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Newsletter to Members

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NEXT MEETING AUGUST 30, 2008 HOUSTON RACQUET CLUB

President's Message

In a recent conversation with an auxiliary member, a discussion turned to office holding by auxiliary members. This lady was not aware that our national organization, as well as our local group, encourages office holding at all levels by auxiliary members.

You may recall last month I mentioned the necessity for ladies to step forward and take positions of leadership in this local chapter. We are starting to turn around, and the road is looking bright. Next year will be an opportunity for new, strong leadership. Ladies, now is the time to start selecting the position you wish to fill.

The President's job is probably the best, because to do it correctly all you need do is (1) delegate and (2) follow up. So auxiliary members, start planning now for next year.

"Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it."

-General Dwight D. Eisenhower

William H. Taylor, Acting President

P.S. Your reservations for the regular monthly meetings **MUST** be in by the Wednesday before the meeting. Jeannette Evans, who works so hard on finding our meeting places, working with the venues and menus, and handling all the details for our meetings, **MUST** give the count by Thursday morning. If you wait till Friday, it's too late. So we need your help with this.

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MOAA Houston Area Board Meeting

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

Future mtgs:
9/23, 10/21, 11/25

MOAA Houston Area Monthly Meeting and Luncheon

Sat. Aug. 30 11:30

Houston Racquet Club
10709 Memorial Drive
(Just east of Voss)

Menu

House Salad

Baked Stuffed Flounder Filet
with Shrimp and Crab
Vermouth Cream Sauce
OR

Chicken Breast Stuffed
with Goat Cheese and
Sundried Tomatoes
Basil Cream Sauce

Asparagus with Lemon Zest
Rice Pilaf
Rolls and Butter
Pecan Ball/Chocolate Sauce
Tea furnished; coffee \$2 extra

\$30

*Reservations to Jeannette
Evans, 281.495.2202, by Wed.
8/27 (we must turn in by
Thursday)*

Speaker

KATHERINE CABANISS

Attorney Katherine Cabaniss is the Executive Director of Crime Stoppers of Houston (www.crime-stoppers.org). She is licensed to practice law in both Texas and

California. After a short time in private practice, she became an Assistant District Attorney in Harris County, where she prosecuted felonies ranging from property crimes to capital murder. She was promoted to Chief Prosecutor in District Court and assigned to Special Crimes Bureau.

After 11 years at the District Attorney's Office, she became the Executive Director of Crime Stoppers of Houston. Crime Stoppers of Houston is the most productive and successful organization of its kind in the country.

Crime Stoppers of Houston is a community-based organization dedicated to solving and preventing serious crime in partnership with citizens, media, law enforcement, and the criminal justice system in the greater Houston area. It was started in 1976 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, then brought to Houston in 1981 by members of The Exchange Club of Houston. It quickly grew into a world leader in helping law enforcement solve felony crimes.

How Does Crime Stoppers Work?

- * 10 officers answer tip hot line
- * Callers w/credible information are given a code number
- * Code number used to maintain anonymity and pick up cash reward when due
- * Officer confirms info, forwards it to case officer. If info helps bring arrest and charging of suspect(s), caller is due a reward
- * Reward picked up at local bank drive-through using code number

How Is Crime Stoppers Funded?

- * Crime Stoppers is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization
- * Operation income is from individual/corporate membership, fund raising events such as the gala and golf tournament, and the annual members meeting

* State funding and the Harris County criminal justice system support the rewards program

Future meetings:

8/30 Houston Racquet Club
9/27 Briar Club
10/25
11/20 Men join women at
Petroleum Club
12/6 Christmas Dance
7-10 p.m., Briar Club

Military Officers Wives Association

No Meeting in August

Next Meeting
September 18
Vargo's
Details to follow

Happy Summer!
Stay cool.

Resignation Chaplain

COL Michael A. Rusnock

COL Rusnock was a Roman Catholic priest who served as a chaplain in the Army. At some point he married and left the priesthood. His wife passed away some time ago and he applied and was serving as a Deacon. He served as our Chaplain until until his sister, Marion Walker, became very ill, and he resigned to become her full-time caregiver. He later resumed his duties, but recently Marion has had a relapse, and he has found it necessary to resign once more. Mike always gave 200 percent in keeping up with and ministering to those who needed help or attention, and we understand his need to care for his sister at this time. We wish and pray that she regains her health and will be able to resume a normal life. Our special thanks and appreciation go to COL Rusnock for his many years of faithful service.

\$ Treasurer's Report

Income	Expenses
\$942.	\$1,241
Balance	\$5,020.93

Martin Harris, Treasurer

Membership

Welcome to CAPT Louis H. Wright, USN, and spouse Debbie to the chapter. They live at 9119 Southleigh Drive, Spring, Texas 77379-8626; telephone (281) 376-4588. We look forward to seeing you at our monthly get-togethers!

In Memoriam



Our sympathy and prayers go out to the family of **Harold Christian Hougen,**

96, who passed away after a lengthy illness on July 30, 2008, in Houston. Harold and Johnnie, whom he married just six weeks before Pearl Harbor, began their marriage of 61 years by traveling as part of the US military. Harold joined the US Navy as an Ensign, where he served in stateside harbor defense and in the South Pacific Islands defense. He continued to serve in the reserves and retired as a Lt. Cmdr. Harold and Johnnie returned from California after WWII to continue his career as a geophysicist with Humble

Oil, later Exxon. He is survived by his daughter Debbie and her husband, John Jackson of Waller, Texas, and his son John and his wife Donna Hougen of Houston. The family would like to extend thanks to not only all the many medical and spiritual professionals who cared for him during the last two years but also the many relatives and friends who kept up his spirit. Harold would be pleased if, in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church's "The Gathering," a ministry supporting Alzheimer victims and their caretakers.



