



PRESIDENT’S COLUMN

Greetings,

This is Vince Tobola, Treasurer and Golf Committee Chair, providing this month’s column since Ken was not available due to ongoing medical treatment. We ask for prayers and best wishes for Ken and Anne during this time.

Much thanks to all those that supported our June 8, 2024 event! Our scholarship fundraising golf event was a great success!

There were total of 57 golf players, of these, four were Baylor Vets. Overall funding results - 31 members donated a total of \$16,300 in cash donations and we received \$4,000 in player fees. Eleven businesses and eight non-members donated \$6,300 and various donation-in-kinds have been received from multiple businesses and individuals which helped with the golf team and individual prizes and the silent auction.

Our scholarship committee headed by Harold Rafuse reviewed 15 applications and selected four of these for interviews on June 14th. Of the four, all were selected for awards. Scholarship awardees will be announced at our July 18 membership dinner, which includes the awards ceremony presentation. Awardees are also allowed to bring guests. The total amount being presented is \$12,000.

Our scholarship and grant programs help prepare those who will lead in the future. Our donations to local veteran support organizations will assist those who are serving, have honorably served our nation and their dependents.

We are starting planning for our June 7, 2025 fundraiser with the goal of achieving continued membership support and increasing Waco community involvement in the event.

On behalf of Ken Rataczak, the Golf Committee and the Board, we thank all those involved in our fundraising and scholarship selection programs. This year we have exceeded last year’s effort, largely due

to the financial commitment of our membership and the hard work of our committee leads.

v/r

Vincent Tobola

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS FROM OUR FOUNDING FATHER – GEORGE WASHINGTON

The name of American, which belongs to you, in your national capacity, must always exalt the just pride of patriotism more than any appellation derived from local discriminations.

It is substantially true that virtue or morality is a necessary spring of popular government. The rule indeed extends with more or less force to every species of free government.

Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports...And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.

The independence and liberty you possess are the work of joint councils and joint efforts—of common dangers, sufferings, and successes.

The basis of our political systems is the right of the people to make and to alter their constitutions of government. But the Constitution which at any time exists, until changed by an explicit and authentic act of the whole people, is sacredly obligatory upon all. The very idea of the power and the right of the people to establish government presupposes the duty of every individual to obey the established government.

As a very important source of strength and security, cherish public credit. One method of preserving it is to use it as sparingly as possible...

Source: www.senate.gov/Washingtons_Farewell_Address

Things to remember in July

- Jul 1, 1862 – President Lincoln signed 1st income tax bill
- Jul 1-3, 1863 – Battle of Gettysburg
- Jul 2, 1788 – US Constitution ratified
- Jul 2, 1964 – President Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Jul 3, 1775 – George Washington took command of the Continental Army
- Jul 4, 1776 – Declaration of Independence approved
- Jul 4, 1863 – Vicksburg Surrendered to Grant
- Jul 9, 1968 – 14th Amendment ratified
- Jul 10, 1943 – Allied Invasion of Sicily began
- Jul 13, 1787 – Congress enacted the Northwest Ordinance
- Jul 19, 1863 – First use of black Union troops in the Civil War at Fort Wagner
- Jul 20, 1969 – First man on the moon
- Jul 25, 2017 – National Hire a Veteran Day
- Jul 27, 1953 – Korean War Armistice Day
- Jul 28, 1992 – National Buffalo Soldiers Day
- Jul 28, 1932 – Bonus Marchers forced eviction
- Jul 29, 1775 – Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary

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

THIRD THURSDAY DINNER MEETING, JULY 18 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 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 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. Educational Scholarship Awards Ceremony**

MENU: Fresh fruit salad, tossed salad with balsamic and ranch dressings, Artisan Bread, Chicken Picatta, Salisbury Steak, Red Roasted Potatoes, Sautéed Seasonal Vegetables, 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, 11 July Noon for sign-ups.

Early RSVP's are welcome and appreciated. After the 11th, 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, July 23, 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.

JULY SPECIAL DAY RECOGNITION

Birthdays:

Jim Alexander, Bob Baugh, Jody Benson, George Brinegar, Ted Croy, Jimmie Hanes, Henry Hacker, Dawn Jacques, Jon Ker, Helen Littell, Bill Milnor, Susan Patrick, Scott and Linda Pitzer, Ken

Ratajczak, Jack Rochelle, Michael Slavens, Christyn Sterling, and Shirley Wilson.

