



AIRWAYS



April/May 2018

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & DINNER MAY 19, 2018 1800 HOURS AT THE LANDING

Social: 1800

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance: 1845

Dinner: 1900

Caesar Salad

Tuscan Glazed Chicken Breast

Spiral Pasta w/Tricolor Pepper

Alfredo Sauce

Grilled Italian Vegetables

Garlic Bread

Tirimasui

Unsweet tea, water, coffee

Cost: \$21.00 per person

GUEST SPEAKER

LIBBY HARPER

COMMUNITY OUTREACH ASSISTANT

FOR DR. KENNETH TODD

CENTER FOR VEIN RESTORATION

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

Libby will talk about how veins work and some of the things people can do to help their veins move the blood through them.

(See page 4 For more information.)

PLEASE—Cash or personal checks only!

Please make your Reservations by
noon Wednesday, May 16th to
Mary Rutkowski at
(334) 347-4966.



Persons not canceling their reservation by noon on the Friday prior to the Dinner Meeting will be responsible to our Chapter Treasurer for full payment of the meals.

A Message from the President

Charlie Wigglesworth

Spring is here and I am always excited about the warmer weather! It is time for yard work, gardening, visiting the beach, visiting the mountains or just enjoying the beauty of nature. I knew there was a reason I opted to settle in south Alabama.

Membership continues to be a topic of decisions. How do we attract new members? How do we engage our younger officers? Let us know how you believe we should engage our new generation of officers by contacting any of the board members with your ideas. Our chapter is still working diligently to recruit members that are National members and recruit new members for our future. CW5(R) Kaita is continuing to have success at the Warrant Officer Career College (WOCC) recruiting new Warrant Officers. If you know of active or retired officers in the area that are National members and not members of the local chapter, encourage them to join the Fort Rucker Chapter. Be sure to tell our potential members to check out “Why MOAA” at MOAA.org.

I encourage each of you to be sure to read your *MOAA Magazine*. Our leadership at the National level is doing a great job in keeping us informed of the issues that affect the force. They

are not only taking care of our active duty members but they never forget to also engage on issues that affect our retired force. Together, we are truly a “combat multiplier”! Be sure to check out the updates that COL(R) Dennis Newton, our Legislative Director, puts out on issues being worked on Capitol Hill.



I also encourage everyone (that has a computer) to go to our National website for the latest in information. You can engage with the National headquarters on issues and get up to date information. The website is www.moaa.org. Dennis is working to modernize our local website located at www.fortrucker.moaa.org and updating our Face book page. Thanks, Dennis for all your efforts.

Each month, we present a certificate from the local chapter and a \$100 check from National for the Distinguished and Leadership graduates of the Warrant Officer Candidate School. If you would like to be part of the presentation of these awards at their graduation, please let me know.

Our next dinner meeting will be on May 19, 2018 at 1800 hours. Be sure to let Mary know if you are coming. If you commit to coming and something happens to change your plans, let her know. We do not want to pay for meals if you have to cancel. Mary will let you know the cancellation date to avoid the charges. Lisa has set up a great speaker. See you there.

The **COMMANDANT** of the **UNITED STATES ARMY WARRANT OFFICER CAREER COLLEGE** cordially requests the pleasure of your company at the **College's "100 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE" BALL (2018)**. Hosting Guest Speaker: CW5(R) Paul Price Chief, Aviation Branch (ASD), Night Vision & Electronic Sensors Directorate. **Saturday, the Twenty-First day of April at five O'clock at The Landing Fort Rucker, Alabama. Ticket Cost is \$25.00 per person.** All entree selections served with dinner salad, twice baked potato, California vegetable medley, rolls & butter, tea & coffee. Payment can be made with PayPal via EventsUSAWOCC@gmail.com. Cash preferred for assigned personnel. Please see CW3 Onix Vazquez. **R.S.V.P. by 6 April 2018 POC: CW4 Travis Harwood (334) 255-2827 Alt POC: CW2 Brent Vance (334) 255-0499.** Military: Dress Mess Uniform / Army Service Uniform / Formal Attire Civilian: Formal Attire.

