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Newsletter to Members

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NEXT MEETING SATURDAY, July 30, 2011 BRIAR CLUB

President's Message

My health report: I Feel fresh in the morning, ready to climb a mountain, then I take ten steps, and I'm ready to sit down, with no stamina whatsoever.

Last month started out with my "team" of doctors (about seven) watching over me. They looked all the way down to my liver and kidneys and brought me to the consciousness of a scarring on lung, a general scarring that old folks get, nothing new about that. I felt like they told me in general, "we'll keep you in good health and if everything holds together, you'll just drift down to the end, and one day you won't wake up," or the equivalent of that. (Smile.)

Elizabeth reminds me to tell you that I'm not walking well. And I'm not driving—I'm letting Elizabeth do that. I was told by my liver doctor that my liver damage may have started in Japan when I had jaundice as a young soldier, and here I am today with the consequences. So tell your children and grandchildren to "be careful when you're little, because when you're old, every day counts."

I keep thinking I'll recover, because I get up feeling fine, then I run down quickly, with no energy, and then I lie around the rest of the day. My liver doctor told me, "Mr. Causey, you've earned your way in this world, so take advantage of what you've earned, so lay back and enjoy what you can." She's the best, and I give her special praise and thanks, because she, God, and Elizabeth have kept me going.

Thanks to everybody for keeping things rolling, especially our First Vice President Capt. Eggleston. I'm sorry my stamina has waned. I hope to make it to the July board meeting, but I believe that I will need to step down from the office at the end of the year, so we need somebody to get ready to step up to the post.

James C. "Jim" Causey, President
COL (ret.) USA



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**MOAA Houston Area
Board Meeting**

**Tues. July 26, 11:30
Rudi Lechner's
2503 S. Gessner**

All members are welcome!

**Future meetings
at Rudi Lechner's
8/23 9/20 10/25 11/29**

**MOAA
Houston Area
Monthly Meeting
and Luncheon**

**July 30, 2011
11:30
Briar Club**

2603 Timmons Lane
Houston, TX 77027
(713) 622-3667

Menu

Lettuce Wedge Salad

Margarita Chicken

or

Tilapia Veronique
(Grapes, Pine Nuts, Pernod
Cream Sauce)

Au Gratin Potatoes
Vegetable

Rolls and Butter
Water and Coffee*

White Chocolate Lemon
Cheesecake

\$30.50

Reservations to Jeannette
Evans, 281.495.2202, by
10 a.m. on Wed. 7/27/11

**BRIAR CLUB ADDS A
\$5 PENALTY FOR EACH
RESERVATION NOT
RECEIVED BY THE
WEDNESDAY MORNING
BEFORE THE MEETING!**

* Tea is now \$1 extra

Future MOAA-HA Meetings

8/27 9/24 10/29
11/17 MOWA/Forest Club
12/3 (SATURDAY NIGHT)
Christmas Party at Vargo's
12/5 Cruise Departs Galveston

**Military Officers Wives
Association**

MOWA

**July and August
We are on vacation.**

See you in September.

September 15, 2011 - Junior League
October 20, 2011 - Vargo's
November 17, 2011 - Forest Club*
December 15, 2011 - Junior League

**Note New Venue: The November
meeting, to which all MOAA
members are invited, will be at the
Forest Club this year.*

MOAA-HA

**\$ Treasurer's Report
July 1, 2011**

Receipts	\$1,575.00
Expenses	\$1,990.13
Balance	\$7,112.87

*Martin J. Harris, Treas.
Maj USMC Ret.*

*P.S. We are about halfway toward
being in the black for our 5
December Christmas cruise aboard
Carnival's *Triumph* from Galveston,
and we need your support. When is
the last time you were on a 7-day
cruise for two? It is about time!*

*Send your entry forms (copy from
each newsletter) and payment to:*

**MARTIN J. HARRIS
3902 E PEACH HOLLOW CIR
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From Our Chaplain



CAPT Kerry Magee

**SHALOM! PEACE BE
WITH YOU!**

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence? Five signers were captured by the British as traitors and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned.. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War. They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. What kind of men were they?

Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners, men of means, well educated, but they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKeam was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay,

and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of **Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.**

At the battle of Yorktown, **Thomas Nelson, Jr.**, noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters.

He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished. Some of us take these liberties so much for granted, but we shouldn't.

So, take a few minutes while enjoying your 4th of July holiday—and even afterward as you reflect on the birth of our country—and thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid.

Remember: freedom is never free!

GOD BLESS Y'ALL!

*Kerry B. Magee
CAPT USNR-RET*

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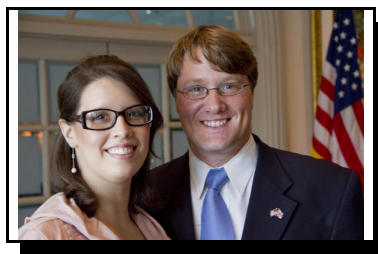
We are off to a slow start on our scholarship fundraising Cruise. Times are tough I know, prices are up, incomes are stagnated. That's all the more reason to take a chance, and it is a good one, on our Cruise. Just think: during the cold, dreary days you may very well be enjoying your favorite refreshment while cruising the beautiful blue Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea. Remember each entry is only \$10, and anyone can purchase one, either through Martin Harris or Cruise Cats. Tickets are in this Newsletter. Get your friends and family to buy an entry! We know they would like to support our scholarship fund. And if you win and don't want to go on the cruise, what a great Christmas present that would be for some special couple! Remember: That \$10 ticket can win a Cruise for TWO! (See page 7 for entry form.)

