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PRESIDENT Message
Brian Klock

Inside this issue:

We are rolling into the end of the year. Fall is supposed to be in the air and we start thinking about the holidays and family. I hope all of you have a great holiday season.

One of the first things I want to do in this newsletter is acknowledge the generosity of those amongst us who have donated to our scholarship fund. **LTC Donald Stan-diford, USA (Ret), Mr. and Mrs. John J. Douglass and Mr. Ted Maloy** have stepped up to the plate and gave generously. I thank them very much.

Speaking of the scholarship fund, I recently initiated a donation from my pay check to the scholarship fund. Along with this will come a match from my employer, Merrill Lynch. I know several of us still hard at it have similar options at our employers. As long as you are donating to a 501c3 (We are) you can get the matching. I ask you to look into this option.

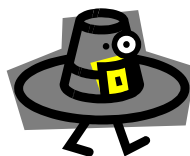
November is Veterans Day....the 11th month, on the 11th day at the 11th hour, the end of World War I. There has been a major push in the media to get folks to attend the parade downtown for this event. I don't know if this newsletter will reach you in time but suffice it to say we should show our support. There are lots of other groups that get there 10 minutes of recognition for their parades...we should at least support ours. We as an organization decided not to participate directly but that won't stop us from being on the sideline, waving a flag and saluting when she passes by.

Again, not knowing when this will get out into mail boxes, I have been asked to be the guest speaker at the Sugarland Rotary Club Veterans Day celebration. From what I know at the time of me writing this it will be on the 8th of November at Safari Houston. I went to their function last year and it was one of the best I have ever attended. It didn't hurt that the speaker was Oliver North. Talk about your tough acts to follow.

We remember those that passed before us and set the standard that is still being held today around the world. The best are still there or gathered together at places like Arlington or on the north side of Houston.

Start making plans for the Christmas party. We are going to be giving toys to Toys for Tots. There will be more on this later.

Have a great Thanksgiving!



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If you know someone who like to join the form is on the back of the newsletter



Chaplain
Col. Mike Rusnock

TAPS:

Homebound" LTC CLARENCE HESTER USA RET.

is now home and enjoying the services of his caretaker, CARRIE LOU". She says he has nursing techs and Rehab personnel are in out so she can't give a best time to call, maybe in the evenings. She thanks MOAAHA for prayers and best wishes....



Warren Proud, Treasurer

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA HOUSTON AREA - Financials

BALANCE SHEET – September 30, 2006

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH ENDING, **September 30, 2006**

ASSETS	5,906.07
Liabilities	530.00
Net Worth	5,376.07

	MONTH ENDING 9/30 /2006	YEAR ENDING
REVENUES	1,027.00	16,733..25
EXPENDITURES	2,276.46	14,287.58
NET REVENUES	(1,249.46)	2445.67

From the Editor: Two very important events are happening this month and December:

1. The MOWA Ladies are having the luncheon on November 16th and all of the MOAA-HA are invited. They do a lot very good things for our members wives and widowers. We are very fortunate to have one of the only groups like this in the MOAA-US. Call and make your reservations it will be held at the Petroleum Club.

2. In December is our Christmas Party, all the details are noted in the Newsletter.

A REMINDER TO ALL DUES ARE DUE!! CHECK YOUR NEWSLETTER COVER AND ON THE FIRST LINES IS THE YEAR YOU'R PAID UPTO.

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LUNCHEON FOR 2006

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 16	Auxiliary is the Host	The Petroleum Club
Dec. 9	Briar Club Christmas Ball	2603 Timmons Ln.



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

MOAAHA Christmas Party December 9, 2006 RESERVATIONS BY December 6, 2006 to George and Martina Boe 713-436-5875 Remember please give us a message and phone number.

Where: the Briar Club

2603 Timmons Lane

Houston, TX. 77027

Time: 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Dinner served at 7 p.m.

