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Meeting Location: SAT, 10 SEP 2022 @ NOON a LUNCHEON MEETING will be held

At the Lewisville Saltgrass Restaurant at 801 HWY 121.

Please see the Reservation Form p.19 for details.

1130A Meal Ordering, Camaraderie/Social, Cash Bar 1200 Invocation, & PoA.

Program: TBA

Entrées: 8 OZ. TOP SIRLOIN & SHRIMP OR GRILLED SALMON OR BABY BACK

RIBS AND SHRIMP OR CHICKEN LAREDO. CHOICE OF 1 SIDE: Mashed Potatoes, French Fries, Green Beans, Herb Rice Seasoned Veggies, Sweet Potato Fries.

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PRESIDENT
COL Si Simonson
USA Retired



CHAPTER PRESIDENT REMARKS

I hope that you have had an enjoyable summer. In September we will reinstate our bi-monthly meetings. Once again, we will have a Saturday Luncheon. In the recent survey, there was an even split between those who preferred a weekend luncheon, and those who preferred a weekday dinner. So, to accommodate our several members who are unable to drive at night, we will once again hold a Saturday luncheon. In November and December, we will revert to back to the Wednesday dinner format. Details on the luncheon are explained later in this newsletter. A thank you to all of you who responded to the survey.

Once again, our chapter has been awarded the 5-Star Level of Excellence award by MOAA National. This is our 17th such award since our first award in 2001. This is all due to the hard work you do supporting military issues and causes in the community. A big portion of this is grassroots advocacy, at the local, state, and national level. Continue to send those letters to congress to support veterans' legislation. Another major portion of the award criteria is community engagement, support of JROTC programs, and scholarship initiative. So, please continue to bring popular items to the meetings so that we can raffle them. This is how we raise a majority of our scholarship money.

Finally, I ask for your help. Being that this is my second three-year term as President of the Chapter, I am no longer able to serve as the President due to our bylaws. Doug Brown and I have served as the Chapter President for the past 12 years. Additionally, Doug Allbach will be stepping down as the Secretary (which he has been for over 13 years), and Debby Allbach will be stepping down as the Surviving Spouse Liaison. Luckily, our VP for Programs, VP for Membership, VP Legislative Liaison, Treasurer, Scholarship Chair, and Newsletter Editor have agreed to stay on another year in those positions. We need to pass the leadership on to new blood, rather than relying on the same 10 individuals who have carried the chapter duties over the past 12 years or so. **So, we urgently need you to step up to fill the President, Secretary, and Surviving Spouse Liaison positions.** Elections are in November. So, if you are interested in any of these positions, please contact the incumbent to get the details on the duties of each position. You can find the email addresses at: <https://www.northdfwmoaa.com/officers-committees>. **If we are unable to fill the President and Secretary positions, we may be forced to deactivate the chapter and roll into the Dallas and Fort Worth Chapters.** So, please step up to the plate and volunteer for one of these positions. We cannot keep the chapter viable without you volunteering to fill the chapter's leadership positions.



1st Vice President Programs and Support

LtCol Bob Little USAF (RET)

1st VP Newsletter August 2022

Mark your calendars for our remaining 2022 Chapter Meetings, folks.

Sept. 10 (Saturday) – Luncheon at Saltgrass Steakhouse, by popular demand. We're working on an interesting speaker, just not confirmed as I write this. Reminder: Set your TV DVR to record your College Football Games while attending our luncheon meeting.

Nov. 9 (Wednesday) – Dinner at Hilton Garden Inn. Veterans themed program speaker TBD.

Dec. 14 (Wednesday) – Holiday Dinner at Bistecca Italian Steakhouse in Highland Village. Good food at all these venues. Hope you can join us.

Sept. 22 (Thursday) – **100 Vets meeting at the CR Smith Museum.** Our guest speaker in June was from the 100 Vets Launch Group. I'll be attending this one – contact me if you want a ride. Social hour begins at 1800.

See y'all next month.

