



PRESIDENT’S COLUMN

Greetings,

I hope that everyone had a joyous 4th of July. God bless America!

Bill Milnor will be heading up the nomination committee for 2025. Anyone interested in joining his committee should contact Bill. If you are interested in joining the HOTMOAA Board of Directors, please contact Bill, Vince Tobola or me.

August is here, so please stay cool and well hydrated, especially the Monday and Friday morning “old guys” tennis group.

My sincere thanks to the Golf Committee and our hardworking members who made the fundraiser a success. Start gearing up for next year for June 7, 2025 event. We can’t start too early.

Lew Arend is really doing a great job attracting new members, but he needs our help. If you know of any potential candidates, please contact Lew. To date, he has added 4 new and 1 associate members. Great job, Lew!

My appreciation also to the Scholarship Committee chaired by Harold Rafuse with committee members: Jimmie Hanes, Bill Porter, Lew Arend, Vince Tobola and myself. More info on the awards ceremony is included in this newsletter.

V/R

Ken Ratajczak

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS FROM OUR FOUNDING FATHERS

To be prepared for war is one of the most effective means of preserving peace. – [George Washington](#)

The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants. – [Thomas Jefferson](#)

I predict future happiness for Americans, if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them. – [Thomas Jefferson](#)

Facts are stubborn things; and whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passions, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence. – [John Adams](#)

There are two ways to conquer and enslave a nation. One is by the sword. The other is by debt. – [John Adams](#)

The constitution shall never be construed to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms. – [Alexander Hamilton](#)

By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail. – [Benjamin Franklin](#)

Those who stand for nothing fall for anything. – [Alexander Hamilton](#)

Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other. – [John Adams](#)

The Bible is the best of all books, for it is the word of God and teaches us the way to be happy in this world and in the next. Continue therefore to read it and to regulate your life by its precepts. – [John Jay](#)

The advancement and diffusion of knowledge is the only guardian of true liberty. – [James Madison](#)

The means of defense against foreign danger historically have become the instruments of tyranny at home. – [James Madison](#)

Source: <https://spreadgreatideas.org/quotes/founding-fathers/>

THINGS TO REMEMBER IN AUGUST

Aug 2, 1990 - The Iraqi army invaded Kuwait

Aug 6, 1945 - The first Atomic Bomb was dropped over the center of Hiroshima at 8:15 a.m. by the American B-29 bomber *Enola Gay*

Aug 7, 1964 - U.S. Congress approved the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution

Aug 7, 1990 - President [George Bush](#) ordered Desert Shield, a massive military buildup to prevent further Iraqi advances.

Aug 9, 1945 - The second Atomic bomb dropped over Nagasaki about noon by an American B-29, bomber Bock's Car

Aug 12, 1676 - King Philip's War ended with the assassination of Metacom, leader of the Pokanokets, a tribe who led a Native American uprising against colonists that that raged for nearly two years

Aug 14, 1945 - Delegates of Emperor Hirohito accepted Allied surrender terms with the exception that the Japanese Emperor's sovereignty would be maintained.

Aug 16, 1777 - The Battle of Bennington, Vermont, occurred as militiamen from Vermont, aided by Massachusetts troops, wiped out a detachment of 800 German-Hessians sent by British General Burgoyne to seize horses.

Aug 17, 1943 - The Allies completed the conquest of Sicily after just 38 days giving the Allies control of the Mediterranean

Aug 18, 1920 - The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting women the right to vote.

Aug 21, 1863 - William Quantrill led 450 irregular Confederate raiders on a pre-dawn terrorist raid of Lawrence, Kansas, leaving 150 civilians dead, 30 wounded and much of the town a smoking ruin'

Aug 24-25, 1814 - Washington, D.C., was invaded by British forces who burned the Capitol, the White House and most other public buildings along with a number of private homes in retaliation for the earlier American burning of York

Aug 28, 1963 - The March on Washington occurred as over 250,000 persons attended a Civil Rights rally in Washington, D.C.

Aug 31, 1786 - Shays' Rebellion prevented the Northampton Court from holding a session in which debtors, mostly poor ex-soldier farmers, were to be tried and likely put in prison.. Early in 1787, they attacked the Federal arsenal at Springfield, but were soon routed and fled. Shays was sentenced to death but was pardoned in 1788.

Source: <https://www.historyplace.com/specials/calendar/Aug.htm>

**THIRD THURSDAY DINNER MEETING,
AUGUST 15 IN THE MEDIA ROOM AT
MCLANE STADIUM – 5th FLOOR.**

- - Enter stadium parking lot thru gate 1, off of MLK Blvd and bear right. Continue on I-35 side and look for double door with Media Entrance located above door. This is before the Baylor Club main entrance. Go thru door and take elevator to the fifth floor. There is normally a placard sign at the white column. You can park in any numbered space.

