



CenTex MOAA NEWS

Central Texas Military Officers Association of America

Central Texas Military History Symposium

The CenTex Chapter promotes the purposes of the national MOAA.

Fosters fraternal relations among retired, active duty, former officers and warrant officers of the 7 uniformed services and their reserve components.

Advocates/protects the rights and interests of the uniformed services, their dependents and survivors.

Provides useful service opportunities for members, their dependents and survivors to continue to serve the community and nation.

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The Military History Symposium, will be Saturday, 14 October 2017, 0900-1500 at Texas A&M-Central Texas Warrior Hall. The theme this year is "The 100th Anniversary of the US Entry Into WWI."

Keynote speaker will be Dr. Richard Faulkner, Army Command and General Staff College Faculty. Dr. Faulkner is the author of several books dealing with WWI. This event is being co-sponsored by the Army

Center for Military History and there will be displays and artifacts from the WWI era. Cost will be \$15 with lunch. Registration: <https://www.tamuct.edu/departments/artsandscience/symposium.php>. More information and flyers will be available at the August meeting.

CenTex MOAA Meet

August meeting will be at 11:30 hours at Shilo Inn, Killeen, TX. Guest speaker will be: Dan Wallrath, Founder of Operation Finally Home. He will discuss the program projects.

Make your reservations early on our website: www.centexmoaa.com. Bring a guest/potential member. CenTex MOAA has contracted for a minimum of 40 attendees for each lunch at Shilo Inn.

President's Notes *Moving Ahead!*

August is often thought of as the last month for vacations, relaxing on the beach, getting one last visit with family, or taking a deep breath before school activities begin.

For our MOAA group, it's time to rev the engines and check the oil, gas, and tires in preparation for our final race to the finish in November. What's happening that requires all this preparation? Several items are coming up and each member or potential member should be ready.

Our CenTex MOAA will be voting to update its Bylaws, opening up membership with voting rights for spouses of active duty members and surviving widows. Before the 18 August meeting, you'll receive an email from the

CenTex MOAA Secretary with the proposed changes highlighted for easy decision-making. The full vote will come at the August meeting.

Another preparation will be for our excellent speakers that our First Vice President, DeWitt Mayfield has been lining up. Get ready for powerhouse presentations, which DeWitt has ensured all of our speakers have delivered without fail.

Prepare yourselves for service! If you haven't been on the Board of Directors (at least in a little while) or you have skills to contribute as Secretary or Treasurer, we need you on our team!

Talk with Reggie Bass. He'll be sure to connect you with the right individuals to assist or take on the role of one our superb leadership roles in the organization. Elections will be in November.

Finally, ready yourselves for an excellent time of supporting up and coming leaders, connecting with other veterans, and being part of our great outreach to the Fort Hood and Central Texas community.

We'll be having a MOAA Social in the Fall, 21 October, at the Wildflower Country Club in Temple. Together, we are making a difference!
Aaron M. Zook, Jr.
COL, U.S. Army (Ret)

Useful Websites

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Armed Forces Recreation Centers:
<http://armymwr.com>

Armed Forces Retirement Home:
<http://aafrh.gov>

Army Retirement Services:
<http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement>

Army & Air Force Exchange Service:
www.shopmyexchange.com

Army Echoes:
<http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/echoes>

Army Lodging Program:
<http://www.pal.army.mil>

Coast Guard Evening Colors:
<http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/retnews/>

Commissary:
<http://www.commissaries.com>

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau:
<http://www.consumerfinance.gov>

Check on Legislation:
www.thomas.gov

DFAS: <http://www.dfas.mil/>

DFAS MyPay:
<https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>

ID Card Facilities:
www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl

Air Force Afterburner:
<http://www.Retirees.af.mil/afterburner/>

Legal Assistance Locator:
<http://legalassistance.law.af.mil/content/locator.php>