Anniversaries:

Bill and Judy Bauer, Bob and Gaye Baugh, Wally and Voncyle Burns, Dennis and Debby DeGraff, Jack and Barbara Rochelle, Trish and Joe Herbelin, Bobby and Donna Sammon, Ennis and Kay Sullivan, .

CONGRATUATIONS TO ALL

2024 CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULE

- **15 August 2024, Thursday dinner meeting in the Media Room at McLane Stadium.** Our proposed guest speaker is honorary chapter member, Congressman Pete Sessions.
- **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.** Date is open for guest speaker and entertainment will be by the Morticians for the dance.

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 – Past President – Dennis J. DeGraff



Colonel Dennis J. DeGraff was born in Cleburne, Texas and graduated from Baylor University with a degree in mathematics. He entered the United States Air Force in 1981 and served into the final decade of the Cold War.

Dennis began his career as a scientific analyst assigned to the Air Force Electronic Warfare Center at Kelly AFB, San Antonio, Texas, where he was instrumental in developing communications and signal security measures for Air Force forces

worldwide. Colonel DeGraff was then assigned to the United States Air Force's MiG squadron at Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, Nevada. His work on Soviet fighter maintenance trends supported real world flying training for Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps tactical air crews.

From Nevada, Colonel DeGraff was assigned as the director of test for the operational testing of the follow on radar system to the Distant Early Warning (DEW) Line protecting the North American continent from Soviet nuclear attack. Next, he was stationed at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska and conducted testing at Barter Island, Alaska, 60 miles west of the Canadian border on the Arctic Ocean, and at North Bay, Ontario, Canada. At the conclusion of testing, Colonel DeGraff was assigned to Randolph AFB, San Antonio, Texas.

While assigned to the Air Force Military Personnel Center, Dennis began his transition to post-Cold War Air Force expeditionary operations and assignment as a mission support airman. He next attended Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, and after graduation was assigned as the 314th Mission Support Squadron commander at Little Rock AFB, Arkansas.

Colonel DeGraff was next assigned to the Joint US Military Affairs Group at Yong San Garrison, Republic of Korea. Valuable lessons were learned in dealing with US joint staffs, foreign military staffs, and US interagency personnel. He then returned to Maxwell AFB as an Air War College student, visiting India and Pakistan during his academic year. Afterwards, Colonel DeGraff was assigned to the Air Staff at the Pentagon, Washington, DC. Six weeks after arrival, on September 11, 2001, he was enmeshed in the preparation of Air Force forces to conduct war against terrorist elements.

In February 2003, Colonel DeGraff was selected as the C-1 for the Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance and deployed to Kuwait City, Kuwait two days before offensive operations began against Iraq. Here he oversaw and directed the reception, staging, onward movement, and integration of US military, interagency, and coalition personnel supporting the transitional government throughout Iraq primarily in Baghdad until transition to sovereignty in June 2004.

Colonel DeGraff was then assigned to United States Air Forces, Europe at Ramstein AB, Germany,

where he directed all personnel, manpower, and services for over 32,000 airmen serving across Europe. He culminated his career as the Director of Staff for Commander, United States Air Forces, Europe, retiring to Waco, Texas after 28 years of service.

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.

RECAP OF THE JUNE 8 SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER GOLF TOURNAMENT EVENT

We had a very successful tournament and our thanks go out to all the chapter members that participated in the important elements to make the event work, solicited players and donors, played in the tournament and many other ways.

Our thanks go to the members who help to prepare for the tournament on Friday and conduct the event on Saturday. These were Bill Porter, Mike Strain, Jane Winston, Norma Thronburg, Harold Rafuse, Jimmie and Mary Hanes, Gene Lednicky, Jim and Laura Milam, Robert Rochell, Dennis DeGraff, Ennis Sullivan, Gary Urban, Barbara Purselley, Bill Milnor and anyone else I may have missed.

Some of the amounts raised follow.

- 19 businesses or non-members donated a total of \$6,300.
- 31 members donated a total of \$16,300.
- The total of 57 players provided \$4,000 for fees and donations.
- The silent auction raised around \$1,615 and some still pending.

Overall, we had gross income of around \$28,000 and netted around \$23,000 after expenses. This was in comparison to gross income of around \$26,000 and netting around \$21,000 in 2023.

JUNE 8 SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER GOLF TOURNAMENT DONOR LIST

GOLD SPONSORS

Robert Rochell, Mark and Brenda Sheehan, Harold and RoseMary Rafuse, and Gary Urban.

