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**PRESIDENT Message
Lcdr. Peter C. Meyer**

We have been sending the newsletter to former members on our list. Please consider re-joining MOAA-HOUSTON-AREA group again. Please use the form on the this letter or the website to join up again. We are doing more exciting projects and very rewarding.

Dear members,

We had another great Saturday luncheon and speaker. Phil Dyer was very informative about the current legislative issues, how to increase membership and health care. He was kind enough to give us his presentation on CD Rom and I'll post it on the website. As usual Martina Boe out performed our expectations organizing the luncheon and the food was excellent. We had fifty guess and members. This was one of our best meetings this year

Many thanks to Ed Hale for doing the pray.

The endowment fund is near completion and we have over \$5000.00 collected. We are having elections in October, Please come to the board meeting or submit your name or nominations for all the positions. Those who served us in the past know the work is rewarding.

Please keep Clarence Hester in your prayers, since he is still being treated at Memorial Southwest Hospital. Please keep in mind others who may need some assistance or help, we just a phone away.

Special thanks to our guess who join us at the August meeting and you are very wel-

come to the next meeting. I'll try my best to get you a current newsletter, if you haven't received one please visit our website (www.moahoustonarea.com). It will be on the website before it gets mailed. Many of you asked for Gene Tulich's email and website, it can be found in the newsletter under

Pete Meyer

Peter C. Meyer

Your President





Maj. Martin Harris,
Treasurer

June Financial Status Report

Income \$
Expense \$
Balance \$

HOUSTON AREA BOARD MEMBERS 2007)

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In preparation for the coming year, we need members to volunteer for the MOAA AREA Board. The elected and appointed positions are open to all members. If you are interested in becoming a board member, just come to a meeting or let us know. All the positions are rewarding and challenging. This coming year with our new programs in place, there is a lot challenges ahead. Every positions has a handover booklet so we don't skip a beat (TRY NOT TOO). This is a great time to join with the endowment fund project, reaching out to our troops and expanding membership. I have posted the Mr. Dyer presentation on our website. There appears to be members in Washington m that want to increase to cost of military retirement and reduce our benefits. Please and let your voice be heard.



LUNCHEONS FOR 2007

| DATE | PLACE | LOCATION |
|---------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Sept.29 | Willie G's | 1605 Post Oak Blvd. |
| Oct.27 | Pappadeaux | 2410 Richmond at Kirby |
| Nov 15 | Auxiliary is the Host | The Petroleum Club |
| Dec. 8 | Briar Club Christmas Ball | 2603 Timmons Ln. |



Eugene Tulich Liaison

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/](http://www.moahoustonarea.com/) for updates and other interesting information.

- UPDATE - National Defense Transportation Association Meeting - Aug 30
- Toys for Tots Benefit Golf Tournaments - Sep 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26
- Vets' Journey Home Retreat - Sep 7-9
- 36th Division Association Meeting - Sep 8
- 9-11 Candlelight Vigil - Sep 11
- NEW - Service Academy Fair - Sep 15
- NEW - Texas To Honor Choctaw Code Talkers - Sep 16
- Houston Military Affairs Committee Meeting - Sep 17
- AFROTC Jog With The Troops - Sep 18
- NEW - Marine Corps Coordinating Council - Sep 18
- NEW - Houston Marine Networking Luncheon - Sep 20
- POW MIA Flag Raising - Sep 21
- Black Horse Association Meeting - Sep 24
- American Legion Auxiliary Unit 416 Fiesta Dinner - Sep 28
- 12th Annual Retiree Appreciation Day - Sep 29
- Navy Birthday Ball - Oct 12
- NEW - American Legion Post 490 Oktoberfest - Oct 14
- 147th Fighter Wing 90th Anniversary Celebration Golf Tournament - Oct 15
- American Legion Post 404 7th Annual Golf Tournament - Oct 22
- Vietnam Veterans Wall - Oct 24-29
- Flags of Our Fathers Seminar - Oct 27
- Houston Half Marathon - Oct 28
- 2nd Annual DOD Research Conference - Nov 1-2
- 90th Anniversary of 147th Fighter Wing - Nov 3
- Veterans Benefits Fair - Nov 3
- Welcome Home Marines 2nd Bn, 1st Marines - Nov 7-11
- Houston Veterans Day Parade - Nov 11

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**2nd Vice President, Martina Boe
Arrangements**

WILLIE G'S SEPTEMBER 29, 2007
1605 POST OAK BLVD.
HOUSTON, TX. 77056

GREETINGS AT 11:00, WITH A CASH BAR ON YOUR OWN. LUNCH AT NOON. SPEAKER AT 1P.M

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THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU COOPERATION AND LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING SOME NEW FACES TO JOIN THE USUAL FACES.