**Frances Pepper Goodman
1909-2008**

Frances passed away on July 7th, 10 days before reaching her 99th birthday. She has been a regular and faithful member of MOAA,HA and MOWC for the past 20 years. She was interred beside her husband, Air Force Colonel Hubert "Bert" Goodman in the National Cemetery at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. We will all miss that great little lady with the big smile.

Well done, thou good and faithful servant.

ROTC Endowment Fund

The MOAA, HA, and the University of Houston have entered into an Endowment Agreement to support the ROTC cadets who drill at the U of H.

Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine ROTC cadets at all Houston universities (e.g., Houston Baptist, Rice, Texas Southern, Saint Thomas) drill at UH. All funds donated through the Endowment Fund for the Houston Corps of Cadets are fully tax deductible, as MOAA, HA, is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization

recognized by the IRS. We hope that you will be interested enough to pledge your support to this worthy undertaking.

This endowment will provide funds for outstanding cadets, selected by the professors of Military Science and Tactics, who want to join the ranks of the United States Armed Forces but find it difficult financially to stay in school.

A form you may use for your tax-deductible contribution or pledge is on page 7.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we are about approach a true milestone in the Houston Corps of Cadets MOAA,HA Endowment Fund. The University of Houston is preparing and about to mail our first solicitation letter to approximately 12,000 possible donors. 10,000 of these are not MOAA members. The balance of the mailing will be to MOAA local members not affiliated with our chapter. We hope that this will not only create great interest in the Endowment Fund, but will also create interest in joining our local chapter.

This mailing is of no cost to our chapter. You may well receive this letter, but it is only because of the difficulty in separating chapter and non-chapter members. However, you may wish to take it to heart and your contribution will be greatly appreciated. It is difficult to imagine the funds to be for a more worthy cause. Additional donor: COL. Charles Siragusa.

*William H. Taylor
Endowment Coordinator*

GOD BLESS AMERICA

You could have heard a pin drop.

When in England, at a fairly large conference, Colin Powell was asked by the Archbishop of Canterbury if our plans for Iraq were just an example of “empire building” by George Bush. He answered by saying, “Over the years, the United States has sent many of its fine young men and women into great peril to fight for freedom beyond our borders. The only amount of land we have ever asked for in return is enough to bury those who did not return.”

You could have heard a pin drop.

There was a conference in France where a number of international engineers were taking part, including French and American. During a break, one of French engineers came back into the room saying, “Have you heard the latest dumb stunt Bush has done? He has sent an aircraft carrier to Indonesia to help the tsunami victims. What does he intended to do, bomb them?”

A Boeing engineer stood up and replied quietly: “Our carriers have three hospitals on board that can treat several hundred people; they are nuclear powered and can supply emergency electrical power to shore facilities; they have three cafeterias with the capacity to feed 3,000 people three meals a day; they can produce several thousand

gallons of fresh water from sea water each day; and they carry half a dozen helicopters for use in transporting victims and injured to and from their flight deck. We have eleven such ships; how many does France have?”

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A U.S. Navy Admiral was attending a naval conference that included Admirals from the United States, English, Canadian, Australian, and French Navies. At a cocktail reception, he found himself standing with a large group of officers that included personnel from most of those countries.

Everyone was chatting away in English as they sipped their drinks, but a French admiral suddenly complained that, whereas Europeans learn many languages, Americans learn only English. He then asked, “Why is it that we always have to speak English in these conferences, rather than speaking French?”

Without hesitating, the American Admiral replied, “Maybe it’s because the Brits, Canadians, Aussies, and Americans arranged it so you wouldn’t have to speak German.”

You could have heard a pin drop.

And does the following story not fit right in with the above?

Robert Whiting, an elderly gentleman of 83, arrived in Paris by plane. At French customs, he took a few minutes to locate his passport in his carry-on bag. “You have been to France before, monsieur?” the customs officer asked sarcastically.

Mr. Whiting admitted that he had been to France previously.

“Then you should know enough to have your passport ready.”

The American said, “The last time I was here, I didn’t have to show it. “

“Impossible. Americans always have to show your passports on arrival in France!”

The American senior gave the Frenchman a long, hard look. Then he quietly explained, “Well, when I came ashore at Omaha Beach on D-Day in 1944 to help liberate this country, I couldn’t find a single Frenchman to show a passport to.”

You could have heard a pin drop.

Internet Traveler
Author Unknown

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Life's Lessons

Who really makes a difference in your life?

Quiz Number One:

Name the five wealthiest people in the world.

Name the last five Heisemann trophy winners.

Name the last five winners of the Miss America contest.

Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer prize.

Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor or actress.

Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do?

The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields.

But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

But see the next quiz.

Quiz Number Two:

List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.

Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.

Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.

Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.

Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

Name half a dozen heroes whose stories have inspired you.

Easier?

The lesson?

The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards.

They are the ones who care.

Author Unknown

USAFA VS HOUSTON Pre-Game Mixer September 13, 2008
11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Central Time
Houston Alumni Center

AOG, Houston Chapter, Parents' Club, and the UH ROTC will gather Air Force fans from around the country to cheer the Falcons to victory over Houston!
Catering by Skeeters Grill Catering with entertainment, including giveaways.

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Notable Quote:

If your attack is going too well, you have walked into an ambush.

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