*William Taylor
Cpt. USA Ret.*

Military Order of World Wars

Meets the 4th Thursday
for Luncheons at
Rudi Lechner's Restaurant,
2503 S. Gessner.
Our members are invited to attend.

Report on our Speaker June 25



Jonathan Churchill-Sandys
and wife Sarah

What a treat our June speaker was! **Jonathan Churchill-Sandys**, a great-grandson of Winston Churchill, gave a rousing, patriotic, pride-in-America talk, as he opened by thanking our members for their "service to the cause of freedom and democracy." He added, "Thank you for being prepared to give your lives."

He brought tears to some eyes with his comments about America's strength. We are fortunate that Jonathan has chosen to live here in Houston and that he is so proud of the United States of America. He told us of a conversation between Churchill and FDR at Yalta, where it was discussed—and maybe even agreed—that after the War, Great Britain would become the 49th state. But Roosevelt died, and that was that. A granddaughter of Churchill's heard about that conversation, but there were no witnesses.

Jonathan gave us examples of the visionary talents of his great-grandfather—even predicting WWII at age 13—and it let us imagine what the world would be like today had his warnings been heeded. He quoted his great-grandfather speaking of our two countries as "one nation divided only by a giant bathtub of water." He said Sir Winston said that "Britons can't make a good cup of coffee, but Americans can't make a good cup of tea—so it's an even swap!"

More seriously, Jonathan talked about the many times Winston Churchill tried to warn his country about the coming evil of Adolf Hitler and the possibility of a world at war, and even later of the rise of Communist Russia and

China. One of the most interesting stories he told was unknown to most, if not all, of us in the room. In 1932 Churchill visited battlefields of World War I on a speaking tour, and one of his stops was Berlin. He tried to arrange a visit with Hitler, and was granted an appointment. While waiting to see Hitler, Churchill made a remark to Hitler's aide, something like: "About Hitler's position on the Jews, it may be a great beginner, but it is a bad sticker." Apparently the aide relayed this comment to Hitler, because the meeting was canceled. Later that evening, Churchill was dining in a Berlin restaurant, and Hitler was standing outside, but did not enter. Hitler was there, standing right outside, for a very long time, failing to enter the restaurant. The two men could have met right then and there, but it did not happen. Jonathan is writing a play, which he hopes to debut in Houston in a year or two, about that event and what that conversation would have been like, had Hitler gone into that restaurant and sat down with Winston Churchill that night in 1932 in Berlin.

Also while visiting Germany, Winston Churchill saw bands of Teutonic youth in their brown uniforms in November of 1932, and he knew what Hitler was planning to do. He tried to warn all in Parliament, including the Prime Minister. Jonathan gave many examples of the refusal of then Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin to listen to his great-grandfather's warnings and speculated how different history might have been if it were otherwise. Jonathan

emphasized many times that the cause of peace is strength—not weakness or pacification. A speech Churchill gave on August 13, 1938, advocated that England "choose between war and shame."

Jonathan related stories of happenings at Chartwell, Sir Winston's family home. One involved Dundee Cake, a favorite of Winston's (made with fruit and almonds). His wife Clementine had put Winston on a belt-tightening budget, which meant no Dundee Cake at tea unless they had guests. So Winston began inviting guests from all over, every day, for tea at Chartwell, so he would not miss his beloved Dundee Cake.

Jonathan also related the famous story of Socialist Bessie Braddock, who once said to Churchill: "Sir, you are drunk." And Churchill replied: "Madam, you are ugly. But in the morning, I shall be sober."

In the Q&A session following his talk, Jonathan was asked what he thought of the return of the Churchill bust by the present administration in Washington. You can probably guess his response.

One of my favorite Winston Churchill quotes is this: "The whole history of the world is summed up in the fact that, when nations are strong, they are not always just, and when they wish to be just, they are no longer strong." Jonathan Churchill-Sandys emphasized the sentiments of that quote well in all of his words to us. Great job! –Ed.



Jonathan Churchill-Sandys
with CAPT. Eggleston

More Photos From Our June Meeting

Thanks to the ever-faithful Andy Parsons for more great photos!



New Members
Bob & Jo Buebe, Army



Welcome back Wayne Ritter,
AF, with Dottie Donnow



Joellen Keefer, guest of
Jeanette Evans



Linda Condon, guest of
Andy & Bobbye Parsons

More Photos From Our June Meeting



Charles & Henrietta Siragusa,
Army



Welcome back Martha Morris



Drawing Winner Wayne Ritter
with Maj. Martin Harris USMC



Statues of Winston Churchill
shared by Joellen Keefer



Odds and Ends

An interesting letter attributed to the *Australian Shooter Magazine*:

If you consider that there has been an average of 160,000 troops in the Iraq theater of operations during the past 22 months, and a total of 2112 deaths, that gives a firearm death rate of 60 per 100,000 soldiers.