DINNER SCHEDULE

**** 5:00 P.M. Registration Table Opens and Social Period.**

**** 5:35 P.M. Call to Tables.**

**** 5:40 P.M. Intro & Announcements**

**** 5:50 P.M. Dinner.**

**** 6:50 P.M Multiple Drawings. Guest speaker will be Congressman Pete Sessions.**

MENU: Fresh fruit salad, tossed salad with balsamic and ranch dressings, Artisan Bread, Chicken Fried Steak, Grilled Tilapia, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Asparagus, Iced Tea and Water. Coffee will be available at the beverage bar.

A bar will be available and payment will be credit card payment only due to Baylor Club policy.

The dinner cost for 2024 is \$40 per person, payable at registration table, cash or check made to HOT Chapter MOAA. Please call Vince Tobola, 254-709-5795 or e-mail vtobola@aol.com, NLT Thursday, 8 August, Noon for sign-ups.

Early RSVP's are welcome and appreciated. After the 8th, please contact Vince Tobola as soon as possible if you are planning to attend and we will update the attendee list to accommodate you at the dinner meeting.

NOTE: Summer dress code will be in effect, gentlemen, casual business attire with collared shirts and optional for coat and/or tie and ladies casual business attire.

HOT CHAPTER BOARD MEETING DATE

The next Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, August 20, 2024**, 5:00 p.m. at Uncle Dan's BBQ that is located at 1001 Lake Air Drive. Our thanks to Uncle Dan's for providing the corner meeting room at no charge.

2024 CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP DUES

Chapter member dues are still be \$25 for renewing members in 2024. Member renewals can be paid at a chapter meeting or mailed to HOT Chapter MOAA, PO Box 23964, Waco, TX 76702. We are always looking for prospects to join the chapter; please contact Lew Arend, or Vince Tobola, with prospect names.

Reminder that our website, hotmoaa.org, does have the chapter membership application form plus copies of newsletters. Newsletters are sent to members monthly, by e-mail or regular mail.

Please note the Heart of Texas Chapter of MOAA is a member of the National MOAA organization of over 400 chapters and together we are the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers. We are an independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organization.

AUGUST SPECIAL DAY RECOGNITION

Birthdays: Joan Alexander, Karen Augeri, Ann Mortman, Ron Dampier, Wayne Duke, Pete Patrick, Bill Porter, RoseMary Rafuse, Russell Rowe, Pam Schreiber, and Mike Strain,

Anniversaries: Ron and Jody Benson, Jeff and Dawn Bowles, Stan and Lori Brubaker, Beau Crosby and Kathy Endres, Henry and Hope Hacker, TJ and Christi Huntinghorse, John and Dawn Jacques, Bob and Penny Lull, Jim and Laura Milam, Robert and Lyn Powers, Ken and Anne Ratajczak, and Mike and Doris Strain,

Congratulations to All

2024 CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULE

- **19 September 2024, Thursday dinner meeting in the Media Room at McLane Stadium.** Date is open for guest speaker or entertainments.
- **17 October 2024, Thursday dinner meeting in the Media Room at McLane Stadium.** Date is open for guest speaker or entertainments.
- **21 November 2024, Thursday dinner meeting in the Media Room at McLane Stadium.** Date is open for guest speaker or entertainments.
- **12 December 2024, Thursday dinner meeting in the Media Room at McLane Stadium.** Chapter election for 2025 and entertainment will be by the Morticians for music and dance.

- **SAVE THE DATE** – Saturday, June 7, 2025 for the Annual Scholarship Fundraiser Golf Tournament.

DONATIONS NEEDED: Please bring a non-perishable food item to our dinner meeting and receive a free drawing ticket. Collection is being made for donation to the Veteran's One Stop. We will continue collections each month in 2024.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – Board Member – Jane E Winston



After graduating from Baylor University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) in 1986, Jane E. Winston joined the United States Air Force (USAF). The USAF then sent 2nd Lieutenant (Lt) Winston to Shepherd Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas to attend a two-week Military Indoctrination of Medical Service Officers (MIMSO) training program on military officer customs, courtesies drill and ceremonies and initial indoctrination into medical processes and administrative concepts need to support high quality medical care. Three weeks later, Lt Winston reported to Laughlin AFB, Del Rio, Texas where she worked as a nurse in the hospital supervising a patient care unit staffed by one Sergeant and three Airmen.

Jane's unit also supported Red Flag exercises; where they were taught how to set up a Mobile hospital, get a surgical unit up and running and then set up the rest of her camp. At Red Flag, she was taught about ammunition and the different damage done by different bullets and training for chemical weapons treatment procedures. While in service, Jane held a variety of roles, these included charge nurse, in-service education coordinator and in-house hospital supervisor. She also served on several committees and was a squadron commander for military training sessions. Jane met her husband, a doctor, while in the service but was "encouraged" to get out of the military so she could support her husband's career. So Jane served three years active service and a four year reserve commitment.

