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President Cdr. Brian Klock
PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We are coming out of winter and spring is fast upon us. It is a time of renewal and a time of new beginnings. One of the initiatives I would like to put out to the board and to the Chapter as a whole is inviting a wounded veteran that is currently at the VA here to our luncheons.

I went to a Veterans Day function in November that a client of mine put on through the Sugarland Rotary. LtCol Oliver North, USMC (ret) was the guest speaker. During his speech he introduced about four individuals who had recently returned from Iraq or Afghanistan wounded. They each stood and were recognized. Col North asked one of them to wave...he had no hands. One of the soldiers was heavily scarred across his face. The ovation these young men received was thunderous. The gratitude that poured from everyone in the room for these young men was genuine. Each one of these young men volunteered to serve. Each has given a huge price but were each proud to have served. They represent the best of all of us. The young man that lost both hands is still on active duty. He was granted a special waiver and is still a serving Marine.

This may or may not be the best forum for presenting this. But I think we may be able to brighten a brief moment of one of these heroes day. Showing them we appreciate what they have sacrificed and hold them in great esteem is a small act. But maybe it will let them know that despite their injuries they can walk with honor and pride in any forum. Those of us that have served and still serve will always stand beside them and be humbled for the privilege.

We meet this month at Chabucca's in Webster this month. I don't know if many of you know where that is. It's by my house to be honest. But I didn't have anything to do with the choice. I will say it is worth the drive for some of you. I know the family that owns the restaurant. I am certain it will be a treat. I HIGHLY encourage you that frequent our more centrally located functions to make the drive south (As many of us frequently make the drive north) for this meeting. It will be a culinary experience as well as good meeting.

3rd Vice President, Membership

Elizabeth Heil

I have written to MOAA for a Current list of retirees in the area and will draft a letter to welcome those who are not members and enclose a pamphlet on the chapter with and application attached.

Stanley Delikat who was at our January Board meeting, sent me a tri-fold pamphlet that he used to use as a recruiting tool in New Jersey that included the history of the chapter. Do you have any information on our local chapter as to when it was established and what projects we are involved i.e. scholarship program.

Welcome New Members

Rank	First	Last	Spouse	Telephone
Lt. Col	Roy	Morales		
	Lawrence	Denson		
LTC	Thomas M.	LEWIS	Bridgett	(281) 288-6685
Capt	Carl A.	LUCKENBACH	Vickie	(281) 257-8574
LTC	Pieter FW	CRAMERUS	Mison	(281) 313-3557
COL	Benjamin H.	SCHLEIDER,	Dorothy	(713) 465-6229



TAPS:
Col. Mike Rusnock - Chaplain

Lt Col ROBERT W YERKES USMC	JAN 8 06
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EVENTS CALENDAR 2006 MOAAHA

DATE	PLACE	LOCATION
Jan.28	Christies	6029 Westheimer
Feb.25	Magnolia Bar and Grill	6000 Richmond
Mar.25	Chabucca'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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Chaplain	Col. Rusnock	713-782-5120
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Legislative Representative	Capt. Taylor	281-482-7315
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ROTC	Col. Hale	713-644-3796
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Warren Proud, Treasurer

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA HOUSTON AREA - Financials
BALANCE SHEET - JANUARY 31, 2006

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH ENDING JANUARY 31, 2006 & YEAR TO DATE

	MONTH ENDING 01/31/2006	YEAR ENDING 01/31/2006
REVENUES	\$ 2,556.00	\$ 2,556.00
EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,787.46	\$ 1,787.46
NET REVENUES	\$ 768.54	\$ 768.54

ASSETS	\$ 4,029.24
Liabilities	\$ 65.00
Net Worth	\$ 3,964.24

2nd Vice President, Arrangements
Maj. George W. Boe

Saturday Luncheon Reservations
Military Officers Association of America, Houston Area

Chabuca's Steaks and Rotisserie: 316 W. Nasa Rd. 1, Webster, TX. 77598
March 25th 2006; Open at 11 with dinner at 12.

Reservations by March 22nd 2006 to George and Martina Boe 713-436-5875
Looking forward to seeing you all there at Chabuca's

Menu

We are being offered Chabuca's Rodizio. What is a Rodizio?

