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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CAPT Richard C. West, USN-Ret



Greetings Huntsville Chapter Members!

Welcome to September – Golf Tournament month!

Speaking of the tournament, I really wish to thank the Golf Committee members who have worked so hard over the last many months. Although financially we lost a couple of key sponsors, we still expect this to be an excellent tournament – fun for the participants and fun for the volunteers / spectators! There is still time for sponsors to participate and for members to donate and for **players to register (form included in newsletter)**! Thanks so much to those that have already done so – you are appreciated!

The August membership meeting was a huge success! Tremendous attendance and excellent briefing by Congressman Brooks! Our next membership luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25th at 1100 at The Summit Club. Our guest speaker will be Rae Barthel – the Director of Activities at the “Tut” Fann Veterans Home here in Huntsville. Get your reservations in early to CDR Christine Downing. See page 8 for details!

Our venue for this month’s breakfast (0900 on September 14th) will again be the City Café Diner on Drake Avenue. Come enjoy some great food and camaraderie!

Your Governing Board is working on several projects: (1) Filling the vacant 2nd Vice President position. This is a very important billet and we need a volunteer! (2) Filling the 2020 guest speaker schedule. If you have a suggestion, please let Christine or I know, and (3) Staying on top of the plans for RAD 2019. We attended a meeting with the Garrison Commander and leadership of many local Veteran Service Organizations and the City of Huntsville. There are still many questions that need to be resolved regarding VSO and vendor participation!

Have a great month and stay safe! Hope to see many of you at the tournament on the 20th and for lunch on the 25th!

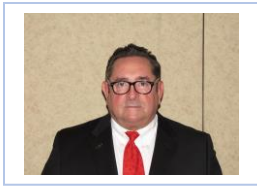
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Member Meeting 25 September Guest Speaker is Rae Barthel from the Tut Fann Veterans Home

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Legislative Corner

Lt Col Charles Clements, USAF-Ret

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“All politics is local.”

The Senate voted in early August to send a two-year budget deal to President Donald Trump’s desk for signature. The agreement sets new spending levels for FY 2020 and FY 2021 and suspends the debt limit until July 2021. The House has also approved the agreement. With the budget deal under wraps, senators have headed home for the August recess.

These important issues require your immediate attention. Send your elected officials a MOAA-suggested message today. Look for the prepared letters at the MOAA.org website under Legislative Action Center

- **Do Not Dismantle Military Medicine**
The readiness and effectiveness of America’s armed forces demand a full complement of well-trained medical professionals. But the Defense Department’s fiscal 2020 budget would eliminate roughly 20 percent of military medical positions, along with other reorganization measures. This shortsighted “reform” effort could have drastic, even deadly, consequences on the battlefield and throughout American health care.
- **Ensure Safe Housing for Military Families**
When military families face health threats in their homes, it can be harder for servicemembers to focus on their mission. Congress is considering legislation to address health threats in base housing—by remediating environmental hazards, establishing strong tenants’ rights procedures, and restoring proper oversight of construction and maintenance contractors.
- **Let’s Put an End to the Widows Tax**
The House version of the annual defense bill contains a provision to end what’s commonly referred to as the widow’s tax.
- **Act Now to Help Veteran Caregivers**
The Transparency and Effective Accountability Measures (TEAM) for Veteran Caregivers Act improves the veterans caregiver program by ensuring all caregivers are included in the veterans’ medical records, establishing a minimum standard of information in downgrade notification letters, and extending benefits for at least 90 days after a termination letter is sent for cases where a veteran is deemed “no longer clinically eligible” for the program.

COLA Watch: The July CPI is 1.6% above the FY 2019 COLA baseline. Go to <http://huntsvillemoaa.org>. Look on our webpage under Legislative Affairs for September 2019; there are five articles I invited you to read: USS Ford Updates, USMC Base in Alaska, B-1 Bomber Readiness, Tips for Using TRICARE Overseas and Expansion to Military Shopping.

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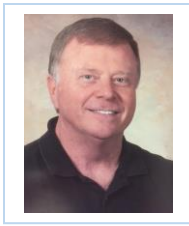
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Main Exchange

Check out our big screen TV's selection—now is the time to get your gear for all the college games! OLED 65 inch and 4K 75 inch to impress anyone.