Legislative Report

by
Dennis Newton



Member of both MOAA National and of the Fort Rucker Chapter. It is my intention to continue sending MOAA information to each of you in the Fort Rucker Chapter Membership Mailing List. If you would prefer not to receive

Dear Fort Rucker MOAA Members,

This is an update to let you know I have taken on the duties of Legislative Affairs, of maintaining the Fort Rucker MOAA Website and keeping up with MOAA Social Media. Col Charles Block has recently retired from the role which he has done well for many years. Thank you, Charlie, for all your care for this community.

So who is Dennis Newton. I retired after 35 years of Service as a Chaplain where I served as the Installation Chaplain for Fort Irwin and then Fort Rucker my last 7 years. I am a Lifetime

this benefits information just reply back to me and state you wish to be removed. Please use the dnewton@fortruckerMOAA.org address and I will promptly address your request.

Blessings to you and may you find that the work MOAA does for protecting your benefits worth your support.

Dennis R. Newton
Legislative Affairs
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Membership Report

by Othan Gilbert



MOAA National life members who live in this area that are not chapter members. Next time you meet one of your officer friends, ask them if they are a member of MOAA. If they are, see if you can convince them to join the chapter. A chapter membership

form can be found on our chapter web site.

Remember the national MOAA website is moaa.org and our chapter website is fortruckermoaa.org. If you have ever considered upgrading your MOAA National membership to a life membership, MOAA makes it easy. You can purchase a lifetime membership by making 10 monthly payments via a credit card **PLUS** you get a 10% discount **IF** you call and speak with a membership representative. This discount is **NOT** applicable to life memberships purchased on-line. The phone number for MOAA National is 800-234-6622.

Othan Gilbert
Membership Chair

I am pleased to report that we recently gained a new chapter member: **MAJ Mark Jankoski** (wife Nancy) of Enterprise. MAJ Jankoski is a retired Army Chaplain and is now the Substance Abuse Program Supervisor at Easterling Correctional Facility in Clio. Nancy is currently the Director of Religious Education at Fort Rucker. They attended the February 2018 dinner and had a chance to meet several of our members. They are both very much welcomed into our chapter.

MOAA National has found that the best prospects for chapter membership are those officers who are life members of National which reflects commitment to MOAA and its mission. Based on information from National, there are quite a few

SPEAKER (from page 1): Our April meeting speaker is Libby Harper, who is the Community Outreach Assistant for Dr. Kenneth Todd with the Center for Vein Restoration in Dothan. Dr. Todd is a Phlebologist who has been working in this field for almost 20 years.

Center for Vein Restoration's Community Outreach program hosts and attends health and wellness events in conjunction with community centers, corporations, school systems, union groups, women's organizations, churches, and senior centers.

The program's mission is to promote vein health education by providing seminars that educate people about leg vein health and the dangers of vein disease, as well as, providing lower leg vein ultrasound demonstrations. Since the program's inception in 2014, they have held more than 1,200 events across the country and helped more than 1,500 community members address their vein issues.

Ms. Harper will be talking about how veins work and some of the things people can do to help their veins move the blood through them. She will also talk about symptoms occurring when the veins do not work correctly, and what can be done to help treat them. At the end of the talk, she will be offering to provide an ultrasound scan from the knees down only. If you are interested in this no cost option, please wear loose fitting pants or clothing. The ultrasound cannot be done through material, such as panty hose.

Information about conditions treated at the Center for Vein Restoration from their brochure and website:

WHAT IS VENOUS INSUFFICIENCY? Veins normally carry blood from your body tissues back to the heart and lungs to be replenished with oxygen and to be re-circulated. To help the blood from your legs circulate upward, against gravity, each vein is equipped with tiny, one-way valves. With each pump of the calf muscle, the blood pushes up more and more through this series of valves. When these valves fail or leak, the blood pools and stagnates. We call this condition venous insufficiency.

WHAT ARE THE COMMON SYMPTOMS? • Aching/Pain • Heaviness • Tiredness/Fatigue • Swollen Ankles • Leg Cramps • Restless Legs • Itching/Burning • Pain while standing or walking • Skin color change • Throbbing • Ulcers.

