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**President Cdr. Brian Klock**  
PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The Military Ball sponsored by the Houston Military Affairs Committee is being held on May 20<sup>th</sup> at the JW Marriott. This lavish affair is the one event of the year where all the services get together and show the pride of the military members in the area. This year the Army is the sponsoring service. Also, Turkey is the guest allie being recognized. Congressman Gene Green is the congressional member being recognized as well. He is working to get Ellington a commissary...something we could use here in Houston. It should be a great event. I would like for us to have a good showing from MOAA. We are looking at getting a table for ourselves. Anyone interested should please contact me or Maj. George Boe.

Another event of great note will be taking place in September. The commissioning of the new USS TEXAS will be taking place in Galveston. The TEXAS is a nuclear attack submarine of the new Virginia class. This

will be most certainly the biggest military event of the year. I have arranged to have our membership invited to the ceremony. Being the TEXAS you can imagine who will be there. Being Navy, I can tell you that the commissioning of a major warship is an event marking a milestone of national importance. The ceremony is one of tradition, national resolve and renewal. The date is tentatively slated for the 16<sup>th</sup> of September. Mark your calendar and plan to be there. You can find out more at [www.usstexas.org](http://www.usstexas.org) The Houston Chapter of the Navy League is taking donations for the festivities surrounding the event.

As you can see, it will be a busy year. Add to these events will be our hosting of a Texas Chapters meeting in September. We will be seeing lots of each other in the latter part of summer. It all will be fun. I am looking forward to it all.



**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Membership**  
**Elizabeth Heil**

MOAA is gearing up for a new Give Me Ten Program which began on March 1, at which time a list of retirees in the Houston Area will be sent to the chapter President. The Chapter will receive \$10 for every new MOAA member recruited. If we recruit at least 10 new MOAA members the chapter will receive \$100 bonus. If our chapter happens to recruit the most

MOAA members in our chapters category (by Size and to be published with the program), we could receive an additional \$1,000 bonus.

The chapter received a check for \$40 for the 4 new members that joined at our last meeting. Everyone's help in recruiting new members is greatly appreciated

*Welcome New Members*

<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Spouse</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
<i>Denson</i>	<i>Lawrence L.</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> LT</i>		<i>713-866-6260</i>



**TAPS:**  
**Col. Mike Rusnock - Chaplain**  
 No passing of members or Auxilery



**EVENTS CALENDAR 2006 MOAAHA**

DATE	PLACE	LOCATION
Jan.28	Christies	6029 Westheimer
Feb.25	Magnolia Bar and Grill	6000 Richmond
Mar.25	Chabuca's	316 W. Nasa 1 Rd. Webster
Apr.29	Papa Deaux	410 Richmond at Kirby
May 20	MILITARY Ball	
June 24	Magnolia Bar and Grill	6000 Richmond
July 29	Briar Club	2603 Timmons Lane
Aug.26	Brady's Landing	8505 Cypress St.
Sept.30	Willie G's	1605 Post Oak Blvd.
Oct.28	Mackenzie's, The American Grill	9330 Broadway Suite 200 Pearland
Nov TBA	Auxiliary is the Host	
Dec. 9	Briar Club Christmas Ball	2603 Timmons Ln.

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**Warren Proud, Treasurer**

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA HOUSTON AREA - Financials  
BALANCE SHEET – February 28, 2006

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH ENDING, February 28 2006 & February 28 YEAR TO DATE

	MONTH ENDING 01/31/2006	YEAR ENDING 01/31/2006
REVENUES	1506.00	4062.00
EXPENDITURES	1597.00	3379.46
NET REVENUES	(91.00)	682.54

ASSETS	3742.94
Liabilities	130.00
Net Worth	3612.94

BALANCE SHEET  
FEB 28 2006



**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Arrangements**  
**Maj. George W. Boe**

**Saturday Luncheon Reservations**  
**Military Officers Association of America, Houston Area**

Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen  
2410 Richmond at Kirby---Houston, TX. 77098

April 29, 2006 in the Zyedeco Room from 11 to 2p.m. \$20.00 per erson---Cash bar on your own. RESERVATION  
BY APRIL 26, 2006

CALL GEORGE AND MARTINA BOE 713-436-5875. LEAVE A MESSAGE AND I WILL CALL YOU BACK TO  
CONFIRM. THANK YOU.

Mixed Seafood Grill Skewer of Assorted Charbroiled Seafood and Vegetables with Dirty Rice  
Char grilled Chicken Breast --Mashed potatoes--Broccoli  
Pappas Greek Salad  
Bread Pudding  
Bread--Coffee--Tea

Thank you:  
Martina---George Boe



Jeannette Evans, President Aux  
April 2006

It was a lovely day for our  
luncheon at Vargo's on  
March 16<sup>th</sup>. The azaleas

were blooming; the gardens and peacocks were  
beautiful. Thirty two ladies enjoyed lunch and  
socializing.

The wives or widows of the officers of all branches  
of the military service are eligible to join MOWA.  
We welcome.

