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PRESIDENT Message
Lcdr. Peter C. Meyer

This August meeting will be especially interesting. MOAA national has sent Phil Dyer to talk with us. He is very well versed in the current affairs of MOAA. Our National Organization is very important to us, since he is the Deputy Director, Financial Education. Benefits Information Department

Here it is August already and more good news! The endowment Fund is growing faster than expected, thanks to the generous members of MOAA-HA. The July meeting-luncheon was a success and our speaker Dr Lin is one of the best speakers. She explained the diseases of the eye in terms we all could understand. This brings us to the August meeting with our speaker from National (Mr. Dryer). I look forward to seeing and meeting some of you I haven't met yet.

We need a membership person! This is one of the most important jobs on the list. We have some marketing tools in place but not a person to run it. I be please to help get this person started and help too. If you would like to volunteer just come to a board meeting or call me at 832-895-0062 (pcm@meyercompany.com).

We are going to name the newsletter next issue and looking for suggestions. I am excluding Board Members from the contest. It will be one of our members who will receive a free 1 year dues paid membership. I will donate the money for the membership.

The other good news is we can advertise in the newsletter. Anyone except Financial Institutions, Insurance and Travel companies. I will have to get each ad approved by the

US Post Office. So if you know anyone with a business or service please encourage them to advertise. Our circulation is same but the monies saved by the advertisements with offset the cost of the newsletter. This means we have more monies for the scholarship fund, not to be confused with endowment fund.

Please visit the website to read it before you receive it.

Our Chaplain has been taking care of family members and has been able to attend the monthly luncheon. I am looking for a volunteer until the Chaplain return to say our prayer at the luncheon. Everyone is eligible except me. You heard my prayers , you would want a volunteer. Thank you for another enjoyable month

Pete Meyer

Peter C. Meyer

SUPPORT OUR RETURNING VETS. IF YOU KNOW OF A PERSON RETURNING HOME AND NEEDS HELP, WE HAVE A NETWORK OF PEOPLE NOW TO CUT THROUGH THE RED TAPE. THE HOUSTON VA CAN BE OVERWHELMING TO SOMEONE WHO HASN'T GONE - THROUGH THE SYSTEM. THERE ARE NUMEROUS PROGRAMS AVAILABLE. JUST CONTACT US.

832-895-0062



**Maj. Martin
Harris,**

June Financial Status Report

Income **\$0.0**
Expense **\$1,418.35**
Balance **\$6,626.40 With all bills paid**

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LUNCHEONS FOR 2007

DATE	PLACE	LOCATION
Aug.25	Canyon Cafe	5000 Westheimer #250, Houston TX
Sept.29	Willie G's	1605 Post Oak Blvd.
Oct.27	Pappadeaux	2410 Richmond at Kirby
Nov 15	Auxiliary is the Host	The Petroleum Club
Dec. 8	Briar Club Christmas Ball	2603 Timmons Ln.



Eugene Tulich
Liaison

- Gathering of Eagles - Aug 1
- NEW - Presentation of Home - Aug 4
- Houston Military Affairs Committee Meeting - Aug 9**
- NEW - 36th Division Association Meeting - Aug 11
- NEW - Presentation of Home - Aug 13
- Texas WWII Memorial Dedication - Aug 15
- Houston Marine Networking Luncheon - Aug 16
- Marine Corps Coordinating Council - Aug 21
- VA Golden Age Games - Aug 27-31
- Recruit Military Career Fair - Aug 30
- 9-11 Candlelight Vigil - Sep 11
- POW MIA Flag Raising - Sep 21
- Returning Veterans Home Fundraiser - Sep 21
- Flags of Our Fathers Seminar - Sep 22
- American Legion Post 404 7th Annual Golf Tournament – Oct 22
- Vietnam Veterans Wall - Oct 24-29
- NEW - Houston Half Marathon - Oct 28
- 2nd Annual DOD Research Conference - Nov 1-2
- 90th Anniversary of 147th Fighter Wing - Nov 3
- NEW - Welcome Home Marines 2nd Bn, 1st Marines - Nov 7-11
- NEW - Houston Veterans Day Parade - Nov 11
- NEW - Houston Freedom Fest - Nov 11
- NEW - Let Freedom Sing - Nov 11
- Sugar Land Rotary Veterans Tribute - Nov 13
- Ellington Field
- Veterans Museum in Texas Developments
- NEW - VA Notes
- Veterans and Military Information
- Need for speakers and subject matter experts
- Houston Military Affairs Committee Membership Drive

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**2nd Vice President, Martina Boe
Arrangements**

August Monthly Meeting

Place Canyon Cafe

: 5000 Westheimer, Suite 250 Houston, TX. 77056

Time 11-2 with hospitality from 11-noon lunch served at noon to 1:00

Southwest Caesar Salad

Adovo Pasta- Penne pasta tossed in a roasted pepper cream sauce with grilled chicken and fresh julienne vegetables. Topped with grated Parmesan cheese and pico de gallo.

