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Newsletter to Members

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NEXT MEETING SATURDAY, June 30, 2012 THE JUNIOR LEAGUE

President's Message

We are grateful for the turnout for the Military Ball. Sorry Jean and I could not make it due to physical limitations. We missed it very much. Gene Tulich reported that the program was well received and the military turnout was great.



PBS had a great program Monday evening recognizing the military members and acknowledging their contribution in defense of the interests of United States of America.

Thank you.

Ervin Eggleston, President
Captain, USNR ,Ret.



WINGS OVER HOUSTON AIRSHOW

October 27-28, 2012

Among the stars at this year's show will be the Blue Angels, an F-22 Raptor, and a MV-22 Osprey. Save by purchasing advance tickets: before 8/1, \$17.50 adult and \$4 child; 8/1-10/26 \$20 adult, \$4 child; and at the gate \$25 adult, \$5 child. Online only, you may purchase a Family Ticket for 2 adults and 4 children for \$45. www.wingsoverhouston.com

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**MOAA Houston Area
Board Meeting**

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

Future Meetings
7/24 8/21 9/25 10/23 11/13
All members are welcome.

**MOAA
Houston Area
Monthly Meeting
and Luncheon**

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and Luncheons**

Remaining 2012 Meetings are at
The Junior League of Houston
(June 30, July 28, Aug. 25,
Sept. 29, Oct. 23). November is
with MOWA.

**Saturday June 30
11:30 fellowship
12 Noon Luncheon
JUNIOR LEAGUE
OF HOUSTON
1811 Briar Oaks Ln
Houston TX 77027
713-622-4191**

www.juniorleaguehouston.org

Menu

House Salad

Mediterranean Salmon
OR

Herbed Grilled Chicken
with Cornbread Dressing

Green Beans
Assorted Breads

Bread Pudding

Tea or Coffee

\$29

Reservations to
Jeannette Evans,
281.495.2202, by
5 p.m. on Wed. 6/27

**2012 MOAA-HA Meetings
Remaining**

6/30 7/28 8/25 9/29 10/23;
November with MOWA.

**Military Officers
Wives Association**

MOWA

**June Luncheon
Thursday, June 21, 2012
11:30 a.m.**

**Junior League of
Houston**

1811 Briar Oaks Lane
Houston TX 77027
713-622-4191

MENU

APPETIZER
Cranberry Slush

ENTREE CHOICE
Chicken Spinach Crepes
Topped w/Mushroom Sauce &
served w/Asparagus & a Broiled
Tomato
OR

Mediterranean Grilled Salmon
w/Garlic, Olives, Parsley & Basil,
served
w/Wild Rice & Asparagus

DESSERT
Pecan Ball
in JLH Lace Basket w/3 Sauces

Iced Tea and Coffee
Assorted Breads/Rolls

\$24

RSVP TO: Bobbye Parsons,
713-541-3143, by Noon, Tuesday,
June 19, 2012

MOWA DUES:
Send to Shirley Hooks

MOAA-HA

**\$ Treasurer's
Report
June 1, 2012**

Receipts \$ 550.
Expenses \$ 436.
Balance \$ 5,140.48

To date, 26 tickets on the
Galveston cruise for two have
been sold. Thanks for your
support of the Houston ROTC
programs.

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

From Our Chaplain



CAPT Kerry Magee

**SHALOM! PEACE BE
WITH YOU!**

As I pen this message, it is
Sunday evening, Memorial
Day Eve, and my wife, Ann,
and I just finished watching
on PBS-TV, the Memorial
Day National Concert on the
U.S. Capitol lawn. We used
up about a third of a box of
tissues, as the program was
most heart-warming and
gut-wrenching. It showed and
we remembered, how
shameful Americans treated
returning Vietnam War
Veterans; the Chosen frozen
in Korea; the slaughter of
First Wave Troops on D-Day;
the mangled bodies of Iraq
and Afghanistan Veterans due
to IEDs, TBI, and PTSD
injuries and illnesses.

