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Newsletter to Members

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**NEXT MEETING SATURDAY, June 25, 2011 BRIAR CLUB**

## President's Message

That "bump in the road" turned out to be two weeks in the hospital, plus two weeks of recovery at home. Weak was the key word during all this episode. I was not certain of a return to robustness. I felt like I had taken at least two flying passes of the "pearly gates," but didn't have to go in.



Suddenly, about a week ago, my appetite returned. I am now eating a large meal at each sitting. Don't know for certain, but it seems that a small gland on my thyroid gland had been putting out about one half of what a normal small gland should. My personal care physician literally danced into the room and said, "I think I found the problem!" That seems to be "turn around" time for my recovery. Whatever, Elizabeth and I will take it.

Thanks to all who have carried the chapter load for the past several months. Thanks to all and your continued attendance. Could June be a new beginning? We'll see.

Captain Eggleston has arranged a terrific speaker for our June meeting: Jonathan Churchill-Sandys, who is the great grandson of that world-famous Churchill. Come on out and hear his very interesting, informative, and motivational message!

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



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**MOAA Houston Area  
Board Meeting**

**Tues. June 21, 11:30**  
**Rudi Lechner's**  
**2503 S. Gessner**

**Future meetings**  
at Rudi Lechner's

7/26 8/23 9/20 10/25 11/29

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**MOAA  
Houston Area  
Monthly Meeting  
and Luncheon**

**Sat. June 25,**  
**11:30**  
**Briar Club**

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

Lettuce Wedge Salad

Trout Almondine  
or  
Flank Steak\*

Au Gratin Potatoes  
Vegetable

Rolls and Butter  
Coffee - Tea

Assorted Desserts  
\$30

**Reservations** to Jeannette  
Evans, 281.495.2202, by  
**10 a.m.** on Wed. 6/22/11

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

*\*The Briar Club has agreed to  
again offer us two entrees for  
our meetings*

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**Future MOAA-HA  
Meetings**

7/30 8/27 9/24 10/29  
11/17 MOWA/Petroleum Club  
**12/3 (SATURDAY NIGHT)**  
Christmas Party at Vargo's  
12/5 Cruise Departs Galveston

**Military Officers Wives  
Association**

**MOWA**

**June Luncheon**

**Thursday, June 16, 2011**  
**11:30 a.m.**

**Junior League of Houston**  
1811 Briar Oaks Lane  
Houston TX 77027  
713-622-4191

**Menu**

*Appetizer*

Black Bean Tortilla Soup

*Entree*

Mediterranean Grilled Salmon  
w/Garlic, Olives, Parsley &  
Basil, served w/Wild Rice &  
Asparagus

*Dessert*

Pecan Ball  
in JLH Lace Basket  
on 3 Sauces

*Beverages*

Iced Tea & Coffee

**\$26**

RSVP TO: Lucy Somers,  
713-465-2676 by June 14, 2011

MOWA DUES: Send to Shirley  
Hooks

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**MOAA-HA**

**\$ Treasurer's Report**

**June 1, 2011**

Receipts	\$3,446.
Expenses	\$ 196.
Balance	\$7,341.

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

**From Our Chaplain**



CAPT Kerry Magee

**SHALOM!**

**PEACE BE WITH YOU!**

When we think of the month of June, we usually think of Weddings. And those are brought about by LOVE! I read a lot of C.S. Lewis, and these are some of the things he said about LOVE:

“Christian Love, either towards God or towards man, is an affair of the Will. LOVE, in the Christian sense, does not mean an emotion. It is a state not of the feelings but of the Will; that state of the Will which we have naturally about ourselves, and must learn to have about other people. Charity means LOVE. It is called Agape in the New Testament to distinguish it from Eros (sexual love), Storge (family affection), and Philia (friendship). So there are four kinds of LOVE, all good in their proper place, but Agape is the best, because it is the kind God has for us and is good in all circumstances.”

