



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Greetings All!

Our annual fundraiser golf tournament is just short week away on Saturday morning, June 7. Please consider making a financial contribution to the fundraiser. I've given my normal cash donation of \$300. Only \$150.00 will make you a hole sponsor. Sponsor and donation forms and the golf registration form are posted on the website: hotmoaa.org. New ideas are always welcome on how to attain success for 2025!

At the July 17 dinner meeting, we will be presenting the educational awards to the to the recipients.

On 2-3 May, I attended the MOAA Leaders Workshop for the Central Region in Oklahoma City, OK. This workshop provides forums to receive updates and ask questions of MOAA leadership and attend break-out sessions on Chapter Management, Legislative Training, and Surviving Spouse Liaison Training.

In the Chapter Management session, National MOAA briefed us on chapter effectiveness, e.g., mission statement, legislative advocacy and engagement, impactful community service, and membership growth; grassroots advocacy, e.g., appointed a legislative chair/liaison, fostered relationships with elected officials, and participated in annual advocacy events; and community outreach, e.g., grants and scholarships, chapter gear/logos (in progress!), and, of course, auctions and golf tournaments (!), to name a few.

Donations Needed: Please bring a non-perishable food item to our dinner meeting and receive an extra ticket for our nightly drawing. Collection being made for donation to the Veteran's One Stop. Besides food, you can also donate various clothing, bedding, pillows, toiletries, etc. During the holiday season, consider donating a ham, turkey (or both), to the Veteran's One Stop. They will appreciate it immensely!

Challenge Coins. We still have HOT MOAA challenge coins available. Pick up one or two at the registration table. The proceeds go toward our fundraising efforts. Finally, please continue to pray for our leaders to support and defend the Constitution with the new Presidential administration. Thank you for your outstanding work and support. I look forward to seeing you at our April 17th dinner.

Duty, Honor, Country – Always Serving

v/r

Bill Porter

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS FROM OUR FOUNDING FATHERS

Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it. - **Thomas Paine**, *The American Crisis*, 12 Sept. 1777

Beware the greedy hand of government thrusting itself into every corner and crevice of industry. **Thomas Paine**, *"Rights of Man, Part 2"*. Book by Thomas Paine. *"Introduction"*, en.wikisource.org, 1792.

Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters. **Benjamin Franklin**, *Letter to the Abbés Chalut and Arnaud*, April 17, 1787.

Government, even in its best state, is but a necessary evil; in its worst state, an intolerable one. **Thomas Paine**, *Common Sense* (1776)

We must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt. - **Thomas Jefferson**, Thomas Jefferson (2011). *"Jefferson on Freedom: Wisdom, Advice, and Hints on Freedom, Democracy, and the American Way"*, p.26, Skyhorse Publishing, Inc.

The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity. - **John Adams**, John Adams, Charles Francis Adams (1856). *"The Works of John Adams, Second President of the United States: With a Life of the Author, Notes and Illustrations"*, p.45

Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other. - **John Adams**, John Adams, Charles Francis Adams (1854). *"Works: with a life of the author"*, p.229

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The fate of unborn millions will now depend, under God, on the courage and conduct of this army. We have, therefore, to resolve to conquer or die. - **George Washington**, 1776 *General orders*, 2 Jul. Quoted in *J C Fitzpatrick (ed) Writings of George Washington (1932), vol.5*.

Arms discourage and keep the invader and plunderer in awe, and preserve order in the world as well as property... Horrid mischief would ensue were the law-abiding deprived of the use of them. - **Thomas Paine**

Laws that forbid the carrying of arms disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes. **Thomas Jefferson**

Source: <https://www.azquotes.com/quotes/topics/us-founding-fathers.html?p=2>

THINGS TO REMEMBER AND REFLECT ON IN JUNE:

June 4, 1944 – Rome liberated by US 6th Army led by Gen Mark Clark

June 4, 1989 – The Chinese government ordered troops to open fire on unarmed protester in Tiananmen Square

June 5, 1968 – Robert F Kennedy shot and killed in the Hotel Ambassador in Los Angeles

June 6, 1944 – D-Day (Operation Overlord) landing commenced at Normandy on the northern coast of France. By the end of the day 150,000 landed successfully with 15,000 killed and wounded.

June 8, 1965 – Apache leader Cochise died

June 11, 1994 – After 49 years, the Soviet military occupation of East Germany ended

June 12, 1994 – Civil rights leader Medgar Evers was assassinated in Jackson, Mississippi

June 13, 1966 – The U.S. Supreme Court ruled (5-4) in the case of *Miranda v. Arizona* that an accused person must be apprised of certain rights before police questioning including the right to remain silent, the right to know that anything said can be used against the individual in court, and the right to have a defense attorney present during interrogation.