Bob Little

Our Speaker for the June Luncheon, John Van Deventer, was from the 100 Vets Who Give a Damn organization based in the DFW area. Bob is a member and would encourage anyone who would like to join this organization that helps vets to join. Their website is:

<https://www.100vetswhogiveadamndfw.com>





2nd VP-MEMBERSHIP
Maj Gary Howe

Membership and Recruiting

Speaking of membership (which I'm supposed to do), we have 83 members on the roll, all of whom are also National MOAA members. Of those 83 members, only 59 have paid their chapter dues for 2022. Unfortunately, we have 13 that have not paid chapter dues for 2 years and at some point, we will need to consider dropping them from the membership roll. However, we have time to recover and continue recruiting. If you haven't paid your dues, please do. If you know of anyone who would like to join our chapter, now is a great time to join with the chapter meeting regularly over the next few months. As you know, our Chapter provides a lot of comradery and an enormous amount of support and assistance.

If you have questions or need additional information, don't hesitate to ask/email/call me.

Stay safe and see you at a meeting soon.

New 988 Suicide Prevention Hotline Provides an Easier Option For Emergency Care

The new 988 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, which launched this past weekend, isn't aimed specifically at veterans, but advocates are hopeful that the resource will provide an easier venue for veterans and military members facing mental health emergencies.

"The new shorter number directly addresses the need for ease of access and clarity in times of crisis, both for veterans and non-veterans alike," Dr. Tamara Campbell, acting Executive Director for the Department of Veterans' Affairs Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, said in a press event on July 15th. The VA is working to update materials and communications with the new number to spread the word to veterans, their supporters and our community partners.

The new three-digit dialing code, mandated by Congress two years ago, is designed to give an alternative to the 911 emergency call line for individuals experiencing suicidal thoughts or other mental health issues.

The hotline went live nationwide on Saturday July 16th, although officials noted that some states still may need a few more weeks and months to get their systems aligned with the new service.

For VA officials, who have prioritized suicide prevention as a key healthcare goal in recent years, the new number does not replace any staffing or procedures related to their long-established Veterans Crisis Line. That service, which has been in operation for 15 years, receives about 2,000 calls per day on average, as well as nearly 400 text and chat exchanges.

And while the Veterans Crisis Line number — 1-800-273-8255 — will still work, officials anticipate that the new 988 hotline will be easier to remember, allowing more individuals to reach out for help when they need it.

As a result, VA officials are anticipating call volume to jump over the next year to as high as 1.7 million, nearly 2.5 times higher than last year's total. The VA has been preparing for the switch for the last few years and hired more than 460 new staffers to handle an increased volume of calls.

Officials are preparing for a 60% increase in requests for consultations with veteran suicide prevention coordinators in the next two years and as much as a 150% increase in current levels by the third year of 988 operations.

Veterans who call the new 988 hotline or the old 1-800-273-8255 number can select option 1 after connecting to reach a VA staffer. In addition, Veterans, troops, or their family members can also text 838255 or visit VeteransCrisisLine.net for assistance.

ID Card Update: New Deadline for Some Military Retirees, Dependents (Adapted from an article by Travis Tritten in Military.com July 18, 2022)

Retirees and military family members who have identification cards with no expiration date can choose to upgrade to the new Next Generation Uniform Services Identification, or USID, cards whenever it's convenient -- as long as it's done within the next four years, according to the Defense Department.

There is no looming deadline for use of those old non-active-duty cards without expiration dates, but the department expects to completely phase out and replace them with the next-generation IDs, which are more durable and have enhanced security features, by 2026, Maj. Charlie Dietz, a spokesman, told Military.com.

In the meantime, cards with expiration dates are required to be replaced within 90 days of elapsing. The Defense Department began the effort to update all those IDs to the new format in July 2020, but the changeover hit delays caused by the pandemic.

"DoD plans to phase out and cancel the existing card forms in 2026 when all existing cards with an actual expiration date will have expired," Dietz wrote in an email. "After then, only the USID card will be accepted for installation and benefits access."

The USID format for military retirees and dependents represents the first change to those identification cards in nearly 30 years; the last update was in 1993. The new design closely resembles the Common Access Card, or CAC, format issued to active-duty troops and department civilians.

But there was uncertainty among those with cards that list the expiration as indefinite. The IDs are needed to access military facilities and to confirm eligibility for various military benefits, so missing a deadline or losing the identification could disrupt cardholders' lives. Expired cards can be confiscated at base gates.

