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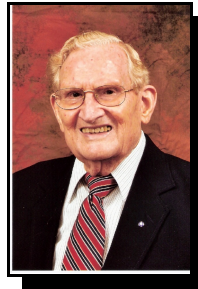
September 2011

NEXT MEETING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

BRIAR CLUB

President's Message

We appreciate the fine attendance at our last meeting. MOAA's National annual meeting will be in San Antonio October 27-29, 2011. Members and their spouses are welcome to attend the three-day event that will include a Levels of Excellence Award ceremony and chapter roundtable discussions. We look forward to an inspirational message from our speaker September 24th.



Thank you,

*Ervin Eggleston, President
Captain USNR Ret.*



MILITARY RETIREE DAY

Maj. Harris has this reminder for us: Remember Saturday, 8 October 2011, at Ellington Field Reserve Center. Enter the new gate, past the "round-about" and go to the big two-story building on the right, behind the flag poles. Hours are 0800-1400 for seminars and one-stop shopping for military ID, wills ,legal, VA, TX Land Board, medical, BX, etc., etc.

MOOA-HA will have a table, and we need manning on 2-hour shifts. This is an excellent opportunity to recruit members to swell our shrinking ranks. Don't miss it and hope to see you at Ellington.

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**MOAA Houston Area
Board Meeting**

Tues. Sept. 20, 11:30
Rudi Lechner's
2503 S. Gessner
All members are welcome!

Future board meetings
at Rudi Lechner's

10/25 11/29

**MOAA
Houston Area
Monthly Meeting
and Luncheon**

**Sat. Sept. 24
11:30**

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

Menu

Lettuce Wedge

Baked Salmon with
Vodka glaze
or
Margarita Chicken

Au Gratin Potatoes

Vegetables

Rolls and Butter

Crepe Bruleé Cheesecake

Iced Tea or Coffee

\$34**

*Reservations to Jeannette
Evans, 281.495.2202
by 10 a.m. Wed. 8/24**

* Briar Club adds a \$5
penalty for late reservations!

**CRUISE DRAWING
AT 9/24 MEETING!**

**Military Officers Wives
Association**

MOWA

September Luncheon

**Thursday, September 15, 2011
11:30 a.m.**

Junior League of Houston
1811 Briar Oaks Oane
Houston TX 77027
(713) 622-4191

Menu

House Salad

Salmon w/Garlic, Olives, Parsley,
and Basil, served with
Wild Rice and Asparagus

Key Lime Pie

Iced Tea and Coffee

\$27

RSVP TO:
Bobbye Parsons, 713-541-3143
by September 13, Noon

MOWA DUES:
Send to Shirley Hooks

\$ MOAA-HA

**Treasurer's Report
September 1, 2011**

Receipts	\$3,163.
Expenses	\$1,765.
Balance	\$6,362.

A big Cougar thank-you to about 30 supporters who purchased more than 120 tickets thus far! You still have time to enter the September 24 drawing for the gala December cruise at our Briar Club luncheon. Need not be present to win. BZ

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

New Members

Welcome to the following
new chapter and auxiliary
members:

LTC Robert V. Buebe, USA
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USA**
Spouse: Mary Ellen
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USA**
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From Our Chaplain



CAPT Kerry Magee

**SHALOM! PEACE BE
WITH YOU!**

None of us will ever forget
what happened to America 10
years ago on Sept. 11, 2001,
America's second Day of
Infamy! That day should
never, never be forgotten! It
should always be
remembered!

Yes, it has been 10 long years
since that tragic day. And yes,
Justice has been achieved and
accomplished! Osama Ben
Linden is DEAD, due to the
courageous, just, swift action
of members of the U.S.

Navy's SEAL Team Six!
God Bless them all!

On Sept. 11, 2001, the lives of more than 3000 of our fellow citizens of the United States—and other nations-- were snuffed out in the most horrific act of war ever committed against our Nation. That day, now called Patriot's Day, is to be revered, honored, and memorialized by all Americans, just as much as has been America's First Day of Infamy. Dec. 7, 1941: as, on both days, forces of evil deliberately attacked the peaceful people of the United States of America.

Once again, young Americans wearing the uniforms of our Armed Forces are engaging yet another enemy to our way of life. Since 2001, they have been fighting the Taliban terrorists in Afghanistan; and for 8 years they have been fighting the war for Iraqi freedom. Many of them have also given their lives to our Nation in the War Against Terrorism. Their ultimate sacrifices should not be in vain and should never, never be forgotten!

GOD BLESS Y'ALL!

Kerry B. Magee
CAPT USNR-RET

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

George McDowell 98

Lucy Sommers 97

Erv Eggleston 88

Endowment Fund and Houston Corps of Cadets

Good News! We have paid for the cruise and now we are making money for the Endowment Fund. We estimate we are about \$400 to the good with the recent purchases of cruise tickets that have put us over the top. At our August luncheon we had vigorous sales, plus we have received a recent discount on our cruise price.

Remember: if you win the drawing and you have purchased a cruise through Nannette Metoyer, our cruise lady (Cruise Cats), you will be refunded your ticket price. If we can get four additional couples to purchase a cruise to accompany our cruise winner on December 5, Carnival Cruise Lines will kick in \$5 per person per day to the Endowment Fund, but you must act now and contact Nannette immediately (713-462-1186). The cruise for two, inside cabin, five days Western Caribbean from Galveston, is now only about \$700, with all taxes and port charges paid.

