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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Greetings

I hope you are all enjoying football, volleyball and soccer and getting ready for basketball -- Sic 'em Bears!!!

We have a lot to remember this month. To name a few: October 8, 1918, Sgt. Alvin York killed over 12 and captured 132 German troops single-handedly; October 14, 1947, Capt. Chuck Yeager became the first man to break the sound barrier; October 16, 1853, Col. Robert E Lee captured John Brown and his followers at Harpers Ferry; October 17, 1777, American colonial troops defeated British General John Burgoyne at the Battle of Saratoga; October 17 – 25, 1944, the Battle of Leyte Gulf, the largest naval battle in history occurred; on October 19, 1781, British General Lord Cornwallis surrendered to General George Washington at Yorktown; on October 21, 1944, American troops captured Aachen, Germany; on October 23, 1983, terrorists killed 241 US Marines and 58 French paratroopers in Beirut, Lebanon; October 25-30, 1983 over 2000 US marines and Army rangers invaded Grenada; and, on October 27, 1787 the first of the Federalist Paper was printed in New York newspaper.

What does this mean? Our history and the sacrifices our brothers, sisters and citizens made since our founding must not be forgotten!

At our September dinner meeting, we awarded Baylor USAF ROTC Cadet Carson Duncan a \$600 grant. Also attending was Lt Col Ken Sterling, Commander, Baylor AFROTC, Det 810. Next, we heard our guest speaker, Jimmie Monroe speak about her and her husband's rodeo careers and life on the rodeo circuit. I hope you had a chance to give each a warm welcome.

Featured Speaker. You do not want to miss our guest speaker this month; Ms. Sophia Young-Malcom, Baylor's women's basketball Assistant

Director for Player Development. Sophia played on Baylor's first NCAA Championship team in 2005, was a two-time All-American and one of seven players in BU history to amass both 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds in her career. She played in the WNBA from 2006-2015 and was named to the San Antonio Star's All-Decade Team. In 2016, she was inducted into the Baylor Athletics Hall of Fame and in 2021 inducted into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.

Save the Date - 2023 Golf Fundraiser Our golf tournament fundraising committee will have their first planning meeting on October 12. Please be ready to assist them in making our 2023 fundraiser a huge success.

Save the Date - February 25, 2023 Freedom Ball. Our board of directors has authorized funding a "Bronze Table" to show case our HOT MOAA brand. We are working on how to distribute seats at our "Bronze Table". More to follow next month.

Challenge Coins. We still have HOT MOAA challenge coins available. These coins herald organization membership and help promote organizational camaraderie. As always, our Challenge Coins make excellent gifts and are very reasonably priced at only \$15 per coin. Proceeds go toward our fundraising efforts. Contact Vince to pick up one but better yet get two or more. *P.S. As former military members, you should never go to the bar without one – could be costly.*

Finally, let's continue to pray for our leaders to support and defend the Constitution and the United States of America. They need our support to reestablish trust in our institutions and restore civility.

I look forward to seeing you at our October 20th luncheon - come out and enjoy!

Duty, Honor, Country – Always Serving

v/r

Michael Slavens

Upcoming Events and Information Items

HOT CHAPTER BOARD MEETING DATE

The next Board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 25 2022**; 5:00 p.m. at Uncle Dan's BBQ that is located at 1001 Lake Air Drive.

OCTOBER SPECIAL DAY RECOGNITION

Birthdays: Lew Arend, Teresa Flynn, Bill Hearn, John Householder, Nora Householder, Delta Igleheart, Penny Lull, Don McErlean, Scott Pitzer, Rick Sweeney, Norma Thronburg, Doug Young, and Pat Young.

Anniversaries: George and Pam Holmes, Rusty and Susie Rowe, and John and Su Wells.

CONGRATUATIONS TO ALL

2022 CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP DUES

Chapter member dues are \$25 for renewing members and were due starting January 1. Dues will be prorated for new members joining depending on the date in the year. Renewals can be paid at a chapter meeting or mailed to HOT Chapter MOAA, PO Box 23964, Waco, TX 76702. The Board is always looking for prospects to join the chapter; please contact Ken Ratajczak, 254-776-4804 or Vince Tobola, 254-709-5795 with prospect names. Reminder that our website, hotmoaa.org, does have chapter application form and MOAA membership forms. Dues for the chapter and MOAA are separate from each other.

