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PRESIDENT Message
Lcdr. Peter C. Meyer

Our April meeting was a success and all enjoyed it. The food was the best, we have had. Congratulations to our speaker (Eugene Tulich), I wish he had more time I am looking forward to the Military Ball this month, too. It is a good time me to meet some friends. MOAA National is providing members listing, which we are sending a newsletter and invitation to join our chapter.

National will be at our meeting on 25th of August at Canyon Cafe! The main purpose of the meeting is to attract new members and former members. Everyone that belongs to the National organization will be invited by National MOAA, too. Please note the restraint has change and is better. I hope for a large turn out but National says based on their experience to expect 5—10 from the mailing.

We will complete the application phase this month for the Endowment fund. Contributions can be made as soon as possible and the date will be announced: watch for it in the newsletter and the website (www.moahoustonarea.com).

You don't have to be a board member to join us at Board Meeting and volunteer your assistance to help manage some of our projects. Please be thinking about putting your name in the hat for 2nd VP of Arrangements, since Martina will no longer doing the job as of January 1st. It is hard work but rewarding.

Pete Meyer



Maj. Martin Harris, Treasurer

March Income: March \$2,747.00 Expenses: \$1,677.50 Balance: \$4,873.09

TAPS



LTC GLENN KERR US ARMY RET DIED 4-13-07. GLENN WAS PRESIDENT OF MOAAHA 2000. AUX ALVA HIS WIFE WAS THE NEWLETTER EDITOR FOR 14 YEARS AND IS NOW A HOMEBOUND MD PATIENT.**SICKCALL**; AUX JACKIE VANWAY WIFE OF MAJOR KENNETH VANWAY USAF IS IN A NURSING HOME.

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NEWS FLASH: The Military Ball is this month .



Houston Military Affairs Committee
PO Box 300526, Houston, Texas 77230-0526
 or contact Lieutenant Colonel Robert Donaghe at
 713-686-5097 or donagher@aol.com

_____ Individual tickets at \$50

_____ Individual Tickets (vegetarian meal) at \$50

NATIONAL NEWS FROM MOAA

Retirees eligible for either Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) or Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP) will receive information from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) that will help them make an educated decision regarding their CRSC/CRDP choice during the annual open season, which closes Jan. 31, 2007. Eligible retirees can receive one form of payment or the other, but not both. Visit DFAS's Web site for more detailed information about the annual open season.

According to DFAS, each eligible retiree will get an election form that includes a comparison of the amounts to which the retiree would be entitled to receive under CRDP and CRSC. Also included is information regarding the collection actions and taxes to which each type of payment is subject.

CRSC is tax-free and CRDP is taxable. Since the CRSC amount is the exact amount the retiree will be paid each month, let's focus instead on the CRDP payment. The CRDP is a reinstatement of the retirement pay the retiree was denied by the VA waiver. As such, CRDP falls under the Former Spouse Protection Act provisions.

Evaluate your CRDP benefit

In order to quickly evaluate the CRDP benefit, you should first determine your tax rate using the IRS.

If your tax rate is 28 percent (.28 for the purpose of this exercise) subtract your tax rate from one ($1 - .28 = .72$). This is your tax factor. Divide your tax-free CRSC by your tax factor. This will provide you with the tax equivalent amount of your CRSC, if CRSC were taxable. Compare this number with your CRDP amount. If your proposed CRDP is greater than the amount you just computed, you probably want to select CRDP if more money in your pocket is your objective.