This is our main fund raiser of the year for the Houston Corps of Cadets, which supports all universities and services in the Houston area. A form for purchase of the \$10 ticket is on PAGE 7 of this newsletter. If you want to purchase five tickets, it is not necessary to fill out five forms--just make your check out for \$50 and note on the ticket you want five entries. Mail it to Martin Harris or bring it to our September luncheon on the 24th, when the drawing for the cruise takes place. Need not be present to win.

William Taylor
Cpt. USA Ret.

***REMINDER: November
Meeting will be with MOWA
at the Forest Club.***

To All MOAA Texas Chapters:

VOTE NOV. 8

As you know, we were successful in getting the enabling legislation and a congressional amendment resolution passed this session to pass property tax exemption on the surviving spouses of 100% disabled veterans. Previously they would have lost the tax exemptions at their spouse's death and have been subject to higher taxes with lower income!

Senator Van de Putte has informed us that the constitutional amendment, which will be voted on November 8th, will be placed on the ballot as **Proposition #1**. Please encourage all of your friends, neighbors, and family to vote for this amendment on November 8. We need to protect the surviving spouses!

The proposition will read as follows: "*The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran.*"

Sincerely,

Major James Cunningham
USAR (Ret)

Executive Vice President
State Legislative Affairs

Texas Council of Chapters
of the Military Officers
Association of America

Senior Citizens

Senior citizens are criticized for every conceivable deficiency of the modern world, real or imaginary.

However, we would like to point out that it was NOT the senior citizens who took:

The melody out of music,

The pride out of appearance,

The courtesy out of driving,

The romance out of love,

The commitment out of marriage,

The responsibility out of parenthood,

The togetherness out of the family,

The learning out of education,

The service out of patriotism,

The Golden Rule from rulers,

The nativity scene out of cities,

The civility out of behavior,

The refinement out of language,

The dedication out of employment,

The prudence out of spending,

The ambition out of achievement, OR

God out of government and school.

And we certainly are NOT the ones who eliminated

patience and tolerance from personal relationships and interactions with others!!

And we do understand the meaning of patriotism, and remember those who have fought and died for our country.

Just look at seniors with tears in their eyes and pride in their hearts as they stand at attention with their hands over their hearts!

YES, I'M A SENIOR CITIZEN!

I'm the life of the party—even if it lasts until 8 p.m.

I'm very good at opening childproof caps—with a hammer.

I'm awake many hours before my body allows me to get up.

I'm smiling all the time, because I can't hear a thing you're saying.

I'm sure everything I can't find is in a safe, secure place, somewhere.

I'm wrinkled, saggy, lumpy—and that's just my left leg.

I'm beginning to realize that aging is not for wimps.

Yes, I'm a SENIOR CITIZEN and I think I am having the time of my life!

--Spread the laughter
--Share the cheer
--Let's be happy
--While we're here.

—*Author Unknown*

The Importance of Exercise

Walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at \$4,000 per month.

Grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 years old, and we have no idea where the hell he is.

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

The only reason I would take up walking is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.

I have to walk early in the morning, before my brain figures out what I'm doing.

I joined a health club last year, spent about 250 bucks. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go there!

Every time I hear the dirty word "exercise," I wash my mouth out with chocolate.

I do have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them.

The advantage of exercising every day is so when you die, they'll say, "Well, he looks good doesn't he?"

If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

I know I got a lot of exercise the last few years—just getting over the hill.

We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

Every time I start thinking too much about how I look, I just find a pub with a Happy Hour and by the time I leave, I look just fine.

—*Author Unknown*

Photos from Our August Meeting

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



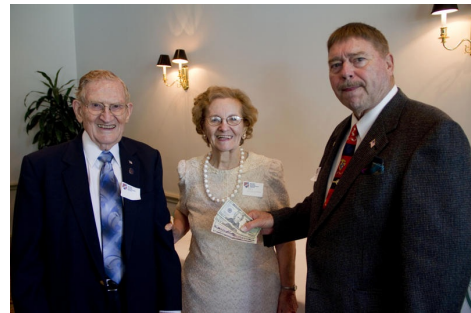
CAPT Eggleston with our speaker, Nancy Clark, UofH



Edwin Grantham, Army, with wife Julie



George McDowell, on his 98th birthday (he will admit only to 74!)



Scholarship drawing again won by the Egglestons, presented by Martin Harris (is something rigged, or deja vu, or what?)



Ron Jackson, Army, with wife Darlene



The Jacksons were presented with a gift basket from the University of Houston by Nancy Clark

September Speaker: Laurie J. Peterson from NASA! She is Executive Assistant to the NASA Human Exploration Framework Team to define NASA's process for determining human missions for the next 5, 10, 15 years and beyond.

Make sure you're at our September meeting for this excellent speaker!



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WIN	5-day Cruise for 2 Carnival's <i>Triumph</i>	Departing 12/5/11 from Galveston No limit on entries Drawing 9/24/11 (Need not be present to win)
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