



PRESIDENT’S COLUMN

Greetings

He is risen! I hope that everyone had a blessed Lent and a happy Easter.

Please protect your eyes during the total solar eclipse, and watch the traffic.

Professor Gerald Powell gave a great presentation on “Bonnie and Clyde in Waco.” Unfortunately for him, he had to give up a night at the Baylor Symphony performance which has been reported as “Great!”

We had 47 attendees at our dinner on 21 March, and we invite all to our 18 April dinner in the Media Room at the Baylor Club. We need 40 members to cover the cost from the Baylor Club. Melinda Bonds from the Veterans One Stop will be the guest speaker. The cost of the dinner is \$40. Unfortunately, we had to increase the price this year by \$5 due to charges from the Baylor Club. Once again, if you bring a non-perishable item for the Veterans One Stop, you will receive an extra drawing for the \$25 gift card and other prizes.

At the April dinner meeting, we will vote on the change to the bylaws with respect to Directors Emeritus. You should have received an email with the proposed change. Please plan to attend the dinner meeting.

Once again, our annual golf fundraiser is Saturday, 8 June at the Cottonwood Creek Golf Course. Last year, we raised \$24,000 for scholarships and support of local veterans and ROTC/JROTC programs. Please consider making a cash donation no matter how small. Every little bit counts. Also, please contact your favorite eateries and shopping places and request cash or gift cards. The official receipt form for the business is on the website (HOTMOAA.org). We can always use your help at the fundraiser. We will be setting up at 6 p.m. on Friday, 7 June, and we will start preparation for the golf outing at 6 a.m. on Saturday, 8 June. Please donate your time.

If you know of any prospective new members, please contact Lew Arend at lewarend66@gmail.com.

V/R

Ken Ratajczak

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS FROM OUR FOUNDING FATHERS

“An elective despotism was not the government we fought for; but one in which the powers of government should be so divided and balanced among the several bodies of magistracy as that no one could transcend their legal limits without being effectually checked and restrained by the others.” – James Madison, *Federalist 84*, 1788

“It will not be denied that power is of an encroaching nature and that it ought to be effectually restrained from passing the limits assigned to it.” – James Madison, *Federalist 48*, 1788

“How strangely will the Tools of a Tyrant pervert the plain Meaning of Words!” Samuel Adams in a letter to John Pitts in 1776.

“The aim of every political constitution is, or ought to be, first to obtain for rulers men who possess most wisdom to discern, and most virtue to pursue, the common good of the society; and in the next place, to take the most effectual precautions for keeping them virtuous whilst they continue to hold their public trust...The means relied on in this form of government for preventing their degeneracy are numerous and various. The most effectual one is such a limitation of the term of appointments as will maintain a proper responsibility to the people.” Hamilton or Madison, *Federalist No. 57*

Whenever a man has cast a longing eye on offices, a rottenness begins in his conduct. - Thomas Jefferson, 1820.

Sources: <https://billofrightsinstitute.org/resources/founders-quotes>
<https://www.americanhistorycentral.com/entries/samuel-adams-quotes/>
<http://www.foundingfathers.info/federalistpapers/fedindex.htm>
<https://www.americanhistorycentral.com/entries/thomas-jefferson-quotes/>

EVENTS TO REMEMBER IN MARCH

- Apr 04, 1949 – NATO created
Apr 04, 1968 – Dir. Martin Luther King assassinated
Apr 06, 1917 – Congress approved a declaration of war and the US entered the war in Europe
Apr 09, 1865 – Gen. Lee surrenders to Gen Grant
Apr 10, 1942 – The Bataan Death March begins
Apr 12, 1861 – Civil War begins with the firing on Ft Sumter
Apr 14, 1865 – President Lincoln shot and mortally wounded
Apr 17, 1961 – The Bay of Pigs fiasco
Apr 18, 1942 – The Doolittle raid on Japan
Apr 19, 1995 – The Branch Davidian compound destroyed by fire
Apr 21, 1836 – The Battle of San Jacinto
Apr 26, 1944 – Federal troops seized Montgomery Ward Chicago offices and removed its chairman after his refusal to obey President Roosevelt's order to recognize a CIO union
Apr 27, 1865 – The Sultana disaster with nearly 2,000 people killed
Apr 30, 1789 – George Washington became the first U.S. President

Source:

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

THIRD THURSDAY DINNER MEETING, APRIL 18, MEDIA ROOM AT MCLANE STADIUM – 5th FLOOR.