Our next luncheon will be at the Manor Hocese at the  
Houstonian on April 20. The callers will give you the  
menu and price. Please join us.

## MOWA

Sunshine: Please notify Lucy Somers at 713-465-  
2676 if you know of a member who ill, has lost a  
loved one or who just need a cheerful reminder that  
we care.

DUES: Mail your checks of \$5.00, payable to  
MOWA. You can pay at the luncheon.

Mail to:

Shirley Hooks  
1023 Omar St.  
Houston, Texas 77009

Hope to see you at the luncheon.



**Wayne L Ritter**  
**1st Vice President**  
**Speaker for April Luncheon**

Mary Ann Fordyce is the developer and  
speaker for Houston Emergency  
Preparedness. She is a native  
Houstonian and is married with four  
children. When the recent hurricanes hit the Houston  
area, and so many citizens were unprepared, she began  
to feel that something better could be done to prepare for  
a disaster related event. She has been involved in many  
charitable activities and has owned several businesses.

Mary Ann is a licensed insurance Agent with Farmers  
Insurance of Houston.  
She is providing a "Preparedness Program" for local  
Houston communities, organizations and businesses for  
personal emergency preparedness. This 30 to 45 minute  
instructional program shares resources and information for  
individuals to become better prepared for all types of  
emergencies

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Attached is a list of members, whose membership will expire this month.  
We encourage you to pay the dues support our Scholarship Programs. We need everyone's  
contributions. As of this month if your newsletter date 2005 on the label,  
This would be the last newsletter sent to you.

**George and Martina Boe are looking for a 2007 successor for the position of Vice President  
for Arrangements. Come early and avoid the rush. It is a good job and an opportunity to  
make a lot of friends. And we will help every step of the way while in the learning process.  
Call George or Martina for further information at 713-436-5875.**

**LIAISON**  
**CDR. Eugene N. Tulich**

ACTIVITY	DATE
Veterans Benefits Seminar	Mar 30
National Defense Transportation Association meeting	Mar 30
USFHP Briefings	Apr 4, 5, 6, 12
Gathering of Eagles	Apr 5
American Ex-POW Recognition Day Program -	Apr 7
36th Division Association Meeting -	Apr 8
Texas Veterans Land Board Seminar -	Apr 11
Marine Corps Coordinating Council -	Apr 18
Houston Marine Networking Luncheon -	April 20
ANZAC Day commemoration	Apr 30
Galveston Officers Association Meeting -	Apr 21
Golf Tournament for Impact Player Partners -	May 8
Navy League, Naval Order, HMAAC Joint meeting -	May 12
Spec Ops Team Texas Spring Roundup 2006 -	May 13
Mother's Day Ceremony for Gold Star Mothers -	May 14
Memorial Day Service at VA National Cemetery	May 29
STARBASE Golf Tournament	Jun 5
American Legion Golf Tournament	Jun 8
Wreath Laying Vietnam War Statue	Jun 11
"The Wall"	Jul 7 - 9
Military Child Education Coalition	July 12 - 14
Commissioning of USS TEXAS (SSN 775)	Sep 16
BRAC Commission and Ellington Field	
Veterans Museum in Texas Developments	
Armed Forces Day Military Ball	May 20

## NEWS FROM MOAA - Brian Klock

Military MOAA has published a new 6-page brochure titled "Premiums Already Paid - In Full" that we'll be taking to Congress next week. It's subtitled, "Why the administration's plan to tax military retirees for health care is unfair and unwise - and what the better options are."

With our national Board of Directors meeting next week and more than 50 state Council and Chapter leaders coming to town for their annual meeting, we'll have a cast of more than 130 MOAA leaders visiting nearly every U.S. Representative's and Senator's office to discuss the fee hike issue as well as the continuing need for TRICARE and Survivor Benefit Plan fixes, among other key goals. In addition, MOAA President VADM Norb Ryan, Jr. (USN-Ret) will testify at a March 29 TRICARE hearing before the House Armed Services Military Personnel Subcommittee.

The brochure lays out what the Department of Defense has proposed, the specific reasons why MOAA doesn't support the proposed fee increases, more than a dozen alternative ways to hold down military health costs without hurting beneficiaries, and the need for restrictions in the law that now gives the Secretary of Defense virtually unlimited authority to impose certain TRICARE fee increases.

The brochure will be printed as a pull-out insert in the May issue of Military Officer Magazine. In the meantime, you can check it out on MOAA's Web site at <http://www.moaa.org/lac/TRICAREFeeHike>. A similar brochure on needed SBP fixes is at <http://www.moaa.org/lac/UndueSacrifice>.

On March 23, MOAA hosted Mr. John Kokulis, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Budgets and Financial Policy), and Ms. Marianne Coates, Communications Director for OASD (Health Affairs), for a discussion on the fee increase issue and possible alternative options. It was a very cordial meeting that helped clarify understanding of each other's perspectives, though there were several areas where we agreed to disagree. One point of agreement is the need to find positive ways to promote the mail-order pharmacy program, which saves money for both beneficiaries and the government.

