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**President Cdr. Brian Klock**  
 PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Several of us had a great time at this year's Houston Military Ball. CDR Gene Tulich of our organization is also President of the Houston Military Affairs Committee as well as a Commissioner on the Governor's Military Preparedness Committee, ramrods this affair and does a commendable job.

I took my ten year old daughter Taylor to the ball this year. It was her first "grown up" formal affair. It was fun to have her see me doing something with the military that didn't involve me leaving for long periods of time. We had fun. She did say it was like being in history class...but that isn't a bad thing.

As usual, my thanks to Maj George Boe and his wife, Martina for getting us a couple of tables together. We should endeavor to make ourselves a larger presence next year.

I have been involved quite a bit with the commissioning of USS Texas, SSN-775. The Secretary of the Navy was in town in May and announced the "official" date of 09 SEP for the commissioning. As I have stated before, our organizations membership will be invited entirely. The event will occupy a full week of activities for the crew and families.

For more information on the event and activities I invite you to go to [www.usstexas.org](http://www.usstexas.org).

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our June luncheon. We have had a lot of good feedback recently about our events. I highly encourage those of you that haven't joined us in awhile to get off the couch Saturday morning and join us for fun and fellowship.



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

*Welcome New Members*

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



**TAPS:  
Col. Mike Rusnock - Chaplain**

TAPS LTC JOHN H RAFFERTY DIED 4.07.06 funeral 10 am  
ON Monday 17 April in HEMPSTEAD TX.  
I will be in Memphis, TN attending the Military Chaplain Convention 4-24 to  
4,28 06..God bless y'all unclmike



**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 200Pearland
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 – May 28, 2006

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH ENDING, April 30 2006 & April YEAR TO DATE

ASSETS	8709.83
Liabilities	635.00
Net Worth	8074.83

	MONTH ENDING 4/30 /2006	YEAR ENDING 4/30/2006
REVENUES	2096.00	12212.00
EXPENDITURES	1883.97	7067.57
NET REVENUES	212.03	5144.43



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

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

June 24, 2006 Luncheon.  
Magnolia Bar and Grill  
6000 Richmond Ave. Houston, TX. 77057

Beef Kabob over Rice Dressing  
Chicken Capulet Mesquite grilled chicken with fresh tomatoes, basil, and roasted shallots  
Grilled Rainbow Trout  
Preset Salad, Rolls and butter, coffee-tea. Key Lime pie or Pecan Pie.  
Cash bar, Lunch served at 12 noon  
Hospitality from 11 to 12.  
\$20.00 per person.  
Checks made out to MOAAHA

Reservations to George and Martina Boe 713-436-5875 by June 21, 2006  
Please leave your message if we do not answer the phone and I will call you back if need be.  
Thank you and looking forward to seeing you June 24th.

## TCC REPRESENTATIVE REPORT



Bill Taylor  
TCC Representative

Recently our Houston Chapter was asked to host the Texas Council of Chapters 3rd Quarter Meeting. This was to be a combined meeting with our local chapter, and was to be held September 8th and 9th at The Nassau Bay Hilton. This was

the third time recently we have been asked to host this weekend, and plans had been made for a gala event. However, as before we have been asked to post pone our duties as host chapter. As before this is a direct result of the math effects of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Therefore, our September local luncheon will revert to the normal schedule of the last Saturday of the month. Major and Mrs. Boe will have the location in the luncheon section of this newsletter.

Bill Taylor



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

Mike Coates, Director, Johnson Space Center

Mike Coates, former astronaut, returned to NASA in November 2005 to serve as the 10th director of the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.

Coates graduated from Romona High School, Riverside, California in 1964; received a bachelor of science degree from the United States Naval Academy in 1968, a master of science in Administration of Science and Technology from George Washington University in 1977, and a master of science in Aeronautical Engineering from the U. S. Naval Postgraduate School in 1979.

Coates, a Navy pilot and flight instructor, has logged more than 5,000 hours flying time in 28 different types of aircraft, and more than 400 carrier landings.

Selected as an astronaut candidate in January 1978, Coates became a NASA astronaut in August 1979. He was a member of the STS- 4 astronaut support crew, and was a capsule communicator for STS-4 and STS-5. From May 1989 to March 1990, he served as Acting Chief of the Astronaut Office. He was the pilot on STS 41-D (Aug. 30 to Sep. 5, 1984). In February 1985, he was selected as spacecraft commander on STS 61-H, which was canceled after the Challenger accident. He was the

spacecraft commander on STS-29 (March 13-18,1989) and STS-39 (Apr. 28 to May 6, 1991). A veteran of three space flights, Coates has logged more than 463 hours in space. Coates retired from the U.S. Navy and the Astronaut Office in August, 1991 and joined the corporate arena.

From 1991-1996 he was Vice President of Avionics and Communications Operations for Loral Space Information Systems.

From 1996-1998 he was Vice President of Civil Space Programs for Lockheed Martin Missiles and Space in Sunnyvale, California.

From 1998-2004 he was Vice President of Advanced Space Transportation for Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company.

From 2004-2005 he was Vice President of Advanced Space Transportation for Lockheed Martin Space Systems in Denver, Colorado.

He is married to the former Diane Eileen Carson of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They have two grown children, a daughter and a son.



**LADIES CORNER**

**Jeannette Evans**  
**President - MOWA**

Reservation for the next luncheon, please call Billie Clarke at 713-935-0962 no later than 8pm on the Monday preceding the luncheon. Cancellations must be made by Tuesday morning.

Sunshine: Our sunshine lady Lucille Somers, is always ready to send a note to anyone or who needs a cheerful reminder that we do care

Members and guest had a delightful lunch at the Manor House at the Houstonian on April 20<sup>th</sup> with 25 ladies attending. Thanks to Billie Clarke and her daughter Billie for making the luncheon arrangements.

**Tulich, Eugene CDR.**

ACTIVITY	DATE
Memorial Day Celebration -	May 29
Gathering of Eagles -	May 31
Fisher House Open House -	Jun 2
STARBASE Golf Tournament -	Jun 5
Victory at Midway Commemoration -	Jun 6
Houston Military Affairs Committee	Jun 8
36 <sup>th</sup> Division Association Meeting -	Jun 10
Flag Day Ceremonies -	Jun 14
Houston Marine Networking Luncheon	Jun 15
Marine Corps Coordinating Council -	Jun 20
Military Officers Assn of America Houston Area meeting -	Jun 24
American Legion Golf Tournament	Jun 8
Wreath Laying Vietnam War Statue "The Wall"	Jun 11
	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	

**News From Brian Klock**

**VA Data on 26.5 million veterans stolen**

WASHINGTON (Reuters) -- Personal data on about 26.5 million U.S. military veterans was stolen from the residence of a Department of Veterans Affairs data analyst who improperly took the material home, Veterans Affairs Secretary Jim Nicholson said Monday.

The data included names, Social Security numbers and dates of birth for the veterans, Nicholson said, but "there is no indication at this time" that the data had been used for identify theft.

**APRIL LUNCHEON**



## More of our Luncheon





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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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