It is a procession of skewers which will be brought tableside and carved in front of you. These selections include different cuts such as Aged Eye of Round Montreal, Crab Balls, Barbecued Beef Ribs, Argentine Churrasco, Six Pepper rub Sirloin, Boneless Pork Loin Parmegiana, Italian and Polish Sausages, Boudin Bites, Flamed Turkey Breast, Chicken Brochettes, Grilled assorted Vegetables, Golden Pineapple, and Manioc Cheese Bread, Garlic mashed potatoes will be brought tableside. A Caesar salad will start your experience before the RODIZIO. You will be provided a non-alcoholic drink and dessert of your choosing will be available. \$20.00 per person.

Alcoholic beverages may be purchased at the rate of \$5.00 per well drink. The house wine is Chilean (Undurraga) for \$5.75 glass, Domestic beer \$2.75 or imported for \$3.75 bottle. Premium call drinks such as Jack Daniels Black or Crown Royal are available.





MOWA
LADIES CORNER

Jeannette Evans, Aux

On February 16th the members and guests enjoyed lunch at the Racquet Club.

Virginia Bargfrede guest of E. J. Landry paid her dues and joined, MOWA. We welcome her !!! The March 16th meeting and luncheon will be held at Varga's .

11:00 Social

12:00 Luncheon

Price \$23.00

MENU:

House Salad

Choice of Seafood Crepe or

Chicken Crepe

Vegetables, Rolls, & Butter

Chocolate Cake & Ice Cream

Iced Teas or Coffee

To make your reservations please call Billie Clarke at 713-935-0962 before 8PM Monday before the luncheon on Thursday.

In April our luncheon will be at the Manor House at the Houstonian. Billie Jean, McCallum, daughter of Billie Clarke is our sponsor, Thank you Billie Jean. MOWA lost a long time member, Bessie Minge Wendt on February 12, 2006. Our deepest sympathy to her family.

Sunshine: If you know of someone who is ill or suffered a loss, call Lucy Somers at 713-465-2676 so she can call them or send a card.

Dues for 2006 are now due. Mail to Shirley Hooks. Looking forward to seeing you at the luncheon.

Wayne L Ritter
1st Vice President

Speaker for March Luncheon

COMMANDER EUGENE N. TULICH, U.S. COAST GUARD (RETIRED) WAS APPOINTED TO THE TEXAS MILITARY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION IN JANUARY 2006. HE IS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSTON MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. AS CHAIRMAN, HE HELPS TO SUPPORT AND FACILITATE MILITARY AND VETERANS EVENTS IN THE HOUSTON AREA. HE IS ALSO THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE ELLINGTON FIELD TASK FORCE WHICH WAS INVOLVED IN THE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE (BRAC) PROCESSES REGARDING THE TEXAS AIR NATIONAL GUARD'S 147th FIGHTER WING, AS WELL AS ESTABLISHING THE ELLINGTON FIELD JOINT RESERVE BASE. HE ALSO SERVES ON OTHER BOARDS RELATED TO MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS INCLUDING THE USO, VETERANS MUSEUM IN TEXAS, AND CITY OF HOUSTON VETERANS PARK.

COMMANDER TULICH'S COAST GUARD CAREER INCLUDED TWO TOURS OF DUTY IN VIETNAM SERVING IN THE COAST GUARD CUTTERS CAMPBELL AND MORGENTHAU. HE WAS A RESCUE DUTY OFFICER IN NEW YORK WHERE HE COORDINATED MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC. HE HAD ASSIGNMENTS AT COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS IN SEARCH AND RESCUE AND IN MARITIME LAW ENFORCEMENT. IN THE LATTER ASSIGNMENT HE DEVELOPED THE COAST GUARD DRUG INTERDICTION PROGRAM AND THE COAST GUARD MARITIME LAW ENFORCEMENT SCHOOL. HE ALSO COORDINATED MAJOR DRUG INTERDICTION OPERATIONS WITH OTHER FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