SILVER SPONSORS

George and Helen Littell, Jim and Laura Milam, Jimmie and Mary Hanes, Bill and Judy Bauer, and Vince Tobola.

REINTEGRATING MILITARY TEAM SPONSORS

Gary and Susan Baker, Community Bank & Trust, TSTC Foundation and Central National Bank.

DONORS IN KIND

Texas Farm Bureau Insurance, Texas Sports Hall of Fame, Republic Gun Club, Allen Samuels Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep, Ram, Fiat, Mars & Wrigley Confectionary, The Texas Roadhouse, Baylor Club, Balcones Distilling, Pignetti's Italian Restaurant, Mystic Salon/Trimmer Salon, Cottonwood Creek Golf Course, Waco Convention Center, Quilts of Valor, Chandler's Gun Shop and Range, JDH Iron Designs, Gene Lednicky, Jim and Laura Milam, Gary Urban, Norma Thronburg, Bob and Penny Lull and Vince Tobola.

HOLE SPONSORS

Mike and Doris Strain, Ken and Anne Ratajczak, Lovett & Associates, Dennis and Debby DeGraff, Gene Lednicky, USAA, Bill Porter, Jacob G. Straby, Attorney at Law, Special Forces Association – Chapter 93, John Householder, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Schlecte, Bill Bewley, Green Ackors Landscaping, William Hearn, Cen-Tex Roofing, The Alford Company, Bob and Penny Lull, John and Mary Dietz, Mattson Financial Services, Stonewood Dental, Barbara Purselley, Doug and Pat Young, Jim and Laura Milam, Jane Winston, Lew and Liz Arend, Jon and Terri Ker, Creekwood Dental Arts, Bob and Sandy Corwin, Jim and Joan Alexander, Jim and Jerry Buehrig, Gene Lednicky, Bob and Gaye Baugh, Comfort Crew for Military Kids, Louie Englander, Bill and Gerry Milnor and Ennis and Kay Sullivan.

DONORS

Durwood and Jackie Williams, Steiner Eberle, Kyle Stevens, Bobby and Donna Sammon, Shorty's Pizza Shack, Café Cappuccino, Fish City Grill, Topgolf, McAllister's Deli – Hewitt, Uncle Dan's BBQ, Salty Dog's Sports Bar and Grill, and Billie Bob's Burgers.

MEMORIAM AND OBITUARY FOR REV. JOHN T. WELLS

Rev. John T. Wells passed away on June 10, 2024. His funeral service was held on June 19, 2024 at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Waco. He was a long time member of the HOT Chapter MOAA and served as president, director and chaplain. On behalf of the chapter, a sympathy card was sent to the family, a vase with red rose and ribbon was provided for funeral service and a fifty dollar donation was made to Saint Paul's Episcopal Church.

Father Wells was born in Harmony, Kentucky on May 31, 1941 to Jack Dale and Eila Shirley (Mason) Wells. An Army Brat, he grew up on military posts in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Kentucky, New York, and Germany, eventually graduating from East High School in Denver, CO in 1959.

An ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate with a degree in Mathematics from Eastern Kentucky State College, in 1964 he began a 25-year Army career as an armored cavalry officer, paratrooper, and helicopter pilot. He served two combat tours in Vietnam, two tours in Germany and two tours in Korea. While on active duty he earned a Master of Science degree in Public Administration and was selected to attend both the US Army Command and General Staff College and the US Army War College.

He retired with the rank of Colonel in 1989 after commanding units at platoon, company and battalion levels and serving on staff at battalion, division, field army, major command, the Army General Staff (the Pentagon), and international headquarters. His military decorations include the Silver Star, two Legion of Merit medals, six Bronze Star medals, the Purple Heart, three Meritorious Service Medals and five awards of the Air Medal. His foreign decorations include the Republic of Korea Order of National Security Merit, Sam-il Medal, and from the Republic of Vietnam, the Cross of Gallantry with Palm and the Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star.

In 1995 Father Wells entered the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, earning a Master of Divinity degree in 1998. While a seminarian, he served three months as preacher at St. Stephen's Church in Fort Stockton, TX where he also had a daily devotional broadcast on the local radio station. After ordination, he served churches in Jasper, Woodville, and lastly in Waco, where for 10 years he was Rector of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church. At the diocesan level he was Dean of both the

Southeast and Northwest Convocations, was a board member of the Episcopal Foundation, and for five years was the Diocese of Texas representative to Episcopal Relief and Development. After retiring in 2013 Father Wells continued serving the Church, assisting and supplying in parishes throughout the Diocese of Texas and the Diocese of Dallas.