Just in time for the holidays – Traeger grill/smokers on sale! Included is a free shelf! Hickory and mesquite pellets also on sale.

The Exchange values your opinion. Please take a moment to tell them how they are doing. The link information is on your receipt or go to <https://surveymonkey.com/s/MyExchSurvey>.

For those without an Exchange STAR card – apply and your first day of purchases at the Exchange are 10% off! Plus, check out the Daily Specials! As always shop early for best selection.

Shopette

Every month a new Limited Time Special and Spirit of the Month—both have many special prices on your favorites! Check out the monthly promotions and save.

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

Also, don't forget - Rug Doctor and Red Box are available at the Redstone Express.

Commissary

September has Labor Day promos on meats, butts and ribs, case lot sales, National Honey month promo and Hispanic Heritage month promo (promotion & likely a demo of Hispanic food). And be sure to visit the International Isle and select from German, Italian, Hispanic, and some other countries cuisine.

For end of summer savings visit your commissary for many promotional sales through 8 September. One of my favorites Talenti Vanilla Fudge Cookie Gelato 10 oz - save 15%. Plus, Schick Hydro Cartridges - save almost 50%. Philadelphia Neufchatel Cheese 8 oz - 42% off.

Halloween candy has already arrived! Be sure to stock up for all the Trick-or-Treaters.

Finally - new at your commissary – Suja and Humm brands of Kombucha in various flavors. Kimchi – in both mild and spicy!

Need Addresses

None this month

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

Persons to contact are:

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



Lunch & Learn

Diabetic Neuropathy

Presented by:

Dr. John Roberts



Fox Army Health Center

Fox Den (Basement Classroom)

Thursday, September 26, 2019

12:00pm-1:00pm

1.2 Nursing CE's available

Everyone is invited to attend; no reservation required.

For addition information please call 256-955-8888 EXT: 1433

**Note: FAHC will be closed on 25 September
all day for training**



Surviving Spouse's Luncheon

Mrs. Carrie Hightower
256-882-3992

Hope everyone had a great summer despite the heat.
Our luncheon for Thursday, September 19th, will be at Gibson's Restaurant, 3319 Memorial Parkway
SW in Huntsville. Phone: 256-886-8742.
Everyone will be called.

Surviving Spouse Corner: Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter

Members of MOAA's Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter meet quarterly via teleconference to share information and ideas.

MOAA's Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter is an affinity group whose members can share information and ideas in a virtual environment with others seeking to work together adjusting to a new "normal."

The Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter meets quarterly through a teleconference. Eventually, we hope to have all 50 states represented in our membership. There are no dues, and this chapter is intended to be an enhancement to, not take the place of, geographic chapters. Several weeks in advance of each meeting, an email is sent to members alerting them to the date and time of the gathering; a follow-on email with instructions for joining the free telephone conference is sent several days prior to each meeting. The call is kept to about one hour, and topics for discussion have included SBP-DIC offset updates, financial discussions, and information from MOAA national as well as other items of interest. Plans currently are underway for a cruise in fall 2020.

We recognize everyone has busy lives; therefore, members participate to the extent they are able. While the chapter is geared toward surviving spouses and surviving spouse liaisons, any MOAA spouse is welcome for membership. MOAA's mantra "Never Stop Serving" is espoused to make a difference locally, statewide, and nationally.

For additional information or to join MOAA's Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter, email mssvc02@gmail.com. An online application also is available.





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

Patience Under Abuse

When Dr. Lyman Beecher was asked why he did not reply to a letter of criticism against him, he responded by telling the following story: "One evening as I walked through a field toward my home, I encountered one of nature's most undesirable of all creatures. I had several books in my hands which I began to throw at the creature. Unfortunately, the result of my actions was a horrible smell produced by that animal—a skunk. I determined that such an animal should be left alone."

This should also be our attitude toward those who criticize or cross our path presenting undesirable characteristics to us. The negative response our flesh would like to give can only create a greater evil to give can only create a greater evil to our testimony. What aroma will our lives present to God? One that is sweet smelling sacrifice should exemplify our lives, not an offensive odor displeasing to God.

"And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma (Ephesians 5:2, NKJV)."



