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As I stated in the email I sent to all our members, our chapter once again has received the 5 Star Award of Excellence. This is, as I stated, due to all the efforts of our

PRESIDENT

CW2 Doug Brown, USAR (Ret)

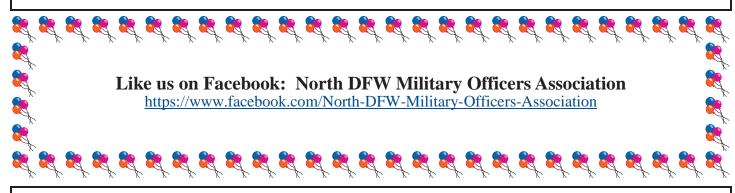
members in assisting in church, school, town/city, county and state activities and reporting them to us. You should all be proud of these efforts and, I hope, will continue with them.

As published in the last newsletter, chapter elections will be held in November – we could use some fresh views on our board. I encourage anyone who might be inter-

ested in being a board member to attend the next board meeting – all board meetings are open to all our chapter members. Being a board member does not entail a great deal of time and effort – please consider it!

Please check your driver's license to see if it has a gold star in the upper right section. If it doesn't, you will not be able to fly after 1 October 2020. If your license expires before that time, your renewal should have the gold star. If it expires after that date you will have to go to a DPS office, if not already on file, to present proof of citizenship.

I recently sent an email to a number of our members to let them know that they had not paid their 2019 chapter dues of \$25. If you're not sure if you paid your dues, please check with our treasurer Charlie Correll – his info is in the back of the newsletter. We don't want to lose any members, but it's not fair to the dues paying ones for those who haven't paid their dues to enjoy chapter membership.





We welcome Lt Col Shane Ostrom from the MOAA National Office as our guest on Septem-

1st Vice President Programs and Support

LtCol Bob Little USAF (RET)

ber 11 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Lewisville. Shane is the MOAA Director of Financial and Benefits Education and will discuss topics of interest to us all. Read his bio elsewhere in this newsletter.

Make your reservation NOW and plan to be there!

Never Forget. September 11 marks the observance of *Patriot Day* in memory of the people killed in the September 11, 2001 attacks on our country. While everyone is aware of the 9-11 Memorial at Ground Zero in New York City, some may not be aware that we have a 9-11 Memorial right here in Grapevine. The 9-11 Flight Crew Memorial Foundation has erected a Memorial in remembrance to the Flight Crews and First Responders who were killed on 9-11. It is located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Texan Trail and Northwest Highway (TX-26) in Grapevine and is well done and worth a visit. A Memorial Ceremony is held there each year on September 11 in the morning.



2nd VP — MEMBERSHIP LT Dick Cook USN (RET)

We have three new members this month. All have been invited to the September dinner meeting as guests of president Doug Brown.

COL Dale Martin is on Army active duty with over 29 years of service as an engineer. COL Martin enlisted in 1988 as a 67VAvn Mechanic and was commissioned in 1983. He and his bride Sherry live in Denton.

Major Gary Howe is Air Force retired. He and wife Cheryl live in Arlington. His first assignment was as a B-52 Weapons System Officer (WSO) and retired as a B-1 WSO. He had two tours to Iraq, the last tour as Deputy J-3 with the Iraq Survey

Group. He has been with Bell Helicopter since 2012.

LtCol Tom Dollahite is also Air Force retired. He is a pilot and 1977 graduate of the USAF Academy. After flight training he had several duty stations including Instructor pilot on the T-38. Later in his career he flew the F-15C and retired in1998, He and his wife Holly live in Denton and currently flies for Southwest Airlines. COL Martin, Maj Howe, and LtCol Dollahite are members of our national organization.

COL Bob and Nancy Hudnall and Major Dave and Annita Nelson Joined the chapter in June but not in time to attend our June dinner meeting. Doug has invited both to the September meeting to meet and greet the membership.

Bob Hudnall was an enlisted Marine for four years including a Vietnam assignment at Marble Mountain. He next attended LA Tech and received his Army commission after OCS at Ft. Benning, Georgia. He served 32 years as an Engineer or MI Officer in Europe, Middle East, South Asia, the Caribbean, and Central and South America before his retirement as Deputy Commander, Operations at Ft. Sam Houston. Welcome Bob and Nancy!

