in the Naval Reserves, achieving the rank of Captain, retiring in 1984 with 41 years of aggregate service (certificates, ribbons, Navy Commendation Medal and DD-214).

After graduation from Georgia Tech (degree) in 1949, Bill worked for the Army Corps of Engineers in hydroelectric powerhouse design and operation; then the US Army Ballistic Missile Agency in Huntsville before transferring to the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center in 1960. At NASA, he participated in the design and development of the control system of the Redstone, Jupiter, Juno, and Saturn I space booster. His last assignment was the Spacelab Program Office, in the area of Electrical Power Systems, Instrument Pointing Systems, and Common Payload Support Equipment design and development (yes, more certificates and designation as official Missilier).

Retirement gave Bill a chance to travel again and his itineraries included Hawaii, Guam, Belize, Japan, England, Scotland, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Germany, Saudi Arabia, Hong Kong, and China. He also spent several days per month, over the years, as a volunteer for CASA (Care Assurance System for the Aging and Homebound), the Red Cross, the Boy Scouts, Junior Naval ROTC and various swim teams with the kids. A Celebration of Life, with military honors, will take place at Valhalla Funeral Home on Saturday, August 18, at 1:00 PM; followed by “Memory Sharing/Storytelling” at Trinity United Methodist Church at 2:30 PM. The family requests donations to Trinity or your favorite charity in lieu of flowers.

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



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:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0545aaa82ba7ff2-twth>

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



In concert with the Redstone Arsenal Military and Civilians' Club,

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



7th Annual "Retiree Appreciation Days" Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament

Entry Fee - \$75

Includes golf/cart, breakfast, lunch & door prize ticket

- Prizes for: Top Three Teams, Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, Hole in One
- Silent Auction
- Mulligan / Power Drive packages for sale

Thursday
20 September 2018
The Links at Redstone
0800 Shotgun Start
Registration begins 0630
4-person Scramble

Early Bird Special:

Register by 7 Sep
for **\$65** per player

Don't wait!

For more information, contact Bruce Robinson at brucer76@knology.net / 256-426-0525 or Rick West at rickw675@att.net / 256-776-6901 or visit huntsvillemoaa.org

To sign up, mail this form with your check made out to HCMOAA to: HCMOAA
P.O. Box 1301
Huntsville, AL 35807

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100% of Net goes to the
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Protect Your Family from Lyme Disease this Summer

For many, summer heat brings more outdoor play for the entire family. But being outside also increases your risk of getting a tick-borne disease. You can protect your loved ones and pets from the dangers of [Lyme disease](#). Know how to decrease your risk of tick bites and recognize the symptoms of Lyme disease. And should you or a family member get Lyme disease, your TRICARE benefit can help you get the care you need.

Every year, roughly 30,000 Americans [contract Lyme disease](#) from a blacklegged tick. Lyme disease risk is highest in the Northeast, mid-Atlantic, and upper Midwest, with pockets of reduced risk along the west coast. Be aware of the risk where you travel this summer.

Protect Yourself from Ticks

The best way to prevent Lyme disease is by avoiding ticks. Be sure to wear long pants and socks, especially when walking through the woods. If you spend your day working in the garden or playing in the yard, check your skin for ticks. Make this a part of your daily routine, especially for small children who may not be as careful. For extra protection, use an [Environmental Protection Agency-registered insect repellent](#) when outdoors. Check with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for more [tips to prevent tick bites](#).

Recognize Symptoms of Lyme disease

The most [common symptoms of Lyme disease](#) are fever, headache, fatigue, or a bullseye-shaped rash around a tick bite. If left untreated, Lyme disease can also cause joint pain, chronic fatigue, and in extreme circumstances, heart and nervous system complications. You may experience symptoms several days or months after getting the disease and may not observe all symptoms. The CDC recommends you seek medical attention if you observe any symptoms and have noticed a tick bite, live in an area known for Lyme disease, or have recently traveled to an area where the disease occurs.

