

June—July 2022

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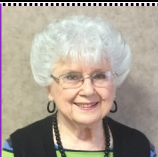
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 16TH - 11:00 AM LUNCHEON,
THE LANDING, ST. MICHAEL’S ROOM, FORT RUCKER, AL

SCHEDULE & MENU

Social: 11:00 AM!
Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance: 11:45 AM!
Lunch: 12:00 NOON!

- > Pan-seared chicken w/lemon caper cream sauce
- > Rice pilaf
- > Fresh roasted asparagus w/lemon
- > Key lime mousse
- > Rolls & butter
- > Sweet & unsweet tea, water, & coffee

Cost: \$19.00 per meal



Whoya Gonna Call?

Please make your Reservations by noon Monday **JUNE 13th** to Mary Rutkowski at (334) 347-4966. No changes at the door; meals are preordered.

Cash or personal checks only!
 Persons not canceling their reservation by noon on the Wednesday prior to the Luncheon Meeting will be responsible to our Chapter Treasurer for full payment of the reserved meals.

GUEST SPEAKER
Ms. Vicky Turner
 Marketing Director,
 The Terrace at Grove Park (Dothan)
 A beautiful retirement community, West Hwy 84, across from Publix’s shopping center.



President’s Message
by Ron Kaita

calendars are becoming quite busy at this time of the year. School is letting out soon so keeping the children/grandchildren preoccupied can be challenging to say the least. On top of that, you cannot help but notice we are in a very important election year based upon the numerous candidate campaign signs in our neighborhoods and highways. Please ensure that you have registered to vote and know your polling location. I believe that your vote is a privilege and honor was as service members cherish for

I believe everyone are finding that their home our freedoms and liberty many have sacrificed the utmost last measure for every one of us. We have important races locally, in our great state of Alabama, and our Nation that will determine the direction of country and for our families. Please do you due diligence and vote for those who you feel are best suited to represent you, our state, and our country. MOAA will no doubt be soliciting your support for those who can support MOAA’s priorities and agenda for our military personnel and their families, our retirees, and especially our veterans. As you know, we must maintain a strong military force to protect our country from all the craziness in the world around us.

Our chapter has been very active this past month. We have presented MOAA JROTC medals to Dothan High School Army JROTC, Carroll High School Army JROTC, Daleville High School Army JROTC, Enterprise High School Army JROTC, and Rehobeth High School Marine Corps JROTC. We also presented a MOAA medal to Troy University’s Air Force ROTC Detachment 17 Cadet Kayle Bell who was recently one of the few AF ROTC Cadets to be selected for the service’s aircraft pilots’ program.

From our last gathering for a Luncheon Meeting at the Landing Club on Fort Rucker, I would like to thank everyone who came and *(see President’s Message, page 2)*

(President's Message from page 1) enjoyed another fabulous meal and social gathering. Colonel Ross Nelson provided all in attendance an excellent update on the US Army Warrant Officer Career College and its future here on Fort Rucker and the Warrant Officer Cohort. Our next meeting will again be a luncheon at the Landing on 16 June 2022, at 1100 hrs. Our guest speaker will be Ms. Vicky Turner, Marketing Director, The Terrace at Grove Park (Dothan); A beautiful retirement community, West Highway 84, across from Publics shopping center. Check out our Facebook page and online website for more information.

MOAA priorities for 2022 continue to focus on protecting military and retiree pays, COLA, and TRICARE as our duly elected members of Congress and Senate have still not provided the annual budget for 2023 to be signed by the President. Please engage your representatives whenever and/or however you can provide your input as a voting MOAA member as they tackle the daunting task of funding the government and its operations. You surely have seen the cost of living seemingly going through the roof with almost double-digit inflation. Please take all necessary steps to prepare yourself if our economy gets worse and hopefully avoid shortages in our daily goods and services. I for one have stopped jumping into the truck to make a quick run to the store or event. Nowadays, I make sure I'm doing a two-fer due to the extraordinary price of gas and diesel at the pump.