Dave Nelson was commissioned from the ROTC. After flight school he flew a variety of planes and served as a C5 Galaxy pilot and Instructor Pilot. Including his reserve time he spent 20 years in the Air Force and was activated to fly in Desert Storm and Desert Shield. In 10 months in that assignment he flew 962 hours in ten months.

Dave and Anita are neighbors of mine here in Double Oak and I've known them for years. Dave has been flying for American Airlines while Anita has served on the Lewisville ISD School Board and as a member of the Double Oak Town Council. Welcome Dave and Anita!

LTC Christopher Mitchell's chapter membership is still processing and he and his bride Kim have been invited to the September dinner meeting as well. Colonel Mitchell is retired Army and served in the Gulf War and Bosnia as a Tanker and many command assignments.

Still, the best source of new members comes from our friends and associates. Nini Correll met Lt Col Jeff Marler in April and invited him to attend a dinner meeting. He has had a heavy schedule and has not been able to attend yet but we'll try again in September. Just let Doug Brown or me know how to contact your prospects 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.

The chapter has been successful in recruiting new members because of the good things done both by the chapter and National MOAA. Ginger Simonson and Doug Brown head up our 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 Rich Crossley's Ft. Worth 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?



3rd VICE PRESIDENT — LEGISLATATIVE & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES







We will have ten (10) proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution on the November 5th ballot. There are no Veteran-related amendments this year.

In order to appear on the ballot, the proposed amendments must be approved by at least two-thirds of the mem-

bers of both the Texas Senate and the Texas House of Representatives. If you'd like to see a list of the proposed amendments, use this link -

https://www.sos.state.tx.us/about/newsreleases/2019/072319.shtml

Even though the state legislative session ended over 2 months ago, not all bills were signed by the Governor or went into effect immediately. Of the 10,877 bills introduced by the legislature, 4,581 actually passed and 58 were vetoed by the Governor. Many will take effect on

September 1st, 2019 and some are still waiting for the Governor's signature. If You ever want to see if the Governor signed a specific bill or would like to check the effective date, you can go to the Secretary of State web site for the definitive list. Here is where to find the list (you will need to check the box and select which types of bills you are interested in, Senate, House, Concurrent, etc.) -

https://webservices.sos.state.tx.us/legbills/index.aspx



Will the military 'widows' tax' disappear this year?

For the first time ever, ending the widow's tax is included in the House National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

More than 65,000 individuals nationwide hurt by so called "Widows Tax" which costs each an average of \$11,000 each year. At issue is how the government treats two separate military survivor payouts. The first, the Dependency and Indemnity Compensation program, awards around \$15,000 a year to survivors of veterans or troops who die of service-related causes. There is no cost to troops or families to enroll.

The other, the Survivor Benefit Plan, gives families of military retirees who enroll up to 55 percent of their loved ones' retirement pay after the veteran dies. The life insurance-type payouts are subsidized by DoD but require enrollees to pay-in part of their retirement benefit to be eligible.

Individuals who qualify for either SBP money or DIC benefits receive full payouts from the respective programs. But family members who qualify for both are subject to an offset, where for every dollar paid out in DIC their payouts under SBP are reduced by one dollar.

The House and Senate armed services committees will spend much of the extended August legislative break negotiating the differences between the two chambers' bills. This is a real opportunity to make a difference for surviving spouses, many of them, members of MOAA. All you must do is click on the link and fill out your contact info. MOAA has an email with verbiage that will be sent directly to our state Senators. You made change the verbiage if you like. Also, to show MOAA that our Chapter is active and cares about this issue, please add in TX 31 where it asks for your MOAA Chapter Number.

If you check the block that says, "Remember Me", your contact info will be available for all the emails you send. You can send subsequent emails in 60 seconds.

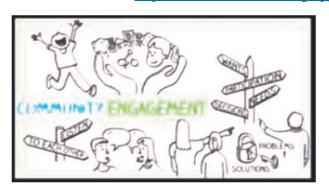
http://takeaction.moaa.org/app/write-a-letter?8&engagementId=495393



Here are a couple of other initiatives you can support.

