



Well, another year has begun and, as I said in the blast to you, we need all of your volunteer efforts reported to us – federal, state, county, city or town, church, school – anything you do to help and assist others. This includes your spouse’s efforts, also. We have a fairly short time period to get this submitted to National so I would appreciate having these reports ASAP.

PRESIDENT
CW2 Doug Brown, USAR (Ret)

Our 1st VP, Bob Little, has several of our meetings for the year already well finalized as you can see in his column. Please consider attending as many of these meetings as possible as the camaraderie is important to the well being of our chapter (and we can always use the scholarship funds generated at the meetings). The better we get to know each other the better our chapter will be and the more we can accomplish. We accomplish quite a bit for the size of our chapter as attested to by another 5 Star Level of Excellence award received for last year.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our February meeting!!



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1st Vice President Programs and Support
LtCol Bob Little USAF (RET)

Happy New Year! Here’s a look at some of our chapter meetings on tap for 2019---

On February 13 we will meet at the Courtyard by Marriott here in Flower Mound. **Denton County Judge Andy Eads** will be our guest speaker and will address issues of interest near and dear to us here in Denton County and the surrounding area. The topic is “Supporting Denton County Veterans.”

Our April meeting guest speaker will share a fascinating first-hand account of the search and recovery of the **Space Shuttle Columbia** and her crew that disintegrated over the skies of Texas in February 2003.

In June, we will recognize the recipient’s of our annual **JROTC Scholarship Awards**.



2nd VP —MEMBERSHIP & PERSONAL AFFAIRS

LT Dick Cook USN (RET)

Our chapter is unique in that spouses of members are **FULL** members of the chapter; not “Auxiliary Members.” Our non-military spouses are fully qualified to act in all board positions. Karen Benson, for example served with distinction as Chapter Treasurer. Debby Allbach has continued to serve as both Surviving Spouse Liaison and the Coupon Initiative. See Debby’s article in this newsletter.

Spouses, we need you to consider joining the chapter’s board of directors! The current board has rotated positions for several years but we sorely need new directors with fresh ideas. If you are interested, please contact President Doug Brown. He will invite you to our next board meeting so you can find where you fit best. All members are invited to board meetings. Just let Doug know that you are coming so we’ll have seats and space at the meeting. Members Al Pichon and Jorge Robert attended our January meeting and both participated enthusiastically.

We had a good year in 2018 reporting fifteen new chapter members to National MOAA. Last year we had an nine new members. The bad news is that twelve of our 92 members have not paid 2018 dues and are subject to removal from the chapter. Paring down the roster was discussed at the January chapter board meeting.

Last year, National MOAA provided a feature called “The Committee Module”. It is a thumb nail of our roster as on record in the national organization. It appears in the National website www.moaa.org/login under the My Account/My Profile tab in the Chapter President and Membership Chair sites. Using the new Committee Module we are finally in sync with National for our membership roster. As a result, National MOAA credited us with 27 new members, fifteen of which were new to them but not new to us.

It was very awkward and slow at first. It seems that most chapter rosters were in wild disagreement with the national organization. I could request to add a member, but they were very busy with all the changes and the smallest change took months.

Now it works! A copy of the Committee Module Roster will be furnished to the chapter board at the next meeting.

It’s always “Membership Season” in our chapter. Our friends and associates also make great candidates. Just let Doug Brown or me know how to contact them and Doug will invite them to a chapter dinner in your name and let you introduce them around. Do your friends a favor and invite them to enjoy the benefits of chapter membership.

I think we’re all aware of the good things done by the chapter and National MOAA as well. Ginger Simonson and Doug Brown head up the efforts on Veterans Court and the tiny house project for homeless vets. At our dinner meetings we raise money for the scholarship fund and every year we award scholarships to deserving graduating seniors in the JROTC program. The list goes on and on. The chapter is directly involved in legislative affairs at the state level and we take care of our members. Who do you know that would benefit from chapter membership?

Dick Cook, is planning to retire from his position as “Officers Call” Newsletter Editor. Member Al Pichon has volunteered to help. Thanks Al! Working on the newsletter is a fun job that keeps the editor involved directly in all chapter activities. Dick will continue his involvement until the new editor is fully up to speed.

Board positions are also available for “new interested members. Actually none of the positions require excessive time. The board meets formally typically on the second Wednesday of the five months when there is no dinner meeting. Most of the current board has rotated through many of the slots and believe that the organization would benefit from new ideas and direction.



3rd VICE PRESIDENT — LEGISLATIVE & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

LTC Ginger Simonson, USA (Ret)



Welcome to 2019! It's going to be a wild ride in the legislative arena this year. The Texas Legislature officially started it's bi-annual session on January 7. Unlike in the previous session in 2017, the State Comptroller says that strong economic growth and sales tax collections have increased available revenue by eight percent over last session, for a total of just under \$120 billion in non-dedicated general revenue. That is good news for those interested in funding new initiatives.