After leaving the service, Jane worked in multiple positions in healthcare - from staff nurse in a cardiac Intensive Care Unit (ICU) to the safety office for a healthcare system. After retiring from nursing, Jane moved to Waco to care for her parents.

Jane is currently an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the treasurer for her chapter. She is also active with Baylor's Lifelong Learning group where she served on the board and headed their events committee-- planning coffees, bus trips and luncheons.

Jane is a current member of the HOT Chapter, MOAA and serves as a member of the Chapter Board of Directors.

MOAA NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

If needed, there is a MOAA national membership form at the chapter website: hotmoaa.org. **Basic membership is free** and fees are shown for annual and life MOAA memberships. This is separate from the chapter membership fee.

JUNE 8 SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER GOLF TOURNAMENT DONOR LIST

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THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL VETERANS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON ON AUG. 14

The Veterans Appreciation Luncheon will be held August 14th at the Lee Lockwood Library & Museum, 2801 West Waco Drive, Waco, Texas. Doors open at 11:30 and the program starts at 11:00 am sharp. The guest speaker will be Darrin Beheler, veteran Green Beret, US Army, Sgt. 1st Class Retired. A full smoked Brisket Lunch with all the trimmings and will be served at no cost to the attendees. RSVP's are required – stancparkerfoundation@gmail.com. For more information, contact Stan Parker, 254-749-4934.

2024 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES AT THE JULY 18, 2024 LUNCH MEETING

Dr. Harold Rafuse, Scholarship Committee Chair, made the presentation of 2024 scholarship awards.



Kaylee McGuire received the "General Goodall" award for \$4,500 and will be attending Texas Tech University.

JaeAnn Hines received a “Freedom Is Not Free” award for \$3,500 and will be attending Trinity University.



Maddison Bettis received a “Freedom Is Not Free” award for \$2,000 and will be attending Baylor University.

Cole Bryant received a “Freedom Is Not Free” award for \$2,000 and is attending the West Point Military Academy. His mother, Kristi Bryant received the award for him at the dinner meeting.



REPORT SHOWS SPIKE IN SCAM TYPE THAT FREQUENTLY TARGETS VETERANS, SERVICE MEMBERS

By: Kevin Lilley July 23, 2024

(Note : Information links in blue font)

Scammers posing as government officials collected nearly twice the cash from victims in 2023 as they did the previous year, according to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), and stats for 2024 show the disturbing trend isn’t letting up.

Government impersonation scams disproportionately target service members, veterans, and others who regularly deal with federal entities – from TRICARE to the VA to any number of other departments and providers. TRICARE For Life beneficiaries recently saw an uptick in fake text messages from scammers posing as a health care provider, for example.

Scammers posing as government officials seeking cash payments have scored big in recent months, according to FTC data: Victims reported losing \$76 million in cash in 2023, up from \$40 million in 2022. Fraudsters collected another \$20 million in the first quarter of 2024.

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The cash-payment portion of these scams is a small one – government impersonation fraud cost victims \$618 million in 2023, per the FTC – but cash-scam

victims report losing more per incident than victims who use any other form of payment. The average cash-payment victim lost \$14,470 in the first quarter of 2024, the FTC reported.

Impostors seeking cash payment will gain the trust of their victim before presenting an urgent situation that requires immediate attention, often posing a threat to a loved one. The pitch is designed to make the victim act rashly – before considering that government agencies will not demand a cash payment, nor will they seek personal information via text, phone call, or social media post.

If you’ve been targeted by this type of fraud, you can report it to the FTC [via its website](#) or by visiting the website of the relevant federal agency:

- VA: [Protecting Veterans From Fraud](#)
- TRICARE: [Report Fraud and Abuse](#)
- Medicare: [Reporting Medicare Fraud and Abuse](#)

MOAA Premium and Life members can access recorded webinars with tips to avoid fraud of all types: [An Overview of Scams and Frauds | Outsmart the Scammers: How to Spot and Avoid Financial Fraud | Protecting Yourself From Cybercrime and Scams](#)

MOAA also is a partner in the [Cybercrime Support Network’s Military and Veteran Program](#), which aims to protect service members, veterans, and military families from falling victim to fraud. Get more resources from that organization [at this link](#)

Source: <https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/news-listing/>

LOCAL EVENT

The Penguin Shores exhibit at City of Waco Cameron Park Zoo is scheduled to open on Thursday, August 8. The new attraction is home to 22 African Penguins that were previously residents at the Fort Worth Zoo. They have been at the Cameron Park Zoo for the last month acclimatizing to their new location.



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