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PRESIDENT Message
Lcdr. Peter C. Meyer

**THE ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE BY
 JANUARY 2008 and then we can get
 the directory out to everyone on time.**

The December meeting is the 8th the second Saturday of the month. As of this date Martina has only FOUR people booked plus me. Please save Martina the time to call everyone, she did that as a courtesy . If you like to nominate someone for office, please feel free to do so at the December meeting. Let end this year with a great Celebration for our accomplishments!

The elections are around the corner and we need people to attend our November board meeting at 11:30 on the 20th. Please call Martina Boe at 713-436-5875 before the preceding Monday. I strongly encourage anyone interested to attend. This is a great time to be on the committee with the projects we are working on. We have the endowment fund program, scholarship fund raiser and membership drive and the normal activities of managing our organization.

On behave of the Board of Directors I wish you all a Happy Holiday.



Maj. Martin Harris, Treasurer

Third Quarter Treasurer Report

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!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!COMING EVENT FOR DECEMBER!!!!!!



The next big doings and last for me will be the Xmas party Dinner dance December 8th at the Briar Club from 6-10 p.m. It is semi-formal. A unwrapped child's gift from infant to 10 is requested for the toys for tots. Approximately \$10.00. The usual cash bar on your own, Briar Club House Salad, Medallion Beef tenderloin w/ chicken served with Tri Color Peppercorn sauce and Tarragon butter sauce, Medley of garden vegetables, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Roll/Butter, Coffee/ Tea, White chocolate/lemon cheese cake. \$35.00 per-person. Music by Johnny Dysan from 6/10 p.m.

Request for reservation by December 5th,2007 to Martina L. Boe 713-436-5875

Some Good News this Veterans Day

By

Colonel Phil Bossert, USAF

Veterans Day has always been a poignant holiday, especially during wartime, and this November is no different. As our nation pauses once again to remember and thank forty-eight million veterans, half of which are still alive, it's important to remember the following:

There has not been an attack on our homeland since 9/11.

We have the most professional, effective, dedicated, and educated military in the history of the world, and one that is made up entirely of volunteers.

•Despite over six years of this war with no end in sight, there is no talk of bringing back the draft. Why? Because there have been plenty of young people of character, commitment, and courage from all backgrounds who have been stepping forward to defend our country and way of life and at the same time reaping many of the enormous benefits of military service.

•And finally, we need to remember that Al Qaeda's key strategy of attempting to break the will of the American people is failing.

We spend much time studying military history during the twenty credit hours of classes in Air Force ROTC. One of the key historical trends we discuss is how our enemies have greatly underestimated the will power of our nation.

When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, they assumed that our country would not be able to counterattack for at least two years. Jimmy Doolittle and his flyers bombed Tokyo just four and half months later. Less than thirty days after 9/11, we began military operations in Afghanistan—one of the most geographically remote countries on Earth, and within weeks had chased the remnants of the Taliban and Al Qaeda into the mountains and caves of Eastern Afghanistan.

Today's terrorists clearly are not students of American history. Despite the fact that the American people increasingly realize that military operations in Afghanistan, Iraq, the Horn of Africa, the Philippines, and other battlefronts in this war will not end anytime soon, more than 1.8 million young people have freely joined the world's greatest military since 9/11!

Many of these volunteers are ROTC cadets. Here in Houston the number of cadets in Air Force ROTC at the college level has doubled in just fifteen months and Army ROTC has seen an 80% increase in its ranks during this time.

In addition, we officially inaugurated the Houston Corps of Cadets on September 18th during a ceremony at the University of Houston. This corps is the official association of Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine ROTC programs.

Colonel Phil Bossert, USAF

For the first time in the more than 60 year history of ROTC in Houston, all college level ROTC programs will be working closely together to coordinate our many activities, to support each other, and to provide even greater support to the Houston metro area

Already we are one of the largest corps in the nation and the second largest corps in Texas. There is no reason a Corps of Cadets named after the nation's fourth largest city can't be the biggest corps in Texas within the next 5-7 years.

Key tasks of the Houston Corps of Cadets include:

- Teaching all ROTC cadets and midshipman the importance of joint operations, or the ability of two or more military services to work seamlessly with each other during peace and war.
- Coordinating joint events including guest speakers, color guards, and three mile jogs.
- Mentoring the 95 Junior ROTC programs in area high schools.
- Co-hosting one Department of Defense Research Conference annually at the University of Houston. We've hosted two already this year in March and November to sold out crowds. Our goal is to help the Houston higher education community to significantly increase the amount of their defense-related research.
- And the final task of the Houston Corps of Cadets is supporting various community service groups, especially those supporting veterans.

But we need to point out that the very essence of the Houston Corps of Cadets involves the ultimate form of community service—volunteering to serve in the military during wartime. No other community service beats this.

The 265 ROTC cadets and midshipman in the Houston Corps of Cadets are smart, enthusiastic, rock-solid citizens who personify the Air Force core values of integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do.

And when they join ROTC they know **exactly** what they are getting into, including earning a commission as a second lieutenant or ensign in the world's greatest military and a probable deployment into a combat zone within a year or two of graduation. And yet they keep coming forward in large numbers to join our ranks!

The dramatic increase in the number of ROTC cadets in Houston is not that surprising considering the incredible support for those of us in uniform in this city.

There's an old saying that our cadets learn in the first of eight academic courses in ROTC--a nation's military is a reflection of the society it serves.