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:

Membership Statistics

Total Members: 370
Regular Members: 305
Surviving Spouses: 65

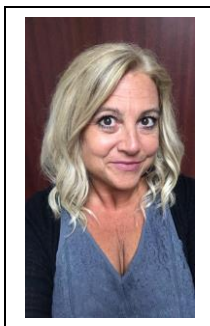
New this month: 4
Deaths this month: 0
Renewals: 0

**Welcome New Members to
Huntsville Chapter MOAA**

COL James Moentmann, USA
LTC Douglas Schuetz, USA
Mrs. Myrna Griffiths
COL Donald Baker, USA

Recruiting

You are our best recruiter. If you have a friend, colleague or co-worker who is eligible to join MOAA, or who already belongs to MOAA National – bring him/her to a Chapter meeting. You would be doing both them and the Chapter a favor.



Membership Meeting
25 September 2019
1100 – Summit Club

Guest Speaker: Ms. Rae Barthel
Activities Director, Tut Fann Veterans Home

Rae Barthel is the Activity Director at Floyd E. Tut Fann State Veterans Home. Her primary role and responsibility is enhancing each of the 150 residents' overall quality of life by providing an ongoing activity program designed to meet their interests, physical, and psychosocial well-being. Originally employed in the role of Administrative Assistant, after two years Rae realized that her creativity, interest in military history, and understanding of military life, made her better suited for the role of Activity Director, a position which she has now held for two years. Community outreach and volunteer program support are integral components of a successful activity program, and one of the reasons why Rae is here today.

Rae is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison with degrees in International Relations and French. She is a military spouse, married for 24 years to retired MAJ Thomas Barthel, who is currently employed at AMCOM G-3/5. Rae is also a proud military mother; her son Michael is an Army SPC4 who is a 15W (Grey Eagle Operator) and her daughter Lauren is a ROTC Cadet at Loyola University Chicago and is looking at joining Army Space Command. Her youngest son, Matthew, is a junior at Huntsville High School and is interested in a career in commercial aviation. The Barthel family resides in SE Huntsville.

Menu: Pulled Pork, Baked Chicken, Baked Beans, Green Beans, Peach Cobbler & 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 21 September 2019



HCMOAA Treasurer's Report July 2019

Submitted by Lt Col Charles T. Clements, USAF (Ret.)

1. The July 2019 Treasurer's Report is presented herein. It was reviewed by the Governing Board and forwarded for membership approval at the August 2019 meeting.

2. Monthly Summary:

	Operating Funds	Savings
Starting Balance	\$ 5,588.12	\$ 8,002.73
Income	\$ 40.00	\$ 0.21
Expenses	\$ 814.06	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 4,816.06	\$ 8,002.94

3. Notable income: Revenue from dues.

4. Notable expenses: Payments for the membership meeting meals for May and printing the newsletter.

5. Chapter savings account activity was limited to interest.

6. The Chapter re-invested a Certificate of Deposit (CD) with Wells Fargo Bank on 19 March 2019. The CD was opened for \$8,174.85 and the current balance is \$8,245.37. The funds represented by this CD are 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 2019

None

Total received for August:	\$0
Total received FY19 to date:	\$1020



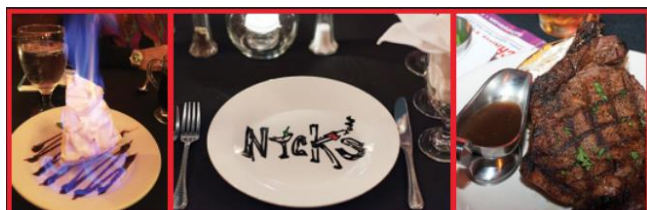
Avoid Bug Bites on Vacation with these Tips

It's common to see an increase of bugs in the summer months, which can be annoying. But more than that, some bugs, like mosquitoes and ticks, carry harmful diseases. If you're traveling to areas where they may be a higher chance of getting malaria from mosquitoes or tick-borne diseases like Lyme disease, take steps to avoid these bugs and others.

When preparing for a trip, here's what you should do before you go:

- **Check your destination for health risks:** On the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website, you can select your destination to find health information.
- **Bug-proof yourself:** The CDC recommends visiting your doctor at least a month before your trip to get any vaccines or medicines that you may need. A yellow fever vaccine is available for travelers, but not one for tick-borne diseases. There may be other CDC-recommended vaccines depending on your travel plans. However, TRICARE may not cover these vaccines. Confirm that your routine vaccines are up to date, especially before traveling overseas.
- **Schedule routine care:** Make sure you and your family get routine care covered by your benefit before you leave. And fill any prescriptions you may need while traveling ahead of time. If you need to fill a prescription while overseas, go to a military pharmacy if one is nearby, or a retail pharmacy. For a retail pharmacy, you may have to pay for the total amount first and then file a claim for reimbursement.