Marine Corps Semper Paratus:
<https://www.manpower.usmc.mil/>

Navy Shift Colors:
<http://www.navy.mil/>

Representatives:
<http://clerk.house.gov/>

Senate: www.senate.gov

Social Security:
<http://www.socialsecurity.gov>

Space- Available travel:
<http://www.amc.af.mil/HomeA-MC-Travel-Site>

Survivor Outreach Services:
<https://www.sos.army.mil/>

Tricare Retiree Dental Plan:
<http://www.TRDP.org>

Veterans Service Records:
 Retired 4/1/1996 or later:
<http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/>

Retired 3/31/1996 or earlier:
<http://vetrecs.archives.gov>

US Family Health Plan:
<http://www.usfhp.com>



Scholarship News

We are proud to recognize recent donors to the Scholarship Fund:

The Grand Avenue Theater Belton

Amy and Lloyd Thomas Aldrich-Thomas Group, Realtors

Thank you!

Donations to the Scholarship Fund are tax deductible.

Plan to attend the Fall Social to take part in the great opportunities to win prizes to support our Scholarship Fund.

Tickets for door prizes to benefit the Scholarship Fund may be purchased at the Fall

Social on October 21 at the Wildflower Country Club, Temple.

Sponsors who donate door prizes are always welcome. Contact: Jeff Davison, email: harleyds2@yahoo.com

Thanks to our sponsors of door prizes:

- *Adolphus Hotel
- *Historic Menger Hotel
- *Dead Fish Grill

Thanks to Members

We recognize The Davison's for all their contributions to and for our Social Events and activities to support the Scholarship Fund. Kudos to them and others who make our Social Events Awesome.

New CenTex MOAA Brochures and Post Cards

See Koleta Thompson to order brochures and/or post cards for you to use to encourage new members.

Send them to fellow officers who may be potential members, place them in museums, at Chambers of Commerce, take them to other military affiliated organizations and other venues.

Help your CenTex MOAA chapter reach out to the communities where our active duty and retirees live.

Member Survey

1. Why did you join CenTex MOAA?
2. Are your special skills and talents used in helping the chapter achieve our goals?
3. Has anyone thanked you for your service to the chapter?
4. How could membership in MOAA help you gain experience? (choose all that apply or add your own ideas) Leadership? Working in Committees? Community Awareness?
5. What MOAA services do you like?
6. What services do you not like?
7. How does the chapter add value to the communities?
8. Do you feel a part of the chapter?
9. How does the chapter engage you? (Choose all that apply) Education? Advocacy? Share information? News Letter? Lunch meetings? Social activities? Email? Website? Speakers? Community Projects? Scholarship Fund?
10. What do you think we could do to attract new members?
11. Does the chapter need to have a special project to help in the communities? In Killeen? In Gatesville? In Belton? In Temple? In Lampasas? In Kempner?

We have decided to keep this survey open for your comments for one more quarter. Send your responses to CenTex MOAA, PO Box 2986, Harker Heights, TX 76548-2986 or email to mkthompson2013@icloud.com

Spotlight on Members

Duty, Honor, Country is still Dick Archer's motto.

Richard "Dick" Archer began his journey into the military in Michigan. *"My brother was drafted and my neighbor was the Commander for the ROTC unit (at Central Michigan University) I was in. I felt duty bound. I had been in many civic and service clubs in HS and College. It was a natural for me to accept a leadership role. I never looked back and was proud to be a US ARMY commissioned officer. I especially liked the ORDNANCE branch. The ORDC branch was special areas of support and it was very interesting to be in on some early computer logistics work. We had the NCR 500 for Second Armored Division and it was cutting edge at the time."* Dick served 2 years active duty and 7 years as a reserve officer. He is a former Capt. USA.

"The friendship and team work were something I have never seen ever in any other culture. The US Army with all its flaws, is well organized and well managed. I respected authority and I had no problems being a young "butter bar" and had a chance to really mature. (It was my first time away from home!) I lived in the same house for 21 years. My parents were married 67 years and were members of the same Methodist church in Mt Pleasant Michigan all those years."