Dinner and Dance Attire Formal \$35.00 per. person. Johnny Dysinger Band

Menu:

House Salad,

Medallion Beef Tenderloin w/ Chicken. Served with Tri Color Pepper Corn Sauce and tarragon Butter Sauce, Medley of Garden Vegetables, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Rolls/Butter, New York Cheesecake. Coffee/Tea

Cash Bar by buying your tickets at the hostess table.

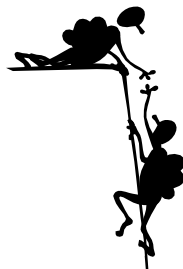
Christmas Reminder once again: The Xmas gift for a girl or boy infant to 16 years old. Unwrapped. Value approximately \$20.00

Bring with you Dec. 9th and we will put them under the tree and they will be delivered to the military base to be distributed to the military

children. Please help and make the kids a little happier.

See you all December 9th,2006

George is looking for a volunteer to fill his position as VP of Arrangements!



NEW MEMBERS

Rank	LTC	Maj.	Lt.
First	Billy D.	Thomas D.	James E.
Last	PERRITT	Sullivan	Clark
Address	9326 Mystic Falls Ln	5215 Raintree DR	4415 Doral Dr.
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St	TX	TX	TX
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Spouse	Wendy	Mary Jane	Willie Mae



LADIES CORNER
Jeannette Evans
President - MOWA

On October 19th, 28 members and guest enjoyed lunch at the Magnolia Bar and Grill. The ladies had a great time visiting and chatting. We are looking forward to our luncheon at the Petroleum Club on November 16th. MOAA-HA is invited to join us along with their guest.

Social at: 11:30

Luncheon at: 12:00

Menu

Salad

Turkey and Dressing

Freale Green Beans

Chief's Vegetables

Rolls

Bread Pudding

Coffee or Tea

To make your reservation, call Billie Clarke at 713-935-0762 before 8PM on Monday before the luncheon on Thursday. Our December luncheon will be at the Racquet Club. Colleen will give more information. Please call our Sunshine lady—Lacey Somers if you know of a member who is ill or has suffered a loss. She will send a card to let them know we care. MOAA-HA Hope you can join us at the Petroleum Club for lunch. See you at this November luncheon. Happy Thanksgiving

Tulich, Eugene

The **Houston Military Affairs Committee** and the **Military Officers Association of America Houston Area** are pleased to announce the following programs, events and information. Please visit the web sites for the Houston Military Affairs Committee at <http://www.HMAC.us> and the Military Officers Association of America Houston Area at <http://www.moahoustonarea.com/> for updates and other interesting information.

Announcements Resumed

NEW - Veterans Appreciation Day - Nov 5

UPDATE - Houston Stand-Down 2006 - Nov 8 - 9

Houston Military Affairs Committee Meeting - Nov 9

NEW - Annual Cake Cutting - Nov 10

UPDATE - Houston Veterans Day Ceremony and Parade - Nov 11

NEW - Veterans Day Celebration - Nov 11

NEW - 36th Division Association Meeting - Nov 11

Texas Honor Ride - Nov 11

NEW - Military Appreciation Monday - Nov 13

NEW - Gathering of Eagles - Nov 15

NEW - Houston Marine Networking Luncheon - Nov 16

NEW - Marine Corps Coordinating Council - Nov 21

Fleet Reserve Association 2006-2007 Essay Contest - Dec 1

NEW - Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony - Dec 2

Armed Forces Day Military Ball - May 19

Ellington Field

Veterans Museum in Texas Developments

VA Notes

Veterans and Military Information

Need for speakers and subject matter experts

Houston Military Affairs Committee Membership Drive

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The Uniformed Services Former Spouse Protection Act (USFSPA), which governs division of military retired pay in divorce cases, contains significant inequities.