Treat Lyme disease

A diagnosis requires a positive blood test. Your TRICARE benefit covers this test if ordered by a [TRICARE-authorized provider](#). If diagnosed early, your doctor may treat Lyme disease with a standard round of antibiotics covered by your benefit when medically necessary. If diagnosed, your provider can determine the appropriate antibiotic to fight the disease. If the disease remains untreated, more intensive courses of medication may be required in the future.

If you think you've been bitten, contact your primary care manager or [Military Health System Nurse Advice Line](#) for assistance. This summer take command of your health and keep your family safe from the dangers of Lyme disease. For more about bug-borne diseases, check out [Bug Week](#) at the Military Health System. For more on your benefits and what TRICARE covers, check out the [TRICARE website](#).

Retiree Appreciation Days

21- 22 September 2018

Friday, 21 September

Continental Breakfast (CAC)

- 0800 – 1000 Fruit/Bagel/Beverages

Honor Walk (MWR Activity Field)

- 0800 – 0830 Opening Ceremony
- 0830-1200 Ceremonial Healing Walk

Combined Health Fair & Vendor Exhibits (CAC)

- 0830 – 1230 Health Screenings
- 0830 – 1230 Vendor Booths/Exhibits

Legal Services (Bldg. 3439)

- 0830 - 1230 Wills and Power of Attorneys

ID Cards (Bldg. 3494)

- 0830 - 1230 DEERS updates

DFAS Services (Bldg. 3494)

- 0830 - 1230 MyPay updates and Pin Reset

Retiree Appreciation Dinner (The Summit)

- 1730-1800 – Social Hour
- 1800-2000 – Dinner Program

Saturday, 22 September

Speaker Engagement (Bob Jones Auditorium)

- 0600– 0800 Free Hot Breakfast (Cafeteria)
- 0800 – 0815 Opening Ceremony
- 0815 - 0830 Welcome Senior Commander
- 0830 – 0900 Garrison Commander Update
- 0900- 0930 FAHC Commander Update
- 0930 – 1000 MOAA Speaker
- 1000-1015 Break
- 1015 – 1045 Tricare Regional East
- 1045 – 1115 DFAS- Cleveland, OH
- 1115 -1145 RSO – Retirement Services
- 1145 – 1200 Raffle Prizes

Reception (The Exchange)

- 1300 – Cake, Punch, Gift Cards

Changes from last year

- No Flu Shots
- No Golf Tournament Ads

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 September

- 1 September – Hitler’s armies r invades Poland, starting World War II (1939)
- 2 September - Libyan Arab Republic proclaimed under Muammar Gaddafi (1969)
- 2 September – US Treasury established (1789)
- 3 September – Labor Day
- 4 September – Manhattan Island discovered by Henry Hudson (1609)
- 4 September – Los Angeles founded (1781)
- 6 September – Leningrad renamed St. Petersburg (1991)
- 7 September – Germany’s parliament returned to Berlin (1999)
- 8 September – Hurricane hits Galveston, TX killing 8000 (1900)
- 8 September – Richard Nixon pardoned (1974)
- 8 September – Monthly Breakfast – Royal Rose Diner**
- 9 September - Democratic People's Republic of Korea established (1948)
- 11 September – 9/11 terrorist attacks (2001)
- 13-16 September – RSA Oktoberfest
- 13 September – Monthly Board Meeting – Java Café**
- 14 September – Princess Grace of Monaco died from a car crash (1982)
- 15 September – First use of tanks in combat (1916)
- 16 September – The Mayflower set sail from England (1620)
- 16 September – General Motors founded (1908)
- 18 September – US Air Force established (1947)
- 20 September – Scholarship Golf Tournament**
- 21 September – People’s Republic of China established (1949)
- 21-22 September – Retiree Appreciation Days
- 22 September – 1st day of Autumn
- 22 September – Emancipation Proclamation issued (1862)
- 26 September – 1st televised Presidential Debate (1960)
- 26 September – Monthly Member Meeting – Summit Club**
- 28 September - California discovered (1542)
- 29 September – US Army established (1789)
- 30 September – Actor James Dean killed in a car crash (1955)

