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Newsletter to Members

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**NEXT MEETING SATURDAY, February 23, 2019 BRAEBURN COUNTRY CLUB**

## President's Message

Happy New Year everybody!

Well, we have a new year, and I believe it will be a decisive one. We will need to address ourselves to the relevancy of our chapter. What do our members want from the chapter? All the indications from our past year are that what the chapter once was is no more.

Attendance at our monthly members meetings is significantly down; the board of directors was required to cancel our long planned for "Holiday Gala" that was scheduled for January 12 because participation was insufficient to support the event; mail-in ballots for our annual election of officers totaled three; and indeed, there were not enough members willing to serve on the board of directors to fill the slate, which is comprised of only four officers; finally and most critically, there are still about twenty members who did not pay their dues for 2018! These members will need to be dropped from our active rolls, reducing the chapter's membership (and attendant revenue) by 18%.

Have we become a dinosaur? Are we an anachronism? Do we have anything to offer anyone? These are questions your board will be pondering in 2019. I believe the results of these considerations will decide the future. Meanwhile, those who feel a duty to the chapter, its members, and the MOAA will carry on as best we can. We will carry forward with our traditional services. We will support ROTC and JROTC programs throughout the area, we will offer monthly members' meetings with interesting and relevant guest speakers, and we will participate in national celebrations honoring veterans and their service. We will once again, stand up and be counted.

To execute this program we have two new officers: as vice president you elected **LtCol Joe Willoughby**, USAF (Ret.), as treasurer you elected **Ms. Judith DuBose**, a new Surviving Spouse member.



Daniel Gutierrez

## 2019 Officers

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## MOAA Houston Area Board Meetings for 2019

### 2019 Board Meetings

To Be Set By the Board  
and Noticed to the Members  
First meeting 1/25/19 at  
Rudi Lechner's Restaurant

*All members are welcome.*

## MOAA Houston Area

February 23, 2019  
BraeBurn Country Club  
8101 Bissonnet  
713.774.2586

### MENU

Caesar

Braised Beef Short Ribs  
-OR-  
Chicken Marsala

Scalloped Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Rolls & Butter  
Tea, Coffee

French Silk Pie

\$30

Complimentary  
Valet Parking

**Reservations by Wed.**  
1/23 to Carol Wilson,  
281.642.4050

### 2019 Monthly Meetings

Our monthly meetings are held on the last Saturday of each month (excluding May) at BraeBurn Country Club. 2019 meetings are penciled in for: 2/23, 3/30, 4/27, 6/29, 7/27, 8/31, 9/28, 10/26, 11/23, and 12/14.

## Military Officers Wives Association

# MOWA

**Thursday, Jan. 18  
11:30 Fellowship  
Luncheon at Noon**

**Rudi Lechner's  
2503 S. Gessner**

**Order off the Menu  
and Pay Individually**

**RSVP to Phyllis Ottis,  
713.774.2282,  
by Mon. 1/14, 10 a.m.**

**See you there!**

## MOAA-HA

### \$ Treasurer's Report, January 1, 2019

Receipts	\$ 1,000.00
Expenses	\$ 1,500.00
Balance	\$ 1,567.10

*Don L. Couch, 2018 Treasurer  
LTC USA Ret.*

### CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2019

President	<b>MAJ Daniel Gutierrez</b>
Vice Pres.	<b>LtCol Joe Willoughby</b>
Treasurer	<b>SS Judith A. DuBose</b>

Office of Secretary filled by  
presidential appointment.

*Thank you for serving!*

**NO REGULAR MEETING IN  
JANUARY 2019**

## Chaplain's Message

**SHALOM!  
PEACE BE  
WITH YOU!**



Kerry Magee  
CAPT USN (Ret.)

Reflecting again on the Christmas Spirit, I offer to you (from my wife Ann), a **Christmas Prayer** by Robert Louis Stevenson:

“Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus that we may share in the song of angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate, and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift, and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.”

The new year of 2019 will be challenging to our Chapter. We have a new Board to lead us. We Members have an obligation to support our Board. Our Chapter will sail into the winds of 2019 with determination and optimism, or our Ship of State will flounder on the rocks of indifference and inaction; it's our choice.

I would like to share with y'all some Quotations I found recently that might give us all motivation and creativity

“There are two ways of spreading light: to be the

candle or the mirror that reflects it." *Edith Wharton.*

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."  
*Helen Keller*

"Challenges are what make life interesting, and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful."  
*Joshua Marine*

"Walk with the dreamers, the believers, the courageous, the cheerful, the planners, the doers, the successful people with their heads in the clouds and their feet on the ground. Let their spirit ignite a fire within you to leave this world better than when found it." *Wilferd Peterson*

"The task which has been set before us is not above our strength. Its pangs and toils are not beyond our endurance, as long as we have faith in our cause and an unconquerable willpower."  
*Winston Churchill*

MAY GOD BLESS YOU  
AND KEEP YOU!

MAY JOY AND PEACE BE  
WITH YOU ALL YEAR!

