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PRESIDENT Message
Lcdr. Peter C. Meyer

This is the month for the MOWA luncheon at the Petroleum Club. All members are invited and must call Alice Alvarado before 8pm on the Monday before the luncheon. Alice can be reached at 281-261-0276. This will be an enjoyable event for all.

The elections are around the corner and we need people to attend our November board meeting at 11:30 on the 20th. Please call Martina Boe at 713-436-5875 before the preceding Monday. I strongly encourage anyone interested to attend. This is a great time to be on the committee with the projects we are working on. We have the endowment fund program, scholarship fund raiser and membership drive and the normal activities of managing our organization.

On behalf of the Board of Directors I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving.



Maj. Martin Harris, Treasurer

Third Quarter Treasurer Report

	Income	Expenses	Balance
July	\$1,060	\$1,587	\$6,068
Aug	\$0	\$1,992	\$4,076
Sep	\$1,421	\$1,387	\$4,131



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!!!!!!!!!!!!!!COMING EVENT FOR DECEMBER!!!!!!



The next big doings and last for me will be the Xmas party Dinner dance December 8th at the Briar Club from 6-10 p.m. It is semi-formal. A unwrapped child's gift from infant to 10 is requested for the toys for tots. Approximately \$10.00. The usual cash bar on your own, Briar Club House Salad, Medallion Beef tenderloin w/ chicken served with Tri Color Peppercorn sauce and Tarragon butter sauce, Medley of garden vegetables, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Roll/Butter, Coffee/ Tea, White chocolate/lemon cheese cake. \$35.00 per-person. Music by Johnny Dysan from 6/10 p.m.

Request for reservation by December 5th,2007 to Martina L. Boe

713-436-5875

Texas. The "Post Headquarters Squadron" deactivated 19 August 1919, but was called back to service on 29 June 1923 as the 111th Observation Squadron, 36th Division, Texas Air National Guard. The squadron flew the Curtiss JN-6H "Jenny" until 1927, followed by the O-2s, the Douglas O-38 in the 1931, then in 1938 the O-43As and O-47s. With the onset of WW II, the unit was federalized. By November 1942 the unit moved to Europe. From June 1943 through May 1945, the 111th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron Flew 3,840 reconnaissance missions in the P-51. The 111th accounted for 44 enemy aircraft destroyed, 29 damaged and claimed 12 probable kills. During the Korean War, the squadron flew close-air support and interdiction missions, destroying two MIG-15s. Between 1952 and 1959 the squadron flew many aircraft including the F-80, F-86D and F-86L. In August 1960, the unit became one of the first to transition to the F-102A all-weather fighter interceptor and began a 24-hour alert to guard the Texas Gulf Coast. By January 1970, the wing started a new mission: training all F-102 pilots in the United States for the Air National Guard. On 6 May 1971 the unit received F-101F fighter interceptors and became the training center for all Air Guard interceptors. The Air Force deactivated Ellington Air Force Base on 1 April 1976 and the 147th Fighter Interceptor Group (FIG) took over its transition to the State of Texas Air National Guard. In October 1978, the 147th won the United States Air Force Air-to-Air Weapons Meet-"William Tell" in F-101s, and again in 1980. The 147th converted to F-4Cs in 1982, and the F-4D in November 1986. In October 1988, the 147th won the F-4 Maintenance Award at William Tell. The 147th converted to the F-16A in September 1989, and by June 1992 converted to F-16A air defense fighters. The unit was re-designated the 147th Fighter Wing (FW) in October 1995 and by September 1996, the 147th FW was converting to F-16Cs. In October 1998 the 147th Fighter Wing became a multi purpose unit with an air-to-ground mission while retaining its alert tasking. During Sept 11th 2001 the 147th Fighter Wing escorted The President of the United States and has done combat duty in Iraq. Throughout all the past and present changes, the 147th Fighter Wing remains an essential part of the total force and one of the finest units in the Air National Guard.

SECOND ANNUAL DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE RESEARCH CONFERENCE - November 1-2
The Air Force and Army ROTC units at the University of Houston and the Navy ROTC Houston Consortium are sponsoring this event. The event held in conjunction with the University of Houston.

The Conference will be held at the University of Houston Hilton Hotel and Conference Center from 8 AM to 5 PM. The speaker is Mr. Ben Riley, Director, DDR&E/Rapid Reaction Technology Office. Registration is required for all attendees. Registration fee is \$130 (free for UH personnel) and includes breakfast, lunch, reception, and conference booklet.

The topics include Overview of the DoD Research Development Objectives; DoD RDT&E Process Overview; Air Force, Army, and Navy Research Overviews; Defense Advance Research Projects Agency Research Overview; Global Innovation & Strategy Center; AF Space Innovation and Development Center; Foreign Languages; AF Space Development & Test Wing (including at NASA JSC); Distance Learning; Panel Discussion: How can Texas Universities support National Defense?; Space & Naval Warfare (SPAWAR) Systems Center San Diego/ Science Technology, & Engineering; Army Medical Research; USN Materials Science and Technology; AF Human Effectiveness/ Aerospace Medical Research; AF Materials, Manufacturing and Nanotechnology; Chemical and Biological Joint S&T Office for Chemical, Biological and Medical Defense; AF Sensors Technology; Integration of Joint Warfighter Communications Logistics; Energy, Power and Propulsion; Information Security, Data Mining, and Info Ops; AF Advanced Optics and Imaging Technologies; and Navy Networks, Info Assurance and Communications Systems.