Those with cards with no expiration dates "may have the card replaced at their convenience," according to Dietz. The department recommends they go to the ID Card Office Online ([ID Card Office Online \(osd.mil\)](https://www.osd.mil)) and use the office locator to find a site that issues the new cards and book an appointment.

Retirees and their dependents, dependents of active-duty troops, reserve members and Medal of Honor recipients are among those who will receive the USID cards. A description of the new cards and a complete list of who is eligible can be found here ([Next Generation Uniformed Services ID Card \(cac.mil\)](https://www.cac.mil)).



3rd VICE PRESIDENT — LEGISLATIVE
& Community Activities
LTC Ginger Simonson. USA (Ret)



Our advocacy strategies for the 88th Texas Legislative session are beginning to take shape with some clues coming from the House and Senate Interim Committee meetings. For example, based on a recent House Interim Committee meeting on Higher Education, committee members let University Presidents know that the Hazlewood Exemption benefit for Texas Veterans and their dependents is off-limits for any adverse revisions. Representatives Tan Parker,

Flower Mound and John Turner, Dallas were especially supportive of this earned benefit and left no doubt (in my mind, at least) that the Universities would have to find other ways to cut operating expenses. You can watch their encouraging comments at this link :

- https://tlchouse.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=46&clip_id=23413

You can learn more about the Hazlewood Exemption benefit at this link:

<https://www.tvc.texas.gov/education/hazlewood-2/>

The House Committee on Defense & Veterans' Affairs met on July 20, 2022, to discuss Interim Charges. They spent a significant amount of time addressing services to improve outcomes connected to PTSD and TBI. Most of the committee members demonstrated great support for military and Veterans issues. Committee members recommended that State agencies (specifically the Texas Veterans Commission – TVC and Health and Human Services – HHSC) focus on finding more innovative solutions to address Veteran mental health issues. Invited testimony from the Texas Military Forces, TVC, HHSC and the Strong Star Consortium accounted for the first 3 ½ hours. After that, Veterans with “lived experience” testified about their mental health struggles related to PTSD and TBI. Their testimony was quite compelling and worth watching. Bob Jones, SFC – Retired, began the public testimony at 3:23:33 hours into the hearing and you can find it all here -

https://tlchouse.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=46&clip_id=23334

It's my impression that the House Defense and Veterans Affairs Committee is very interested in backing legislation in support of military/Veteran Mental Health struggles. The Chair encouraged anyone who has solutions to contact the committee directly. To me, that is a “Call to Action” for MOAA and other state level VSOs to get requests for legislative actions to our state representatives and Senators as soon as possible. Legislators can “pre-file” bills prior to the session's kick-off in January 2023. Pre-filing begins on 14 November 2022, less than a week after state-wide elections. It is my intention to have several initiatives pre-coordinated with a number of state reps/senators with the hope that they will submit them in the pre-file period.

So, with that in mind, here for your information is the written testimony I provided in July.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON DEFENSE & VETERANS' AFFAIRS Flower Mound, TX
COMMENTS FOR: - Examine services to improve outcomes connected to (PTSD) & (TBI)**