Background: At the urging of MOAA and The Military Coalition (TMC), legislation was introduced in the 1990's that would: terminate military retired pay payments upon the former spouse's remarriage; base award of retired pay on the member's grade and years of service at time of divorce, not retirement; and strengthen the prohibitions against awarding VA disability pay. Rather than act on this legislation, Congress directed the Department of Defense (DoD) to study the former spouse law and make any recommendations for change. DoD submitted its report in September 2001-two years late-and the report did not lend support for any major reform of the former spouse law. Specifically, the DoD report recommended against ending payments to former spouses upon their remarriage, citing that military retirement is not much different than other forms of retirement. While the report did recommend basing award amounts to former spouses on the member's grade/years of service at time of divorce versus retirement, it proposed applying this only to future divorces. In the 108th Congress, Rep. Cass Ballenger (R-NC) introduced H.R. 1111, which provided a new approach aimed at limiting the duration of payments to former spouses for marriages of less than 20 years (marriages of 20 or more years would be unaffected). The bill proposed to relate the length of payments to the length of marriage (e.g., ten years of marriage would equal ten years of payments)-again, only for marriages of less than 20 years. The rationale for the proposal was that if service members are not eligible for lifetime retired pay if they have less than 20 years' service, former spouses should meet the same standard. The bill also proposed basing award amounts to former spouses on the grade and years of service of the member at time of divorce



Wayne L Ritter
1st Vice President
Speaker for August
Luncheon

Col Julius Carl Trevay, USA Retired

Col Trevay was born July 2, 1923 in St. Louis, MO. His careers and experiences have been vast and varied. During the summers of 1938 and 1939 he worked with the Civilian Conservation Corps(CCC) in Maine. After graduation from Hackensack High School, NJ in 1939, he joined the National Guard, 29th Div in 1940.

Col Trevay played professional football for the NY Giants in 1941 and again in 1948. His military service included North Africa/Sicily, Cadre for 12th Armored Div, Regimental Cord. 395 AB, Korea and he has been employed all over the world as an engineer and as a member of the intelligence service. Included in this work as an engineer, he was appointed by USA to shut down the Russian reactor at Chernobyl.

Col Trevay is married to Marian S. Trevay who has her BS in Liberal Arts from University of Texas.

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(vs. time of retirement) and strengthening prohibitions against dividing any portion of disability compensation.

In April 2004, a group called the USFSPA Litigation Support Group (ULSG, LLC) initiated a lawsuit seeking to overturn the USFSPA. On June 9th, 2005 Judge James C. Cacheris of the US District Court in Alexandria, VA ruled against the group on three of its four arguments. Since then, the ULSG has appeared several times in District Court in Alexandria, VA and at the Fourth Circuit Court of . upon grade/years of service at time of divorce instead of retirement

MOAA is seeking a new champion to introduce a bill in the 109th Congress. In the Senate version of the 2007 Defense Bill (S. 2766) there were three USFSPA reform provisions -- the first reform provisions in over a decade -- however, all three provisions were dropped. MOAA supports a much broader reform package and will urge Congress to adopt, as a minimum, a prohibition against awarding retired pay division before the member actually retires and an elimination of the "windfall" benefit by basing the award

Appeals in Richmond, VA. Most recently, ULSG provided oral argument before the Fourth District Court of Appeals on May 22, 2006. On September 18, 2006, the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, VA issued their opinion and upheld the ruling by Judge Cacheris. Although some may considered this a major setback, the ULSG has stated they may have lost this battle, but the "fight is not over yet." Possibilities under consideration include appealing to the US Supreme Court or asking for a case reconsideration from the Appeals Court.

MOAA Position: MOAA supports the changes envisioned by H.R. 1111 and most of the lesser equity-based changes recommended in the DoD report. This year, MOAA formulated a consensus reform package with the Military Coalition and presented to the House and Senate Armed Services' staffs.

Key Bills/Status: H.R. 1111 expired when the 108th Congress adjourned in December, and Rep. Ballenger has left Congress.

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Spouse's First Name

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