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During your trip, follow these tips to help prevent bug bites:

- **Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellent:** According to the EPA, using the right insect repellent can discourage mosquitoes, ticks, and other insects from landing on you and biting you.
- **Apply protection:** If you're using sunscreen, apply it first, let it dry, and then apply insect repellent.
- **Wear protective clothes:** As much as possible, wear long pants and sleeves.
- **Avoid bug bites when sleeping:** Sleep in places that are air conditioned or screened against bugs.

It's Bug Week at the Military Health System. Learn more about the risks of bug-borne diseases and preventive measures to follow to take command of your health. And learn more about what your TRICARE benefit covers.



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Membership Application or Renewal Confirmation

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

2019 Level of Excellence Awards

Every year, MOAA's affiliates compete to receive a four- or five-star Levels of Excellence Award. The very best councils and chapters receive five-star awards, while above-average councils and chapters receive four-star awards.

This award is based on the 2018 calendar year programs and events and evaluates how well a council or chapter satisfies criteria established by MOAA National.

Your Huntsville, Alabama Chapter won the 5-star award for 2019. That makes seven years in a row.

VA Partnering with Microsoft to Get Rural Veterans Online

The Department of Veterans Affairs is working with Microsoft to bring internet connectivity to veterans in the most rural pockets of the country – making it easier to schedule health care appointments, refill prescriptions, check GI Bill benefits, and utilize all of the VA’s other offerings.

Through a new [partnership](#), Microsoft and VA leaders are identifying prime locations to bring broadband internet access. Microsoft then taps into its [Airband project](#) initiative to work with on-the-ground internet providers to either extend existing networks or construct new networks. Then it is up to individuals to subscribe to an internet service plan and pay for the monthly service charge. The three-year partnership was signed in April.

“I hope veterans engage in VA health care to really achieve their health goals, and really any goals they may have that they’re pursuing,” said Christine Eickhoff, a health system specialist for the VA’s Office of Community Engagement. “I hope rural veterans see how VA is exploring collaborations in the community and really innovative partnerships to help reach veterans, regardless of their ZIP code, so those veterans can work with the VA and use the benefits and services they’ve earned to achieve any of their goals.”

There are more than 4.7 million veterans living in rural communities, Eickhoff said. Of those, 2.7 million are enrolled in the VA, but about 1 million don’t have access to broadband connectivity that would allow them to use many portions of [the VA’s website](#).

Leaders from the VA and Microsoft are using maps from the Federal Communications Commission that list dead zones – where internet connectivity is limited or nonexistent – and overlapping that data with the VA’s maps of rural veteran communities. Possible communities that could be prioritized are in New Mexico, Missouri, Arizona, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida, and Northern and Southern California, according to the VA.

Eickhoff said the partnership not only will benefit the VA-enrolled veterans who don’t have internet connectivity, but it may also galvanize the nearly 2 million veterans in rural communities to enroll in VA services and benefits.

Having access to the VA’s website means veterans can engage with their providers without worrying about scheduling a babysitter, taking time off from work, or driving long distances. They’ll be able to refill prescriptions at night, access health records to bring to specialists, and send secure messages to providers, Eickhoff said.

Connecting to the website also allows veterans in distress to have a direct line to mental health care providers. Over the past year, VA leaders have been searching for ways to bring awareness and prevent veteran suicides beyond the phone crisis line, and rural veterans are one of the target groups leaders have devoted resources toward.

“This is one of the ways in which we can help veterans,” Eickhoff said. “Data has shown that veterans or those who don’t engage in health services are at an increased risk for suicidal ideations or acting on that inclination. If veterans have increased access to health care services and engage more, it may be the case that that risk is reduced.”

In addition to health care, internet connectivity will allow veterans to enrich their lives by enrolling in online college courses or applying for jobs, said Shelley McKinley, Microsoft’s Head of Technology and Corporate Responsibility.

“When you look at data around employment rates and educational attainment, people in rural areas don’t have the same opportunities as their counterparts,” McKinley said. “This has been a step forward in closing that connectivity gap.”

