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Newsletter to Members
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APRIL LUNCHEON MEETING CANCELED

President's Message

Dear HOAA-HA Members:

In compliance with the Harris County-issued "Stay Home-Work Safe" order instituted to mitigate the Coronavirus (COVID-19), we are canceling the MOAA HA April luncheon scheduled for Saturday, April 25th. We will update you with any future changes. Thank you for your continued understanding and support during these uncertain times.



Joe Willoughby

Everyday life is hard enough without having a global pandemic thrown on top of us all. Right now, we are in the eye of the storm and I am just sending this message to say that we are all in this together. We will weather this storm by taking care of ourselves and each other. The constant messages of "isolate" and "keep your social distance" can make us feel isolated and alone, but physical connections are not nearly as strong and important as our emotional connections. We are not alone!

During this time of uncertainty, isolation, and economic hardship I take comfort in knowing that our military experience has prepared us to withstand the challenges brought on by the pandemic. "Be prepared" is a motto applicable to almost all military veterans and their families; an unwritten rule that we apply to both our professional and personal lives. Most of us are hardwired to always plan for the unexpected and to safeguard ourselves, our family members, and other loved ones from all possible harm. But even with the most careful of precautions, the potential tidal wave of destruction resulting from COVID-19 can only be mitigated and not prevented. The hard lesson I have learned in these challenging times is to relentlessly prioritize and never forget what is most important in our lives: our family, our friends, our faith, our pets and our friendships with each other.

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**MOAA Houston Area
Board Meetings**

**Future Board Meetings
As Noticed by the President**

All members are welcome.

**MOAA
Houston Area
MEETING**

**NO MEETINGS
UNTIL
FURTHER
NOTICE**

**Future 2020
Monthly Meetings**

**Military Ball
RESCHEDULED to 9/19**

Monthly Meetings
UNCERTAIN

**Military Officers
Wives Association**

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**NO MEETINGS
UNTIL
FURTHER
NOTICE**

**Phyllis Ottis,
713.774.2282**

MOAA-HA

**\$ Treasurer's Report,
March 31, 2020**

Receipts \$ 1,335.00
Expenses \$ 708.35
Balance \$ 4,213.76
*Award Fund Reserve \$ 2,317.78
Operating Balance \$ 1,895.98

*Frank Tricomi, 2020 Treasurer
COL USA Ret.*

**MOAA-HA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HAS DECIDED
THAT
NO DIRECTORY
WILL BE
PUBLISHED
IN THE FUTURE**

Chaplain's Message

**SHALOM!
PEACE BE WITH
YOU!**

Greetings to my
fellow officers and
their spouses and to
the MOWA members.

I sincerely pray that all of you are
well and safe from the corona virus.
It seems to be spreading in Texas
(e.g., Dallas, Houston, Austin, and
our area).

By keeping at home, and practicing
social distancing, along with
accepting responsibility for our lives,
by seriously following instructions
from our President, governors,
county judges, and mayors, we will
overcome this major threat! We will
emerge as a stronger, more friendly,
more caring, and more loving nation!
Keep the Faith! Honor our God with



Kerry Magee
CAPT USN (Ret.)

worship, and we will prevail!
Amen!

I also pray that you all will be
blessed by observing Passover
and its message to the
Hebrews, for the hope and
delivery from Pharaoh, and
also by the observance of
Holy Easter and what it means
to Christians all over the world
in the Resurrection of Jesus
Christ. He Lives!

Please allow me to share some
great quotations I've read
lately:

*"Do not judge by appear-
ances. A rich heart may be
under a poor coat."*
-- Scottish Proverb

*"No one heals their own pain
by wounding another."*
-- St. Andrews

*"If you want more kindness in
the world, throw kindness
around like confetti."*
-- Unknown

God bless you all!

Humbly submitted by

**CAPT Kerry B. Magee
USNR-RET
Chaplain/Past President**

THOSE GREAT SHIPS!

USNS *Comfort* (T-AH-20) is
docked in New York harbor to
help with the crisis. USNS
Mercy (T-AH-20) is at Los
Angeles. The USNS prefix is
for a non-commissioned ship
owned by the U.S. Navy and
operationally crewed by
civilians from the Military
Sealift Command. We are so
proud of the fantastic job they
are doing!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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I would like to close on a more positive note, a huge shout out to our MOAA-HA members and their family members who continue to work and serve on the front lines combating the pandemic! My family and I are grateful to our military members tasked to defeat this invisible enemy (both active and reserve), as well as our doctors, nurses, first responders, law enforcement, fire, grocery stores, pharmacies, airports, and all others that continue to serve our community during these very challenging and difficult times.

