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MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING SPEAKERS

April 19, 2024: (One of our own) COL (Ret) Keith Sledd, Executive Director, Heart of Texas Defense Alliance. Keith Sledd serves as the Executive Director for the Heart of Texas Defense Alliance which is a regional (7cities / 3 counties) municipally funded non-profit 501(c)(6) corporation advocating for Fort Cavazos, regional defense industries, and Soldiers and Families.

May 17, 2024: Sheriff Eddy Lange. Bell County

June 21, 2024: TBA

<u>July 19,2024</u>: Colonel Lakicia Stokes, Fort Cavazos Garrison Commander

UPCOMING EVENTS

MOAA Veteran's Community Picnic: (see Flyer below) 11 AM, Saturday, June 8, 2024---Frank's Pavilion, Lake Belton, TX. RSVP by June1 to Jeff Davison, 254-722-2161.

7th Annual Colonel Jack Oliver Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament: (See Flyer below) Friday, September 13, 2024, Stonetree Golf Course, Killeen, TX

Memorial Day Ceremony:

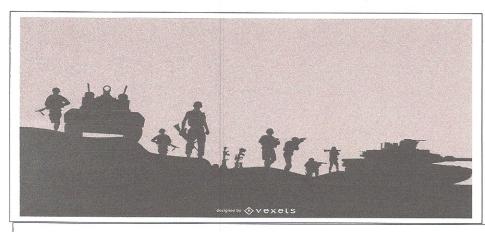
9:30 AM, May 27, 2024, Central Texas Veterans' Cemetery

Centex MOAA Monthly Members Meetings

EVERY 3RD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH, 11:30 AM AT THE LIONS DEN, 5100 TRIMIER ROAD, IN KILLEEN. Please RSVP at http://centexmoaa.org/

President's Postings—David Sage

- 1. This is our first Centex MOAA Chapter's newsletter. The goals of our newsletter initiative:
- a. Inform our members, potential members, and community leaders and **residents** concerning CenTex MOAA activities.
- b. Provide a purpose for joining and maintaining membership in the Centex MOAA.
- 2. <u>Kenn Roehl has volunteered to be our Public Affairs officer</u>. This newsletter is how first initiative and we are developing more community engagements. If you have any good ideas, please contact Kenn (<u>roehlkenn@gmail.com</u>). Thank you Kenn!
- 3. Conde UMHB Scholarship:
- a. CenTex MOAA is assisting the Conde Family and University of Mary-Hardin Baylor (UMHB) to establish a scholarship endowment to honor Staff Sergeant Felix M. Conde-Falcon who was awarded the Medal of Honor on 18 Mar 14. SSG Conde is buried at the Roger's cemetery. https://www.cmohs.org/recipients/felix-m-conde-falcon
- b. The endowment has met the initial goal of \$25,000 within the first 30 days. Now we're working to meet the \$100,000 goal. If you're interested in donating, please contact UMHB's Director of Fundraising, Aaron Rodeffer, arodeffer@umhb.edu or 254-541-2978 (cell) or 254-295-4173 (office). If you're interest in looking for donations, please contact me (hooksage@yahoo.com) or Jeff Davison (harleyds2@yahoo.com).
- c. The Memorandum of Understand (MOU) was signed by the Conde Family and UMHB. The medal has been loaned to UMHB for a display in the UMHB ROTC area. The UMHB ceremony is set for 16 Nov during the UMHB's Military Application Day activities. UMHB will host a reception, plaque ceremony, MoH display ceremony, and the scholarship at halftime of the football game. Our MOAA chapter has voted to provide the first \$2500 scholarship for presentation during the football game. (Continued below)





CenTex MOAA Scholarships and Awards 2024 (Bill Nance)

