



CenTex MOAA NEWS

The CenTex Chapter promotes the purposes of the national MOAA.

Fosters fraternal relations among retired, active duty, former officers and warrant officers of the 7 uniformed services and their reserve components.

Advocates/protects the rights and interests of the uniformed services, their dependents and survivors.

Provides useful service opportunities for members, their dependents and survivors to continue to serve the community and nation.

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Scholarships Report

Many of our scholarship applicants do receive an ROTC Scholarship, but not all. Additionally, many times the ROTC Scholarship is awarded as a "Three Year" Scholarship that kicks in after successful completion of the freshman year. Even on a four year scholarship, there is a cap on tuition as well as books. Whereas the ROTC scholarship is usually enough to fully cover tuition at state schools, it usually does not fully cover at a private school. There are many other expenses that are not covered by the ROTC scholarships such as room and board. From last year's recipients, one did not have an ROTC scholarship and

the other had a three year to kick in after the freshman year. The 2016 recipient had a four-year scholarship, but was attending a private military college. For recipients who do receive our scholarship, it is meant to help cover those expenses that may not be covered by a Service Scholarship or help to provide a bridge for those who do not have a full four year Service Scholarship.

Statistics: 17 recipients
Since 2002:
16 Entered ROTC
1 Forfeit (prior to institution of alternate procedures in 2003)

8 have been commissioned through ROTC (6 Army, 1 Army Dental Corps, 1 AF)
5 are currently enrolled in College ROTC
1 dropped out of ROTC and enlisted in the AF
1 dropped out of ROTC after 2 years
1 unknown status, last heard was a senior in ROTC and should have commissioned USAF this year
5 students entered Private Schools (Norwich, Marion Military Academy, Baylor, Our Lady of the Lake, Brigham Young)
4 of the 17 had a 4-year ROTC Scholarship; several had a 3-year.

President's Notes

CenTex MOAA – Proud of You!

Thanks to your contributions and support, CenTex MOAA has accomplished many great goals this year. We've:

- a) designed and activated our new website, including PayPal payment options,
- b) provided \$2,500 in Scholarships to two deserving ROTC candidates, plus awards to High School JROTC and LT's bars and certificates to graduating ROTC cadets
- c) conducted one raffle and in process for the second raffle to raise funds for Scholarship Program

- d) conducted two of three scheduled social events – the last coming soon
- e) had superb speakers for all of our luncheons
- f) advocated for MOAA position in the State Legislative process in Austin

As we move into 2018, we must prepare by electing new officers for our Board. If you haven't been on the Board of Directors (at least in a little while) or you have skills to contribute as Secretary or Treasurer, we need you on our team! Talk with Reggie Bass. He'll be sure to connect

you with the right individuals to assist or take on the role of one our superb leadership roles in the organization.

Elections will be in November. Our next speaker for the October 20th meeting at Shilo Inn will be Mr. Chris Sandles, Director/CEO of CTVHCS (Central Texas Veterans Health Care System). We'll be having a MOAA Social in the Fall, 21 October, at the Wildflower Country Club in Temple. Together, we are making a difference! Aaron M. Zook, Jr. COL, U.S. Army (Ret)



Retiree Appreciation Days

October 27-28, 2017 Sponsored by III Corps, Ft. Hood, TX Call: Retirement Services Office, Copeland Center at 254-287-5210 or 254-287-8761 to reserve your spot.

Friday, Oct. 27, 2017

0800-1800 Legal Assistance, Bldg. 13, 52nd & 761st St. Call: 254-287-7901/254-287-3199

0800-1600 VA Mobile Vet Ctr. Bldg. 18010, Battalion Ave.

0900-TBD Retiree Golf Tournament, Courses at Clear Creek.

0900-1700 Flu shots, Copeland Soldier Service Ctr. Bldg. 18010 Battalion Ave.

1600-1700 Retirement Celebration III Corps Flagpole

1730-TBD Backyard Cookout, Phantom Warrior Ctr. 761st Tank

Bn & 37th St. **Limited attendance:** Call: 254-287-5210/800-403-6640

Saturday, October 28, 2017

0700-0845 Breakfast, Club Hood, Bldg. 5764

0800-0900 County Fair, Club Hood, Bldg. 5764

0900-1000 Opening Ceremony, Club Hood.