I have been very successful attending the Warrant Officer Candidate School graduations to date, with another one for Class 22-13 (Teal Class) graduating tomorrow morning. As usual, our chapter will support with the presentation of Leadership and Distinguished Honor Graduates from the Warrant Officer Candidate School. MOAA awards at every graduation for MOAA National in recognition of their achievements with a MOAA certificate, a \$100 check, and a three-year Premium membership. My last MOAA briefing netted 61 new MOAA Basic Memberships from the graduating class and I hope to have similar results from other classes this year.

As always, please take care of yourselves, your families, as well as prayers and well-wishes for our men and women who are deployed keeping us safe and secure.

Please stay safe and enjoy the beautiful weather we will be experiencing over the next few weeks and months ahead.



Membership Report

by Othan Gilbert




Our chapter membership count is currently 136.

I regret to inform you of the death of three chapter members: COL Lee Smith, MAJ Lewis Carnley, and COL Clark Burnett. MAJ Carnley died 3/19/22 and lived in Opp. He was 92 years old. COL Smith died 1/21/22 and was 85. He and his wife, Sissy, lived in Dothan. COL Clark Burnett passed away on 5/17/22. He was in an assisted-living facility in south Florida. Our chapter condolences are extended to all three families.

I am pleased to report the welcome addition of a new chapter member: CW3 Michael Monaghan. He and his wife, Christine, live in Enterprise. They are welcomed and their confidence in joining our chapter is appreciated.

The national MOAA website is moaa.org and our chapter website is fortruckermoaa.org. Please check the chapter website from time-to-time as photos from our past dinners, minutes from our board meetings, and chapter finance reports are posted there. The phone number for MOAA National is 800-234-6622. If you would like to purchase a MOAA National life membership, it is better to do so by calling them direct and speaking with someone. If you do that (versus doing so over the web), they will give you a 10% discount, give you credit for your current premium membership (if applicable) and arrange payments over an extended period.

Remember to patronize the ten sponsors of our newsletter. They help to support the chapter and deserve our consideration.

Important Dates for MOAA Ft Rucker Chapter, 2022		
Board of Directors' Meeting	Newsletter Input Suspense	Bi-Monthly Meeting
13 Jun 22		16 Jun 22 (L)
11 Jul 22	20 Jul 22	
8 Aug 22		18 Aug 22 (L)
12 Sep 22	21 Sep 22	
10 Oct 22		15 Oct 22 (D)
14 Nov 22	16 Nov 22	
12 Dec 22		17 Dec 22 (D)
L= Lunch on Thursdays. D= Dinner on Saturdays.		

Gem, flower, & color for June—Pearl; rose; light purple.



Retired Officer Wives Association (ROWA)

by Mary Jane Collins



Merry May to Each of You!

Welcome to the colorful month of May which brings us renewal of the earth, the arising of beautiful flowers, trees with leaves, fields of green, and growing gardens. In our Southern domain the temperature is rising as well, our porches and fans are in place. The cotton fields are appearing as are the ripening peaches. Plans are also being made for travel after spring cleaning and families are setting dates to visit as summer is awaiting. Before summer, May offers an amazing number of festivals worldwide. From the many festivals throughout Alabama and the United States, they range from Church celebrations in Eastertide to music, art, strawberries, floral gardens, and so many more as is in Europe to England, Asia, Australia, and beyond with theatre, dance, and opera.

As May appeared, we in ROWA finished our 2021-2022 season and will resume after August. How quickly time flies! Each meeting has enjoyed a different game, interesting discussion, or number of countries visited. In fact, it was announced by the ROWA President that she will be traveling to Scotland in autumn. We are glad that three former members have rejoined and expect more next term. All the ROWA meetings will continue at The Landing with individual cost for lunch. Several members of ROWA enjoy meeting with MOAA at The Landing for evening dinner or now also at a luncheon. The MOAA Chapter is one of the best in the nation, keeping watch on legislative affairs, supporting scholarships yearly, and continuing being a Five Star Chapter.

Before May, a beautiful Pascal Pink Moon appeared, which brought the dawning of Easter and the joy of Christ with resurrection. The traditional Sunday service, dinners, family, and friends, and others were special times to remember.