I hope some of y'all watched this program also. And I pray that on Memorial Day, May 28, 2012, every member of your family stopped, reflected, and remembered with HONOR, the ultimate sacrifice many of our brave Soldiers, Sailors, Airman, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen have made over the years to insure we live in FREEDOM and with LIBERTY! God Bless them All!

Someone said long ago, "A Nation that does not remember its Heroes, has no Soul!"

LEST WE FORGET!
LEST WE EVER FORGET!

May God Bless you and yours!

GOD BLESS Y' ALL!

Kerry B. Magee
CAPT USNR-RET

Endowment Fund and Houston Corps of Cadets

It is June and frankly, our cruise project is going very slowly. As of May 22 only 26 tickets had been purchased. This is obviously not good. Please remember: the intent of the ticket sales is to raise money for The Houston Corps of Cadets Endowment Fund. These cadets truly need the money we supply to them through this project, and they are most grateful. This year there is a change. The intended cruise is an "Elvis Cruise" in mid-October, a five-day, all-expense-paid cruise for two out of

Galveston. The change this year is that if you do not wish to take this cruise, we will supply you with the monetary cost of this cruise, and you may take any cruise you wish, anywhere. In other words, if a new cruise were to cost you more, all you have to do is pay the difference. We have plenty of time, so send your \$10 per ticket entry to Martin Harris. The form is in this and every newsletter until the drawing.

Our Endowment Fund-raising letter, not the cruise contest, is being reviewed by The University of Houston. They indicate that they will be able to participate with us in this solicitation letter.

William Taylor
Cpt. USA Ret.

Speaker for June 30

David Maulsby Director of Operations PTSD Foundation of America



David was ordained in 1987 and has more than 24 years of experience in ministry. He served his first 10 years with Evangelist Tim Lee (a retired U.S. Marine and double amputee from the Vietnam War). David traveled the country assisting in producing area-wide crusades and Patriotic Rallies, later managing the national ministry, which included editing of a Christian newspaper and producing a daily radio broadcast.

He has 15 years of experience as pastor and preaching the gospel message in Northwest Houston,

across the United States, and in several countries around the world.

Since May of 2009, David has worked with the PTSD Foundation of America, where he currently serves as Director of Operations in addition to his duties as Pastor of CrossBridge Church. David has been involved with military veterans counseling programs and reaching out into the military community and working with the Veterans Administration and the Office of Veterans Affairs, City of Houston, on programs regarding PTSD and Homeless Veterans Care.

Married for 24 years, he and his wife Cindy have two children. Heather is a graduate of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor (Psychology/Christian Ministries) and Drew is a Sophomore at Sam Houston State University (Kinesiology/Chemistry).



David Maulsby
with President
George H. W. Bush

We hope to have a record attendance for our June meeting and this fantastic speaker. We've told you many times how great our speakers are, and this one will be no exception!

Make your plans now to be there on June 30.

This classic poem was first published in Lawrence Vaincourt's 1987 Remembrance Day newspaper column. There are several incorrect versions of this poem circulating on the Web; below you'll find the original text.

JUST A COMMON SOLDIER (A Soldier Died Today)

by

A. Lawrence Vaincourt

He was getting old and paunchy and his hair
was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion, telling stories of
the past.
Of a war that he had fought in and the deeds that
he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies; they were
heroes, every one.

And tho' sometimes, to his neighbors, his tales
became a joke,
All his Legion buddies listened, for they knew
whereof he spoke.
But we'll hear his tales no longer for old Bill has
passed away,
And the world's a little poorer, for a soldier died
today.

He will not be mourned by many, just his
children and his wife,
For he lived an ordinary and quite uneventful
life.
Held a job and raised a family, quietly going his
own way,
And the world won't note his passing, though a
soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie
in state,
While thousands note their passing and proclaim
that they were great.
Papers tell their whole life stories, from the time
that they were young,
But the passing of a soldier goes unnoticed and
unsung.