Pecan-Crusted Crab Cake- Crabmeat blended with a roasted sweet potato, corn and poblano peppers all rolled in a pecan panko crust and fried crisp. Served with snakebit bean salad and chipotle remoulade sauce. Topped with sweet potato straws.

"Naked" Chile Rellenos--Roasted poblano pepper, stuffed with fajita steak, adovo mushrooms, and our snakebite beans. Baked with mixed cheese and ranchero sauce. Served with refried black beans and southwest rice.

Homemade Cheesecake.

Beverages Coffee-Tea

Cash Bar: Cost of Luncheon \$25.00. Reservations to George-Martina Boe 713-436-5875, Leave a message and your phone number, and request of lunch. RESERVATIONS BY AUGUST 22, 2007. Cash or Check. at the door.



**WAYNE RITTER
1st VP Speakers**

PHIL DYER

Our speaker for this month comes to us from the National Headquarters of MOAA in Alexandria, VA, where he is the Deputy Director, Benefits Information Department; Certified Financial Planner. Phil attended the United States Military Academy at West Point and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1985. He served on active duty as an armor officer with duty assignments in Germany and Ft. Knox, Ky., and achieved the rank of captain. After separating from active duty in 1990 to pursue opportunities in the private sector, he worked in sales for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. He transitioned to financial planning in 1997 and specializes in financial education, employee benefits, and military-to-civilian transition educational programs. He has presented over 300 educational briefings for corporate, non-profit, military, and educational organizations over the last 10 years. He resides with his family in Hunt valley, Md.

Phil will address MOAA's thoughts on chapter recruitment, health care and rehabilitation for our returning veterans.



LADIES CORNER
Jeannette Evans
President - MOWA

I'm pleased to report that I received cable saying the luncheon at the Brownstone was wonderful, great food and good service. Our August 16th luncheon will be at the Briar Club..

MENU

House Salad

Entrée Choices

Chicken Piccata—Glazed with White wine and lemon caper sauce

Or

Pistachio Crusted Bay Snapper

Lightly salted and served with green onion and Orzo Pasta medley

Fresh vegetables and starch

Freshly baked rolls and crackers with butter

Desert Choices

Gourmet Coffee and Tea, with White Chocolate Lemon Cheese Cake

COST is \$25.00

To make reservation your reservation, call Alice Alvarado before 8PM on Sunday., before the luncheon on Thursday. Alice can be reached at 281-261-0276.

If you know of a members who is ill or suffered a loss, call Lucy Somers at 713-465-2676. SEE YOU AT THE Briar Club.

Mike Rusnock Chaplain

Dear Family..this is to inform you that Gerry has been in intensive care at M D ANDERSON hospital since Tues..Yesterday they have taken out one & a half liter of liquids from his right lung . He had been on O2 for about 2 weeks without any relief..So lindsay got him at Anderson and he is resting to day..we take turns staying with him during the day..I feel that we will know soon the results of the biopsy.The doc's seem to think it cancer but do not say so until the report from the lab..At least now he can rest but he is on high O2...I will let you know later..maybe Monday about the biopsy..Let us all pray for him and Marion... God bless Y'all unclmike spread the word.to those that don't have a pc..

Clearance Hester is at Memorial SE, please drop by or send a note.

NEWS FROM NATIONAL



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• Mutual fund operating expenses apply and continue throughout the life of the fund. • Foreign investing is subject to additional risks, such as **currency fluctuations, market illiquidity** and political instability.



Capt. Bill Taylor
Legislative Representative

ENDOWMENT FUND

Here is some great news about progress with our fledgling Endowment Fund.

In recent meetings, The University of Houston has agreed to accept, receive and handle all phases of our fund. We are working on the format, which will be reported as soon as all details are worked out.

Basically here is how the plan will work. You will send your donation directly to the U of H. They will issue a tax deductible receipt to you. The monies will be managed by the U of H, with no fees charged of any type, against your donation. The funds will accumulate until the ten thousand dollar sum is reached for it to become active. Remember our goal is two hundred thousand dollars.

If you decide to contribute remember your employer may match your donation. The U of H is very familiar with this and will assist you in the process. Any donation you wish to make now we will transfer to the U of H. Send to our new Endowment Fund address. This address is: Endowment Fund; Box 135, MOAAHA: 14657 Sneider Street; Houston, TX 77034-5586 -- This is our new Ellington Field P.O. Box. Please make all checks of any amount payable to University of Houston--MOAAHA.

Not all of your contribution need be made at one time. We are working on a pledge card, where you may specify the amount of your gift and the time in which you wish to make it. More details as they become available.

Bill Taylor

PICTURES FROM THE JULY LUNCHEON



July Speaker, Dr. Alison Lin



Winner, Paul Kaufman



Francis Goodman, 98



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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).

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Member of National MOAA? Yes _____ No _____ MOAA (Optional but desired)

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