There is another time of remembrance in May, one that military wives, mothers, husbands, sons, and children honor well. Interestingly, Memorial Day began with flowers placed for soldiers who served in combat with their sacrifice of life. Confederate Ladies began placing flowers on their soldiers resting place and the decoration of flowers continued with Northern Ladies. The first name for the giving of the flowers was call Decoration Day and in some places that continues on Mother's Day Sunday. From there to a reunited America, the flowers were placed during every war of the United States in remembrance of fallen Solders. As veterans know, our nation's official homage to our valiant service members giving full measure enables this land and its people to live in freedom. How grateful we are.

As May and more beautiful flowers and gardens bring blessings to cheer, summertime arrives with the month of June and the joy of the warm season of bright sunshine!

God bless America and you all!



Legislative Report

by Ray Collins



Now that we "finally" have a fully funded government, the military coalition with MOAA in the lead, is pressing hard to influence how this government will carry out its duties which are required by law.

1. The law requires that the president update his interim National Security Strategic Guidance which he issued over a year ago in March 2021. The National Security Strategy report is required of the President to be presented annually to Congress at the time he presents his budget. Neither the budget nor the report had been provided to Congress as of May 5th.

2. The annual report of the Secretary of Defense is also required by law to be submitted to Congress. This report lays out the military mission and force structure for the next fiscal year, an explanation of the relationships between the mission and forces needed and the justification for both. Of course, the Secretary must consider the President's National Security Strategy when preparing his report. Whether the President has a National Security Strategy at this point is any ones guess. It may be that the most unlikely report of all, given the current regime, is the National Defense Strategy which is due every four years to the secretaries, chiefs of staff of the military departments and the commanders of the unified and specified commands.

3. The President's budget is to be delivered no later than the first Monday in February. Failure to deliver the budget as required (which is the case again this year) is critical in shaping the authorizations and appropriations for the whole government.

The National Defense Authorization Act is just one of the vitally important acts which is pushed aside while waiting for the budget. Last year's budget was released on May 28th. When this year's budget will be available is yet to be seen.

COLA Watch #278.943: The February 2022 Consumer Price Index is: 3.9% above the FY2022 baseline.



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TREASURER'S REPORT by LTC (Ret) Loel Ewart



Net Worth of the Fort Rucker Chapter of MOAA as of 05/09/2022 is **\$28,880.63**
 These funds are in one checking account, one savings account and one Money Market Account in the AllIn (FCU).

Activities Since Last Report: (04/11/22) **Starting balance of;** **\$28,452.89**

DEPOSITS	ACTION	
04/18/22	Edward Jones (\$150) Dues (\$12)	\$162.00
04/18/22	Sorrels (\$225) Dues (\$24) Sch Fund (\$76) MOAA Lunch (\$451)	776.00
04/30/22	Credit interest from Money Market	<u>3.99</u>
Deposits Total		\$941.99
CHECKS:	EXPENDITURES:	
1948	04/22/22 IMWRF (MOAA Luncheon)	\$506.25
04/30/22	AllIn FCU (service fee)	<u>8.00</u>
Expenditures Total		\$514.25
Net Increase		\$427.74

(05/09 /22) **Current Total Balance of;** **\$28,880.63**

All In checking	\$7,340.71	
All In Savings	\$5.41	
All In Money Market	\$21,534.51	
Reserve Total: (Minus Reserve);		-\$21,534.51
Life Membership	\$8,340.00	
MOAA reserve,	\$13,194.51	
Minus Savings:	\$5.41	-\$5.41

***Usable Funds as of May 9, (Minus reserve/savings)** **\$7,340.71**

Other News* NO outstanding bills. Scholarship Fund= \$.76.00

NOTE: \$3000 moved from Money Market to Checking.