WHO IS AT RISK? Venous insufficiency affects more than 40 million Americans. Several factors, ranging from family history to daily lifestyle factors can increase your risk of developing the disorder: **LACK OF MOVEMENT**—"Work Veins;" **OVERWEIGHT**—"Heavy Veins;" **HISTORY OF DVT AGE**—"Normal Wear & Tear;" **PREGNANCY**—"Mommy Veins."

Center for Vein Restoration is nationally recognized as the leader in the treatment (see **SPEAKER** page 5)

Treasurer's Report

by
Loel Ewart



Treasurers Report:

This report is for the period 02/12/18 through 03/12/18

02/12/18 Starting balance of:	<u>\$27,700.31</u>
Total Deposits	<u>\$985.54</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$743.40</u>
Account Net Increase	<u>\$242.14</u>
03/12/18 Current Balance of:	<u>\$27,942.45</u>
Minus reserves:	-\$24,067.15)
Minus savings:	(-\$5.41)
<u>Check book operating Funds:</u>	<u>\$3,869.89</u>

The Chapter is in good shape financially. We are maintaining a dual reserve of \$24,067.15 for the Life Trust Fund future payouts, and for our general fund (rainy day unknowns/future years operations), shown as one reserve balance. The Chapter has no outstanding bills.

Our checking, money market and savings accounts are with AACFCU.

A monthly, detailed report, of our account activities and financial status, as of 03/12/18, is on our web site; (www.fortruckermoaa.org). Each month follows the same format to allow our members to monitor all transactions and approvals.

The treasurer's records are available for review/inspection by any member, with prior notice.

Note: It is highly recommended you pay by cash or check for the dinners. There are problems with the club card system not accepting individuals' Credit cards for our dinners.

NOTE: If you have reserved for the dinner and did not attend, have not canceled three days before, then you are responsible for payment of the dinners.

Our **April dinner** will be a great evening with an excellent meal and speaker. Hope to see you there.

Loel Ewart
Treasurer



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SPEAKER (from page 4) of varicose and spider veins. With locations in Alabama, Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Washington, D.C., our board-certified physicians and highly trained staff are dedicated to relieving leg pain, treating the vascular cause of severe leg wounds, and eliminating unsightly veins, allowing our patients to feel better, live better, and look better. <https://www.centerforvein.com/>

Retired Officer Wives Association (RWOA)

by Mary Jane Collins

One of Alabama's loveliest seasons is announced through the azaleas, dogwoods, and redbuds all dressed in fresh colors from pastels to vibrant blossoms. How nice it is to have seasons which are provided by the tilting of our planet! The 2018 vernal equinox occurs March 20, at exactly 12:15 p.m., ushering in our springtime with extended daylight and warmer weather.

Prior to this, ROWA members gathered as Valentine's Day brought special guests to our February luncheon meeting at The Landing. The social time was highlighted with shared stories among decorative door prizes displayed on the dining tables. Reports included the recognition of ROWA volunteers who supported the Toys for Tots in December at Ft. Rucker and the Sweetheart Bingo in February for approximately 400 senior citizens of surrounding areas. Both events were sponsored by the Ft. Rucker Community Spouses Club. At a recent FRCSC luncheon a floral arrangement made by the guest speaker was won by a ROWA member who is also a FRCSC member.

The ROWA March luncheon brought a variety of avant-garde talent as members arrived in their own designed and creative Mad Hatter styles, donned with hats, "not cut from the same cloth," but "worn by those who could judge a hat by its cover." Winners were categorized as: Unique-Karen Morales, Elegant-Dot



Bedsole, Creative-Gloria Loser, Cutest-Grace Bryant, Best Theme Adaption-Ida Guthrie, Best Adaption of Spring-Mary Jane Collins, Chic-Sam Newton, Jingly-Jennifer Marsden, Adventurous-Esse Muskopf, pictured from

left below. On a serious note, the slate of officer nominees recommended by the ROWA nominating committee was given with Carol Lee Dawson-President, Esse Muskopf-Vice President, Karen Morales-Secretary, Dot Bedsole-Treasurer.