Microsoft has pledged to connect 3 million people by the end of 2022, including veterans. “We’ve known since we started the Airband project this is a population that disproportionately lives in a rural area,” McKinley said. “This is a population that we could really help. It has so much potential to improve the lives of the veterans in this country.”



25 Birthdays in September

MAJ James L Stanley, USMC
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MAJ Joe H Williams, USA
Mrs. Ursula Spicer
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LTC John C Franks, USA
LTC James O Holland, USA
CPT Richard J Pella, USA
CW4 James E Keirstead, USA
Col Kenneth T Taylor, USMC
COL Steven S Debusk, USA
Lt Col Claude R Baldwin Jr, USMC
Mrs. Kathleen Weinberg

COL Robert M O'Donnell, USA
MAJ Larry N Levaas, USA
LTC Peter D Schofield, USA
LTC Linda L Green, USA
Col Donald F Kimminau, USAF
CAPT Scott W Witt, USN
MAJ Richard C Hudgens, USA
Maj Leroy Huntington, USAF
Maj James M Tynan, USAF
LTC Andre M Cota-Robles, USA
Mrs. Ann Eittreim
Mrs. Margot J Chabot

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

The Golf Committee Needs You

It's that time again. Initial planning is underway for the 2019 Scholarship Golf Tournament. You don't need to know anything about golf or commit an excessive amount of time – you can volunteer as much or as little as you see fit. The following are some of the ways you can help:

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



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



TAPS

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

Barbara Morfenski - wife of Maj Edward Morfenski, USAF-Ret, passed away on 28 March 2019

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



Prevent Mosquito-Borne Illness in the U.S. and Overseas

Did you know that there're more than 3,000 species of mosquitoes worldwide? Most cause nothing more than an itch. But three species bear most of the responsibility for the spread of certain serious diseases.

The following serious diseases are mosquito-borne:

- **Malaria.** In 2017, the World Health Organization estimates there were 219 million cases of malaria worldwide. More than 90% of those cases are in Africa. If you're traveling to Africa, talk to your doctor about medications to prevent malaria. If symptoms arise, a doctor can diagnose malaria with a blood test.
- **Yellow fever.** Tropical or subtropical areas of South America or Africa are common for yellow fever. If you plan to travel to these areas, you should consider getting vaccinated. There's also an ongoing yellow fever outbreak in Brazil. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that if you haven't received the yellow fever vaccine, postpone your travel to Brazil. TRICARE covers the yellow fever vaccine or other vaccines required for overseas travel for active duty family members who are traveling with their sponsor on official travel or permanent change of station orders.
- **Zika.** The CDC warns that the Zika virus presents additional risk for pregnant women. While it doesn't usually require hospitalization, consider delaying travel to areas where the virus is active if you're pregnant. This includes parts of South America, Central America, and the Caribbean. Check the world map of areas with risk of Zika for the latest information.
- **West Nile virus.** The leading cause of mosquito-borne disease in the U.S. is West Nile virus, according to the CDC. You'll find cases of West Nile virus during mosquito season, which starts in the summer and continues through the fall.

Mosquitoes can spread dangerous diseases no matter where you are. Here are some ways that you can prevent mosquito bites and reduce your chances of getting sick:

- Wear long sleeves and pants when exploring outdoors, especially at night.
- Use an insect repellent that's registered with the Environmental Protection Agency. Be sure to follow the product label instructions and reapply as directed.
- Sleep in an air-conditioned or well-screened room.

Take command of your health this summer and stay alert in the fight against mosquito-borne diseases.



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To sign up, mail this form and a check made out to **HCMOAA** to:

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P.O. Box 1301
Huntsville, AL 35807

You do NOT need a foursome to register!

PLAYER 1: _____	Email: _____
Phone: _____	Need Base Access? Yes ____ No ____
PLAYER 2: _____	Email: _____
Phone: _____	Need Base Access? Yes ____ No ____
PLAYER 3: _____	Email: _____
Phone: _____	Need Base Access? Yes ____ No ____
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Chapter Happenings – August Member Meeting



Some 70 people, the largest crowd in years, attended the August member meeting with guest speaker Congressman Mo Brooks





TRAFFIC ADVISORY

August 12, 2019

Goss Road Turn-around Closure, Aug. 19 – Nov. 1

The turn-around to reach Goss Road from Rideout Road southbound will be closed August 19 – November 1, 2019 to allow for construction of a new intersection that will allow access to the new development east of Rideout Road.