OCTOBER REMEMBRANCE DATES

- **October 10, Columbus Day**
- **October 13, Navy Birthday**
- **October 17, National Boss's Day**
- **October 26, National Day of the Deployed**
(a day set aside to honor all of the brave men and women who have deployed and are sacrificing, or have sacrificed, their lives to fight for our country and acknowledges their families that they are separated from.)
- **October 31, Halloween**

WACO AREA EVENTS AND ATTRACTIONS

For info, go to website, wacoheartoftexas.com. Also, stop by the Waco Visitor Center and Gift Shop at 106 Texas Ranger Trail, which is adjacent to the Texas Ranger Museum and Hall of Fame. It has free maps, visitor guides and numerous brochures.

THURSDAY LUNCH MEETING OCTOBER 20, 2022, AT MCLANE STADIUM – PRESIDENT'S SUITE, FIFTH FLOOR, HOSTED BY THE BAYLOR CLUB.

- Enter stadium parking lot thru gate 1, off of MLK Blvd and bear right. Continue on I-35 side to the end of parking lot past the Baylor Club entrance and Founder's Club entrance and find the last inset doorway near the column;

- There will be a President's Suite sign above the inset double door entrance located near the white column. There is usually a sidewalk placard against the column with President's Suite name on it. Go thru the doorway and take the elevator to the fifth floor.

- The numbered spaces starting with rows 1-001, 1-025, 1-045 or 1-064 and up are across from the door entrance. You can park in any numbered space.

LUNCH SCHEDULE

**** 11:00 A.M. Registration and Social Period**

**** 11:35 A.M. Call to Tables**

**** 11:40 A.M. Intro & Announcements.**

**** 11:50 A.M. Lunch**

**** 12:20 P.M Multiple Drawings for Door Prizes & Guest Speaker Sophia Young-Malcom, Baylor Women's Basketball Assistant AD for Player Development**

MENU: Fresh fruit salad, tossed salad, artisan bread, Honey Glazed Salmon, Marinated Sirloin Steak, Garlic Green Beans, Fiesta Corn and Desserts, Fresh Brewed Iced Tea and water will be on the tables.

Please note lunch cost is \$35 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, 13 October, Noon for sign-ups.

Early RSVP's are welcome and appreciated. After this time, please contact Vince Tobola as soon as possible if plans change to attend and we will work to accommodate you at the lunch meeting. Lunch cost may be charged for missed attendance, depending on total turnout for the meeting date.

NOTE: Summer dress code will be in effect; gentlemen, collared shirts and pants, optional for coat and/or tie and ladies attire as desired.

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2022

- **17 November 2022, Lunch or Dinner** to be determined at McLane Stadium and guest speaker or entertainment pending.
- **15 December 2022, DINNER/DANCE** in the President's Suite at McLane Stadium. Proposed to have election for 2023 Officers and Directors plus music by the band, The Morticians.
- **Note for 2023**, Annual scholarship golf fundraiser will be on June 10, Saturday, registration start 6:45 a.m. and tee-off at 8:00 a.m. at Cottonwood Creek Golf Course in Waco.

LOCAL AREA EVENTS

- **Oct. 6 – 16, HOT Rodeo and Fair.** The Heart of Texas Fair & Rodeo will have its 11-day run with rodeo action, midway rides, concerts and agricultural attractions in and around the Extraco Events Center, 4601 Bosque Blvd. Call 254-776-1660 or go online, hotfair.com for more info.
- **Oct. 19, Vets Fest Fundraiser Lunch.** It is hosted by McLennan County Veterans Association; it will be held this year at VFW Post 6008, 725 Sun Valley Blvd in Hewitt. Lunch will be held on Wed. from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The menu is sliced brisket and sausage plate with beans, potato salad, cookies and drinks. **Donation cost is \$12.50, cash or check only, no debit or credit cards.** Donations go to assist in paying for : Annual Memorial Day Ceremony, Annual Veterans Day Parade and Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony
- **Oct 27 – 29, Silobration at Magnolia Market at the Silos,** 601 Webster Avenue, Day time visits to the site are free. There will be daytime music, vendor fair, roller rink and more. Daytime visit to the area is free. There will be concerts on Friday and Saturday evenings that require tickets. For more information, go to: magnolia.com.

