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**PRESIDENT Message**  
**Lcdr. Peter C. Meyer**

**ANNUAL DUES, PLEASE SEND THEM IN.**

Our January luncheon was a success! Jeannette Evans did a superb job. Our meal was one of the best. Wayne Ritter arranged for a great speaker Teri Walthen, too. One advantage to the internet is the newsletter and information is available at our website noted above. As in the past and now, we need our luncheon reservations on or before the Wednesday presiding the meeting. This is extremely important. The restaurants require the number of guests by that date. Please note the date for the luncheons are in this newsletter and will be listed in the telephone directory as in the past. The newsletter is just a reminder for us. At this meeting we had an open discussion about our chapter, it was a very productive and positive. A feedback form is provided, please fill it out and return it with your dues. This is your Chapter, the Board of Directors need your help to grow and provide a better service to its' members.

Many thanks to the Ladies of MOWA who pledge money to the Scholarship Fund. They additionally sent monies to Fisher House (located at the VA).

Starting next month's newsletter, we will have an Endowment Fund pledge card to send in your contributions.

We need a member to fill the Advertising Director's position for this year, please call me or another board member to volunteer.

I know this will be an exciting year for our Chapter and its' members from the feedback we already received.

I want to welcome two new members Barbara Johnson and Larry Glasco .

Regards, Peter C. Meyer

**LUNCHEON FOR 2008**

DATE	PLACE	LOCATION
January 26	Riverbend Country Club	1214 Dulles Ave, Sugar Land
February 22	Magnolia Bar & Grill	6000 Richmond Avenue
March 29	Brady's Landing	8505 Cypress Street
April 26		
May 17	Armed Forces Ball	Crowne Plaza Hotel
June 28		
July 26		
August 30		
September 21		
October 29		
November 29	Ladies Luncheon	TBA
December		

WAYNE RITTER

1st V.P. SPEAKERS

Winston Dollahon is a native Texan, born in Sherman in 1948. He moved with his family to Houston in 1957 and received his education in Houston area schools, including the University of Houston, where he earned a BA degree in History in 1973. Between 1973 and 1995, he served in the United States Navy as a Flight Officer, flying with several different P3 "Orion" squadrons and air wings operating with both the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets. During his service, he participated in Operation Frequent Wind in which he and his squadron assisted in the rescues of Vietnamese refugees fleeing from the communist takeover of their country. In 1975, he flew missions in support of the rescue of the crew of the Mayaguez, an United States ship seized by the hostile communist regime in Cambodia. He retired in August, 1995 with the rank of Commander. Upon his retirement from the Navy, Mr. Dollahon attended the Center for Studies in Aging at the University of North Texas between August, 1995 and July, 1996. He then performed a 7-month internship at the Friendly Acres Retirement Community in Newton, Kansas, earning licensure as a Nursing Facility Administrator. Between February, 1997 and July, 1999, he was the Administrator of Friendly Acres. Since July 29, 1999, he has been the Administrator of University Place Retirement Community, a Continuing Care Retirement Community in southwest Houston that is affiliated with the Hermann Healthcare System. He is active within the Texas Association of Homes and Services for the aging, serving on the Board of Directors and as President of the Southeast Chapter. Additionally, he serves as Chairman of the Educational Institute on Aging which promotes educational programs throughout the State. His strong interest in public policy and advocacy provides opportunities to influence others and contribute to the future of long term care here in Texas.

BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD AT RUDI AS PER SCHEDULE BLOW

Jan 22	Feb 19	Mar 25	Apr 22
May 27	Jun 24	Jul 22	Aug 26
Sept 23	Oct 28	Nov 25	Dec 8

**Maj. Martin Harris, Treasurer**

### December 07 Treasurer Report

Income	Expenses	Balance
\$1,699.	\$1,891	\$4,272.77

### MOAA NATIONAL NEWS

Medicare/TRICARE Payment Fix Imminent? Congress is virtually out of time to resolve disagreements between the House, the Senate, and the Administration on how to reverse the scheduled 10% cut in Medicare and TRICARE payments scheduled for January under current law. The stumbling block has been how to pay for the fix. But a breakthrough Thursday night may put a bill on the President's desk by Christmas.

Hill Struggling to Address Wounded, Family Needs. Back-to-back hearings on suicide prevention and outpatient waiting times in the veterans' health care system left members of Congress frustrated and grappling with more questions than answers.

Unfortunately, last week's update included one important error. In scrambling to run through the 1,000 page bill Friday morning before putting out the update, we misread the provision that reduced the Reserve retirement age by 3 months for each cumulative 90 days ordered to active duty during war, emergency or certain other circumstances. We initially thought it was the Senate-approved language, which would have allowed credit for such active service retroactive to October 7, 2001. Upon rereading the provision, we were extremely disappointed to realize that the final legislation only allows credit for active service performed after the new language is signed into law - which will happen sometime in the next few weeks. MOAA thinks that's extremely unfair to the thousands of Guard and Reserve members who have sacrificed for one or more tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, and we will work hard next year to win retroactive credit for that service.