- - Enter stadium parking lot thru gate 1, off of MLK Blvd and bear right. Continue on I-35 side and for double door with Media Entrance located above door. This is before the Baylor Club main entrance. Go thru door and take elevator to the fifth floor. There is normally placard sign at the white column. You can park in any numbered space.

DINNER SCHEDULE

- ** 5:00 P.M. Registration Table Opens and Social Period.**
- ** 5:35 P.M. Call to Tables.**
- ** 5:40 P.M. Intro & Announcements**
- ** 5:50 P.M. Dinner.**

**** 6:50 P.M Multiple Drawings. Guest Speaker, Melinda Bonds from Veterans One Stop Center**

MENU: Fresh fruit salad, tossed salad with balsamic and ranch dressings, artisan bread, Chicken Picatta, Chicken Fried Steak, Sautéed Seasonal Vegetables, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Iced Tea and Water. Coffee will be available at the beverage bar.

A bar will be available and payment will be credit card payment only due to Baylor Club policy.

The dinner cost for 2024 is \$40 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, 11 April Noon for sign-ups.

Early RSVP's are welcome and appreciated. After the 11th, please contact Vince Tobola as soon as possible if you are planning to attend and we will update the attendee list to accommodate you at the dinner meeting.

NOTE: Summer dress code will be in effect, gentlemen, casual business attire with collared shirts and optional for coat and/or tie and ladies casual business attire.

GUEST SPEAKER INFO

Melinda Bonds is the Director of Veterans One Stop Center and will discuss their various services and operations. The center provides resources, support, and advocacy for veterans and family members affected or significantly impacted by their military service. The purpose of the Veterans One Stop Center is to provide assistance, referral, education, and information to our veterans and their families. It is located at 2010 La Salle Avenue, Suite A, Waco, TX 76706. Phone number is 254-297-7171.

HOT CHAPTER BOARD MEETING DATE

The next Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 23, 2024**, 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.

2024 CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP DUES

Chapter member dues are still be \$25 for renewing members in 2024. Member renewals can be paid at

a chapter meeting or mailed to HOT Chapter MOAA, PO Box 23964, Waco, TX 76702. We are always looking for prospects to join the chapter; please contact Lew Arend, or Vince Tobola, with prospect names.

Reminder that our website, hotmoaa.org, does have the chapter membership application form plus copies of newsletters. Newsletters are sent 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 400 chapters and together we are the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers. We are an independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organization.

OUR MARCH GUEST SPEAKER

Our scheduled guest speaker, Professor Gerald Powell provided a historical background on the start and early years of Bonny and Clyde's criminal career in Waco. One item was the jailbreak out of the existing County Courthouse which was assisted by Bonnie to facilitate Clyde's escape. The time in Waco was not as violent as their last two years leading to their deaths.

APRIL SPECIAL DAY RECOGNITION

Birthdays:

Judy Bauer, Mort Bowman, Lori Brubaker, Wally Burns, Susan Perdue, Lyn Powers, and Dee A. Rogers.

Anniversaries:

Wally and Voncyle Burns, Kathy Endres, Patsy Norman Farr, Ted and Lyn Lawson, Bill and Susan Perdue, and Don and Ann Speed

CONGRATUATIONS TO ALL

2024 CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULE

16 May 2024, Thursday dinner meeting in the Media Room at McLane Stadium. Date is open for guest speaker or entertainments.

8 June 2024, Saturday morning, Annual Scholarship Fundraiser Golf Scramble at Waco Cottonwood Creek Golf Course. Registration opens 6:45 a.m. and golf starts 8:00 a.m. More info on website, hotmoaa.org.

18 July 2024, Thursday dinner meeting in the Media Room at McLane Stadium. Proposed for scholarship educational awards.

15 August 2024, Thursday dinner meeting in the Media Room at McLane Stadium. Date is open for guest speaker or entertainments.

19 September 2024, Thursday dinner meeting in the Media Room at McLane Stadium. Date is open for guest speaker or entertainments.

DONATIONS NEEDED: Please bring a non-perishable food item to our dinner meeting and receive a free drawing ticket. Collection is being made for donation to the Veteran's One Stop. We will continue collections each month in 2024.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT –Stan Brubaker, -- FORMER CHAPTER PRESIDENT



Colonel Stan Brubaker, USAF (Ret.), was born of his early years were spent in Larchmont NY and the family farm in Lancaster PA.