Virginia Simonson, LTC, US Army-Retired

Military Officers Association of America, Texas Council of Chapters Affiliate

1.57 M Veterans live in Texas (VA FY 20 estimate). 519,610 were enrolled in VA healthcare (over 1 million Texas Veterans receive no mental health care or receive care in the community where there is a shortage of professional providers). The 2022 Mental Health America Report ranks Texas last in Access to Care in Mental Health Workforce Availability (830 per Mental Health professional). 16 M Texans live in Mental Health Professional Shortage Areas. The mental health worker shortage issue is chronic in Texas. Think tanks like the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health advocate for ever-expanding numbers of trained and certified Peer Support Specialists - "Expanding access to support services provided by certified Peer Specialists and Recovery Specialists is an evidence-based strategy for addressing the expanding need for services and the co-occurring shrinkage of the mental health workforce." Service-members will continue to transition to Veteran status with a heavy burden of trauma and behavioral health issues. While VA estimates that most states will see significant decreases in Veteran population, Texas will see only a decrease from 1.55 M to 1.44 M Veterans between now and FY2032. Experience shows that most Veterans prefer to share difficulties and seek solutions from fellow Veterans; and most leave military service with an aversion to seeking mental health care. When the cumulative stressors of life combine with past trauma and overwhelm Veterans, effective peer specialists can serve as sounding boards, examples of adversity overcome and as lifelines to necessary material and mental health support. Well trained and effective peers, paired with culturally competent clinicians trained in evidence-based care, are key facilitators for recovery and suicide prevention. Absent an unexpected reversal in mental health work-force shortages, Texas can immeasurably improve the quality of life for Service-members, Veterans, and their Families (SMVF) by building and sustaining a workforce of highly trained and highly effective Peer Specialists to significantly mitigate the existing and projected shortfalls of Mental Health professionals. To meet this intent, my organization recommends the following: Direct Texas Health and Human Services to facilitate a training and certification path solely for SMVF who wish to work with their fellow service-members, Veterans, and families. Currently, TX HHSC recognizes 3 Peer Certification Paths: Peer Recovery Support Specialist, Mental Health Peer Specialist and Re-Entry Peer Specialist. Veterans have unique mental health risk factors and trauma exposure experience. Specific peer specialist training and certification based on lived military (and military family) experience would mitigate the lack of mental health providers and streamline the processes that Veterans navigate.

<https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/87R/handouts/C3052022072009001/59ac2d2a-95b2-47da-a31f-e3fb239b2ee8.PDF>

"If you have a plan, we want to hear it. Tell your community leaders, your local officials, your governor, and your team in Washington. Believe me, your ideas count. An individual can make a difference."

—George H.W. Bush

What's Up in Congress

The biggest Veterans' news in August is the passage of **Senate Bill 3373, SFC Heath Robinson Honoring Our PACT Act and its signature into Law by President Biden on 8/10/2022.**

MOAA members across the country joined with members of all major Veteran Service

Organizations over the last 2 years to urge Congress to pass this critical legislation. Although most of the news commentary has focused on the effects of “Burn Pits”, the Bill will actually cover toxic exposures of Veterans from many eras. Over 3.5 million veterans exposed to toxins may benefit in the following ways:

- Simplified claims process (that concedes exposure to burn pits and toxic environments causes specific diseases)
- Provide healthcare based on military related toxic exposures
- Increase the number of diseases (by 24) causally connected to burn pits and toxic exposures
- Add hypertension as a presumptive disease associated with Agent Orange Exposure
- Provide a framework for establishing presumptive diseases in the future
- Expand radiation-risk activities to include veterans who participated in radiation cleanup at Eniwetok Atoll and Palomares, Spain
- Include Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Guam, American Samoa and Johnston Atoll as conceded locations for Agent Orange Exposure; and

Provide retroactive benefits for DIC claims

You can find more details at this link - <https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/>

Help Support Military Family Access to Mental Health Care

Please join MOAA in generating awareness and support for H.R. 4824, the Stop Copay Overpay Act, which would reduce TRICARE mental health copays by capping them at the amount TRICARE beneficiaries pay for primary care visits.

As part of military health system (MHS) reform, TRICARE officials categorized mental health visits as specialty care, a move leading to skyrocketing copays that have made mental health care unaffordable for many military families.

H.R. 4824 would help address the financial barrier to accessing mental health care posed by TRICARE copay increases.

You can easily contact your Congressional Representatives with the easy to complete form at this link - <https://moaa.quorum.us/campaign/39697/>



National Day of Service & Remembrance Friday, September 9, 2022

Honor and Remember Our Nation's Heroes

Carry The Load is proud to partner with the National Cemetery Administration, a Department of the VA, to provide Americans with active ways to honor those who have served our country. Join Carry The Load for a National Day of Service and Remembrance as we host volunteer opportunities to beautify sacred grounds at National Cemeteries across the U.S. This is a great service opportunity for employee engagement, youth groups, individuals and more. <https://www.carrytheload.org/patriot-day-national-day-of-service/>



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Women Veterans Program

Monthly Virtual Women Veterans Networking

Every 2nd Thursday of the month
1:30PM - 2:30PM CST
Topic: Veterans Employment & Training (VETS)

Register Here:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/844612227635>

Guest Speaker: **Michelle Davis**,
Assistant State Director,
Veterans' Employment & Training Service,
U.S. Department of Labor