Humbly submitted by

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

***Remember this?***



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*(Cont'd from p. 1)*

A chapter secretary will be appointed this month. These two individuals have backgrounds of professional accomplishment and experience that will help sustain us in 2019.

And now comes my monthly plea to you the members to get involved with your chapter, give voice to your desires and opinions; talk to us, give us ideas, let us have the benefit of your knowledge and experience, make a pledge to commit to the organization's ideals and goals. And pay your dues for 2019.

In remembrance, I point out that January is the anniversary of three watershed events in the nation's history: January 17, the air war phase of "Operation Desert Storm" began; January 23, President Nixon announced peace in Vietnam; and January 30 is the 51st anniversary of the "Tet" offensive (I can't believe it, I was there).

Fellow members, until we meet again, remember, "never stop serving." God bless.

Respectfully,

***Daniel M. Gutierrez***  
***MAJ USA (Ret.), President***

## AMENDED BYLAWS

At our November 15 Annual Meeting, the members approved the Bylaw Amendments to conform to MOAA National. The bylaws as amended are posted at our chapter's Website:

[www.moaahoustonarea.com](http://www.moaahoustonarea.com)

## DUES ARE DUE

## Endowment Fund & Houston Corps of Cadets

We thank you for your generous donations to the Endowment Fund since we established the fund at the University of Houston. Please consider this worthwhile, deserving, and tax-deductible choice as you plan your 2019 charitable giving.

Thanks for your help.

Bill

***William Taylor***  
***Cpt. USA Ret***

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## HAVE YOU SENT YOUR 2019 DUES?

MOAA-HA Annual Dues for chapter membership are due on January 1 for 2019. Please use the form at the back of this newsletter, which is for both new members and renewals, so that we may have your current information for the directory.

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## MOAA Membership Levels

MOAA-Houston Area Chapter membership is separate from membership in MOAA at the national level. We treasure our local chapter members and appreciate your hard work here in Houston at the local level. Many of our members are also members of MOAA, and some are life members. MOAA National has three levels of membership: LIFE, PREMIUM, and BASIC..

## **MOAA LIFE**

**Membership** is the most elite membership category. As a MOAA LIFE Member, you'll receive all of MOAA's PREMIUM benefits, plus more, or life. Additional benefits include waived initiation fees at the Army Navy Club of Washington, D.C., bonus discounts, and direct access to MOAA staff experts on the dedicated MOAA LIFE Member Hotline. Costs vary by age: \$851 (50 and under); \$801 (51-55); \$757 (56-60); \$692 (61-65); \$615 (66-70); \$529 (71-75); \$434 (76-80); \$332 (81-85); \$234 (86-90); \$145 (91-95); \$88 (96-100); Free (101+).

## **MOAA PREMIUM**

**Membership** gives you total access to everything MOAA has to offer, including our full spectrum of career and financial resources, MOAA-exclusive publications, college scholarships for dependents, and countless discounts on products and travel. Membership Costs are \$48 (1 Year); \$82 (2 Years); \$108 (3 Years); **Surviving Spouse** Membership Costs are \$43 (1 Year); \$73 (2 Years); \$97 (3 Years). These membership costs are in addition to chapter dues.)

## **MOAA BASIC**

**Membership** give your free electronic access to MOAA e-communications about news and support of

critical advocacy efforts to protect your military benefits. The cost is free.

MOAA's Website, [www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org), is full of information of interest to retired military officers.

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## **Recruiting Reminders From MOAA**

**Jan 11, 2019** 2019 Chapter Recruiting Guide available on line at [www.moaa.org/chapters](http://www.moaa.org/chapters).

**Jan 15, 2019** Close-out of chapter gains under Recruiting Program. This is to allow time for mailed-in applications to arrive and be processed by our Member Service Center. After this date, member gains will count towards 2019.

**Feb 28, 2019** Close-out for chapter retention calculations. We request that each council and chapter access and update the Committee Module NLT Feb 28, 2019 to account for any changes within the 2018 calendar year. After that date, we will calculate retention percentages for every chapter as part of the retention program. Please note, we will not be offering the \$50 roster incentive update this year. Councils and chapters have done a great job updating the committee module and we appreciate your efforts.

**March 1, 2019** MOAA Foundation Community Grant applications due. Also Colonel Marvin J. Harris Communication Awards submissions are due. Communications Awards will be submitted via a web-based portal this year via the Council and Chapters webpage. The process is significantly streamlined and will allow chapters to quickly identify themselves, provide a point of contact, and attach newsletters or provide a link to their website.

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## **Military Service v. College**

**Editorial by  
Carol Ann Wilson**

I have two granddaughters in high school, and they are fretting over the ACT and SAT tests. It's a great cause of concern, even though they are both extremely intelligent. There is such pressure put on students for high scores on these tests in order to even be considered for colleges—who charge ever-increasing tuition and other costs.

I recently sent them a letter from me, and I would like to share it with other grandparents who might find themselves in the same position.