1000-11:30 County Fair, Club Hood.

0900-1400 Health Fair, CRDAMC Bldg. 36065. Santa Fe Ave.

0800-1400 VA Mobile Vet Ctr. Bldg. 18010, Battalion Ave.

0900-1400 ID card issue & DEERS, Bldg. 18010, Battalion Ave. Call: 254-553-4444/254-287-5670

1100-1600 Legal Assistance

1130-1400 Lunch, Theodore Roosevelt Dining Facility Pay as you go.

1200-1600 Museums 1st CD Bldg 2218 & 3rd CR Bldg. 419 Call: 254-287-3626 or 254-287-8811

1400-1500 1st Cav. Horse Detachment Demonstration, 1CD Horse Stables

1700-TBD Retiree Round Up Dinner, \$20 per person. Club Hood **Reservations Required by October 10th.** 254-2875210/254-287-8761

Scholarship Fundraising

We are proud to recognize recent donors to the Scholarship Fund:

Thank you!

**Bill Owen
Larry Womack
L & M**

Donations to the Scholarship Fund are tax deductible.

October 21, 6-8 pm, Fall Social at the Wildflower Country Club, Temple, TX.

Cost is \$20.00 per person. RSVP to Jeff Davison. Opportunities will be available to win prizes to support our Scholarship Fund. Sponsors who donate door prizes are always welcome. Contact: Jeff

Davison,
email: harleyds2@yahoo.com

Thanks to our sponsors of door prizes:

*Adolphus Hotel
*Historic Menger Hotel

Thanks to members who sold tickets:

Jeff Davison
Dick Archer
Michelle Ciance
Gene Deutscher
Charles Sweeney
Rich Miller
Billy Hengler
Dick Chapin
Koleta Thompson
John Grimme
Len Gulig
Aaron Zook

Reggie Bass
Sarah Davison

New CenTex MOAA Brochures and Post Cards

Send these out or give them to potential members to encourage them to join. Remember to tell them about the benefits of being a member. Bring them to the next lunch meeting.

Help your CenTex MOAA chapter reach out to the communities where our active duty and retirees live.

See Koleta Thompson for your copies today.



Cavalry's Legend of Fiddler's Green

Any trooper who has ever heard the trumpeter play "Boots and Saddles" will, when he has died, goes to Fiddler's Green, there to drink and visit with all other cavalymen until final judgement."

"Halfway down the road to hell,
In a shady meadow green,
Are the souls of all dead troopers
camped. Near a good old-time
canteen. And this eternal resting place
Is known as Fiddler's Green.
Marching past, straight through to
hell, The infantry are seen,
Accompanied by the Engineers,
Artillery and Marine,
For none but the shades of
Cavalrymen
Dismount at Fiddler's Green.
Though some go curving down the
trail To seek a warmer scene,
No trooper ever gets to hell
Ere he's emptied his canteen,
And so rides back to drink again
With friends at Fiddler's Green.
And so when man and horse go down
Beneath a saber keen, Or in a roaring
charge or fierce melee
You stop a bullet clean,
And the hostiles come to get your
scalp, Just empty your canteen,
And put your pistol to your head
And go to Fiddler's Green."

Army Air Force Songs 1940's

Tune of: **Battle Hymn of the Republic**

"By the ring around his eyeball, you can tell the bombardier. You can tell a bomber pilot by the spread of his rear. You can tell a navigator by his sexton and his maps, but you can't tell him much."

Tune of **Bell Bottom Trousers**

"Once there was a barmaid way down in Brewery Lane, Her master was so kind to her, her Mistress was the same, When along came a pilot, handsome as could be (me!), And he was the cause of all her misery!

Chorus:

Singing flak suits and parachutes and uniforms galore, He will fly a bomber like his Daddy did before!

Now in the morning before the break of day, He handed her a 5 pound note and to her this did say, take this my darling for all the harm I've done, "

For you may have a daughter and you may have a son. If you have a daughter, put ribbons in her hair, and if you have a son, put the bastard in the air.

Singing flak suits and parachutes and uniforms galore, He will fly a bomber Like his Daddy did before!

Now the moral of this story as you can plainly see,
Is never trust a pilot an inch above your knee.
The barmaid trusted and he went off to fly, leaving her a daughter to help the time go by.