TEXAS VETERANS LAND BOARD

The Veterans Land Board is here to serve Texans. For more information on benefits, go to vlb.texas.gov .

VA CAREGIVER PHASE 2 EXPANSION

On Oct. 1, 2022, caregivers of veterans who served after May 7, 1975, and before Sept. 11, 2001, can apply for VA's Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC). This program offers education and training, access to health care insurance, mental health counseling, financial stipends, and respite care among other benefits for caregivers of eligible veterans. As part of the VA MISSION Act of 2018, PCAFC will expand in two phases. The first phase launched in 2020 is for caregivers of veterans injured in the line of duty on or before May 7, 1975. The second phase is for those injured in the line of duty between May 7, 1975, and Sept. 11, 2001.

GET AN EARLY START TO TAX SEASON

Tax season will be here before you know it. The first step in preparing for tax season is to make sure you have an active myPay account and your mailing address is up-to-date.

With a myPay account, you will be able to access your 1099-R tax statement much sooner in myPay than through the postal mail. The 1099-R's generally become available in myPay in late December while paper copies are not mailed until mid-January. You can also download or print our current tax statement, as well as prior year 1099Rs (up to four prior years for retirees and up to two prior years for annuitants).

You can log into your account at <https://myPay.dfas.mil> .

If you are not using myPay, it is easy to get started. DFAS has a handy step-by-step, downloadable (Get Started with myPay) guide available at:

<https://www.dfas.mil/RetiredMilitary/manage/mypay/>

You can also call myPay customer support unit at toll free, 1-800-321-1080, office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., EST.



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Ken Ratajzak, 1st VP on left and Cadet Carson Duncan on right

**2022 BAYLOR UNIVERSITY AFROTC
CADET AWARD WINNER**

Each year MOAA National authorizes presentation of a MOAA medal and ribbon and a MOAA certificate to one cadet of a JROTC or ROTC a year. The chapter also presents a cash grant to the award selectee.

This year, Cadet Carson Duncan of the Baylor University AFROTC Detachment 810 was the winner. The presentation was made at the September 22nd dinner held in the Media Room at McLane Stadium. Besides the MOAA medal set and certificate, he will also receive a \$600 cash grant award

GOVERNMENT BUDGET STATUS

The first day of October represents more than just the herald for the coming of autumn: It marks the start of the new fiscal year. Why does that matter to the uniformed services and veteran communities? In other words, what is the significance of Oct. 1 to MOAA members?

Without the necessary authorizations and appropriations, federal agencies can't operate properly. An authorization bill establishes new policies and programs for a federal agency and can reauthorize programs set to expire, while appropriations provide the funding for those authorizations.

Until Congress passes those bills, federal agencies overseeing the eight uniformed services

lack the authorizations or funding needed for the annual military pay raise, quality health care coverage, and quality-of-life programs for service members and their families, along with many other support programs and benefits necessary for an all-volunteer force.

Passing authorization and appropriations bills before the end of the fiscal year has been a recurring challenge. The last year Congress and the White House enacted the necessary legislation on time to fully fund the government for the upcoming fiscal year was for FY 1997.

With the start of FY 2023 upon us, a continuing resolution for funding to December 16 was passed by Congress and signed by President Biden. This provides time for Congress to approve authorizations, up to the end of the calendar year or another continuing resolution. Congress will be back in session after the November 8 elections.

Here's where the process now stands:

FY 2023 Authorizations: For MOAA's purposes, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) is the most critical of these bills, as it affects DOD policies and programs. The House passed its version of the NDAA on July 14 by a vote of 329-101. The Senate has yet to pass its version.

FY 2023 Appropriations: Neither the House nor the Senate have passed all 12 of the appropriations bills that make up the federal budget. Of particular interest to MOAA are the defense appropriations bill, which has jurisdiction over the budget for DOD, and the Military Construction-Veterans Affairs (MilCon-VA) appropriations bill, which sets the funding for military construction and the VA.

Having missed the Oct. 1 deadline for authorizations will have tangible consequences: delayed implementation of new programs, inability for DOD and other federal agencies to modify or discontinue existing programs, and agency leaders beginning FY 2023 with the challenge of funding newly legislated increases on the previous year's budget.