New House Speaker Dennis Bonnen and returning Senate Leader, Dan Patrick indicate they are on board with Governor Abbott's priorities for the year - address education funding and property tax growth. They will consider reports from the Texas Commission on Public School Finance (December Report) that current formulas to determine how much each school gets per student are outdated and insufficient to meet the needs of students. They recommended an overhaul of allotments and weights, the variables that drive the funding formulas, to redirect \$3.5 billion in existing funds towards vulnerable populations as well as other programs that produce strong educational outcomes for all students. The commission also made recommendations for property tax reform, offering three solutions but not recommending one above another. I will be reporting on these options, as well as Veteran related legislation, as we gear up for our annual MOAA lobbying trip to Austin in March.



Things are not so rosy on the federal side as we enter the 24th day of what has become the longest government shutdown in US history, and negotiations have been frozen for three weeks. Not all government agencies are affected equally by the shutdown. The VA, DoD, Health & Human Services, Education and Labor were funded in 2018. The brunt of the shutdown is being felt by 9 Departments, and about 800,000 workers who are either furloughed or working without pay – Treasury, Justice, State, Agriculture, Commerce, Interior, Homeland Security, Transportation and Housing and Urban Development. The NY Times has a good article that demonstrates the effects of the shut-down at this link -

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/01/08/us/politics/government-shutdown-calendar.html>



Tell your federal representatives to take action now to stop this shut-down & get back to work -

<http://takeaction.moa.org/app/write-a-letter?4&engagementId=493837>

Our February Speaker**ANDY EADS**
DENTON COUNTY JUDGE

Judge Eads has served on the Denton County Commissioners Court since 2007. On January 1st, 2019, he became County Judge. Previously he served Denton County as Commissioner for Precinct 4. Veteran Services is a key component of the county's strategy as defined by Judge Eads. Denton County is home to more than 40,000 veterans. Providing a full range of services to veterans is of utmost importance.

Civic leadership and actively fostering relationships with the non-profits in Denton County is one of Judge Eads' highest priorities. He is the past president of Communities In Schools of North Texas, past president of the Flower Mound Rotary Club, founder and charter president of the Cross Timbers Rotary Club (the largest Rotary Club in Denton County and recognized by Rotary International as an exceptional club), past president of the Lewisville ISD Education Foundation Board, and much more.

Judge Eads began his public service career in the Town of Addison where he researched and authored the book "Addison, Texas: A Pictorial History." Before elected office, he was a top-producing agent with RE/MAX DFW, earning the Rookie of the Year Award and repeatedly voted one of the "Best Realtors in DFW" by D Magazine.

Judge Andy Eads is a native Texan and fifth-generation resident of Denton County. After graduating from Liberty Christian School, he received his BBA from Howard Payne University and his Masters of Public Administration from the University of North Texas.

Judge Eads lives in Flower Mound with his wife Ginger and their three children, Everett, Addison and Caroline. He enjoys volunteering and camping with his boys' Scout Troop.

Every Staff Ride is made possible through the generosity and support of civic-patriotic organizations and financial donations from myriad individuals.

In support of the 75th Anniversary of WWII and in honor of the "Greatest Generation", our annual U.S. Military History Course Staff Ride is focused on Europe. This year a unique group of U.S. Military History course cadets and instructors will visit the beaches of Normandy France, Verdun France and Natzweiler-Struthof Concentration Camp.

If you wish to make a monetary donation, make checks payable to: **FWISD JROTC Staff Ride 2019**, and mail to the following address:

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Pictures from our December Dinner



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Dick and Georgette Cook



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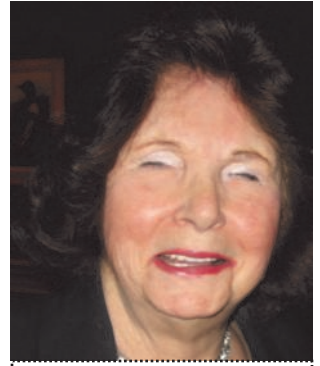
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NORTH DFW MOAA
FINANCIAL REPORT
Year 2018

Treasurer
Col Charles Correll
USAF (RET)

	Operating Balance	Scholarship Balance	Total Balance
Begin Yr	\$15,649.46	\$4,734.08	\$20,383.18
Income	\$17,990.55	\$3,096.00	
Expenses	-\$20,373.53	-\$2,500.00	
End Yr	\$13,267.48	\$5,330.08	\$18,597.56

NET WORTH

For year ending 2018

ASSETS

Operating Account	\$13,267.48
Scholarship Account	<u>\$5,330.08</u>
Total	\$18,597.56

LIABILITIES

Debt	\$00.00
Members' Equity	\$18,597.56

Thanks to the 28 members who paid their 2019 dues early. You will be included in the February drawing for a free 2020 membership.