I pray all y'all had a sacred observance of Memorial Day.  
**LEST WE EVER FORGET!**

**GOD BLESS Y'ALL!**

*Kerry B. Magee*  
*CAPT USNR-RET*

## Our Speaker for June 25 Meeting

### Jonathan Churchill-Sandys



Jonathan Churchill-Sandys is the great-grandson of England's wartime

hero, Sir Winston Churchill. He is also director of Houston-based nonprofit, Churchill's Britain Foundation.

Along with his wife Sara, a Houstonian by birth, Jonathan reaches out to students at diverse stages in their education, communicating the morals and values of his great-grandfather and those of that "Greatest Generation" in a vibrant and interactive way to both second graders and graduate students alike.

Though born ten years after his illustrious relative's passing, Jonathan very much credits his legacy as a major positive influence in his life. As a result, Jonathan found the "never-never-never-give-in" attitude of Churchill was what made it possible for him to rise above the challenges of dyslexia and social isolation as a child and become a successful and happy adult. Jonathan's life mission is to use both the experiences of his great-grandfather and his own to encourage and inspire people of all ages and walks of life to "Never Surrender"!

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See you on 6/25!

## Endowment Fund and Houston Corps of Cadets

We are off to a slow start on our December Cruise Giveaway.

Times are tough I know, prices are up, incomes are stagnated, but that's all the more reason to take a chance, and it is a good one, on our Cruise Raffle. Just think: during the cold dreary days you very well may be enjoying your favorite refreshment while cruising the beautiful, blue Gulf of Mexico.

Remember: each cruise entry is only \$10, and anyone can purchase one—either through Martin Harris or CruiseCats. The entry form is on page 7 of this Newsletter. Print out several copies, buy some for yourself, and sell some to your friends! We need your support.

*William Taylor  
Cpt. USA Ret.*

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### Memorable Quotes from Thomas Jefferson

*It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes.  
A principle which if acted on would save one-half the wars of the world.~*

*I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them.~*

*No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms.~*

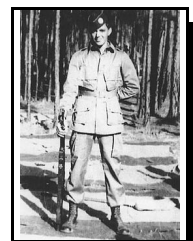
*The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government.~*

*The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants.~*

## "Shifty" —A Real Hero

By Mark Pfeifer

Darrel "Shifty" Powers volunteered for the Airborne in WWII and served with Easy Company of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, part of the



101st Airborne Infantry. If you've seen *Band of Brothers* on HBO or the History Channel, you know Shifty. His character appears in all ten Episodes, and Shifty himself is interviewed in several of them.

I met Shifty in the Philadelphia airport several years ago. I didn't know who he was at the time. I just saw an elderly gentleman having trouble reading his ticket. I offered to help, assured him that he was at the right gate, and noticed the "Screaming Eagle," the symbol of The 101st Airborne, on his hat.

Making conversation, I asked him if he'd been in the 101st Airborne or if his son was serving. He said quietly that he had been in the 101st. I thanked him for his service, then asked him when he served, and how many jumps he made. Quietly and humbly, he said "Well, I guess I signed up in 1941 or so, and was in until sometime in 1945 . . ." at which point my heart skipped.

At that point, again, very humbly, he said, "I made the five training Jumps at Toccoa, and then jumped into

Normandy—do you know where Normandy is?” At this point, my heart stopped. I told him, “Yes, I know exactly where Normandy is, and I know what D-Day was.”

At that point he said, “I also made a second jump into Holland, into Arnheim.”

I was standing with a genuine war hero. And then I realized that it was June, just after the anniversary of D-Day. I asked Shifty if he was on his way back from France, and he said, “Yes . . . And it’s real sad because, these days, so few of the guys are left, and those that are, lots of them can’t make the trip.” My heart was in my throat and I didn’t know what to say.

I helped Shifty get onto the plane and then realized he was back in Coach while I

was in First Class. I sent the flight attendant back to get him and said that I wanted to switch seats. When Shifty came forward, I got up out of the seat and told him I wanted him to have it, that I’d take his in coach.