In Memory of a member who contributed to our organization

CLARENCE HAYGOOD HESTER, age 85, passed away on Thursday, the 20th of September 2007. Born in Beaumont, Texas on the 16th of March 1922 to Margaret Alafair Whatley and Clarence Haygood Hester, Sr., he graduated from high school in Calvert, Texas, and attended Texas A&M University prior to military service. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army upon completion of the Engineer Officer Candidate School at Fort Belvoir, VA, in 1944 and was assigned to the Amphibious Corps of Engineers in Manila, Philippines. Upon returning to the States, Clarence returned to Texas A&M and was awarded a degree in Mechanical Engineering. After graduation, he went to work as a Sales Engineer with Browning-Ferris Machinery, Co., where he was employed until recall to active duty at the outbreak of the Korean War. Following assignments with the Army Corps of Engineers in Salzburg, Austria, and Fort Hood, Texas, Clarence returned to Houston and worked for the John L. Dore Co. During his tenure at Dore, he was the designer of plastic-lined valves and was awarded several patents. In 1980, he retired from Dore, after becoming Vice-President for Worldwide Marketing and Advertising, and formed C.H. Hester and Associates, a manufacturing representative organization for industrial plastic products. Mr. Hester was a former member of Willowisp, Champions Golf Club, and Riverbend Country Club. He was a member of St. Martin's Episcopal Church and had served on the vestry at both St. George's and Church of the Ascension Episcopal Churches. He was a past president of the Military Officers Association of America Houston Chapter and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army Reserve. He was Class Agent for the Texas A&M Class of 1943 and a long-time member of the A&M 12th Man Foundation, The Association of Former Students, and the Houston A&M Club. Clarence is survived by his wife Carrie Lou Taylor Hester, his son George Whatley Hester and wife Connie of Bryan, his daughter Christine Hester Moore and her husband Craig of Santa Barbara, California, and his grandchildren Timothy Merritt Moore of San Francisco, California, Mackenzie Taylor Moore of Portland, Oregon and Morgan Taylor Hester and Matthew Whatley Hester, both of Bryan.

Welcome to new members of MOAA– Area

AUX	Valerie B.	CALLAWAY,		(281) 444-6464
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Maj	Lelia R.	BATTON,		
CDR	Steven E.	CHAPMAN,	Deborah	(281) 360-1968
Capt	Miguel	ALVA	Mercedes	(281) 437-2582
CPT	Adam S.	COLLETT,		(713) 677-9163
AUX	Rita	ROUGAGNAC,		(713) 781-8172
LtCol	Thomas N.	CLARKE,	Liz	(281) 545-8285



LADIES CORNER
Jeannette Evans
President - MOWA

Our next luncheon will be at the Petroleum Club November 15th. The callers will give you directions. For MOAA members please call Alice to make your reservations

Menu:

Mix green salad w/ herb dressing & crumbled blue cheese

Roast sliced turkey breast

Corn bread dressing, green bean, cranberry relish

Bread pudding w/ bourdon or lemon sauce



To make your reservation, call Alice Alvarado before Monday before the luncheon can be reached at

Please call Lucy Somers if you know of a member who is ill or suffered a loss. Her Telephone number is 713-465-2676

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MOAA Praises Disability Benefits Commission Report

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Alexandria, Va...The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) applauds the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission (VDBC) upon the release of its long-anticipated report at an Oct. 3 press conference on Capitol Hill before several military and veteran organizations. The VDBC's 540-page report titled "Honoring the Call to Duty: Veterans' Disability Benefits in the 21st Century" includes 113 recommendations for DoD, VA, and Congress to consider.

"We are pleased that after two years of studying the various aspects of veteran disability benefits, the Congressional commission charged with making recommendations to modernize veterans' disability payments is recommending full concurrent receipt, elimination of SBP - DIC offsets and other changes that reflect a number of MOAA priorities," said MOAA president VADM Norb R. Ryan, Jr. USN (Ret.)

The recommendations call for complete overhaul of the current DoD and VA disability processes. The commission highlighted 14 priority recommendations that include several MOAA goals for retirees, survivors, and veterans. Some of these major recommendations include -

- VA disability compensation should be upgraded to reflect adverse effects on quality of life (QOL). Congress should increase compensation for the severely disabled up to 25 percent as an interim measure pending development and implementation of a QOL measure in the VA's rating schedule.
- VA should begin to modernize the current rating schedule, beginning with more appropriate evaluation and rating of PTSD and TBI.
- VA should establish a holistic approach that couples PTSD treatment, compensation, and vocational assessment.
- Congress should eliminate the disability offset to military retired pay for all disabled retirees and the offset to disability severance pay for members separated due to service-connected disabilities.
- VA and DoD should realign the disability evaluation process so that the Services determine fitness for continuation on duty, while VA assigns disability ratings for use by DoD as well as VA.
- Congress should eliminate the deduction of VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation from military Survivor Benefit Plan annuities.
- VA and DoD should expedite development and implementation of compatible information systems.

Many of these recommendations carry a hefty price tag. But Chairman James Terry Scott, LTG, USA (Ret.) said the commission was not influenced by cost. "When we discussed options, we talked about the cost of a particular recommendation just so we'd know what we were talking about," he said. "But we did not let that be the determining factor of whether we made it into a recommendation."

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