WAYNE RITTER
1st VP Speakers

COLONEL PHILIP A. BOSSERT, JR.

Colonel Philip A. Bossert, Jr. is Commander, Air Force ROTC Detachment 003, and Professor of Air Force Studies at the University of Houston. He is responsible for recruiting and preparing officer candidates for Air Force commissioning through a comprehensive college program.

Colonel Bossert was born in New York City and grew up in Massapequa, Long Island, New York. He entered the U.S. Air Force in 1982 as a distinguished military graduate from the Air Force Academy. As an airlift pilot he has served in various flying, special duty, school, command, staff, and joint assignments. Colonel Bossert has over 3900 flying hours and has participated in Operations JUST CAUSE, DESERT SHIELD, DESERT STORM, and ENDURING FREEDOM. He has published 80 articles in primarily military related journals including The Mobility Forum, TIG Brief, Air & Space Journal, Airlift/Tanker Quarterly, The Encyclopedia of Military History, and the International Journal of Transportation Economics.

His many awards and decorations include Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1st OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (2nd OLC), Air Force Commendation Medal (1st OLC), Army Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal (1st OLC), Joint Service Meritorious Unit Award, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, Combat Readiness Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, and Kuwaiti Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia & Kuwait).

Colonel Bossert is married to Major Anita Shorosky, USAF (ret), of Sayreville, New Jersey. They have two children, Andrew, 14, and Stephanie, 12.



LADIES CORNER
Jeannette Evans
President - MOWA

The weather was stormy and the streets were flooded, but fifteen members managed to get to the Briar club safely. The food was delicious and the décor was beautiful.

Our September Luncheon will be at the Houston Racquet Club

MENU

Cold avocado soup

Shrimp & Crab salad

Shrimp Reinoulade & Fresh Frecet

Rolls, Butter & Tea or Coffee

Ice Cream Pecan Ball with Chocolate & Butterscotch Sauces

And Fau Wafer

Price: \$23.00

For reservations, call Alice Alvarado by Monday 8:00 pm , before the luncheon on Thursday. If you know of a members who is ill or suffered a loss, call Lucy Somers at 713-465-2676.

My condolences to Marion Walker for the loss of her husband, Gerald.

See you at the Racquet Club.



Chaplain

Col. Mike Rusnock

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Capt. Bill Taylor
Legislative Representative

ENDOWMENT FUND

Our Endowment Fund is now before the Legal Department of the University of Houston. It has changed somewhat in that it now encompasses all Cadets at all Colleges in the Houston area. Not just those enrolled at the University of Houston. It will still be administered by the U of H and will have the same tax deductible benefit for all those who give. I hope to have the document for your review by the September Luncheon.

Bill Taylor

NEWS FROM HEADQUARTERS

Dear MOAA Member,

I am the MOAA National Headquarters Officer Placement Service (TOPS) Networking Coordinator. As part of our on-going support to transitioning MOAA members, we are instituting a new regional/state networking program across the nation to assist fellow MOAA members leaving the military.

Think about your own transition - for those of you who knew people in the geographical area in which you wanted to reside, your transition was probably fairly easy. For those of you who didn't, wouldn't it have been great to have someone who knew where the jobs might be? Or what to expect in that job market? Our goal is to provide that assistance in every state, and we hope you can help.

The concept is very simple and not at all time-consuming. As part of your state's network, you will:

- Provide your state/regional coordinator with job opportunities in your area. He/she will then share them with everyone in the network. National will also post these job opportunities for free on the TOPS MOAA web site that is viewed by members worldwide. It is a great way for you to get exposure for jobs you are trying to fill while providing opportunities for transitioning military who want to move to your area.

Consider becoming an Informational Network Contact - a source for a MOAA member in job transition who contacts you. These job seekers (whom your area coordinator will put in touch with you) may ask for advice on your profession (present or former), ideas on how to network more effectively in the geographical area where you reside, and/or general tips on how you effectively made your transition(s)). I believe this will be another great way to welcome transitioning military members to your state and chapters.

If you'd like to support this effort, please reply to this email by filling out the simple attached form. I will then include you on a list provided to your regional/state coordinator who will contact you as to how to provide them your job opportunities. On this form, you can also provide me with your areas of interest if you elect to become an Informational Network Contact. I would appreciate a reply by August 31, 2007.

We're quite excited about getting a network established in each state, and strongly believe it will be another way we can take care of America's finest and their families.

Thanks for your support, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Linda S. Speed, Captain, USN (Ret), Deputy Director, TOPS (Networking)

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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).

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