Is the greatest contribution to the welfare of our
land
A guy who breaks his promises and cons his
fellow man?
Or the ordinary fellow who, in times of war and
strife,
Goes off to serve his Country and offers up his
life?

A politician's stipend and the style in which he
lives
Are sometimes disproportionate to the service
that he gives.
While the ordinary soldier, who offered up his
all,
Is paid off with a medal and perhaps, a pension
small.

It's so easy to forget them for it was so long ago,
That the old Bills of our Country went to battle,
but we know
It was not the politicians, with their compromise
and ploys,
Who won for us the freedom that our Country
now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger, with your
enemies at hand,
Would you want a politician with his
ever-shifting stand?
Or would you prefer a soldier, who has sworn to
defend
His home, his kin and Country and would fight
until the end?

He was just a common soldier and his ranks are
growing thin,
But his presence should remind us we may need
his like again.
For when countries are in conflict, then we find
the soldier's part
Is to clean up all the troubles that the politicians
start.

If we cannot do him honor while he's here to
hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage at the ending
of his days.
Perhaps just a simple headline in a paper that
would say,
Our Country is in mourning, for a soldier died
today.

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A Soldier

Written in a Japanese POW camp in Mongolia at great peril to his life by a Bataan Death March survivor.

A soldier is a nobody, we hear lots of people say.
He is the outcast of the world and always in the way.

We admit there are bad ones from the Army to the Marines,
but the majority you will find, the most worthy ever seen.

Most people condemn the soldier when he stops to take a drink or two,
but does a soldier condemn you, when you stop to take a few.

Now don't scorn the soldier but clasp him by the hand,
for the uniform he wears means protection to our land.

The government picks its soldier from the millions far and wide,
so please place him as your equal, good buddies side by side.

When a soldier goes to battle you cheer him on the way,
you say he is a hero when in the ground he lay.

But the hardest battle of the soldier is in the time of peace,
when all mock and scorn him and treat him like a beast.

With these few lines we close sir, we hope we don't offend
but when you meet a soldier just treat him like a friend.

Obtained from and Thanks to:

D.M. Barger [ex-FTG-1[SS]] who obtained it in turn from CMSC Brown, USAF Ret.
The youngest survivor of the Bataan Death March.

ENTRY FORM	\$10 per entry	ENTRY FORM
WIN	5-day Cruise for 2 Carnival's <i>Triumph</i>	Departing 10/13/12 from Galveston No limit on entries Drawing 9/25/12 (Need not be present to win)
Complete this form and send with \$10 per entry, cash or check, to Martin J. Harris, Treasurer, 3902 E. Peach Hollow Cir. Pearland TX 77584-4030		
Name _____		Tel. _____
Address _____		
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CORRECTION

My “Retirement Pay” item in the May newsletter contains an erroneous statement that politicians receive full pay retirement after serving only one term. Two of our members pounced on me for that, and this is the retraction. Sorry for not checking it before reprinting. I thought I had heard it before, and I received it this time from a trusted source, so I failed to check it out. However, I spent more than an hour for this retraction at various government Web sites, trying to figure out exactly what the retirement pay is for federal workers. I still don’t know, because there are, typically, so many bobs and weaves in the legislation, with requirements and options galore. I *think* they may have to serve at least five years before getting any pension funds, but there may even be an exception for that. I do know that they contribute 1.3 percent of their salary to FERS retirement and 6.2 percent to Social Security. And I do know that the current annual salary for both Senate and House rank-and-file members is \$174,000 (leaders make more). And I know that as of 10/1/06, 413 retired members were receiving an average annual pension of \$60,972.

If any of our members want to figure it out and report on the subject, I’ll be happy to give you space in the newsletter for it. To me, the entire spectrum of federal employees’ pay and benefits is a frog strangler.

–Carol Ann Wilson, Editor

Military Officers Association of America, Houston Area

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Comments _____

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