He said “No, son, you enjoy that seat. Just knowing that there are still some who remember what we did and who still care is enough to make an old man very happy.” His eyes were filling up as he said it. And mine are brimming up now as I write this.

Shifty died on June 17, 2009, after fighting cancer.

There was no parade.

No big event in Staples Center.

No wall-to-wall, back-to-back 24x7 news coverage.

No weeping fans on television.

And that’s not right!!

Let’s give Shifty his own Memorial Service, in our own quiet way, by sharing his story with everyone we know—especially the veterans.

*Note:* Mark Pfiefer was a Dow Jones employee who first wrote the above story in an e-mail message, after he had met Shifty in a Philadelphia airport. The story then took off and went viral—unknown to Mark Pfiefer. Also unknown to Mark Pfiefer was that the story would, in its retelling by e-mail, become credited to Chuck Yeager, which is not correct.

According to Snopes, Pfiefer had no idea that his story had not only taken off through cyberspace, but had given birth to actual memorial services for Shifty every July 20, as detailed on Facebook and Twitter.

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## Photos From Military Ball on May 21, 2011

Thanks to former chapter member, and still member of MOAA, Major John Hankins (USAF Ret’d), for these photos:



Capt. & Mrs. (Jean) Ervin L. Eggleston, USNR (Ret.)



Maj. & Mrs. (Nedra) John Hankins (USAF Ret.) (left); Maj. Gen. & Mrs. (Wanda) Jerry Icenhower, (USA Ret.) (Right)

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*See Cruise Entry on page 7 and enter today!*

## The Final Inspection

The soldier stood and faced God,  
Which must always come to pass.  
He hoped his shoes were shining,  
Just as brightly as his brass.

“Step forward now, soldier ,  
How shall I deal with you?  
Have you always turned the other cheek?  
To My Church have you been true?”

The soldier squared his shoulders and said,  
“No, Lord, I guess I have not.  
Because those of us who carry guns,  
Can’t always be a saint.

“I’ve had to work most Sundays,  
And at times my talk was tough.  
And sometimes I’ve been violent,  
Because the world is awfully rough.

“But, I never took a penny,  
That wasn’t mine to keep . . .  
Though I worked a lot of overtime,  
When the bills just got too steep.

“And I never passed a cry for help,  
Though at times I shook with fear. . .  
And sometimes, God, forgive me,  
I’ve wept unmanly tears.

“I know I don’t deserve a place,  
Among the people here.  
They never wanted me around,  
Except to calm their fears.

“If you’ve a place for me here, Lord,  
It needn’t be so grand.  
I never expected or had too much,  
But if you don’t, I’ll understand.”

There was a silence all around the throne,  
Where the saints had often trod,  
As the soldier waited quietly,  
For the judgment of his God.

“Step forward now, you soldier,  
You’ve borne your burdens well.  
Walk peacefully on Heaven’s streets,  
You’ve done your time in Hell.”

~Author Unknown~

## A Collection of Headlines

(Would you say that proofreading  
is a dying art?)

### **Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife and Daughter**

*This one caught in the SGV Tribune the other day and a call was made to the Editorial Room and asked who wrote this. It took two or three readings before the editor realized that what he was reading was impossible! They put in a correction the next day.*

### **Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says**

*No, really? Ya think?*

### **Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers**

*Now that’s taking things a bit far!*

### **Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over**

*What a guy!*

### **Miners Refuse to Work after Death**

*Good-for-nothin’ lazy so-and-so ’s!*

### **Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant**

*See if that works any better than a fair trial!*

### **War Dims Hope for Peace**

*We can see where it might have that effect!*

### **Enfield ( London ) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide**

*They may be on to something!*

### **Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges**

*You mean there’s something stronger than duct tape? Oklahoma’s new construction program!*