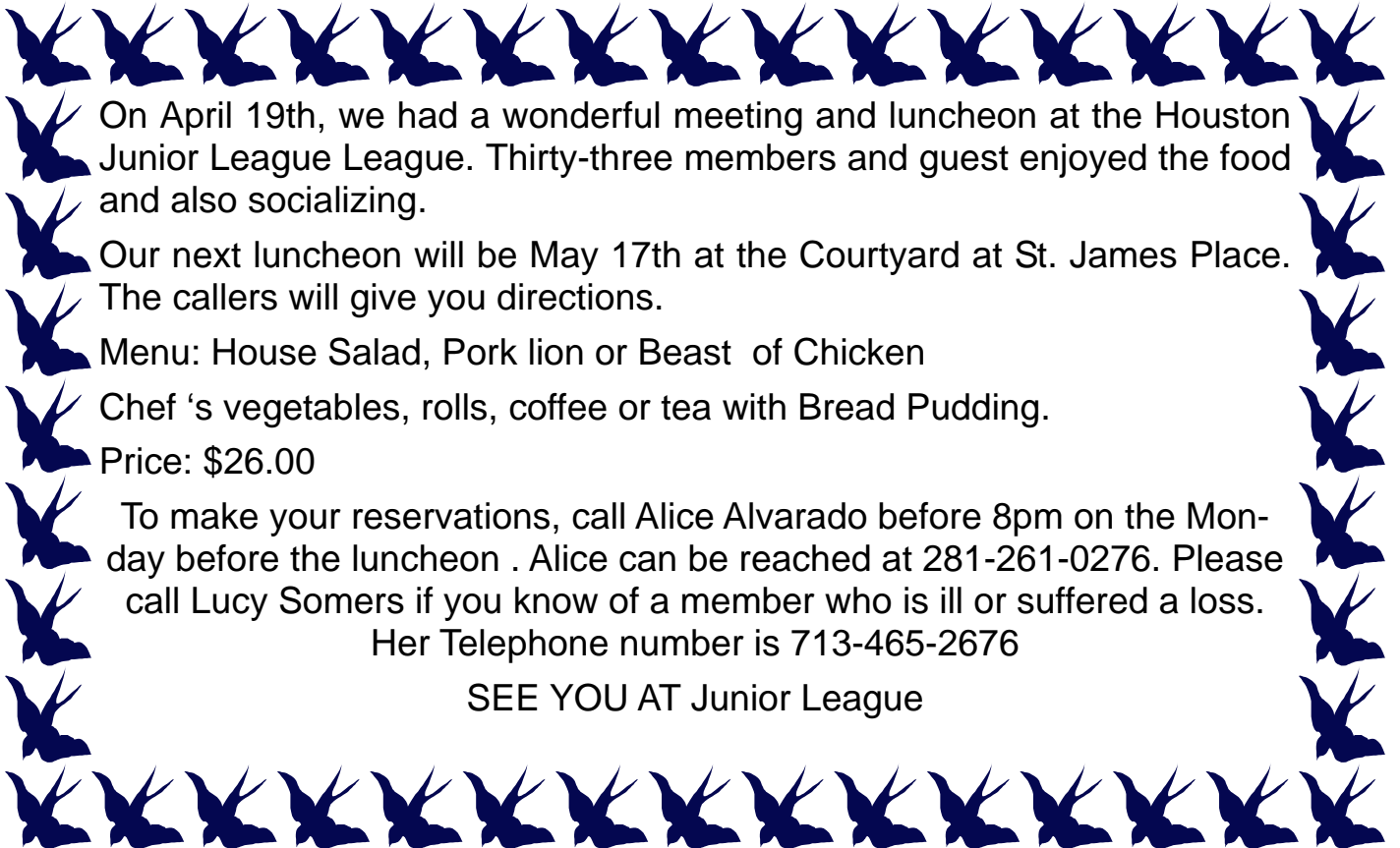
Next year during the annual open enrollment, you'll be offered the choice again. We hope this helps with your decision.



MOOAHA is offering free memberships for new initial memberships of Active Duty officers in the Chapter. For information contact Val Henneberg at [Mail to:ValHenneberg@aol.com](mailto:ValHenneberg@aol.com) or the www.MOAAHOUSTONAREA.com



LADIES CORNER
Jeannette Evans
President - MOWA



On April 19th, we had a wonderful meeting and luncheon at the Houston Junior League League. Thirty-three members and guest enjoyed the food and also socializing.

Our next luncheon will be May 17th at the Courtyard at St. James Place. The callers will give you directions.

Menu: House Salad, Pork lion or Beast of Chicken

Chef 's vegetables, rolls, coffee or tea with Bread Pudding.

Price: \$26.00

To make your reservations, call Alice Alvarado before 8pm on the Monday before the luncheon . Alice can be reached at 281-261-0276. Please call Lucy Somers if you know of a member who is ill or suffered a loss.

Her Telephone number is 713-465-2676

SEE YOU AT Junior League

PICTURES FROM THE FEBRUARY LUNHEON



Drawing winner Dr. Frank Greytok



Your Speaker, CRD Tulich and Lt Col Ritter

This is the May meeting for MOAHA. Please attend.



The Houston Military Affairs Committee
Presents the
Armed Forces Day Military Ball

The Ball Committee requests the pleasure
Of your company
At the
2007 Armed Forces Day Military Ball
To Celebrate
"I Support The Troops"

Saturday, May 19, 2007
Marriott Houston Westchase, 2900 Briar Park, Houston
6:00 p.m. social, 7:00 p.m. ceremony, 8:00 p.m. dinner

Featured Speakers

Congressman Kevin Brady
8th Congressional District, Texas

Lieutenant General John W. Bergman, US Marine Corps
Commander, Marine Forces Reserve and Marine Forces North

Representative of the Government of Japan

Music

Ceremonial Music by Marine Forces Reserve Band
Dancing to Kurland Street Band

**ARMED FORCES DAY MILITARY BALL
TICKET ORDER FORM**

Please send this form with payment by check to:
Houston Military Affairs Committee
PO Box 300526, Houston, Texas 77230-0526
or contact Lieutenant Colonel Robert Donaghe at
713-686-5097 or donagher@aol.com

_____ Individual tickets at \$50
_____ Individual Tickets (vegetarian meal) at \$50

To join the "I Support The Troops" Honor Roll or to place an ad in our Commemorative Program visit
www.hmac.us

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The Marriot Westchase Houston has a block of 50 rooms set aside for the ball at a rate of \$79. Make reservations by May 6 directly with Marriott reservations at 713-978-7400. The block of rooms is for the Houston Military Affairs Committee Military Ball.

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(Please Print)

Last Name	First Name	Initial	Grade Service	Branch	Spouse's First Name	
Home Address			City	State	Zip	E-MAIL

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).

Make check payable to: MOAA, HA, and mail to MOAA, HA, P. O. Box 1082, Houston, TX 77251-1082

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

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CALL Val Henneberg; 713-729-8217 for more information about MOAA-HA