Following graduation from Penn State in 1962, Stan was commissioned as an Air Force 2nd Lt and sent to Valdosta GA for 13 months of undergraduate pilot training flying the T-37 and T-33 aircraft. His first operational assignment was to Westover AFB in Springfield MA flying KC-135 tanker and EC-135 airborne command post. Although stationed there for 8 years, close to four years were spent in South East Asia on six month rotations refueling combat bomber, fighter and reconnaissance assets. In that time, he logged over 800 hours of combat time flying mostly out of Thailand. In 1971, he was transferred to Castle AFB in Merced CA where he trained new pilots in the 135 aircraft. After two years in that role, Stan was selected to the elite Central Flight Instructor School (CFIC) training KC-135 and B-52 instructor pilots. In 1974, the school was moved to Carswell AFB in Fort Worth.

After 7 years of fun in the instructor role, it was time to head back to the Pacific and serve as commander of the Pacific Tanker Task Force at Andersen AFB, Guam. Two years later, it was back to the U.S. at Grissom AFB, IN as squadron operations officer, commander and assistant/deputy wing commander for operations. In 1982, he was promoted to Colonel. It was here that Stan met his lovely wife, Lori, and made the hardship move to Hickam AFB Hawaii. He remained on flying status

as Operations Commander flying EC-135 and the trusty old T-33 he flew in pilot training. Of great interest was his role in handling Ferdinand Marcos and staff when they were housed on base for 30 days after escaping the Philippines. Stan's final two years, he served as Director of Support Operations, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces.

After 26 years of Air Force service, Stan retired in the summer of 1988 and flew as captain for Air Molokai Airlines. That Christmas the Brubakers moved to Waco and Stan became Manager of Flight Operations for McDonnell Douglas Training Systems checking out Navy crews in their new E-6 (Boeing 707). When the decision was made to move the entire operation to Tinker AFB in OK, Stan moved across the street to work for Chrysler Airborne Technologies conducting contract flying for the Navy. After four years in that capacity, the Navy terminated this program for budget reasons.

Until final retirement in 2007, Stan served in several aviation consulting positions to include assistant chair of the Baylor Aviation Science Department, Air Impressions and RAM Aircraft as test pilot and sales consultant. The Brubakers have resided in the Waco area for over 35 years. Stan has served as second vice, first vice and president of HOT MOAA and is currently Flight Captain of the local James Connally Flight, Order of Daedalians. Lori and Stan continue to serve their community through leadership roles in their church and club activities.

MOAA NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

If needed, there is a MOAA national membership form at the chapter website: hotmoaa.org. **Basic membership is free** and fees are shown for annual and life MOAA memberships. This is separate from the chapter membership fee.

WORLD WAR II REENACTMENT AT CAMP MABRY IN AUSTIN

The reenactment will take place, rain or shine, on Saturday, April 15 and Sunday, April 16. 19th Century Weapons Demonstration at 11:30 a.m. each day. World War II Battle Reenactment at 1:00 p.m. each day. Bleacher seating, souvenirs and snacks are available. Admission and parking are free. Adults must show a valid photo ID to enter Camp Mabry. Camp Mabry is located at 2200 W 35th Street. For more information, go to

www.texasmilitaryforcesmuseum.org or call 512-782-5659.

Camp Mabry is also the location of the 26,000 SF Texas Military Forces Museum and its impressive display of artifacts, tanks, helicopters, jets, weapons, uniforms and more. An ideal educational and commemorative experience for the whole family since exhibits starts with the Texas War of Independence and then continues thru Texas history and its military unit involvement.

FY2025 WHITE HOUSE BUDGET AND TRICARE

The FY 2025 DOD budget proposal includes no mention of TRICARE cost-sharing requirements or other fee increases – good news for beneficiaries, as past TRICARE fee increase proposals have originated with the annual budget request.

The White House budget, released March 11, includes a Unified Medical Budget (UMB) request of \$61.4 billion, up 4.6% from the FY 2024 budget request. The UMB is made up of several accounts within the annual defense appropriations bill including Operations and Maintenance (O&M), MILPERS (funding for military personnel operating the MHS), and MILCON, which funds Military Health System (MHS) construction projects.