June 13, 1971 – The New York Times began publishing the Pentagon Papers

June 14, 1775 – The first U.S. Military service, the Continental Army consisting of six companies of riflemen, was established by the Second Continental Congress.

June 14, 1775 – John Adams introduced a resolution before Congress mandating a United States flag, stating, "...that the flag of the thirteen United States shall be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white on a blue field, representing a new constellation."

June 14, 1812 – The U.S. Senate voted 19 to 13 in favor of a declaration of war against Great Britain, prompted by Britain's violation of America's rights on the high seas and British incitement of Indian warfare on the Western frontier.

June 18, 1983 – Dr. Sally Ride, a 32-year-old physicist and pilot, became the first American woman in space

June 19, 1865 – In Galveston, Texas, upon the arrival of Union troops, Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger read General Order No. 3: "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States [President Lincoln], all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves..."

June 19, 1953 – Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were executed at Sing Sing Prison in New York for espionage

June 23, 1865 – The last formal surrender of Confederate troops occurred as Cherokee leader and Confederate Brigadier General Watie surrendered his battalion of American Indians in the Oklahoma Territory.

June 25, 1876 – George Armstrong Custer defeated and killed at Little Big Horn

June 25, 1950 – The Korean War began

June 25, 1948 – The Berlin airlift began

Source:

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

JUNE 2025 DINNER MEETING CANCELLED FOR JUNE 7TH GOLF FUNDRAISER

THE THURSDAY DINNER MEETING WILL BE JULY 17, 2025, IN THE MEDIA ROOM AT MCLANE STADIUM – 5th FLOOR.

MAY 15 DINNER RECAP

Our guest speaker Dr. Daniel J Pack, Dean of Baylor School of Engineering and Computer Science spoke to us on the military applications of 3-D printing and communications networks.





The presentation was very informative.

With over 25 years of experience in autonomous systems and related technologies, Dr. Pack has earned

numerous awards and has co-authored seven textbooks on embedded systems and published over 160 scholarly works on unmanned systems, cooperative control, robotics, pattern recognition, and engineering education

HOT CHAPTER BOARD MEETING DATE

The next Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, June 24, 2025**, 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.

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

We are always looking for prospects to join the chapter; please contact Michael Slavens, or Vince Tobola, with prospective names. Remember every member can help in recruiting more members.

Reminder that our website, hotmoaa.org, does have the chapter membership application form plus copies of newsletters. There is also a national MOAA membership form; basic membership is free. Newsletters are provided 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 four hundred chapters and together we are the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers. We are an independent, nonprofit, political nonpartisan organization.

2025 dues are now due. Dues are \$25 for current members and can be paid at the regular dinner meetings or mailed to HOT Chapter MOAA, P.O. Box 23964, Waco, TX 76702. Thank you for your continued support of the chapter on your renewal.

HOTMOAA.ORG

Our new and revised website is online at <https://hotmoaa.org>. Be sure and register to access the new members' only section.

JUNE SPECIAL DAY RECOGNITION

Birthdays:

Jeff Bowles, Stan Brubaker, Dennis DeGraff, Ted Lawson, Gerry Milnor, Susie Rowe, Billie Sawyer, Don Schreiber, Frank Slaby, Kay Sullivan, Savanna Urban.

Anniversaries:

Mike and Patsy Norman Farr and Bill and Gerry Milnor.

Congratulations to all

2025 CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULE

- **7 June 2025, Annual Scholarship Fundraiser Golf Tournament at Waco Cottonwood Creek Golf Course. More info is on the chapter website, hotmoaa.org, then go and click Fundraising, and then click on Golf Fundraiser for details and forms for cover letter on the fundraiser, donation and sponsorships and golf player registration.**
- **17 July 2025, Thursday dinner meeting in the Media Room at McLane Stadium.** It is proposed to have the awards presentations for the educational scholarships' selectees.
- **14 August 2025, Thursday dinner meeting in the Media Room at McLane Stadium.** Tentative guest speaker is State Senator Brian Birdwell.
- **18 September 2025, Thursday dinner meeting in the Media Room at McLane Stadium.** The proposed guest speaker is Felecia Mulkey, Baylor University Tumblin National Champions Coach.
- **16 October 2025, Thursday dinner meeting in the Media Room at McLane Stadium.** The guest speaker is Jim Haller, speaking on Challenges of College Sports.
- **20 November 2025, Thursday dinner meeting in the Media Room at McLane Stadium.** The guest speaker is Kimberly Kembell-Cook from the Daughters of the American Revolution.
- **11 December 2025, Thursday dinner meeting in the Media Room at McLane Stadium.** An election for 2026 officers and directors will be conducted and the annual entertainment and dance.