Mark Your Calendar NOW For Future North DFW MOA Meetings

February 13, 2018
Dinner Meeting
Courtyard by Marriott



April 10, 2018
Dinner Meeting
TBD

June 12, 2018
Dinner Meeting
TBD

September 11, 2018
Dinner Meeting
TBD

November 13, 2018
Dinner Meeting
TBD

Surviving Spouse Services

I am the surviving spouse liaison for our chapter. My job is to help surviving spouses take advantage of the support offered through our chapter and at the national level. To that end



Surviving Spouse Liaison and Shopping Coupons Debby Allbach

MOAAA has formed a **Surviving Spouse Services** virtual chapter with membership open to our members who are Surviving Spouses of uniformed services members. There is no cost to join. There are no dues. The next call is scheduled for **January, Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at 4 pm Central Time**. Speakers are ADM Walt Doran, USN (Ret), Chairman of the Board and Shane Ostram, AF Lt Col (Ret) and CFP. The call topic is: **Getting Your Financial House in Order**.

For more information about the national **MOAA Surviving Spouse Services Virtual Chapter 02 (SSVC-02)** contact me (Debby Allbach at deballbach@gmail.com) or:

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Coupon Report

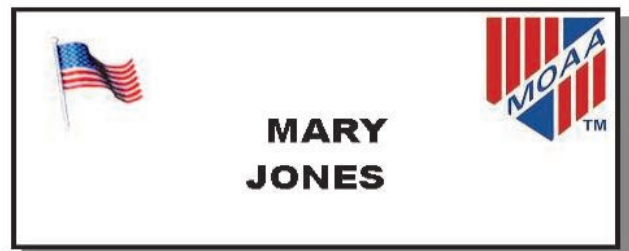
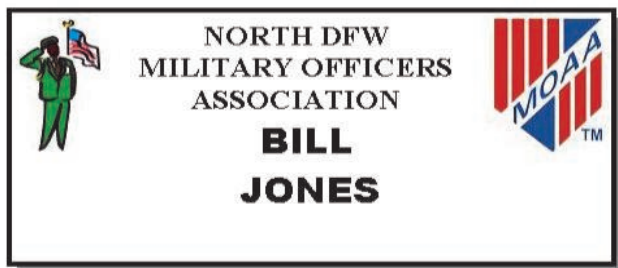
We have just finished our 7th year of sending coupons to overseas troops. In 2018 we sent over 100,000 coupons in 36 packages to 15 different bases in 8 different countries. The chapter spent just under \$260 in postage. We continue to be successful because so many of you share your unused coupons in a timely manner. Manufacturer coupons are valid 6 months past the printed expiration date. It takes the chapter 3 months to get the coupons overseas, and then each base has a distribution system that adds weeks to the process.



Therefore I only send coupons that are currently valid or have expired the month prior to mailing the package. Every coupon helps. Feel free to mail coupons to me if you can't make a meeting or over long periods without a meeting. Debby Allbach, 1116 Carousel Drive, Bedford, Texas 76021. Thank you. Debby

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MAGNETIC (\$13)

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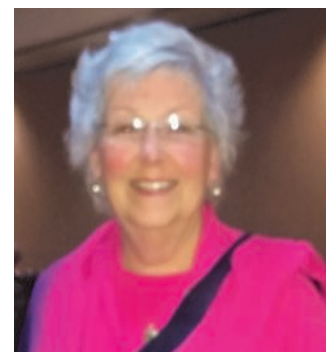
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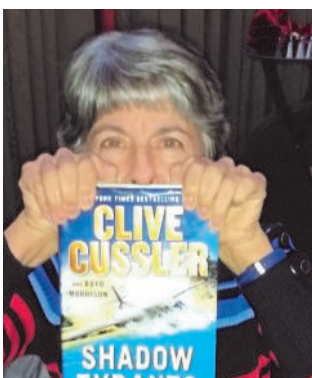
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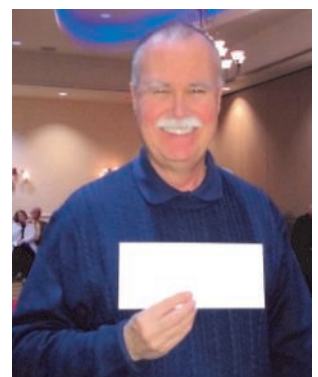
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Wednesday February 13, 2019

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RESERVATION With Payment By By Friday 8 February, 2019

CANCELLATION With Refund by 1700 hours Sunday February 10, 2019

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SUPPORT the CHAPTER SERVICE PROJECTS

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II BRING or MAIL to Debby SHOPPING COUPONS

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Total Amount Enclosed:	Check #

Make Checks payable to: North DFW MOAA

Payment Due by 01/01/2019

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