The firearm death rate in Washington, D.C., is 80.6 per 100,000 for the same period.

That means you are about 25 percent more likely to be shot and killed in the U.S. capital, which has some of the strictest gun control laws in the U.S., than you are in Iraq.

Conclusion: The United States should pull out of Washington.

Definitions

ADULT:
A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

BEAUTY PARLOR:
A place where women curl up and dye.

CHICKENS:
The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

COMMITTEE:
A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

DUST:
Mud with the juice squeezed out.

EGOTIST:
Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

HANDKERCHIEF:
Cold Storage.

INFLATION:
Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

MOSQUITO:
An insect that makes you like flies better.

RAISIN:
A grape with a sunburn.

SECRET:
Something you tell to one person at a time.

SKELETON:
A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.

TOOTHACHE:
The pain that drives you to extraction.

TOMORROW:
One of the greatest labor saving devices of today.

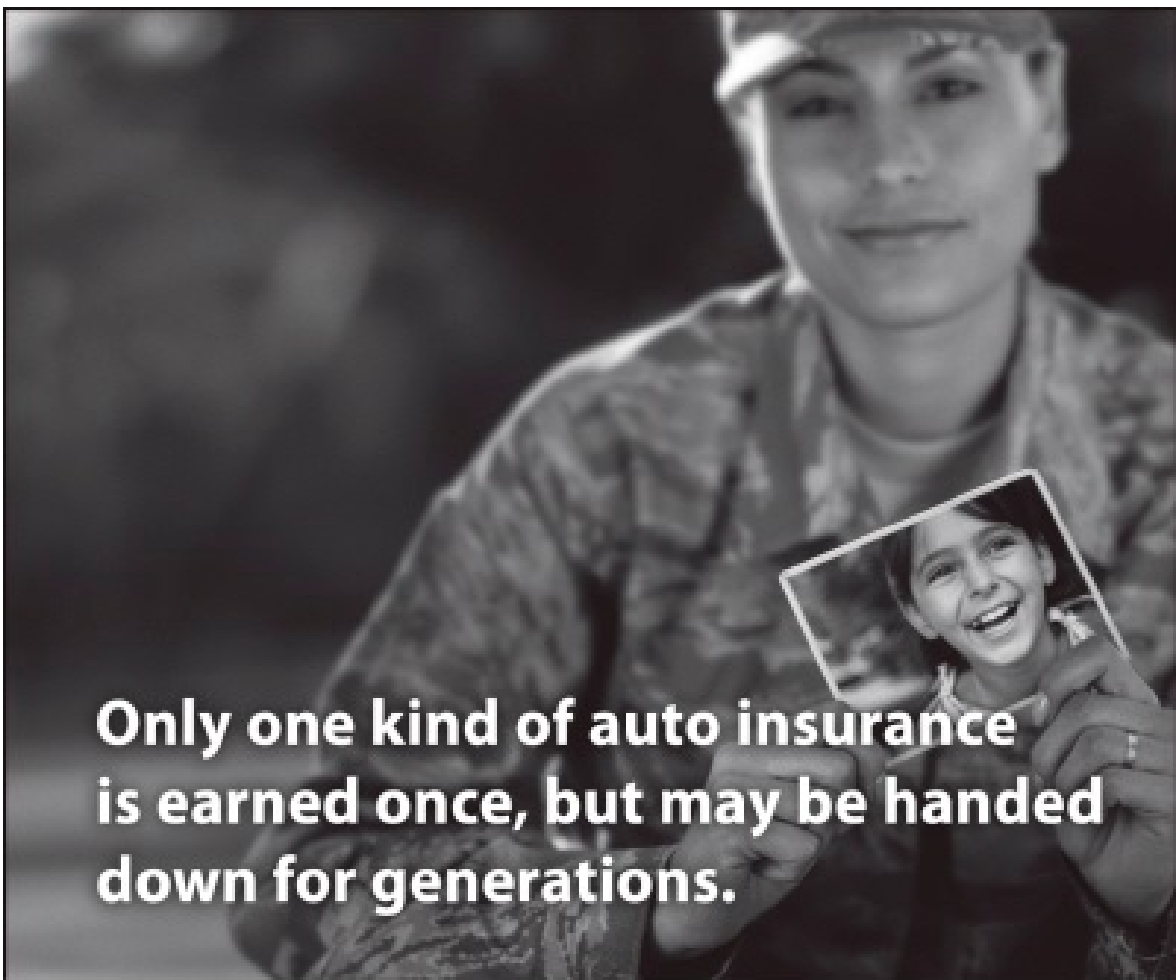
YAWN:
An honest opinion openly expressed.

From Arnold Palmer

Arnold Palmer has this lone framed plaque in his office:

If you think you are beaten,
you are.
If you think you dare not, you
don't.
If you like to win but think
you can't,
It's almost certain that you
won't.

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man,
But sooner or later, those who
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