DONATIONS NEEDED: Please bring a non-perishable food item to our dinner meeting and receive a free drawing ticket. The collection is being made for donation to Veteran's One Stop. We will continue collecting each month in 2025.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – TED CROY, COL, USA (RET)



Ted Croy is a Christian, husband, father, retired Army Colonel, professor, and a physical therapist. Retiring after 34 consecutive years of military service starting in

1988, Ted and Julie came to McLennan County in 2022 after learning that they were expectant grandparents. They have three daughters and two grandsons.

Raised in Iowa in a working-class family with several veterans of WWII and Korea, Ted sought help with college through military service - first as an enlisted Navy sailor then later as an Army officer; which moved Ted and Julie in 1996 to San Antonio to earn a master's degree from the Army-Baylor program as a physical therapist.

In 2002, Ted was selected to serve in the 75th Ranger Regiment, where he deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan where, as a board-certified expert in orthopedic care, he provided medical care for our special operations forces.

Ted's service, skill and leadership offered the chance to earn a PhD from the University of Virginia and an opportunity to perform research, train graduate students and lead Army-Baylor graduate programs back in San Antonio where he retired honorably in 2022; leaving a legacy of strong and competitive graduate programs in allied health.

Ted and Julie live in China Spring where he is an adjunct professor and teaches online for Liberty University and is a research consultant for DoD programs.

FREE WACO AREA EVENTS FOR JUNE

- June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - **Open Volunteer Day** 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at Cloven Heart Farm Sanctuary

- June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - **New Growth: Celebrating Juneteenth and Freedom Through Black Hair Opening Reception**, 6:00pm – 8:00pm, Art Center Waco, 701 S 8th St, Waco, TX 76706
- June 4, 11, 18, 25 - **Village Wednesday**, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Mayborn Museum Complex, Baylor University
- June 6, 13, 20, 27- **Fossil Friday**, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Mayborn Museum Complex, Baylor University
- June 7, 14, 21, 28- **Waco Downtown Farmers Market**, 9:00am – 1:00pm, Bridge Street Plaza, S M.L.K. Jr Blvd & Elm Avenue, Waco, TX,
- June 29 - **Electrolit Tri Waco Triathlon**, 6:00am - , Indian Spring Park, 101 North University Parks Drive, Waco, TX

MOAA NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

If needed, there is a MOAA national membership form at the chapter website: hotmoaa.org. You can join National MOAA for **free** with **Basic level MOAA membership** and a form is attached. For more membership amenities, the form also shows fees for the annual and life MOAA memberships. This is separate from the chapter membership fee.

MOAA ACTIVE LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGNS

Love Lives On: Protect Surviving Spouses' Right to Remarry

Surviving military spouses who lose their loved ones due to combat, service-related illnesses, or suicide often face a difficult choice: remarry and lose their earned benefits or remain single for financial stability.

Current law revokes benefits if they remarry before age 55, leaving many—especially those with young children—without crucial support. The **Love Lives On Act (H.R. 1004/S. 410)** ensures surviving spouses can remarry at any age without losing their benefits.

By supporting this legislation, Congress can honor the sacrifices of military families and provide them with the stability they deserve.

Parity for Surviving Spouses: Increase Dependency and Indemnity Compensation

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) - a benefit for survivors of those who die in service or

from service-connected conditions-lags behind other federal survivor benefits. DIC provides only 43% of what a 100% service-disabled veteran receives. Civilian federal survivor programs provide up to 55% of the employee's calculated retirement pay.

This inequity leaves military survivors with less support than their civilian counterparts, despite the sacrifices their loved ones made in service to our country.

Contact your lawmaker today and them to champion this bill and push for its passage.

Protect Veterans' Education Benefits from Predatory Practices

MOAA joined fellow military and veteran service organizations May 13 to protect student-veterans from again becoming "dollar signs in uniform" – targets of predatory practices which could be restored by a recent House proposal as part of the budget reconciliation bill.

The plan would repeal the so-called "90/10 rule," a limit on the amount of federal funds that can be collected by for-profit colleges. The repeal would cost an estimated \$1.6 billion over 10 years ... and may allow certain for-profit schools to financially exploit veterans.

Federal law requires for-profit colleges to derive at least 10% of their revenue from areas other than federally funded financial assistance, which can account for the other 90%. For many years, a loophole in that 90/10 rule put DoD- and VA-backed benefits, such as the GI Bill, outside that federal-fund definition. Thanks to the loophole, many for-profit colleges aggressively focused their recruiting efforts on troops and veterans.

Honor Veteran Caregivers - Pass the Reeducation, Reemployment, and Retirement Act

The caregivers who provide daily care and support to aging and disabled veterans often sacrifice their own careers, financial stability, and personal well-being to fulfill their vital role. Many veteran caregivers rely on stipends classified as "unearned income," meaning they lose opportunities to save for retirement or contribute to Social Security. Caregivers also face major hurdles reentering the workforce after years of full-time caregiving, further jeopardizing their financial futures.