His civic service locally included the Woodway Planning & Zoning Commission, volunteer chaplain for the Waco Police Department (where he was awarded the Police Lifesaving Award), the 100 Club of McLennan County, and the McLennan County Veterans Association. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Military Officers Association of America, Military Order of the Purple Heart, and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Father Wells is survived by his wife, Su of Woodway; sons William H. Wells and wife Jin of Woodway, John T. Wells, Jr of Marion, IA; daughters Dr. Jennifer H. Wells of Waco, Angela Christiansen and husband Peter of Marion, IA; sisters Eila Dale Sheehan and husband Michael of Tulsa, OK, Susan Howard and husband Richard of Austin, Ann Stewart and husband Rus of Surf City, NC; sisters-in-law Han June Su of Seoul, Korea; grandchildren Myles Christiansen of Marion, IA, John Mason Leverington and Liliana Su Leverington of Belton; nieces Katherine Lewis and husband Daniel of Austin, Rebecca Stewart of Surf City, NC, Cathleen Dixon of Ft Smith, AR, Elizabeth Sheehan of Broken Arrow, OK; and grand-nephew Kang Giu Bin of Seoul, Korea.

His family would like to thank Jennifer of Accent Hospice, Dr. Browder and Missy of Browder Clinic, Larry, Tonya, and Kris of Grace Gardens.

FOURTH ON THE BRAZOS

The City of Waco will have their annual Fourth on the Brazos celebration, featuring the H-E-B Fireworks Extravaganza and live music on 4 July.

Fourth on the Brazos will be featured at Touchdown Alley (next to McLane Stadium). It is a Waco tradition with food trucks, live entertainment, family fund and fireworks. **Admission is free.** Gates open at 6 p.m. and the fireworks kick off at 9:20 p.m. There will be a patriotic ceremony by the Waco Community Band prior to fireworks starting.

There is a clear bag/purse policy to enter Touchdown Alley area. This is required for security reasons and to facilitate entry on security checks.

VINCE'S DINING OPTION NOTE



Jorge's Cantina is now open. It is at 4225 Franklin Avenue, next to Safe Lite. The phone number is 254-545-4452. It will be open for lunch and dinner, no breakfast. Operating hours are Sunday – Thursday, 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Friday – Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to Midnight. It is recommended to call for reservations for now since it just opened officially on June 27th. The former El Paso Grill was completely renovated and additional space added for the restaurant. It has a new varied Mexican and Tex/Mex menu and large amount of seating spaces.

2025 TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT EXPIRATION POSSIBLE IMPACTS

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) of 2017 was a sweeping tax overhaul that made significant changes to individual income taxes and the estate tax. The standard deduction increased, the child tax credit doubled, marginal tax rates fell, and the lifetime estate and gift tax exemptions increased, allowing people to pass on more of their assets without incurring estate or gift taxes.

Most of these changes are due to expire Dec. 31, 2025. While it's possible they could be extended, the future of the TCJA is currently unclear. Here's what you need to know as this act sunsets.

The TCJA lowered tax rates for most income groups. The highest marginal tax rate is currently 37%, and then, depending on income, the rates are 35%, 32%, 24%, 22%, 12%, and 10%. In 2026, these figures are scheduled to go back to pre-TCJA rates: 39.6%, 35%, 33%, 28%, 25%, 15%, and 10%.

With higher tax rates looming on the horizon, this means if you want to convert traditional accounts to Roth accounts, it could pay off to do so sooner rather than later. Long-term capital gains and qualified dividends have a preferential tax rate. That won't change when the TCJA expires. The 3.8% net investment income tax that some taxpayers with high modified adjusted gross income must pay will also stick around.

However, the TCJA separated the tax-rate income brackets for capital gains and dividend income from the tax brackets for ordinary income. Come 2026 that will no longer be the case, making for potentially higher capital gains taxes for some taxpayers depending on the tax bracket they fall in. If higher capital gains tax rates coming into play in 2026 could affect you, you might want to consider selling some of your highly appreciated securities now. While such a sale would produce a taxable gain, it could be less than it would be after TCJA sunsets.

The TCJA doubled the 2011 estate and gift tax exemption of \$5 million. Since 2017, the exemption has been further adjusted for inflation. In 2024, the exemption is \$13.61 million per individual and \$27.22 million for couples. In 2026, the estate and gift tax exemption is due to revert back to pre-TCJA, effectively cutting it in half.