On this Veterans Day as we continue to witness millions of our young people of character, commitment, and courage volunteer to defend the greatest nation the world has ever known from some of the most evil forces ever seen, remember that there is good news from this war, with perhaps the best news being the enemy's strategy of breaking the will of the American people is failing.

Colonel Phil Bossert is the commander of Air Force ROTC based at the University of Houston which serves most universities and colleges in the Houston metro area.

Attached is an article for your next newsletter about Veterans and the new Houston Corps of Cadets.

You may also want to put this in your newsletters: donations to the Houston Corps of Cadets scholarship endowment fund can be mailed to: The University of Houston, Development Office, 400 E Cullen Building, Houston, TX 77204-2013. Make checks out to the University of Houston, and note on the check "For Houston Corps of Cadets."

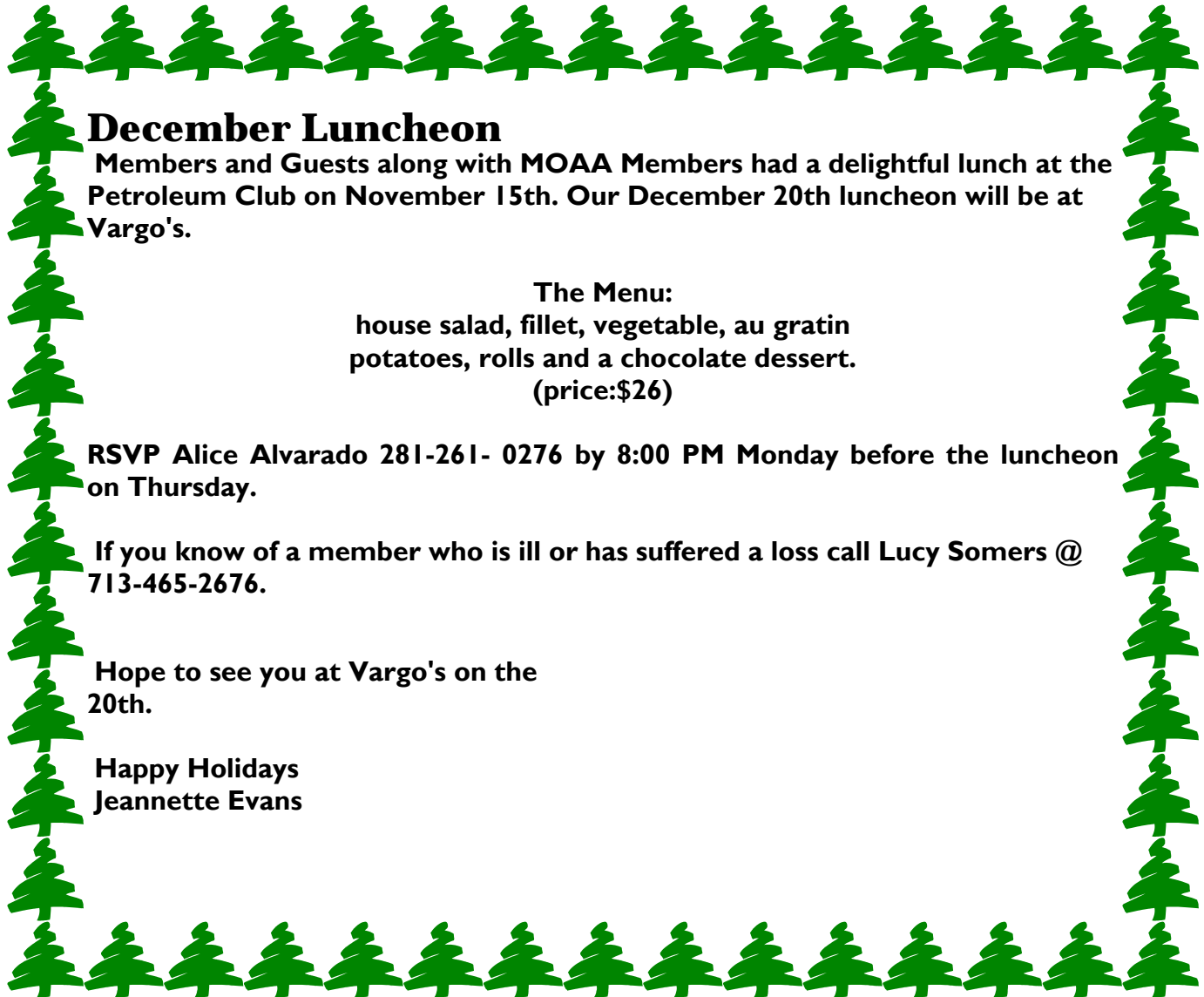
Thanks!

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LADIES CORNER
 Jeannette Evans
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December Luncheon

Members and Guests along with MOAA Members had a delightful lunch at the Petroleum Club on November 15th. Our December 20th luncheon will be at Vargo's.

The Menu:

house salad, fillet, vegetable, au gratin
 potatoes, rolls and a chocolate dessert.
 (price:\$26)

RSVP Alice Alvarado 281-261- 0276 by 8:00 PM Monday before the luncheon on Thursday.

If you know of a member who is ill or has suffered a loss call Lucy Somers @ 713-465-2676.

Hope to see you at Vargo's on the 20th.

**Happy Holidays
 Jeannette Evans**

**I hope we have more guests at our luncheon like the Ritter's and the Otis's. I understand they know how to have a good time at the Ladies Luncheon. See you all next year
 I hope everyone has a blessed year and the best of health.**