Continuing resolution, (CR), legislation was passed to fund federal agencies thru December 16 so they can continue operating until the full appropriations process is finished. The CR would provide funding to the federal government at last year's spending levels, but cannot have any new start programs.

GUEST SPEAKER - SOPHIA YOUNG-MALCOM

Two-time Baylor All-American and 2005 NCAA Champion Sophia Young-Malcolm joined Baylor's staff as Assistant AD for Player Development in May of 2021.

Ms. Young-Malcolm played on Baylor's first NCAA Championship team in 2005, was a two-time All-American and one of seven players in BU history to amass both 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds in her career.

As Assistant AD for Player Development, she will serve the student-athletes in the women's basketball program as the liaison between the Baylor Student-Athlete Center for Excellence and the women's basketball team. The SACE department serves student-athletes in two major areas: academic services and character formation. Ms. Young-Malcolm will also spearhead the program's community service efforts and assist in recruiting.

Her four-year playing career at Baylor spanned from 2002-06. Through the 2020-21 season, a two-time All-American, she still ranks fourth all-time in scoring, fifth in field goal percentage, second in rebounds (first in NCAA era), and second in double-doubles.

At the time of her WNBA selection, Sophia was Baylor's highest-ever draft pick in the WNBA when she was the fourth overall selection of the San Antonio Silver Stars in 2006. The Silver Stars got a solid return on their investment with Young playing 301 career games over nine seasons, including three WNBA All-Star selections. She tallied 4,300 career points and 1,807 rebounds in a career that spanned from 2006-2015 and resulted in a selection to the San Antonio Stars' All-Decade Team. Young also played overseas in the Euroleague and Eurocup.

After leaving professional basketball, Ms. Young-Malcolm continued leading her AAU basketball program called Sophia Young Elite in San Antonio. Her programs produced student-athletes that went to Division I schools that included UTEP, Oklahoma State, Abilene Christian and Indiana, among others. She also coached for two seasons as head coach at the Cornerstone Christian School in San Antonio, collecting a winning record in each of the 2018-19 and 2019-20 seasons. Since that time, she has served the San Antonio community as a realtor.

Ms. Young-Malcolm was born in Saint Vincent, West Indies, and she played her high

school basketball in Shreveport, La. at Evangel Christian Academy.

She was a 2016 inductee into the Baylor Athletics Hall of Fame and a 2021 inductee into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.

Sophia Young-Malcolm received a Bachelor of Science in Education at Baylor in 2006, and has two master's degrees, one in psychology from the University of Phoenix Online and one in Christian ministries from Liberty Theological Seminary. She and her husband Jermaine have two children, Skye and Sevyn.

AIR FORCE FIRST AT B-52 SQUADRON

The Air Force earlier this year selected a woman to command a B-52 bomber squadron – a first for the service. Air Force LtCol Vanessa “Lana” Wilcox in April became the commander of the 96th Bomb Squadron, a part of the Air Force’s 2nd Operations Group. The change of command ceremony was held on April 21 at Barksdale Air Force Base, LA.

NAVY COMMISSIONS SHIP HONORING HISTORIC MARINE

The Navy in May commissioned its newest Arleigh Burke-class destroyer named in honor of the Marine Corps’ first aviator. The Marine honored also was the first African American general officer of the service.

The namesake of the USS Frank E. Pertersen Jr., was a native of Topeka, Kan. and was commissioned in the Marine Corps in 1952. The aviator served in the Navy as an electronics technician for two years prior to becoming an officer.

On Feb. 23, 1979, Petersen was promoted to brigadier general and retired as a lieutenant general in 1988. Petersen was a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars, as well as compiling more than 350 combat missions and more than 4,000 hours in his military career. Petersen died on Aug. 25, 201 at the age of 83. His remains are interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

USS CONSTITUTION

The world’s oldest commissioned warship afloat was launched 225 years ago on Oct. 21, 1797. The USS Constitution was 15 years old when the frigate gained fame for defeating British ships in the War of 1812. Navy sailors still climb the rigging and furl the sails of the celebrated Navy ship, homeported at Charleston Navy Yard along the Freedom Trail in Boston.



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