### **Man Struck By Lightning: Faces Battery Charge**

*He probably IS the battery charge!*

### **Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft**

*That’s what he gets for eating those beans!*

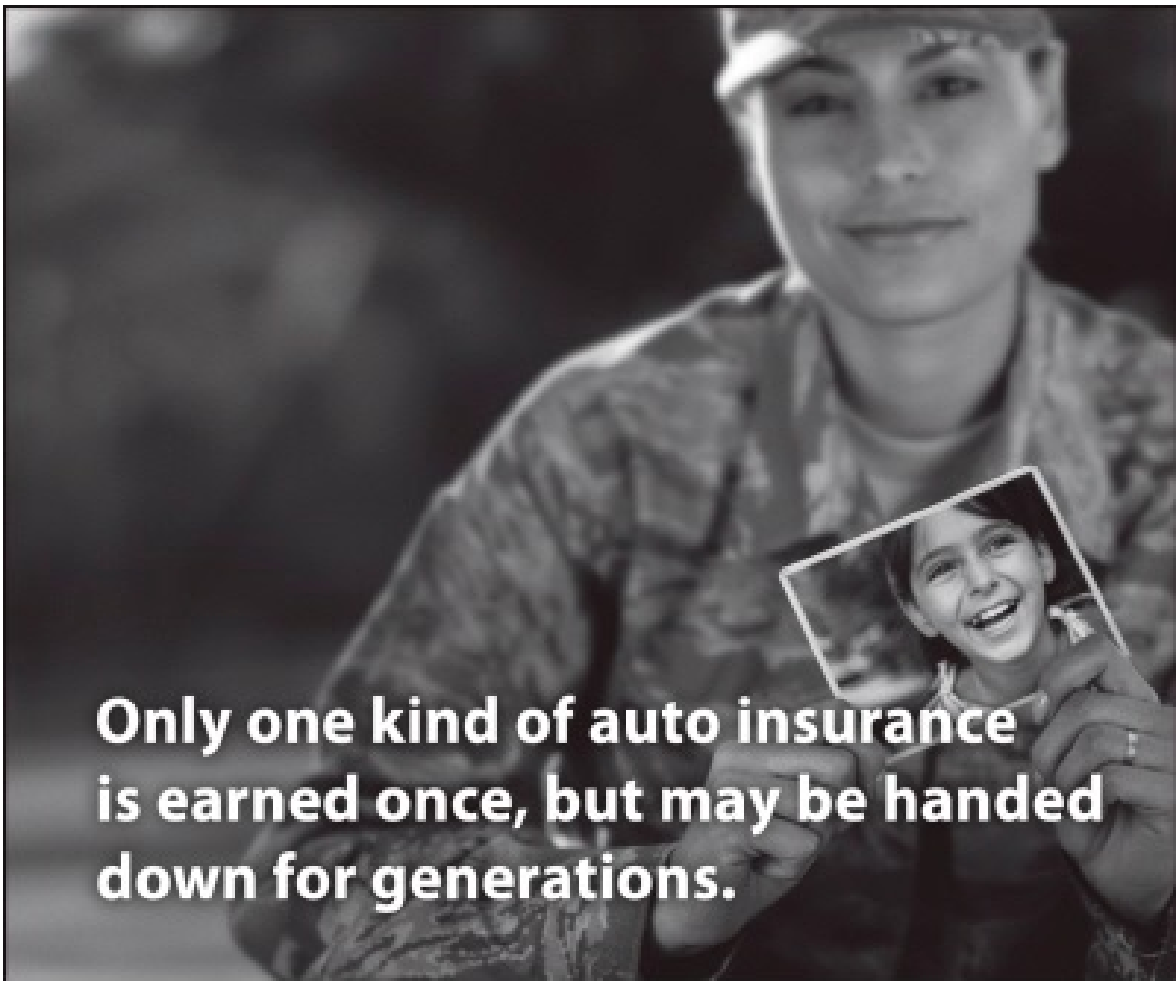
### **Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors**

*Boy, are they tall!*

*And the winner is....*

### **Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead**

*Did I read that right?*



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