The Veteran Caregiver Reeducation, Reemployment, and Retirement Act would help close these gaps by providing professional development, employment assistance, and retirement planning specifically tailored for veteran caregivers. This legislation is critical to ensuring caregivers receive the recognition, support, and financial security they have earned through their service to veterans.

See MOAA Legislative Action Center to for more on MOAA's Active Legislative Campaigns

Source for the above: <https://moaa.quorum.us/>

MOAA-Supported Legislation

MOAA's experts in Washington are constantly reviewing and assessing legislation that may impact the earned pay, benefits, and support programs of the uniformed services and veteran communities. The organization's endorsement process is deliberate; MOAA will not support or oppose any legislation without a thorough review of its potential effects, positive or negative. Check back in the coming weeks as more legislation is introduced by members of the 119th Congress. For current listing see <https://moaa.quorum.us/bills>

Make Your Voice Heard With MOAA's Legislative Action Center

MOAA's Legislative Action Center offers registered advocates a plethora of features to make their voices heard on Capitol Hill and take an active role in MOAA's advocacy.

To make the most of the action center, here are some best practices when using the platform:

- Enable cookies. MOAA's Legislative Action Center offers members the option to remain signed in on any device where you've already accessed the platform. This means you will not have to reenter your information every time you want to send a call to action to your legislators. However, cookies need to be enabled on your devices so the center can keep you logged in. If you don't know how to manage cookies, these links will help you get started on Internet Explorer or Edge, Safari, Chrome, and Firefox.
- The address is not recognized. Sometimes (not often) a member's address won't be recognized in the action center's registration form. Unfortunately, MOAA does not manage that part

of the form; it pulls data from Google. If your address isn't recognized, we recommend using a next-door address or another address near you so you can access the platform. Alternatively, you can add your address to Google.

- Other commonly asked questions. First-time, and seasoned, users can review other commonly asked questions about the action center on the MOAA website. This is a useful resource if you are troubleshooting an issue with the platform.

Other Ways To Support MOAA's Advocacy

It is critical that MOAA members, and the wider uniformed service and veteran communities, remain engaged as issues of importance make their way through the legislative process. You can do this in several ways:

- Check back with the Legislative Action Center. MOAA will be adding new calls to action, more MOAA-supported legislation, and other key updates regarding the association's legislative priorities throughout the year.
- Find your local MOAA chapter. Hundreds of MOAA affiliates across the nation offer a new way to engage with your community.
- Check out our online and printed publications. MOAA's email newsletter and magazine are two key ways members can stay up to date on the association's legislative advocacy.

Source: <https://moaa.quorum.us/LACTutorial/>

2025 GOLF FUNDRAISER LUNCH OPTION

The fundraiser is being held at the Waco Cottonwood Creek Golf Course, 5200 Bagby. For those that do not play golf, you can attend the June 7 Saturday event for the BBQ catered lunch at a cost of \$15 per person.

Lunch is served inside in the covered patio and seating is available inside or under the outside pavilion. The catered meal has BBQ brisket, pork loin, potato salad, beans, iced tea, and cookies.

Lunch starts around 12:15 p.m.

You will also be able to check the silent auction items out for bidding before lunchtime. Announcement will be made on closing on bidding.

Please contact Vince Tobola, by Wed. June 4th noon if you are planning to attend so we have a good count. Contact Vince at 254-709-5795 or vtobola@aol.com.

You can also contact Vince about any questions about the tournament or if you have donations or players to sign up for Saturday 7th event. Forms for golf registration and donors/sponsors are at the chapter website, hotmoaa.org.

VINCE'S DINING NOTES

Casa Do Brazil, 1001 Webster Avenue near intersection with 11th Street, Waco. Serves authentic flavors of Brazil with a memorable dining experience. At the new restaurant, owners take pride in offering the time-honored tradition of churrasco, where expertly seasoned cuts of premium meat are slowly roasted over an open flame and carved tableside by the skilled Gaucho chefs. The salad bar has over 50 unique and delicious salads, imported cheeses, cured meats, seafood and soup. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The phone number is 254-294-8450.

Opal's Oysters. The first non-barbecue restaurant from Terry Black's is a stunning seafood spot with oysters, caviar service, lobster rolls, ceviche, bisques, and chowders — it's basically everything one would expect at a classic East Coast seafood restaurant, right in the heart of land-locked Waco. The decor is also on theme, with an interior styled like a classy seafood shack with thin, raw wood paneling and shimmering tiled floors that are evocative of the scales of a fish. There is also a small, covered patio with a grand fireplace.

The address is 228 S. 8th Street with entrance on 8th Street. The phone number is 254-300-5692. It is open Sun – Thurs 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Fri – Sat 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Parking is on the street and rear at Terry Black's parking lot and walk around to 8th Street.



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