## **MY ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF ENLISTING IN THE MILITARY BEFORE COLLEGE.**

Student loans for college will mean graduating owing a *minimum* of \$90,000 (probably more).

Military service first means that the government will pay for your college—including a masters degree—after you serve 3 years.

You can buy a home for ZERO MONEY down, No PMI, and lower monthly payments with your VA benefits.

**Employers love to hire veterans!** Companies are likely to pay higher starting salaries for employees with military service. The reasons cited for the employers' preference include:

## **Leadership and Teamwork**

**Skills:** Typically, veterans have led colleagues, accepted direction from others, and operated as part of a small team.

**Character:** Veterans are perceived as being trustworthy, dependable, and drug-free, and having a strong work ethic.

**Structure and Discipline:** Companies, especially those that emphasize safety, appreciate veterans' experience following established procedures.

**Expertise:** Companies value veterans' technical skills, job-specific experiences, and understanding of the military community.

For a female, the odds of meeting somebody in college and getting married are very high. When you might not even finish college. Doing military service first means you will not be "available" for marriage and you can not only explore different avenues to pursue career-wise, but maybe even travel the world doing it. My boss's daughter joined the Coast Guard and has loved every minute of it!

Don't think of it as "combat." SEVEN non-combat positions are available for every combat job.

The opportunity to learn responsibility, focus, and discipline from military service can benefit enlistees for life. Military people are taught how to make decisions in extreme conditions and function in periods of stress—traits critical in civilian life.

**Go to a recruiting office** and talk to a recruiter; see about taking an aptitude test (ASVAB)\* they have. Every branch of service has a recruiting office.

\*[www.military.com/join-armed-forces/asvab](http://www.military.com/join-armed-forces/asvab) has some practice tests.

**ENTREPRENEURS:** Veterans are responsible for a significant percentage of start-up and small businesses using the experience and education provided during their service. According to Marianne Hudson writing in *Forbes*, 30% of all American businesses are owned by veterans. As a consequence, the National Veteran-Owned Business Association proudly proclaims, "The lessons learned and lived in military service like leadership, teamwork, competitive spirit, mission-orientation, and ambition are the same attributes needed to succeed in business."

Military service or a career in the armed services is an attractive alternative to college for many young men and women following high school graduation.

*More information I found on the Internet from Guy D McCardle, Jr., former Officer at U.S. Army (1988-2004):*

If you feel that it would benefit you to learn some discipline and perhaps grow up a little (nothing wrong with that) before you begin your collegiate experience, then maybe you would benefit from a couple years in the military first.

If there is a drilling reserve unit near where you live, contact it and say that you are interested in learning more about officer and enlisted careers in the military and you would like to tag along with them some weekend and see what people actually do. They may ask you to go to a recruiter first (which is fine), *but these requests are typically granted.*

**Find your fit.**

In my experience, **Enlisted is the way to go.** Yes, there is less money, and yes, there is less responsibility. But there is also less Bovine Excrement.

In my time in the service, I witnessed the unending pissing contests between the Academy grads and the ROTC grads. Those two groups both ganged up on the Mustangs (former enlisteds who moved to the Officer Ranks) and god, the amount of crap the Warrants got.

Aside from everything else, **the GI Bill will help you pay for your college after your time in the service. I got my history degree while in the Navy, and my Computer Science Degree once I was out. No student loans, life is good.**

You get the "full experience" and the camaraderie of being a Joe. **After you've been through military training and an enlistment, college will seem crazy easy.** You won't have to worry about loans at any point. You will also most likely have a better pick of schools, since most colleges are pretty good about letting veterans in. You would also have the option to go to college and do ROTC knowing a lot more about the military if you did want to commission. It would be an informed choice.

If you are interested in a technical career other than flying, then you want to be Mere Enlisted Scum because for the most part, the Officers don't get to play with the gear.

If your goal is to be a Leader of Men (and Women these days) and Management makes your heart beat faster, then your goal should be the Officer ranks.

If you are looking for technical work and don't currently have the skills, one can gain significant skills by joining the military as an enlisted person. An additional benefit is that you will acquire eligibility for the GI Bill, which will help pay for college if you want to get a degree.

Do you plan on becoming an officer or an enlisted person? If you plan on becoming an officer, why not let the military pay for your college education through an ROTC program?

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## 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  
PO Box 1082 Houston TX 77251-1082  
For more information, call LTC Rollins Collins 704.213.2334

*\*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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**MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, HOUSTON AREA**  
**Houston Corps of Cadets ROTC Endowment Fund–The University of Houston**  
(Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force)

Please Print Donor name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

My pledge of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ should be designed to support MOAA,HA Houston Corps of Cadets

My gift will be made with installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be paid monthly \_\_\_\_\_ quarterly \_\_\_\_\_ annually \_\_\_\_\_.

Beginning date: \_\_\_\_\_ The Office of Stewardship will send reminders.)

\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is a check (made payable to University of Houston) for the first pledge payable.

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Account Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on card: \_\_\_\_\_

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Donor signature: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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