If your taxable estate will come anywhere close to the new exemption amount, consider some estate planning strategies such as using the annual gift tax exclusion, which in 2024 allows each taxpayer to give anyone up to \$18,000 per year without any tax consequences. Current law also lets you contribute up to five years of gifts to educational accounts for children and grandchildren, so you could potentially gift up to \$90,000 to a person's 529 education savings account in 2024.

While no one knows what will happen to tax law in 2026, it's a good idea to be aware of potential changes. Discussing possible strategies with your tax professional or financial adviser can put you in a better position no matter what happens.

Sources: The MOAA Newsletter June 20, 2024 & July 2024 edition of Military Officer

RETIRED PAY DATES REMAINDER OF 2024

Following are the retired pay dates: August 1, 2024; August 30, 2024; October 1, 2024; November 1, 2024; November 29, 2024 and December 31, 2024.

Heart of Texas Chapter TX07, MOAA
P.O. Box 23964
Waco, TX 76702-3964

Address label

2024 H.O.T. MOAA OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President

Ken Rataczjak, COL, USA (ret) (Anne) 254-776-4804

1st Vice President

Bill Porter, COL, USA (ret) 254-495-5601

2nd Vice President

Arend, Lew, 1LT, USA (Liz) 713-254-1334

Secretary

George Littell, 1LT, USA (Helen) 713-254-0972

Treasurer

Vince Tobola, Lt Col, USAF (ret) 254-709-5795

Immediate Past President

Michael Slavens, Lt Col, USAF (ret) (Marsha) 703-898-9173

Chaplain

Bill Porter, COL, USA (ret) 254-495-5601

Surviving Spouse Liaison

Vacant

Legislative Liaison

Gary Urban, Maj, USAF (ret) 254-715-6560

Directors

Don Speed, Capt., USAF (Ann) 254- 366-5528

Jane Winston, Lt, USAF 979-777-8076

Ennis Sullivan, Capt., USAF (Kay) 214-797-1464

Barbara Purselley 254-716-4572

Beau Crosby, Col, USAF (ret) (Kathy Endres) 254-709-9588

Norma Thronburg 254-749-2146

Gary Urban, Maj, USAF (ret) 254-715-6560

John Jacques, MAJ, USA (Dawn) 254394-2373

Bill Milnor, COL, USA (ret) (Gerry) 972-533-7874

Gene Lednicky, CPT, USMC 254-206-1097

Mike Strain, Capt., USAF (Doris) 281-565-3110

Directors Emeritus

Jimmie Hanes, Col, USAF, (ret) (Mary) 254-848-5493

Dr. Harold Rafuse, Lt Col, USAF (ret.) (RoseMary) 254-717-8112

William Bauer, COL, USMC (ret.) (Judy) 254-772-7111

Robert Rochell, CAPT, USA (ret.) 254-723-3280

Robert Baugh, MAJ, USA (ret.) (Gayle) 254-772-4651

Stanley Brubaker, Col, USAF (ret.) (Lori) 254-772-7405

John Wells, COL, USA (ret) (Su) 254-776-1143

ELECTED OFFICIALS

U.S. Senator John Cornyn Chase Tower
517 Hart Senate Office Building 221 West Sixth St, Suite 1530
Washington, DC 20510 Austin, TX 78701
Website: www.Cornyn.senate.gov 512-469-6034, FAX 512-469-6020
202-228-2856

U.S. Senator Ted Cruz 300 E. 8th, Ste 961
127A Russell Senate Office Building Austin, TX 78701
Washington, D.C. 20510
202-224-5922

U.S. Rep. Pete Sessions 400 Austin Ave,
2204 Rayburn HOB, Washington, D.C. 20515 Suite 302
202-225-6105. Waco, TX 76702

USEFUL NUMBERS

MOAA Capital switchboard hotline 1-800 272-6622

MOAA Membership 1-800 245-8762

Free Weekly E-mail Legislative Updates

Subscribe to MOAA's Free Weekly E-mail Legislative Updates:
(<https://www.moaa.org/>) click on Legislative Action Center or call (800) 234-6622 (MOAA) to get the information.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

- **PRESIDENT'S COLUMN, JULY 18 THURSDAY DINNER MEETING IN THE MEDIA ROOM, 5TH FLOOR, MCLANE STADIUM, EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS CEREMONY HOSTED BY HAROLD RAFUSE**
- **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – DENNIS DEGRAFF**
- **4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION AT MCLANE STADIUM**
- **MEMORIAM AND OBIT FOR REV. JOHN T. WELLS**