2024 is a banner year for our ROTC/JROTC Scholarships and Awards. Thanks to the resounding success of our annual Colonel Jack Oliver Scholarship Golf Tournament, this year we are offering five scholarships for \$2,500 each. Three of these will go on a competitive basis to local high school students who must enroll in a college ROTC program from any branch of the US Military to receive the funds. The other two will go to an outstanding student already in the ROTC program, one each at Mary Hardin Baylor and Texas A&M University Central Texas. In addition to scholarships, we present ROTC and JROTC Leadership Medals plus a cash stipend of \$100 to an outstanding Cadet at the eleven local high schools and the two local colleges with ROTC/JROTC programs. Many Chapter members assist me in making these presentations as ceremonies can overlap and the locations range from Georgetown to Temple with Belton, Killeen, and Copperas Cove. Assisting this year are Spencer Smith, David Sage, David Crews, and Charles Sweeney. We support two Navy JROTC, two Marine JROTC, one Air Force JROTC, and six Army JROTC programs. Both TAMU-CT and UMHB have Army Senior ROTC. If you would like to volunteer to be a presenter next year, it is easy, just tell me and I will match up your availability with the ceremony dates. I would ask that you wear a coat and tie at the event. Introduce yourself to the staff, sit where they direct you and when the MOAA Medal is called, stand up, present the medal to the Cadet, present the certificate, hand them the envelope with the cash stipend in it, (telling them there is cash in the envelope), and pose for a "happy snap." After that it is up to you to either remain for the rest of the ceremony or quietly leave. There is NO speaking required except to the Cadet telling them we are proud of their accomplishments. I also ask that when I give you the medal, certificate, and cash envelope that you sign a receipt to keep me straight with the Treasurer. The final portion of the program is the Gold Bar Program. We present a set of 2LT Bars to every officer commissioned through the ROTC Programs at TAMU-CT and UMHB. This year TAMU-CT will commission 28 and UMHB will commission 6. I invite any member of our Chapter who can to attend one of the ceremonies. You have to do NOTHING except be there. Every time I attend, I am reminded of my own commissioning well over 50 years ago. UMHB will be on 3 May at 1100 in the Baugh Performance Hall in the Mayborn Center on the UMHB campus. The TAMU-CT commissioning will be 10 May at 1000 in the Killeen Civic Center (the old First Baptist Church) in downtown Killeen. Please contact Bill (wnance@hot.rr.com) if you're interested in assisting with the presentations.

President's Postings (continued):

- 4. <u>Texas Panhandle Wild Fires</u>. The CenTex BOD approved \$500 donation to the Texas Farm Bureau to assist in the recovery of those impacted by the Texas Panhandle Wildfires.
- 5. <u>CENTEX MOAA Golf Tournament</u>. Our major fund raiser. This is our annual major fund raiser and we need volunteers in 2 areas: a) Planning and execution; and, b) Finding sponsorships. If you're interested in assisting please contact me (hooksage@yahoo.com). (Flyer attached).
- 6. <u>CenTex MOAA Community Veterans Picnic is scheduled for 8 Jun, 24 at 1100 hrs at Frank's Picnic Pavilion</u>. If you want to assist or for more information contact Jeff Davison (<u>harleyds2@yahoo.com</u>)
- 7. <u>H.O.T. MOAA Golf Tournament</u>. For those that can't make the CenTex MOAA Community Veterans Picnic, The Heart of Texas (HOT)Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, June 8, 2024; registration starts 6:45 a.m., shotgun start at 8:00 a.m., lunch and awards after golf tournament completion at Cottonwood Creek Golf Course, Waco, TX.



EVENT DETAILS

- 4-person scramble
- · Open to ALL, not just military
- Team: \$500
- Individual: \$125
- Registration: 7am
- Shotgun start: 8:30am
- · Lunch and awards: after golf

CONTESTS

- Hole-in-one
- · Stik-It! Ball Launcher
- Longest Drive
- · Closest to the Pin
- Straightest Drive

SPONSORSHIP DETAILS LIST ON BACK

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeff Davison, 254-722-2161 DeWitt Mayfield, 254-423-4660



7th Annual Colonel Jack Oliver Memorial

SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, September 13, 2024

Stone Tree Golf Course 1600 Stonetree Drive, Killeen







Scan this code to sign-up online.

Or register online at www.CenTexMOAA.org

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Platinum Sponsor: \$5,000

- · Golf for 8 in the tournament
- · Display table at registration and lunch
- · Logo on event signage
- · Logo on website
- · Logo on e-announcements
- · Verbal recognition during tournament and lunch

Gold Sponsor: \$2,500

- · Golf for 4 in the tournament
- · Display table at registration and lunch
- · Logo on event signage
- · Logo on website
- · Logo on e-announcements
- Verbal recognition during tournament and lunch

Silver Sponsor: \$1,000

- · Golf for 4 in the tournament
- · Logo on event signage
- · Logo on website
- · Logo on e-announcements
- Verbal recognition during tournament and lunch

Bronze Sponsor: \$500

· Logo on event signage

Lunch Sponsor: \$1,500

- · Logo on event signage
- · Verbal recognition during tournament and lunch

Golf Cap Sponsor: \$1,000

Ball Launcher Sponsor: \$500

Hole Sponsor: \$250



