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PRESIDENT Message
Lcdr. Peter C. Meyer

NEW MEMBER: BUDDY GRATHEAM, USA



Well another month has come and gone. Dr. Alison Lin, M.D., a member of the Houston Eye Associates, will be our speaker this July. I am looking forward to listening to her. THE ENDOWMENT FUND is a reality as of the last board meeting. This fund is separate from MOAAHA, but managed by our special committee headed by Bill Taylor. All checks must be made to **University of Houston— MOAAHA** and mailed to our Ellington Field PO Box as noted below:

Endowment Fund—Box #135, MOAAHA, 14657 Sneider Street, Houston, TX 77034-5586

Special congratulations to Jeannette Evans from our MOWA group. She will replace Martina Boe as the 2nd VP of Arrangements. She will work with Martina Boe throughout this year and be the 2nd VP as 1st of January . I am grateful to the Auxiliary members who work with us.

Another but equally important position to be filled is 3rd VP of MEMBERSHIP, you can volunteer for the position at our monthly luncheons or Board Meetings. Please contact us if you are interested and elections are held in October.

Treasurer Marty Harris will be accepting membership fees starting October 1st as of this year. As well as LTC Hester's advertising.

Our August meeting, we'll has Phillip Dyer from MOAA National, speaking about financial resources available through MOAA and update us on legislation affecting the Armed Forces, too. All member are encouraged to ask former Military Officers, Active Duty, National Guard military Officers or Officers served their country to join us. All you need to do is given our website address (www.moahoustonarea.com) or the back page of the newsletter.

Please feel free to send in articles of interest, again my aim is to improve our Newsletter.



**Maj. Martin
Harris,**

May 07 Financial Activity MOOA-HA

Income	Expenses	Balance
\$1,510.	\$542.50	\$6,778.75

HOUSTON AREA OFFICERS MOAA (2007)

Office	Person	
President	Lcdr. Peter C. Meyer	832-895-0062
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Liaison	Cdr. Eugene Tulich	281-376-0061
Newsletter Website	Lt. Peter Meyer	832-895-0062

LUNCHEONS FOR 2007

DATE	PLACE	LOCATION
July 28	Brady's Landing	8505 Cypress St.
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

Houston Military Affairs Committee Meeting - Jul 12

36th Division Association Meeting - Jul 14
 Marine Corps Coordinating Council - Jul 17
 NEW - Houston Marine Networking Luncheon - Jul 19
 NEW - American Legion Post 164 Event - Jul 25
 National Defense Transportation Association Meeting - Jul 26
 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
 Vietnam Veterans Wall - Oct 24-29
 2nd Annual DOD Research Conference - Nov 1-2
 90th Anniversary of 147th Fighter Wing - Nov 3
 Sugar Land Rotary Veterans Tribute - Nov 13

Rotary District 5890, and Salute America's Heroes in conjunction with CommunityShower.com is conducting a gift card drive. From June 1 to July 15 you can help severely wounded veterans who have served in Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom by purchasing a gift card. Purchase a gift card to a popular retailer, grocery store, or restaurant in any dollar amount. The groups will consolidate the gift cards and then present them to the veterans. Purchase a gift card and deposit it in one of the special "Community Shower Drop Boxes" located at 160 bank branches (Sterling Banks, Prosperity Banks, and Woodforest National Banks) and all 17 Momentum Dealerships. For more info visit www.communityshower.com.

TTPRW are hosting a non-political event to show our support for the military. This event will be held in Houston on Friday, September 21, 2007 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in the Grand Ballroom. We sincerely hope you will take advantage of this opportunity and join us.

This event will result in a contribution to benefit the Returning Heroes Home, a new 12,000 square foot assistance center for America's wounded heroes and their families to heal and reunite. The estimated cost of \$3.6 million will be entirely financed by private funds. It is our goal to help in making this a TEXAS PROUD facility with all the funds raised in Texas. The center is located on the campus of Ft. Sam Houston, near Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. You may learn more about this project by going to: www.returningheroeshome.org

With your generous support, this will be an evening that will show the military our appreciation. We have several levels of participation; please review the enclosed information and let us know your level of support. The favor of a reply is requested no later than July 15, 2007.