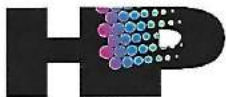
ROWA's next luncheons are listed below. Please mark your calendars and consider joining us. Have a blessed and enjoyable springtime!

- April 10—The Landing; Theme: Gardening
- May 8—The Landing; Theme: Spring Cleaning
- Reservations by noon the Friday beforehand to Mary at 334-347-4966



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Chaplain's Corner by Ben McKee

As we begin this season of Lent 2018, I am reminded of the song, **“When He was on the Cross we were on His mind.”** Often times

when we are going through particularly difficult circumstances, it is hard to see anything else. It is very easy to become self-absorbed in our own problem and lose sight of the fact that others around us are going through their own problems. But as the song says, Jesus wasn't like that.

I find it interesting that Jesus, when facing the agony of the Cross, still had the welfare of His disciples on His mind. At the end of John 16 we find that He had just told them that the hour was coming when they would all scatter and abandon Him, but he assures them that when that time would come He would not truly be alone because the Father would be with Him. Then He continued saying, **“These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have Peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”** When Jesus said this to them He knew that He was just days away from being crucified. **They should have been ministering to Him.** They should have sought to be a comfort to Him. **Instead it was Jesus who was ministering to them and comforting them** even though He was soon to have to endure one of the most torturous deaths known to man.

Within Jesus' example of caring for

others while facing His own dire circumstances is a secret for how we can endure our own problems when in the midst of them. The Bible teaches us that Jesus was able to endure the suffering of the Cross because of the joy that was set before Him. The joy that was set before Jesus was the fact that He was purchasing our redemption. **“When He was on the Cross we were on His mind.”** What a song! Hope you have heard it. Jesus knew that although His suffering would be excruciatingly agonizing, it would be temporary whereas our redemption would be eternal. **Yes, He Arose and we also have that promise! Thinking of others helped Jesus to endure. Thinking of others in our time of affliction will also help us to endure.**



The Apostle Paul wrote, **“Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.”** May we all during this Lenten Season, Passion Week, and Resurrection Sunday find victory and joy in our concern for others rather than laboring our minds with our own problems. May God and Christ have favor upon us as we look to Him in this special time of the Christian Year.

Information from the Ft Rucker Retiree Council, March 1, 2018

Called to order by CSM (R) Laidlow Council co-chair.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS-CW5 (R) Johnson: No report.

HEALTH CARE-CSM(R) Harris: Lyster closing 21 March at Noon for training. LTC (P) Baker reported Lyster will establish a separate parking area for employees, increasing space for patients in main parking lot. Pharmacy has established a new system called Q Flow which allows any open window (even active duty window if no

active duty waiting) to serve retirees. Considering an offsite refill pharmacy possibility.

VETERANS AFFAIRS-CSM (R) Evans: Dothan VA Primary Care Clinic moving to Lyster. Will maintain element of primary care within the current VA mental health clinic. The primary care provider staff has increased from four to six.

RETIREE VOLUNTEER SUPPORT-Mrs. Golson: Mrs. Golson had no report.

THE LANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL-(R) Collins: Easter Brunch April 1. (see **INFO** page 8)

Vietnam Helicopter Pilot and Crewmember Monument in Arlington National Cemetery to be dedicated April 18, 2018 WASHINGTON, DC

The Vietnam Helicopter Pilot and Crewmember Monument will be dedicated in a formal ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery at 4:00 PM, April 18, 2018. The monument will honor the nearly 5,000 helicopter pilots and crewmembers killed during the Vietnam War, and is the only monument established to honor all who died operating rotary-wing aircraft in what is frequently called, "the Helicopter War."

During the Vietnam War the helicopter became the mainstay for joint operational mobility. Approximately 12,000 helicopters operated in the combat zone and were used by all military services: Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force. Of this number, 5,086 were destroyed.

Arlington National Cemetery holds the greatest cluster of helicopter casualties from the Vietnam War made up of immediate casualties, Medal of Honor recipients, and the remains of MIAs recovered in the decades after the war ended in 1975.