FOLLOWING HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDER TULICH WAS ASSIGNED AS CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. SUBSEQUENTLY HE WAS THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR COAST GUARD PACIFIC AREA, AS WELL AS CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE FOR MARITIME DEFENCE ZONE PACIFIC. AFTER COORDINATING DRUG INTERDICTION OPERATIONS IN THE PACIFIC HE WAS

ASSIGNED AS THE COAST GUARD COORDINATOR FOR THE ORGANIZED CRIME DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE IN HOUSTON AND OPERATION ALLIANCE HEADQUARTERED IN EL PASO. IN THESE ASSIGNMENTS HE HELPED COORDINATE MAJOR DRUG TRAFFICKING AND SMUGGLING INVESTIGATIONS THROUGHOUT TEXAS, LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI AS WELL AS ALONG THE SOUTHWEST BORDER WITH OTHER FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. COMMANDER TULICH RETIRED IN 1988.

SUBSEQUENT TO RETIREMENT, COMMANDER TULICH TAUGHT GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL SCIENCE. HE WAS AN ADJUNCT PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY, HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE, TOMBALL COLLEGE AND MONTGOMERY COLLEGE.

COMMANDER TULICH HAS A BA FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF BUFFALO AND A MASTERS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION FROM CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LONG BEACH. HE ALSO DID EXTENSIVE GRADUATE WORK IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY AND DOCTORAL WORK IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON.

COMMANDER TULICH IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER JOAN SWANSON, A RETIRED COMMANDER IN THE U.S. NAVY NURSE CORPS.

Our Dues Are Due

Our membership is declining and we continue with the Scholarship Programs.

We need your support to continue this effort.

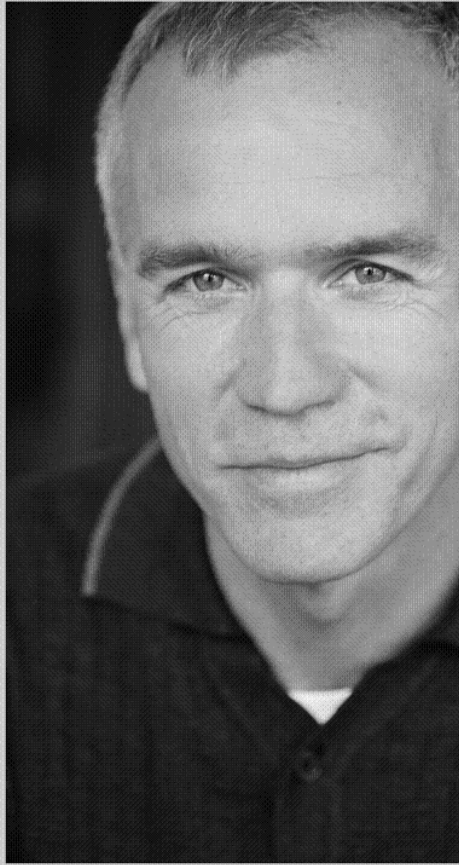
Many of the ROTC Students benefited from this program and are great full to receive the monies.

YOUR DUES SUPPORT THE PROGRAMS.

LIAISON

CDR. Eugene N. Tulich

ACTIVITY	DATE
Gathering of Eagles	Mar 8
Houston Military Affairs Committee Meeting	Mar 9
36th Division Association Meeting	Mar 11
Fleet Reserve Association Meeting	Mar 12
Houston Marine Networking Luncheon	Mar 16
Galveston Officers Association Meeting	Mar 17
Greater Houston Partnership's LtGen Thomas Metz	Mar 17
Marine Corps Coordinating Council	Mar 21
Veterans Benefits Seminar	Mar 30
ANZAC Day commemoration	Apr 30
Armed Forces Day Military Ball	May 20



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Records Overview

Are you a Veteran and wondering how to replace your lost military records? Do you disagree with your records and wish to see them changed? Perhaps you are doing historical research, and wondering how to obtain the military records of a Veteran? Or perhaps for business or legal reasons, you would like to know more about a Veteran.