Singing flak suits and parachutes and uniforms galore. She'll never fly a bomber like her Daddy did before."

More Songs We Know

The site of the 1862 composition of "**Taps**" was at Berkeley Plantation, near what is now Charles City, VA.

"**Stars and Stripes Forever**", the patriotic marching song composed by John Philip Sousa in 1896, was designated by Congress as the national march of the USA.

In 1916, during WWI, President Woodrow Wilson, ordered that the "**Star Spangled Banner**" be played at military occasions. It was adopted as the National Anthem by congressional resolution on March 3, 1931.

Member Spotlight Elaine Perry Still Serving

When Elaine Perry began her military career she little imagined that she would spend "32 years in the Army." As a senior in college her interest in the military was sparked by the opportunity to get into the Medical Technology Internship Program. She enlisted as a PFC and was accepted into the MT program. When she completed the MT certification, she served as an enlisted person for 4 years. She left active duty and went directly into 5 years as a Reservist, where she got her officer commission.

In 1985, Elaine received her active duty commission and she retired as a Colonel in 2008. Family members who served include her dad in WWII and her husband who served in Viet Nam.

One of her favorite assignments was at Letterman AMC at The Presidio of San Francisco. "I'm not a big city person, but I lived on post and it was like living in a National Park." At another favorite assignment was at Fitzsimmons AMC in Aurora, Colorado. "I loved the location" and it is where she met her husband.

She has met and made many friends in the places she has worked and enjoyed, "Halloween parties" in some places. She laughingly remembers that M&M's were considered "contraband in basic training."

As a committed medical professional to the United States of America and to the Army, she "hopes to give back" to the community through volunteering. As she says, "there are many ways with service organizations, church, community services, etc." to do this.

Elaine admits it takes confidence and the will to succeed to be in the military. "There are a number of milestones you have to meet to keep progressing, that don't always seem worthwhile." To young adults today who seek to join and serve, "there are many great opportunities, although with so many deployments, it is very hard on family life."

Elaine now works in civil service at Ft. Hood Robertson Blood Center, where she continues with the "hallmark of my life... discipline and teamwork.

Membership

New members

COL Richard Quin, USA (Ret)

Capt. Yvonne Anthony, USPHS (Ret)

We still need to fill a couple of places on our slate of nominees for Board of Directors for the 2018 nominations. Contact Reggie Bass at 5825 Greenforest Circle, Killeen TX 76543 or call 254-291-9522 for membership information and for nominations for director positions.

Membership dues are \$25 a year and are due January of every year.

He also has chapter business cards and will order name tags. Name tags are \$10.00. The member application is on the chapter website: www.centexmoaa.com

Personal Affairs Committee

Personal Affairs Committee (PAC)

If you need help, or have an interest in helping your fellow chapter members, please contact *Charles Sweeney, PAC Chairman*



CenTex MOAA

Our chapter is helping Hurricane Harvey Disaster Response efforts in Southeast Texas.

At the September meeting, more than \$400 was donated by members to send to The American Red Cross and to the Good Samaritans Purse. These two the groups who are valiantly helping folks who have been affected by the devastating natural disaster.

Faith's Corner

Are you one of those people that your neighbors and friends come to when they need help or support? Are you even approachable to be there to listen, to support, to encourage? Or are you too busy, too wrapped up in work, family and your own activities to take the time to help?

God has given us the gifts of giving and receiving, to serve one another and to share our blessings, our caring, our resources to lift up others. We can lean on him in times of sorrow and trouble. As his people we can share our gifts by taking a neighbor to the doctor, a friend to the hospital, by listening to their trials and tribulations, by being compassionate to their needs when they need us. Or just to be there.

God invites us to lean on him in times of sorrow or trouble. As his people, we can take care of each other, lend our hands and share our strengths. We can give each other hope and hospitality.

Be someone who God can count on to spread his love, words of faith, and hope. Giving and receiving is part of his plan. Christians use the gifts that God gave us to serve one another. "One nation under God". Blessings.