While the turn-around is closed, motorists may access Goss Road from Rideout Road southbound by continuing south and taking the next left turn onto Homestead Road and then completing another left turn back onto northbound Rideout Road. Please use caution in this area and yield to approaching traffic.



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History of Labor Day

Labor Day: What it Means

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contribution's workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

Labor Day Legislation

The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed in 1885 and 1886. From these, a movement developed to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During 1887, four more states – Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York – created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

Founder of Labor Day

More than a century after the first Labor Day observance, there is still some doubt as to who first proposed the holiday for workers.

Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold."

But Peter McGuire's place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday. Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. What is clear is that the Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.

The First Labor Day

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a law making the first Monday in September of each year a national holiday.

A Nationwide Holiday

The form that the observance and celebration of Labor Day should take was outlined in the first proposal of the holiday — a street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and

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amusement of the workers and their families. This became the pattern for the celebrations of Labor Day. Speeches by prominent men and women were introduced later, as more emphasis was placed upon the economic and civic significance of the holiday. Still later, by a resolution of the American Federation of Labor convention of 1909, the Sunday preceding Labor Day was adopted as Labor Sunday and dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement.

The character of the Labor Day celebration has changed in recent years, especially in large industrial centers where mass displays and huge parades have proved a problem. This change, however, is more a shift in emphasis and medium of expression. Labor Day addresses by leading union officials, industrialists, educators, clerics, and government officials are given wide coverage in newspapers, radio, and television.

The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pays tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership – the American worker. III

Support the Scholarship Golf Tournament **Sponsor a Hole!**

You can personally support this great event by purchasing one or more individual hole sign(s). Signs are placed on the tees throughout the golf course during the tournament. Sponsorship by an individual person/family is \$100 (of which \$75 is tax-deductible).



To sponsor a hole (sample sign to the left), send a check made out to HCMOAA to HCMOAA, PO Box 1301, Huntsville AL 35807

Please include a message to the golfers!

Anonymous sponsorships are also greatly appreciated!

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Bruce Robinson, 256-426-0525 or brucer76@knology.net

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 invaded Poland, starting World War II (1939)
- 1 September – Colonel Muammar Gaddafi overthrew the Libyan government (1969)
- 2 September – Labor Day
- 2 September – US Treasury established (1789)
- 2 September – Formal Japanese surrender aboard the *USS Missouri* in Tokyo Bay (1945)
- 2 September – Gov George Wallace halted public school integration at Tuskegee High School (1963)
- 3 September – Great Britain and France declared war on Nazi Germany (1939)
- 4 September – The island of Manhattan was discovered by Henry Hudson (1609)
- 6 September – Leningrad was renamed Saint Petersburg (1991)
- 6 September – Golf Meeting - Links @ Redstone**
- 7 September – Brazil declared its independence from Portugal (1822)
- 7 September – Germany's parliament, the Bundestag, returned to Berlin (1999)
- 8 September – A hurricane struck Galveston, Texas, killing over 8,000 persons (1900)
- 9 September – North Korea established (1948)
- 11 September – 9/11 attacks in NYC, the Pentagon & Pennsylvania (2001)
- 12 September – Monthly Board Meeting – Java Cafe**
- 12-15 September – Redstone Arsenal Oktoberfest – MWR Activity Field
- 13 September – Golf Meeting - Links @ Redstone**
- 14 September – Monthly Breakfast – City Café Diner**
- 14 September – Princess Grace of Monaco died (1982)
- 15 September – Tanks were first used in combat (1916)
- 16 September – General Motors was founded (1908)
- 18 September – The US Air Force was established (1947)
- 19 September – U.S. troops invaded Haiti (1994)
- 20 September – Scholarship Golf Tournament – Links @ Redstone**
- 22 September – President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation (1862)
- 23 September – Autumnal Equinox
- 25 September – Monthly Member Meeting – Summit Club**
- 26 September – First televised presidential debate between Kennedy & Nixon (1960)
- 28 September – California discovered (1542)
- 29 September – US Army established (1789)
- 30 September – Actor James Dean was killed in a car crash in California (1955)