**LADIES CORNER**  
**Janette Evans**  
**President - MOWA**

#### **New Officers**

President: Jeannette Evans Treasurer Shirley Hooks Assistant Treasurer Christina Canero  
Vice-President Sarah Crabtree Telephone Chair Alice Alvarado Sunshine Lucy Somers  
Historian Billie Clarke

Members and guests enjoyed lunch at the Briar Club on January 17th with Bobbye Sue Parson presiding on the installation of officers.

The February 21st luncheon will be held at the Houston Racquet Club located on Memorial Drive.

#### **Menu:**

Three Onion Soup/Parmesan and Gruyere/Croutons Honey Roasted Pork Tenderloin Corn and Sweet Potato Succotash Rolls and Butter Iced Tea or Coffee

Dessert:

Pecan Ball in Fan Waffle

Price: \$28

Call Alice Alvaredo at 281-261-0276 before 6:00 PM on the Monday before the luncheon on Thursday if you plan on attending. Call Lucy Somers at 713-465-2676 if you know someone who is sick or has lost a family member.

Please send your Dues in this month, if you haven't already done so.

CDR Tulich

1st Marine Division 67th Birthday Celebration - Feb 2  
 Annual Naval Order of the United States Banquet - Feb 2  
 36th Division Association Meeting - Feb 9  
 National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week, Feb 10-16  
 UPDATE - Houston Military Affairs Committee Meeting - Feb 14  
 NEW - Marine Corps Coordinating Council - Feb 19  
 NEW - Houston Marine Networking Luncheon - Feb 21  
 Armed Services Blood Drive and 5K run - Mar 1  
 Swing for the Troops USO Golf Tournament - Mar 10  
 Marine Corps Coordinating Council Dining In - March 29

## 5 MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Janet Evans 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Arrangements

, February 23, 2008 Luncheon

Magnolia Bar & Grill

6000 Richmond Avenue

Refreshments at 11:00 and Lunch is served at 12:00

Menu

Beef Kabob, Grilled Trout or Chicken Capelleti

Salad—Key Lime Pie

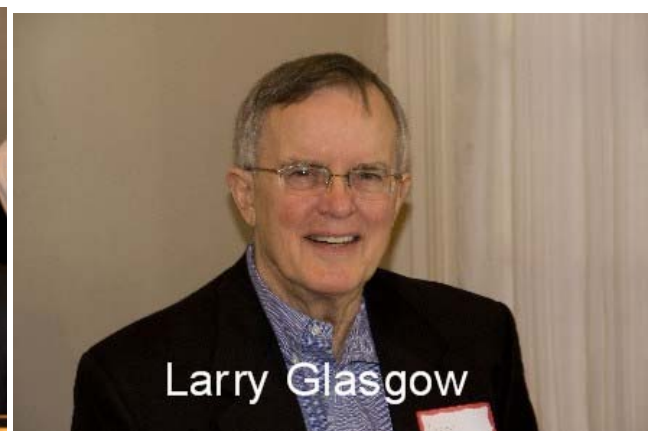
\$25.00

Reservation No Later Than February 20, 2008 to Jeannette Evans

at

281-495-2202

Col. Andy Parson was kind of enough to take the pictures for  
at our January Luncheon



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Feedback Form

Questions

- 1. What type of luncheon locations do you prefer?  
Public Restaurants\_\_ Country Club \_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. What distance from home will you to luncheon? \_\_\_\_\_ What time is best? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. What type of food do you prefer? \_\_\_\_\_ at what cost per person? \$\_\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_
- 4. Speaker topics would you like? \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. What Newsletter content would you like to hear about?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6. How could the chapter best serve or assists others? ROTC \_\_\_ Endowment Fund \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Servicemen \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. How or what can the Chapter do, to better support its' members? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Suggestion on how could our Chapter attract new members?  
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- 9. What Feedback tools would you recommend? \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. Please comment on other areas, not listed here?  
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The above information is for our benefit and your name will not be disclosed to anyone. The results of this form will be published within 60 days from February 1st. I encourage all to submitted this form to me via U.S. Post Office or email (p@pmeyer.net):

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(Please Print)

Last Name                      First Name              Initial                      Grade Service    Branch              Spouse's First Name

Home Address                      City                      State                      Zip                      Telephone                      E-MAIL

Business Tel \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

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

Auxiliary (widowed spouse) \$10.00. Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Member of National MOAA? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ MOAA# \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional but desired)

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