Events Calendar

Holiday	January 1,2017
Elect Officers	January 20,2017
Executive Board meetings	Day before chapter meetings,1700 Shilo Inn, Killeen
Chapter Scholarship Applications due	April 1, 2017
National Scholarship Applications due	March 1, 2018
ROTC graduates	May Present bars and medals
Spring BBQ	May 20 11:30-1400 hours Franks Pavilion near Dead Fish Grill @Belton Lake
Scholarship Fund Raiser	May 25 Grand Avenue Theater, Belton a portion of concessions sold go to CENTEX MOAA
Chapter Monthly meetings	11:30 hours Shilo Inn, Killeen, \$15. Register online: May 19, June 16, July 21, August 17, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17.
Fall social	October 21, 6-8pm Wildflower Country Club, Temple. \$20. Purchase your raffle tickets for Scholarship Fund
Chapter Dues	January \$25.00
Military History Symposium	October 14 Topic: "100 th Anniversary of WWI"
Retiree Appreciation Days Ft Hood	October 27-28
New Officers slate vote	November 17
No meeting in December	



Stay up-to-date.



WE WANT YOU!

Editor's Desk

One benefit of CenTex MOAA is keeping in touch with likeminded people who value military service to our country and who are serving or who have served in the military arena.

Submit your stories of experiences, places stationed, events during your service. War stories, events in your career, experiences with personnel, at posts, bases, airfields, aboard ships, war zones, campaigns and deployments. Humorous, factual stories are welcome. Quotable quotes are always appreciated. Especially when you can identify who said

them and circumstances under which they were said.

Articles are due 2 weeks prior to the month of next issue. Try to keep your articles 700 words or less. Some contributions may be edited for length to comply with newsletter space.

Next month we start a series of articles, "The Saga of the Reluctant Pilot" written by Phillip Ray in 1940's.

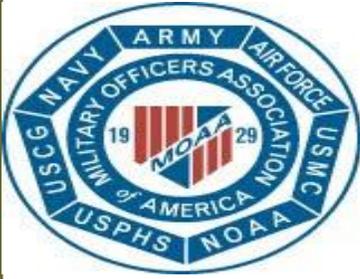
Email articles to:
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We Should Remember

"The hour is fast approaching, on which the Honor and Success of this army, and the safety of our bleeding country depend. Remember, officers and soldiers, that you are free men fighting for the Blessings of Liberty!" General Orders August 23, 1776 by General George Washington

The highest military rank ever bestowed upon any American, is six stars rank awarded posthumously to George Washington 1776.

Photographs are always welcome.



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www.centextmoaa.com
 Facebook too!

Fantastic Facts

The US Army and Navy have a traditional way of folding the American flag into shape if a tricornered hat, emblematic of the hats worn by colonial soldiers during the War for Independence. The red and white stripes are folded under so that they form a

triangle of blue with several stars.

Commanders in Chief who were Generals prior to becoming Commander in Chief.

George Washington
 William Henry Harrison

Zachary Taylor
 Andrew Johnson
 Ulysses S. Grant
 Rutherford b. Hayes
 Benjamin Harrison
 William Henry Harrison
 Chester A. Arthur
 James Garfield
 Franklin Pierce
 Dwight D. Eisenhower

Sound Off: Quotable Quotes of the Quarter

“Don’t tell them anything when it’s over. Tell who won.”—Admiral King WWII reference to Public Relations.

“Hang Tough.” 1959

”Aviate. Navigate, Communicate”--Pilot’s mantra.

“Ching, Ching, Ding-a-ling Another day in the Army in which to excel. Ching, Ching, Ding-a-ling Anther day in the Army all shot to Hell” ---East Saint Louis draftee in 1950’s at Camp Stewart, GA“

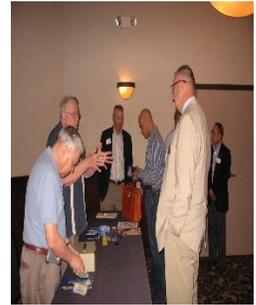
Proper Pryor Planning, Prevents Piss Poor Performance. Live every day for SUCCESS.”

“Hired Registered Nurses to be computer geeks, rather than patient caregivers”—RN in a hospital

” Not in Use”--Sign on a heated blanket machine in a hospital.

“What are you gonna do? One WWII co-pilot to another pilot on Wake Island. Answer, “Go down to see the stewardesses.”

“Living the Legend”. One GI to another, when asked how he is doing.



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