Dick and Kay Cartwright Archer have been married for 43 years. Kay has 2 Baylor University degrees. English and Counseling. Her 36-year career is in Education. Both, Kay and Dick are active at Christ Episcopal Church in Temple. They have 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls.

Kay has been 9 years cancer free. *"Testimony: Prayers healed. Never took radiation or chemo."* After leaving the military, Dick worked for varied companies in marketing and human resources; from banks to hydraulics, to a college. While Director of Institutional Advancement, Temple College he discovered his passion in raising money for scholarships. *"I did raise money for scholarships for 14 years at Temple College and that is where my passion is for MOAA. I believe scholarships are the beginning of opportunity for many."*

Today, Dick is employed with the Texas Veterans Land Board. He serves as a director, Temple Chamber of Commerce; Trustee, Temple College; Director, Emeritus Medicus; trustee MH-MR board; Co-founder, Association for Pet Adoption Center; Co-founder, Temple Personnel Association; Central Texas Council of Governments.

As the Immediate Past President, Dick says, *"MOAA has been a great new opportunity for fellowship and team work. I love MOAA."*

Membership

Be thinking of potential Centex MOAA directors for 2018.

A director's job is to: attend board meetings and serve as a voting member of the board of directors; provide input to the president on issues of chapter management, finances, programs and special matters; establish and review chapter by-

laws, policies, procedures, operating instructions and other guiding documents annually and make recommendations for revision as needed; serve as greeter at chapter functions; perform other duties the president might assign.

Contact Reggie Bass 5825 Greenforest Circle, Killeen TX 76543 or call

254-291-9522 for membership information and for nominations, chapter business cards and order name tags. Member application on website: www.centexmoaa.com

New members:

Gene Deutscher Capt. USMC (Ret)



Know a member who is sick or hospitalized? Now is the time to call PAC and arrange a visit or a call to help out".

PAC

Personal Affairs Committee. When someone is, sick or hospitalized we do or can do these things: Walk your dog. Take the dog or cat to the veterinarian. Bring you a meal. Order a meal to be brought to you. Drive you to a doctor's appointment.

If you need help, or have an interest in helping your fellow chapter members, please contact *Charles Sweeney, PAC Chairman*

Viet Nam Veterans Memorial Dedication

August 24, 2017 at the Central Texas Veterans Cemetery. Contact Pat Christ.

Faith's Corner *Let's have a cup of Coffee*

"*Let's have a cup of coffee*", is my invitation to you to sit down, share our thoughts and simple truths over a cup of coffee or tea. If you have comments or questions, just speak up like we are conversing in my home or yours. So, pour yourself a cuppa' and let's begin.

"Speaking" is what I've been thinking a lot about lately. Have you ever had that empty helpless feeling when you are called on to speak? *We don't know what to say.* There are times when we truly want to share what is in our hearts about our faith, our love, our loss or our concerns, but words fail us. Or rather the right words don't seem to come forth. So we stand there and just don't say anything. A friend needs a comforting word from us, a family member is not well, a neighbor has suffered a loss; *what do we say?*

One of my breath prayers that flows through my brain sometimes is: "*Lord give me the words*". Now to be honest, the words don't just automatically come rolling off my tongue. I have to go to my Bible and read: "*The Holy Spirit will give you the right words even as you are standing there.* Luke 12:12

Or when I am trying to say the right thing at the right moment, I think back to Proverbs 31:26, "*When she speaks, her words are wise, and kindness is the rule for everything she says.*" WOW, that's a powerful statement! This means that whatever we say, whenever we say it and however we say it is important. Kindness, caring and truth are equally important. We have to trust God to give us the right words to speak so we may encourage others, give them hope, and share their happiness. My breath prayer might be: "*Lord give me the wise words, the kind words to speak to help.*" Now I know it's hard sometimes to breathe kindness into a conversation when someone has slighted you or when you have had a long miserable day, or you are in a hurry or someone or something has interrupted you or there is a conflict and tension in the air. But if we will try to stop, breathe deep, then say our breath prayer, it might just be the remedy to relax us for the wise words, the kind words to speak. Blessings.