The request for the Defense Health Program (DHP) sits at \$40.3 billion, up from \$38.4 billion in the FY 2024 request. DHP, a sub-account of O&M, funds MHS functions such as health care delivery in military treatment facilities (MTFs); TRICARE; certain medical readiness activities and expeditionary medical capabilities; and education and training programs.

DHP spending growth is driven predominantly by MTF investment designed to sustain direct care capabilities and modernize electronic health records/digital health. Within the FY 2025 DHP request, \$20.6 billion, or 51%, is for purchased care via TRICARE.

The budget narrative underscores the updated MHS strategy to restore military treatment facility (MTF) capacity, re-attract beneficiaries to the direct care system of military hospitals and clinics, and increase opportunities to sustain uniformed medical provider clinical readiness.

“We recognize a strategic imperative to rebuild our military and civilian medical workforce and resource the MHS,” the budget overview states. “The DoD leadership determined the most effective way to take care of our people, support the National Defense Strategy, increase clinical readiness, mitigate risks to requirements, and reduce long-term cost growth in private sector care is to reattract beneficiaries to Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs) and maximize medical education and training pipelines.”

The budget document also provides an update on past medical billet cut proposals, an initiative MOAA successfully advocated to halt in several consecutive defense authorization bills. DOD has suspended planned clinical military medical end strength divestitures and will use this congressionally directed pause to conduct an assessment of current military medical end strength to match operational requirements.

MAYBORN MUSEUM SPACE EXHIBIT AND MAMMOTH UPDATE

The Journey into Space Exhibit opened on January 27th and continues to April 21st. It has various exhibits and videos showing the extraordinary efforts needed to survive in space and astronaut related essential support items. Admission fee to the Museum is \$10. Museum phone is 254-710-1110 for more info. The website is www.baylor.edu/mayborn/.

Meanwhile, in front of the main entrance, foundation work continues for the coming placement of the bronze statues of full size mammoth family of three. In the rotunda inside, there is a table that has models showing the poses for the male and female mammoths and the juvenile mammoth.

VINCE’S FOOD OPTION NOTES

The free new issue #23 of Modern Texas Living includes various local articles of interest plus this issue lists their survey results for Heart of Texas Championship spotlights. The magazine is available at local restaurants and an example is George’s at the entrance. These are shown on pages 48-51 and cover services as automotive, banking & finance, eats & drinks, entertainment, health & medical, home & family, pets, and service & retail.

The eats & drinks area had the following list from local inputs:

- Asian Food Cha Community and 2nd, Clay Pot
- BBQ Helberg Barbecue and 2nd, Vitek’s BBQ
- Breakfast George’s and 2nd, Lolita’s
- Brunch Moroso Italian Ristorante and 2nd, Café Cappuccino
- Burgers Dubl-R Burgers and 2nd, Whizzbang’s Hamburgers
- Desserts Milk Bottle Cookies and 2nd, Katie’s Frozen Custard
- Fine Dining Di Campli’s Italian Ristorante and 2nd, Diamondback’s
- Italian Di Campli’s Italian Ristorante and 2nd, Moroso Italian Ristorante
- Lunch George’s and 2nd, Slow Rise Slice House
- Mexican Food Ninfa’s Restaurant and 2nd, Hecho En Waco
- Outdoor Dining Slow Rise Slice House and 2nd, George’s
- Pizza Slow Rise Slice House and 2nd, Moroso Italian Ristorante
- Seafood Di Campli’s Italian Ristorante and 2nd, 135 Prime
- Steaks 135 Prime and 2nd, Diamondback’s

The next opportunity for local inputs to the 2025 listing has nomination period January 20 -24 and voting begins February 3.

CHAPTER BYLAWS CHANGE FOR MEMBERSHIP VOTE AT DINNER MEETING

Notices have been sent to the members on proposed changes to the Chapter bylaws and need to be voted on by the membership. These will be presented and voted on at the April 18 dinner meeting by the attending members. The changes only apply to Article IX, Sections 1 and 3.

Section 1 changes the role of Directors Emeritus from no-elected voting board members to an honorary position as advisors to the Board.

Section 3 changes the President’s tenure from up to three (3) consecutive one (1) year terms to two (2) consecutive one (1) year terms.

BE SAFE IN OBERVING THE EXCLIPSE ON APRIL 8. COVERING OF THE SUN STARTS AROUND 12:20 P.M., TOTALITY 1:38 TO 1:42 P.M. AND CONCLUDES AROUND 3:00 P.M.

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