

MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING MEETINGS/SPEAKERS

July 19, 2024: Colonel Lakicia Stokes, Fort Cavazos Garrison Commander.

August 16, 2024: TBD

September, 2024: NO MEETING!

UPCOMING EVENTS

7th Annual Colonel Jack Oliver Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament: (See FLYER at bottom of newsletter)
Friday, September 13, 2024, Stonetree Golf Course, Killeen

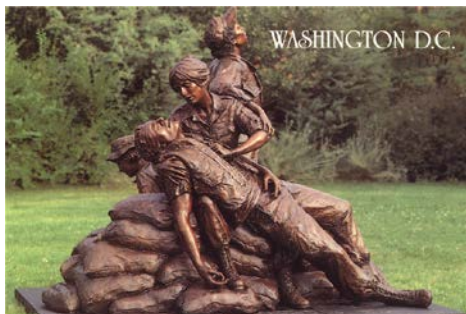
UMHB Military Appreciation Day: Saturday, November 16, 2024. *CenTex MOAA presents first Conde Endowed Scholarship (\$2500.00) at Football Game halftime.*

CenTex MOAA Monthly Members Meetings: *EVERY 3RD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH, 11:30 AM AT THE LIONS DEN, 5100 TRIMIER ROAD, IN KILLEEN. No meeting September or December. RSVP at: <http://centexmoaa.org/>*

!! Attention Nurses !!

MOAA has a Uniformed Services Nurse Advocacy Chapter—and they meet virtually every month. More info and link to meetings here:

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President's Postings—David Sage

This is our second Centex MOAA Chapter's newsletter. Please let us know if this useful and if not, what we can do better. Please send your good ideas to Kenn Roehl.
(roehlenn@gmail.com)

CenTex MOAA Dues: Reminder that we need your dues. You can pay your dues on the MOAA National system, but please make sure you identify that you want to pay your dues for the CenTex MOAA chapter. ([Home page - ChapterDues \(moaa.org\)](#))

Conde UMHB Scholarship/Endowment:

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 for his actions in Vietnam. (<https://www.cmohs.org/recipients/felix-m-conde-falcon>)

b. The endowment has reached \$50,000; 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); or contact me (hooksage@yahoo.com) or Jeff Davison, (harleyds2@yahoo.com).

c. UMHB's Military Application Day is set for 16 Nov 2024. UMHB will host a reception, plaque ceremony, MoH display ceremony, and presentation of the first scholarship. Our MOAA chapter has voted to provide the first \$2500 scholarship.



Legislative Affairs (Pat Crist)

Texas Senate Veterans Committee met on May 15, 2024 and heard testimony from invited state agencies regarding Veteran Mental Health initiatives, Common support service database for state agencies helping veterans, and Strengthening support for Veteran Housing—both accessibility and affordability. MOAA members can read the latest updates on these topics at: [The Texas State Senate – Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs](#). Texas State Senators who are on this committee are: Kelly Hancock, Tan Parker, Cesar Blanco, Sarah Eckhardt, Roland Gutierrez, Bob Hall, and Kevin Sparks.

Texas House of Representatives Committee on Defense and Veteran Affairs also has continuing testimony on 2 House bills: HB 90 (benefits to certain members of Texas military forces and their survivors) and HB 671 (veteran suicide prevention programs). Coincident with the Senate Veteran's Affairs committee, the House is also considering efforts to provide state-agency access to standard veteran's databases. Additionally, looking at statewide compliance with Professional License Portability for military members and their spouses. Finally, they continue to review efforts to evaluate federal Base Closure and Realignment actions; that is, how to minimize or otherwise mitigate negative impacts to Texas bases and personnel. NOTE; Texas MOAA has a State Legislative Chair, Ginger Simonson and she can be reached at 817-683-2870 or email vgws56@gmail.com.



MEMORIAL DAY 2024

Many thanks to Don Smith for presenting the CenTex MOAA Wreath at the Central Texas Veteran's Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony.



President's Postings (continued):

Scholarships: Thanks to Bill Nance for all he does for all his efforts. We provided 3 X \$2500 scholarships to local students. See the Awards, Commissioning and Scholarships section below.

Golf Tournament. Our major fund raiser (The CenTex MOAA Golf Tournament) is set for Friday, 13 Sep 2024, at the Killeen Stonetree Golf Course. If you're interested in assisting or sponsoring, please contact me (hooksage@yahoo.com).

CenTex MOAA Community Veterans Picnic : We hosted the first Area Veterans Picnic on 8 Jun, 24. Thanks to Jeff Davison for his efforts. Jeff is leading the planning for the next picnic this Fall. If you want to assist or for more information contact Jeff Davison (harleyds2@yahoo.com).

Please Come—to our next monthly meeting. Guest speaker is Colonel Lakicia Stokes, Fort Cavazos Garrison Commander. RSVP at: <http://centexmoaa.org>.



2024 Awards, Scholarships and Commissionings

AWARDS

This year, CenTex MOAA supported local High School and College ROTC programs by presenting medals to Cadets for demonstrating outstanding leadership. Ten cadets at eleven High Schools we support each received a Medal, a Framed Certificate, and \$100 cash. Many thanks to MOAA members who made these presentations this year! Here are a few such presentations.



(left) MOAA Member Charles Sweeney presents MOAA Jr ROTC Leadership Medal to Cadet Catalina Dela Cruz from Shoemaker High School in Kileen.



(Right) Bill Nance, CenTex MOAA Scholarship and Awards Chair presents MOAA Jr ROTC Leadership Medal to Cadet Neveah Nichols, Chapparral High School on April 24, 2024.



(Left) Cadet Abraham Ceballos, UMHB, receiving the MOAA ROTC Leadership Medal April 14, 2024 from Bill Nance.



(Right) CenTex MOAA President David Sage presents MOAA Jr ROTC Leadership Medal to Cadet Jade Soto at Ellison High School in Kileen.

COMMISSIONING CEREMONIES

CenTex MOAA presents each newly commissioned officers at University of Mary Hardin Baylor and Texas A & M University-Central Texas a set of 2LT bars and a 2LT ACU patch. The photos below are of this year's commissioning ceremonies.



(Above) University of Mary Hardin Baylor Commissioned 5 new Lieutenants on May 3, 2024.



TAMU-CT Commissioned 26 New 2LTs; 24 of which were "Green To Gold" former enlisted personnel.

SCHOLARSHIPS

This Year's High School Scholarship competition saw CenTex MOAA awarding 3 scholarships for \$2500 each. Congratulations to our 3 winners (below)!



(Left) Bill Nance with Killeen High School Scholarship recipients Ashley Calderon and Jacob Paras. Ashley will be attending Texas A & M University and enrolling in Army ROTC. Jacob will be attending Norwich University and enroll in Navy ROTC.

Scholarship recipient Victoria McKinney from Harker Heights High School poses with Bill Nance during her Award Ceremony. Victoria will be attending The University of Texas in Austin and will enroll in Army ROTC.



CENTEX MOAA MONTHLY MEETING, JUNE 21, 2024
GREAT food...GREAT Camaraderie...GREAT Guest Speaker



(Above) Kris Radcliffe, News Anchor for KCEN-TV, our Guest Speaker.



(Above). David Sage, President, CentTex MOAA presenting the highly coveted CentTex MOAA Challenge coin to Mr. Radcliffe.



(Above and Right). Typical meeting attendance and fellowship! It was a GREAT meeting!



PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US AT OUR NEXT MEETING: JULY 19TH, 2024. REGISTER HERE:

<http://centexmoaa.org>

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

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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



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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

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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



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