Events and Activities

- Holiday** January 1,2017
- Elect Officers** January 20,2017
- Executive Board meetings** Day before chapter meetings,1700 hours Shilo Inn, Killeen
- Chapter Scholarship Applications due** April 1, 2017
- National Scholarship Applications due** March 1, 2018
- ROTC graduates** May Present bars and medals
- Spring BBQ** May 20 11:30-1400 hours Franks Pavilion near Dead Fish Grill @Belton Lake
- Scholarship Fund Raiser** May 25 **Grand Avenue Theater, Belton** a portion of concessions sold go to CENTEX MOAA
- Chapter Monthly meetings** 11:30 hours Shilo Inn, Killeen, \$15. Register online: May 19, June 16, July 21, August 17, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17.
- Fall social** October 21 Wildflower Country Club, Temple. Tickets for Scholarship Fund
- Chapter Dues** January \$25.00
- Military History Symposium** October 14 Topic: **“100th Anniversary of WWI”**
- Retiree Appreciation Day Ft Hood** October 27-28
- New Officers slate** November 17



Stay up-to-date.



WE WANT YOU!

Editor’s Desk

One benefit of CenTex MOAA is keeping in touch with likeminded people who value military service to our country and who are serving or who have served in the military arena.

Submit your stories of experiences, places stationed, events during your service. War stories, events in your career, experiences with personnel, at posts, bases, airfields, aboard ships, war zones, campaigns and deployments. Or anything chapter members might enjoy learning about. Humorous, factual stories are welcome. Quotable quotes are always

appreciated. Especially when you can identify who said them and circumstances under which they were said.

Articles are due 2 weeks prior to the month of next issue. Try to keep your articles 700 words or less. Some contributions may be edited for length to comply with newsletter space.

Email articles to: mkthompson2013@icloud.com

Retiree Appreciation Day

October 27-28, 2017 Fort Hood, Texas. Call: Retirement Services Office at 254-287-5210 to reserve your spot.

Usarmy.hood.usag.mbx.dhr-iag-retsvecs@mail.mil

“The Great Place” means the community embraces and encourages military personnel and families and supports them.

We recognize Regimental Engineer Squadron 3rd US CAV, Ft. Hood, under leadership of LTC Blackman and SGM Cole for their team of more than 50 volunteers who picked up trash 2 miles along FM N.116 Copperas Cove, on July 22nd.

This is the true spirit of our military helping communities that we appreciate. **It is a Great Place!**

Photographs are always welcome.

Centex BBQ Belton Lake 5/20/17





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See us at:
www.centexmoaa.com
Facebook too!

***“Duty, honor, country”*. What is Honor?**

What the meaning of *Honor* is to our military and family members.

“The presence of God in man.”

“Excellence as a standard.”

“Goes beyond duty”.

“Honesty.”

“Truth.”

“Devotion.”

“Commitment.”

“Does not quit.”

“Faithful.”

“Integrity.”

“Name it and claim it.”

Sound Off: Quotable Quotes of the Quarter

“Keep a lid on it”.

“I’d like to be a fly on the wall at that meeting”.

“Standin’tall and lookin’good. Oughta be in Hollywood,”

“Keep pushin”. –Texas Private

“You ain’t training if it ain’t raining”.

“Airborne! All the Way!”—Greeting used among airborne unit soldiers.

“Above the Best”—Army Aviation

“Semper Fi” –Marine greeting

“Lieutenant, always look over your shoulder to make sure your Marines are following you.” – Advice from my Gunny Sgt. To a hard charging young Marine Officer.

“Battle Stations”—A Nike Hercules term to prepare to fire a missile.

“Blazing Skies”—A Nike Hercules term signaling a practice to prepare to fire a missile.



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