Copies of most military and medical records on file can be made available upon request. Information or copies of documents may be released from Official Military Personnel Files within the provisions of the law. The [Freedom of Information Act \(FOIA\)](#) and the [Privacy Act](#) provide balance between the right of the public to obtain information from military service records, and the right of the former military service member to protect his/her privacy. Please review these items for additional information. In all cases, you must sufficiently identify the person whose record is requested, so that the records can be located with reasonable effort.

More information about replacing awards and medals can also be found in this section.

Access to Records

Veterans and next-of-kin of deceased veterans have the same rights to full access to the record. Next-of-kin are the unmarried widow or widower, son or daughter, father or mother, brother or sister of the deceased veteran.

Authorized third party requesters, e.g., lawyers, doctors, historians, etc., may submit requests for information from individual records with the veteran's (or next of kin's) signed and dated authorization. All authorizations should specify exactly what the veteran (or next-of-kin) is allowing to be released to a third party. Authorizations are valid one year from date of signature.

News from MOAA

1. **HOT ISSUE:** MOAA Government Relations works numerous issues affecting military people, such as pay, allowances, health care, pharmacy, and TRICARE (the military's health care program). Each has relevance to active duty and military retiree groups, depending upon the issues before Congress. The current hot issue is that the Department of Defense is proposing in the next President's Budget to raise annual TRICARE (health care) fees for military retirees under age 65. In some cases, the costs to military retirees will double or triple by 2009. This will have a large impact on the retirees, 2/3 of whom are enlisted, and will impact morale and retention of the active force. It truly is a readiness issue. MOAA opposes the fee increases, and has the experts to talk about the details and big picture of this initiative. You also can talk with military retirees affected by the proposal.

2. National Guard and Reserve forces are being stretched thin by continuous deployments. MOAA is a strong advocate of increasing the active force numbers to meet the missions required of our military around the world. MOAA has worked to get the Guard and Reserve increased health care and benefits.

3. The Officer Placement Service (TOPS) helps find jobs for military officers leaving the service or changing jobs after getting out. TOPS reviews resumes, counsels, and helps match jobs with one of 2,300 commercial companies that advertise jobs with TOPS. This is all free (part of the annual membership) to the officer. TOPS experts can talk with you about the process, what the trends are, how the officers react, how the families react, what the employers say about hiring military people, and many other aspects of the operation.

4. MOAA operates a Member Service Center—seven young people who provide a human voice to members who call the association: These young people provide personal service, answer questions, and provide information to callers. The MSC is unique in that the young staff goes through exceptionally innovative training (including a scavenger hunt). Most of the callers to the Members Service Center are senior members or elderly surviving spouses. There's a good story how these twenty-somethings work with people who have served in the military and are often three-times their ages or more.

Health Care

- Fully fund the Defense Health Program;
- Protect against health benefit cuts and cost shifting to beneficiaries;
- Upgrade TRICARE to attract more providers and reduce administrative burdens;
- Upgrade seamless health care coverage options for National Guard and Reserve members;
- Fix Medicare/TRICARE payment rate formula to promote provider participation;
- Ensure a broad TRICARE pharmacy formulary;
- Authorize pretax payment of health, dental, and long-term care premiums;
- Improve seamless transition efforts and cooperation between the DoD and the VA; and
- Provide full funding for veterans enrolled in the VA health care system.

Retirement/Survivor Issues

- Preserve full-inflation, cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs);
- Eliminate the Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) offset to the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP);
- Authorize full concurrent receipt of military retired pay and VA disability compensation;
- Accelerate effective date (currently Oct. 1, 2008) for 30-year, paid-up SBP coverage;
- Authorize concurrent receipt for medical retirees with less than 20 years of service;
- Resume DIC payments for qualifying widows who remarry after age 55; and
- Reform the Uniformed Services Former Spouse Protection Act (USFSPA).

Veterans, Other Issues

- Improve quality, efficiency, and timeliness of VA claims-processing system;
- Win congressional approval of flag antidesecration amendment; and
- Reduce Social Security penalties for certain civil service and state retirees/survivors.

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Last Name (Please Print) First Name Initial Grade Service Branch Spouse's First Name

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Civilian Occupation Business Firm Business Phone E-mail address

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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._____

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