Act Now to Help Veteran Caregivers Do Not Cap Pay or Cut Benefits

http://takeaction.moaa.org/app/write-a-letter?12&engagementId=501484 https://takeaction.moaa.org/app/take-action?engagementId=494195







The Military Veteran Peer Network has changed the name of the Chris Kyle Veterans Center to a name more reflective of our mission and to emphasize our welcome to all Veterans, whether they served in combat or not and to all family members and survivors of active duty, reserve and national guard forces.

Veterans Point is a place to network, to have fun at and to find out about resources and benefits that you and your family may be eligible for. It's also a place where you can find a new purpose and meaning in life by becoming a Volunteer and sharing your experience and wisdom with fellow Veterans who are just beginning their transitions from military life. It's also a great place for spouses to connect for learning and creating.

Here are some of the upcoming events and groups:

Coffee and Crafts: every Tuesday morning to drink coffee, meet new friends, and partake in whichever craft you prefer. Examples of our Veteran's crafts include crochet, painting, knitting, coloring, jewelry making, wood working, and many more!

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/coffee-crafts-tickets-54611049118



Spouse Resiliency Groups:

This program was created for veteran spouses, by veteran spouses, and aims to provide a space where spouses and partners can gather with others who have a shared experience and be provided support without judgement. If you have been looking for a strong community of spouses, this is it! Join us! There is an "in-person" group starting at Veterans Point on August 24th and two "on-line" groups that start in early September.

For General Information - http://sites.utexas.edu/vsn/programs/

To Register: https://utexas.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eeVd17w69lwEktf



PAST PRESIDENT

COL Si Simonson, USAR (Ret)
Planned Web Page

New North DFW Website coming soon.

Be on the lookout for our newly designed website for the North DFW MOAA Chapter. The initial design is shown below. We will post the newsletters there to easily find—just in case you missed the email distribution. We will also have information

on the upcoming Dinner Meeting, and a six month calendar of MOAA and Veteran related events. As you can see from the tabs, we will post information about the chapter, officers and committees, the scholarship program, and local ROTC programs . Additionally, Veteran related national, state, and local legislative issues will be posted. The Resources page will have links to a variety of military, Tricare, VA, and other useful websites. Finally, there will be links for Spouses, Woman Veterans, and our Public Affairs, coupon, and USO program. We anticipate to have the website on line by the end of September.

Si Simonson



















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Spouses

We need you to consider joining the chapter's board of directors! Our chapter is unique in that spouses of members are FULL members of the chapter; not "Auxiliary Members." Our 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 above.

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.



Coupon Report

Shopping Coupons

A big thank you to the following people who have faithfully sent me coupons over the summer:

Doug Brown, Lenore Hollis, Janet Key, Ann Treleven and Rose Marie Vickery. The Chapter was able to send packages to the Air Force in Lakenheath, England and Kadena, Japan; the Army in Okinawa and the Navy/Marines in Guam and Roto, Spain. Coupons sent are either current when mailed or expired just 1-2 months. In order to contribute any unused

coupons you have from magazines and the newspaper in a timely manner please mail them to me. Debby Allbach, 1116 Carousel Drive, Bedford, Texas 76021 or bring them to the September meeting. Thank you.

Surviving Spouse Report

Surviving Spouses have a Virtual Chapter. There is no fee to join. Meetings are held quarterly via a

toll free telephone conference. Meetings are focuses on current issues facing survivors. In July the meeting focused on the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and the current lobbying efforts to eliminate the so-called "widows tax".



<u>Current membership stands at 101 represented by 25 states, the American Virgin Islands and one APO.</u> Anyone interested in more information about the Surviving Spouses Virtual Chapter can contact...

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Information was provided about the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (https://www.vvmf.org/Ceremonies/). Commemorative pins are available to veterans or their Surviving Spouses through the Vietnam War Commemorative Commission. This initiative includes veterans with dates of service in Vietnam from November 1955 through May 15, 1975. The Vietnam War Commemorative Commission is a DOD sponsored activity; pins are available free of charge. For more information, see

https://www.vietnamwar50th.com/about/vietnam_veteran_lapel_pin/.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScXrJXuzmNIMcVEFsAB04nC2daEFN83JSv-

OW7er8nVP1ttVQ/viewform

The Virtual Chapters' and Health Care Team is currently planning a 5 day Bermuda cruise through the MOAA Travel Office, Sept 26-Oct 2, 2020, sailing from Baltimore. Group pricing is very reasonable.