Mr. Kokulis took away a list of specific MOAA questions about the proposal and the data used to develop it, and agreed to set up a follow-on meeting to address the answers. We appreciate his willingness to continue this productive dialogue. While MOAA disagrees with certain Defense Department positions, we believe DoD Health Affairs officials are making sincere efforts to find balanced solutions to the budget constraints imposed upon them, and continuing these candid exchanges of views can only help in the process of finding fair resolutions.



The Texas Council of Chapters will have their 3rd quarter meeting in Houston on September 8th and 9th. The

Texas Council co-ordinates state activities for National MOAA. We are very interested in your input as to where this meeting should be held. It should be a hotel with banquet facilities. This will enable statewide membership a place to stay and since this will be a combined meeting of state and our local chapter the banquet facilities should be

quite large. The accommodations should be competitive and have reasonable dining fees. Any suggestions you may have please contact Bill Taylor 281-483-7315 as soon as possible.

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Here is some information for you Army types. The Army is considering changing Class A uniforms once again. Considerations include everything from the old World War II Pinks and Greens to modification of current Greens to the most favored Blue. The Blue would be a derivative of the current Dress Blues. No decisions yet, but we will know within the year.  
TCC Representative  
BillTaylor



## Networking

MOAA members or guests signed into MOAA's Web Base may submit reunion information and post notices looking for friends.

Information submitted should appear on the Web site within 24 hours. As an added MOAA member benefit, information submitted also will be considered for inclusion in MOAA's magazine. Non-MOAA members also may submit information, but those notices will only appear on the Web site. If you are not a MOAA member, find out [why you should join our ranks](#).

## Reunions

### [Submit a Reunion Notice](#)

Let others know about your upcoming reunion.

### [Search for a Reunion](#)

Look for reunions in your area. Searchable by date and keyword.

## Looking for People

### [Submit a Search Notice](#)

Looking for a long-lost friend or someone who served with a family member?

### [Search Notices](#)

Search to see if someone is looking for you. Searchable by keyword.

## Tell Your Story

These pages allow everyone to tell any and all of their favorite stories--from boot camp to training and education, war to peacetime, and everything in between--as well as offer the opportunity to discuss specific stories and enter in a free exchange of ideas, thoughts and memories. Here's your opportunity to [Tell Your Story Now!](#)

## A Note About Locator Information

Unfortunately, due to MOAA's policy, we cannot help you contact MOAA members directly or divulge member information. In addition, the Privacy Act of 1974 prevents the services and organizations from releasing the names and addresses of active duty and retired servicemembers. However, in addition to the Locator Information section, MOAA offers a list of resources available to assist in locating both active duty and retired servicemembers.

## MARCH LUNCHEON



Andrew & Antoinette Hobokan



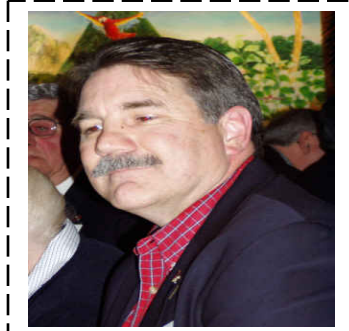
Ken Short, Guest of the Boe's



John & Brenda Kennedy



Superior service at Chabuca's



Bill Thompson, friend of CDR Klock



Col Tom Sledge and Imogene Christian



CDR Klock and  
speaker Commissioner Eugene Tulich



MAJ Harris with drawing  
winner, Martina Boe



## February Luncheon



Lawrence Denson, Army



Roy Maralis, Air Force



Dr. John Fraser, Army



Lt Col Richard Bland with guest,  
Jo Ann LeFrancais



LTC Clarence Hester with Certificate  
of Appreciation for leadership  
in 2005 presented by CDR Klock



CDR Klock presenting MG A. Harry Conrad,  
speaker, with Certificate of Appreciation.



CDR Klock presenting drawing winner, Juanita Ritter

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(Also use this form for any corrections to the current Directory)

Last Name (Please Print) First Name		Initial	Grade	Service Branch	Spouse's First Name
Home Address	City	State	Zip	Phone for Directory	
Civilian Occupation	Business Firm	Business Phone	E-mail address		

WOULD YOU SERVE ON A COMMITTEE?

Arrangements\_\_\_\_\_ Directory\_\_\_\_\_ Membership\_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter\_\_\_\_\_ ROTC\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary\_\_\_\_\_

Dues: \$10.00 initial (first year) membership. Annual renewal, Regular Membership \$20.00 or Auxiliary (widowed spouse) \$10.00.. Renewal\_\_\_\_\_ New\_\_\_\_\_ No.\_\_\_\_\_

Above fees do not include \$5.00 membership in Military Officers Wives Association (MOWA).

Make check payable to: MOAA, HA, and mail to MOAA, HA, P. O. Box 1082, Houston, TX 77251-1082

(Optional but desired)