MOAA JROTC & Warrant Officer Awards



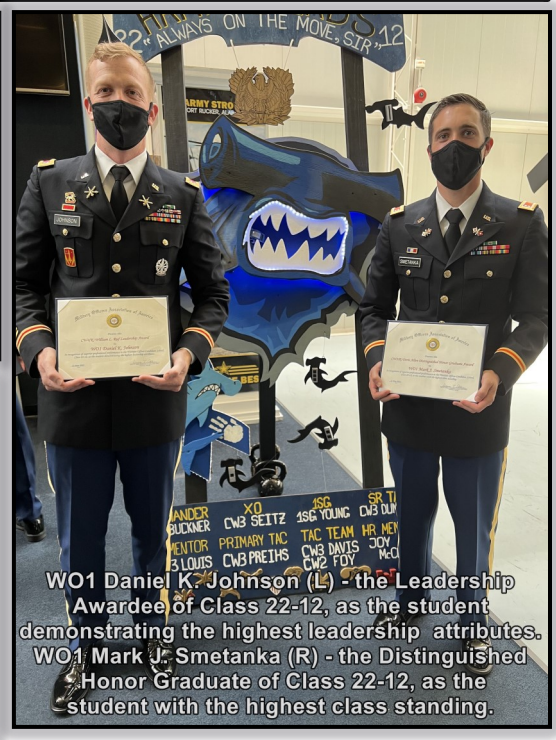
Daleville HS JROTC Cadet Mason Lafferty
Accepting MOAA Award from
WO5 (R) Ron Kaita



LTC (R) Othan Gilbert Awarding
Warrant Officer Association Awards
to Carroll HS JROTC Cadets



Carroll HS JROTC Cadet Kai Johnston
accepting MOAA Award from
LTC (R) Othan Gilbert



WO1 Daniel K. Johnson (L) - the Leadership Awardee of Class 22-12, as the student demonstrating the highest leadership attributes.
 WO1 Mark J. Smetanka (R) - the Distinguished Honor Graduate of Class 22-12, as the student with the highest class standing.

Support those businesses who sponsor our Fort Rucker Chapter's MOAA Newsletter (see page 7).

Photos from April 21st MOAA Luncheon



COL Ross Nelson & Ron Kaita



(L-R) John Newton, Loel Ewart, Mary Rutkowski, Susan Bailey



More of the Luncheon group.



MOAA Luncheon Group



Peggy & Benny Jones



Dee Gilbert, Lark Kaita, & Susan Bailey (L-R)



Ron & Lark Kaita



Randy Godfrey & Dennis Newton



Charles & Claudia Wigglesworth

Photos from April 21st MOAA Luncheon (continued)



COL Ross Nelson speaking to luncheon group



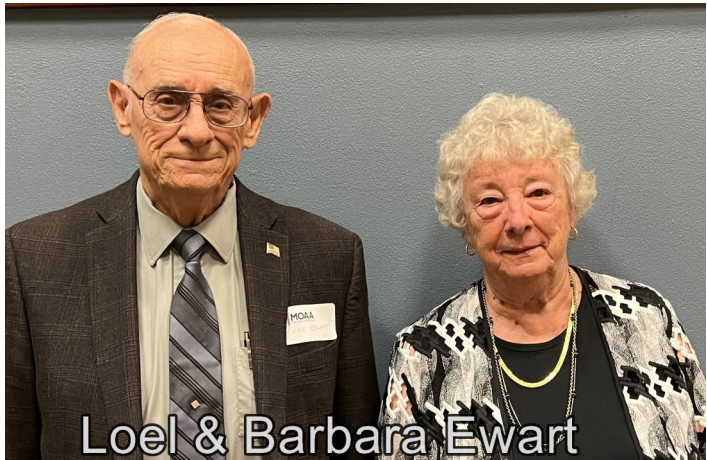
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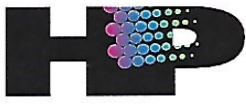
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BLACKWOOD QUARTET Grammy Award Winning Gospel Group	Sep 22, 2022 7:00 pm	Elba High School
RESURRECTION - A JOURNEY TRIBUTE The Best of Journey	Oct 20, 2022 7:00 pm	Enterprise High School
MESSIAH A COMMUNITY CHORAL PRESENTATION	Dec 2022 4:30 pm	TBA
FOREVER YOUNG Your Life - Your Music	Feb 7, 2023 7:00 pm	Enterprise High School
ATLANTA POPS ORCHESTRA AN IRISH HEART WITH Chloë Agnew	Mar 3, 2023 7:00 pm	Enterprise High School
PINEY WOODS ARTS FESTIVAL A Juried Arts & Crafts Show	Apr 22 & 23 2023	ESCC

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