Please feel free to contact our event planner, Mr. Jerry Bustamante, via email at jb.usgl@yahoo.com or at 713-806-3596, or Mrs. Perky Savage via email at perkysavage@houston.rr.com or at 281-807-0855, should you require any additional information and/or clarification.



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

The July Luncheon

BRADY'S LANDING

8505 Cypress Street, Houston, TX 77012

Hospitality from 11:00 --12:00

Lunch from 12:00 --1:00p.m.

Speaker 1:00 2:00p.m.

Cash Bar.

Mixed green salad with assorted dressing

Entree:

Chicken Cordon Bleu served with rice pilaf

Crab Stuffed Flounder with Lemon Butter, served with rice pilaf

Rib-Eye Steak served with parsley potatoes

Fresh Vegetable Medley, rolls with Butter. Coffee and Ice Tea. "PECAN PIE"

\$25.00 Cash or check to MOAAHA.

Reservations by JULY 25,2007 to Martina and George Boe, 713-436-5875. Greatly appreciated "if" I don't answer the phone, please leave your name and phone number and your request for lunch and I will return your call. Try to bring a friend to help build enthusiasm for MOAAHA.



WAYNE RITTER
1st VP Speakers



Alison Lin, M.D., a member of the Houston Eye Associates, treats general ophthalmology problems and specializes in cornea and external disease. She will discuss good eye care practices, myths and misinformation about eye care and new developments.

Dr. Lin graduated Phi Beta Kappa, with honors, from Johns Hopkins University and attended medical school at Baylor College of Medicine. She completed her internship at Baylor College of Medicine and a residency and Fellowship in Cornea and External Disease at the University of Florida. Dr. Lin has been with the Houston Eye Associates since December 2006

and has several publications to her credit.



LADIES CORNER
Jeannette Evans
President - MOWA

On June 21st members and guest enjoyed lunch at the Houston Racquet Club. Our July 19th luncheon will be at the Brownstone on 2736 Virginia near Westheimer.

MENU

Salad

Organic Field Greens Salads w/ candied walnuts, gorgonzola & herb balsamic vinaigrette

Entrée Choices

Chicken Brie Roulade w/ apples & brie cheeses & whipped cream

Or

Pan Seared Snapper w/ lemon caper beurre blanc and vegetables % whipped potatoes

Desert Choices

Chocolate Ganache Mousse Cake or Key Lime Pie

Warmed Bread & Butter Served with Your Luncheon

Coffee & Tea (included)

COST is \$28.00

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 BROWNSTONE



New member Julie Grantham,
member "E. J." Landry, and member Dorothy Leasure

NEWS FROM NATIONAL



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Capt. Bill Taylor— Legislative Representative

ENDOWMENT FUND

Well folks, here are two more members who are adding their names to the list of donors for our growing ROTC Cadet Endowment. Their generous donations are getting us off to a nice start for our University of Houston ROTC Endowment. They are: Nancy L. Owens, in memory of Lt. Col. Paul V. Owens USAF, Ret. and Lt. Cdr. Vernon G. Gillette, Ret.

Remember your donation of any amount to this fund will be greatly appreciated by the future cadets who will receive these funds.

June Luncheon— CSM Larry Holland, 7th Senior Enlisted Advisor spoke at our past luncheon and was extremely informative about the current Iraq state of affairs. Especially, that we are making signification progress on the War of Terrorism. He spent 37 years in the military and said the Iraq War Veterans are facing tougher challenges than ever before, returning home. They need our assistance in many ways:

1. Getting help at the VA
2. Financial management—the families receive \$400,000 in Life insurance, but some never had monies like that to manage.
3. Many suffer from combat and need help in adjusting or getting care.

This is not just another job so I urge all of you help us in anyway to ease their transition home.

From the Editor.



Drawing winner, CDR Meyer



Speaker, CSM Lawrence Holland, USAR



CSM Holland presents pin to Chapter

I won the drawing, gave the speaker the plaque, and got a DOD Pin from CSM Larry Holland.



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Home Address			City	State	Zip	Phone for Directory
CIVIL OCCUPATION		BUSINESS FIRM		BUSINESS PHONE		

EMAIL: _____

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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