We can't wait to see you in person soon at an MOAA-HA event this summer. In the meantime, please stay healthy, stay safe, and stay united!

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Willoughby
Lt Col, USAF (Ret.)
MOAA-HA President

Endowment Fund & Houston Corps of Cadets

I know times are tough, they may get tougher. Most of us are in a retired position with a set income. Please try to take a small part of it and share with the University of Houston Corps of Cadets, as any amount will be appreciated.

Bill
William Taylor
Cpt. USA Ret

FAREWELL

Carol Ann Wilson

The time has come for me to bid you all a very fond "Farewell." I have been serving MOAA-HA in many capacities for the 12 years since I agreed to be your Newsletter Editor and to try to help with getting your Website back up and operating efficiently. A lot has happened, and we have had good times together along the way. I have enjoyed coming to know all of you, and I will truly miss seeing you.

However, even at my advanced age, I have a full-time job, and the increased duties for MOAA-HA have severely cut into my personal time and time to do things like visit with my family in St. Louis and play bridge! The decreasing stipend you have paid to me has worked out to be a minuscule amount, and I just cannot continue.

I have no connection whatsoever with the military, other than loving it and having spent 30 years working for a lawyer who was a Marine who served at both Iwo Jima and the Chosin Reservoir. I have nothing that even qualifies me for membership. I appreciate being made an Honorary Member, and I appreciate all the nice things many of you have said to me over the years.

Our Webmaster is a close personal friend who was doing the work as a favor to me, and he has advised that he will no longer be able to continue, either. So you will need to find a replacement not only for me but for him as well.

At this very sad time, it hurts me to have to bring you more sad news, but I have been advising the Board for several months of the need to replace me. It has now become necessary for me to give formal notice, and I have done that.

I have given the Board a list of the many duties I have been performing, and they may already have somebody in mind. If any of you know of anyone, I am sure that any Board member would love to hear from you.

I wish you all the best, and I want you to know that I will do everything I can to make the transition to a new person as seamless and easy as it can be.

Your Friend Always,
Carol Ann Wilson

Want to Serve on Board of MOAA National?

From MOAA National Newsletter:

NOTE: *The Application Deadline Has Been Extended to April 14.*

MOAA encourages all members with a genuine interest in serving the military community as a member of MOAA's board of directors to submit an application, which can be found at https://www.moaa.org/pages/2020-board-application/2020-board-application/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=TMNsend&utm_content=CA+AHM+4+Ret+L+CC.

The Website contains additional useful info if you are interested in applying.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

Military Officers Association of America, Houston Area

Membership is available to Officers who have held a Federal Warrant or Commission in any of the seven uniformed services of the United States or to the surviving spouse of such a person. Please use this form for application for membership, renewal, or changes to the current directory of members.

NAME: _____

(Please print) Last First Initial Rank

Branch _____ Status _____ MOAA Nat'l ID _____ *

Spouse's First Name: _____ Tel. For Directory _____

Home Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Dues: Regular Membership \$30 first year; annual renewal \$30

(Discount for multiple years if paid with renewal: \$20 for each addn'l year *pd w/renewal*)

Surviving Spouse \$15 first year; annual renewal \$10 (same discount for multiple years)

Make check payable to MOAA,HA and send to MOAA,HA

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For more information, call COL Joe Willoughby, 713.569.6700

**If not a MOAA national member, another benefit of chapter membership is the opportunity to become a national MOAA member at the BASIC LEVEL for free! If you would like to do so, please indicate here:* YES No

Signature: _____



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Houston Military Affairs Committee
presents the
2020 Armed Forces Military Ball

Saturday, September 19

Houston Marriott Westchase Hotel (2900 Briar Park, 77042)

Contact President Joe Willoughby if you can attend and reserve your space at our table(s)
(details at www.houstonmilitaryaffairscommittee.com)

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, HOUSTON AREA
Houston Corps of Cadets ROTC Endowment Fund–The University of Houston
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My pledge of \$ _____ should be designed to support MOAA,HA Houston Corps of Cadets
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Send completed form : Univ. of Houston; Advancement Svcs; P.O. Box 867; Houston TX 77001-0867

**We hope to see you at our next monthly membership meeting,
whenever that may be.**