First submitted in August, 2014, the monument proposal was initially rebuffed by Army officials citing limited space in the national military cemetery. Public outcry and Congressional interest led to bipartisan legislation, the Vietnam Helicopter Crew Monument Act, championed by U.S. Representative Mark Amodei (R-NV-2), and U.S. Senators Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and Dan Sullivan (R-AK).

The new commemorative monument was authorized in March, 2017 following conversations between the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association (VHPA) and Karen Durham-Aguilera, Executive Director of the Army National Military Cemeteries. "The outcome proved a win-win for Vietnam Veterans, Gold Star Families, and Arlington National Cemetery," said Bob Hesselbein, VHPA Legacy Committee Chairman.

The April 18, 2018 dedication ceremony will see Vietnam Veterans, Gold Star Families, and helicopter combat crewmembers rejoin to honor friends lost in combat. "With more than 40 years having passed since the end of the Vietnam War, I'm pleased to know this group of deserving veterans will finally receive proper recognition – an honor that is long overdue," said Congressman Amodei.

INFO (continued from page 7)

For reservations contact The Landing at 334-255-0767.

COMMISSARY- Parking re-stripe completed however caution should be taken because there is some of the original stripes becoming visible again. (Handicap spaces must have an official handicap sticker – a disable veteran license plate is not sufficient.

GOLF COURSE-CSM (R) Seimers: Membership Drive through March 2018. If joining for a year, a free month is included. CG's Golf Tournament March 31 (not the 24th as reported in @ease) Phone 334 255 0089 for information. MP's helping eliminate wild hog population on golf course (great training for sniper capability). In process of reestablishing Golf Council.

EQUESTRIAN CENTER-LTC (R) Willette: No report.

OUTDOOR RECREATION-CW4 (R) Starr: Turkey Hunt March 13 – 30. Youth Turkey Hunt March 10. First 20 Youth to register (eleven registered as of 10:00 March 5) no fee. ORC meets March 22. Call 255-4305

for information on Outdoor Rec issues.

BOWLING ALLEY-SGM (R) Seimer: The bowling alley 334 255-9503. New prices and New opportunities weekly.

RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY-Mr. Moore: LYSTER CLINIC-LTC Baker: Speaker determined.

ADVISORS:

PX: noted 2 new food areas – J Walking Chicken and Hunt Brothers Pizza.

MWR: New Welcome Guide is being distributed. Wounded Warrior Cabin progressing well with late May ribbon cutting. Late May ground breaking is projected for the new Lake Lodge and Conference Center.

GARRISON: Received funds for employing more gate guards. Falkner Gate will soon resume normal open hours.

LTC (R) Ray Collins

PICTURES FROM FEBRUARY 17th MOAA MEETING & DINNER



Mary Rutkowski, Loel Ewart, & Ken Bedsole



Mark & Susie Taylor



William MacDonald & Charlie Wigglesworth



Charlie Block & Dennis Newton



Nancy & William MacDonald



Mark & Nancy Jankoski and Sam Newton



Rhonda Gilbert



Lisa Bailey & Shelly English



Bryan & Sandy Simoneaux and Nancy & William MacDonald



William MacDonald & John Newton



Nancy & James Rathburn



Ken & Dot Bedsole

THANKS
 To all who attended and supported our event. You are the lifeblood of our Ft. Rucker MOAA Chapter.
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Important Dates for MOAA - Fort Rucker Chapter Calendar Year 2018



Board of Directors' Meeting	Newsletter Input Suspense	Bi-Monthly Dinner Meeting
9 April		
14 May	16 May	19 May
11 June		16 June
9 July	18 July	
13 August		18 August
10 September	19 September	
15 October		20 October
12 November	21 November	
10 December		15 December

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MOAA Membership Application
Fort Rucker Chapter

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Enclosed is my check, in accordance with the schedule below, for membership in the Fort Rucker Chapter of the *Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)*.

Individual joining: 1 Dec – 28 Feb \$12.00; 1 Mar – 31 May \$9.00; 1 Jun – 31 August \$6.00; Membership 1 Sep – 30 Nov \$3.00.

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Make checks payable to Fort Rucker Chapter MOAA Thank you for your support!

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