Lt Col Shane Ostrom USAF (Ret) Program Director, Finance and Benefits Information

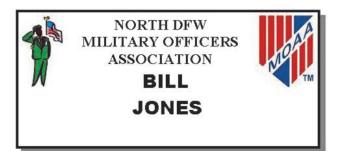
Lt Col Ostrom retired from the Air Force in 2000 after serving in a variety of personnel, education and training, and executive officer assignments. His assignments included tours in North Dakota, Florida, Korea, Australia, and the Pentagon. His final assignment was on the Joint Staff, writing and championing legislation related to joint officer personnel management issues. He earned numerous decorations and awards over his Air Force career.

After Air Force retirement, Ostrom was a practicing investment advisor at a large investment firm and a bank. He specialized in working with clients developing, implementing, and managing investment plans and portfolios.

A native of San Antonio, he earned a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts and is a graduate of the Royal Australian Air Command and Staff College and the U.S. Air Command and Staff College.

Ostrom joined the MOAA staff in 2006. His responsibilities include researching and writing articles and answering member inquiries regarding military benefits, health care, survivor issues, and financial concerns. He also travels extensively to discuss these matters with service members and retirees and their families.

NOTICE PERMANENT NAME BADGES ARE AVAILABLE





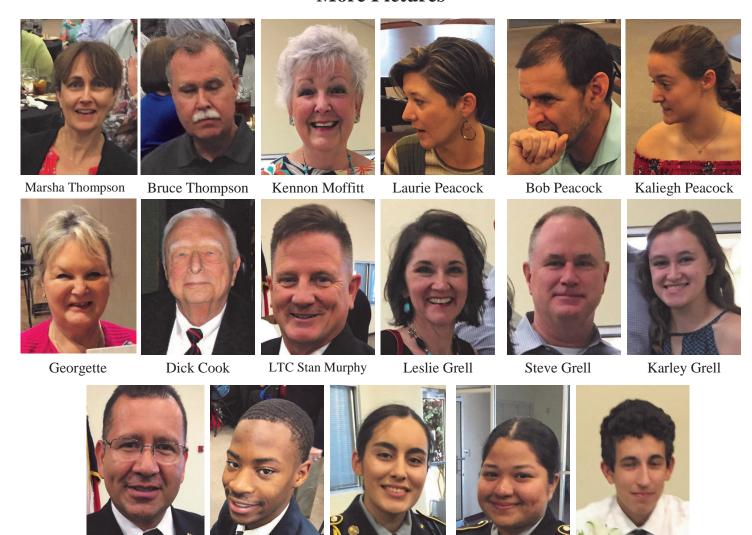
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Pictures from our June Dinner



More Pictures



Cadet Lopez

Cadet Sanders

MAJ Raul Padilla

Cadet Dominguez

Cadet Burns



NORTH DFW MOAA Treasurer's Report

Treasurer

Col Charles Correll USAF (RET)

TREASURER'S REPORT AUGUST 2019

The Chapter has a net worth of \$17,887, made up of \$12,489 in Operating Funds and \$5,389 in Scholarship Funds.

The Chapter has funded one (for \$1,500) of the three Scholarships awarded in June. I anticipate we will fund the other two (\$1,000 each) by the end of September.

Mark Your Calendar NOW For Future North DFW MOA Meetings

September 11, 2019 Dinner Meeting Hilton Garden Inn



November 13, 2019 Dinner Meeting TBD

December 11, 2019
Dinner Meeting
Formal

February 12, 2020 Dinner Meeting TBD April 8, 2020 Dinner Meeting TBD

June 10, 2020 Dinner Meeting TBD September 9, 2020 Dinner Meeting TBD November 11, 2020 Dinner Meeting TBD





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June Raffle Winners



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Si Simonson Wine



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Debby Allbach Wine



Charlie Correll Glass Set



Diane Smith Bag



Cadet Lopez Parker Pen Set



Bruce Thompson Book



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Jackie Kerbow Book



North DFW Military Officers Association <u>Elected Officers and</u> Committee/Project Leaders



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