Join us every 2nd Thursday of the month at 1:30PM to learn about a new resource and network with other women veterans.

www.tvc.texas.gov 800-252-VETS (8387) tvcwomenvets@tvc.texas.gov



Register here for the Woman Veterans Monthly Virtual Networking:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/844612227635>

Veteran Dallas, TX Virtual Job Fair

Friday, Sep 16, 2022 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM (CDT) Online: Dallas, TX

<https://hirex.us/job-fairs/texas/dallas/165910350112227635>

Tee It Up for the Troops - North Texas

2nd annual Tee It Up for the Troops golf fundraising event at Brookhaven Country Club, Farmers Branch, TX. Register here

<https://allevents.in/farmers%20branch/tee-it-up-for-the-troops-north-texas/200022398852503>



Surviving Spouse Liaison
Debby Allbach

Please consider joining the Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter. By joining the virtual chapter you open a flood gate of information that is designed to increase your knowledge of earned benefits. Regardless if you join every virtual meeting or none this is an excellent pipeline to insure you maximize your federal benefits at no cost to you. The chapter is a great source of fellowship and information aimed specifically to support the welfare of military families. If interested in joining please contact Micki Costello: mssvc02@gmail.com.

At the September 20 noon central time meeting Admiral Ann Duff, Director of the Office of Survivors Assistance in the Department of Veterans Affairs will be the guest speaker. She will address the VA Benefit: Aide and Attendance, and answering your questions regarding the Aid and Attendance benefit. Learn about this benefit as it applies to home care and nursing homes. This is not a benefit through CHAMPVA or TriCare.

The November 15 noon central time meeting will host Stephen DeMari, a representative from Caption Call to provide an overview of Caption Call telephone. These phones are free of charge. This session will provide an opportunity to obtain a Caption Call Phone for those who struggle understanding speech on the phone.

Sep 10, 2022
Saltgrass Steakhouse
Lewisville

Nov 9, 2022
Dinner Meeting
Hilton Garden Inn
Lewisville



Dec 14, 2022
Christmas
Dinner @ Bisteca
Highland Village



Treasurer
Maj Dave Nelson, USAF Retired



Treasurer's Report

Greetings from the Finance Department. We find ourselves in the middle of a drought, record breaking heat, record-breaking inflation, rising interest rates and saber-rattling in the South China Sea. The good news is that we get to see each other over a great meal on Saturday, September 10, 2022. We had a very positive response at the last luncheon meeting so lets do that again. There hasn't been much activity on the treasurer's schedule over the summer. Speaking of that I must ask again that you help us by sending in your 2022 dues. Yes, I know, I get tired of asking too... Anyway along those lines and for those of you who want to dip your big toe into electronic banking, please read the following paragraphs concerning the free and secure Zelle service available at most banks. You can submit your dues, pay for your lunch or dinner reservations and the money is almost instantly deposited into the Chapter bank account. No fees. Just like writing a check, addressing an envelope and paying for a stamp except it is instant, no ink and no stamped envelope involved. The service is already available on your bank's website or you can download an app for your phone. Many of our members are using Zelle and many paid their dues and paid for their lunches this way. Our bank logs the transaction by your name so there is a clear trail to follow the transaction if a question comes up later. Anyway, I hope the following answers any questions you may have and if it doesn't, please email me directly and I will find you an answer. See you in September... (wasn't there a song... something about summer love... never mind).

I had to use my personal email to set up Zelle at our PNC bank. Sounds fishy doesn't it? Anyway, if you set this up with your bank and want to send a payment to our MOAA account, use my email, davenelson@tx.rr.com and the money will go directly into the chapter account. The following was taken from a bankrate.com article discussing the subject.

Here's what you should know about Zelle and how to use it to send payments.

What is Zelle?

Zelle is a P2P payment service, which allows users to send money to each other digitally. Over 1,000 banks and credit unions are partnered with Zelle, and for those that are, the service is automatically included with the institution's app.

Zelle works by linking to a U.S. checking or savings account and transferring money to another U.S. bank account. The payer and payee do not need to have accounts at the same financial institution, but they do both need to be enrolled with Zelle. Users send money through their bank's app or the Zelle app, and that money is automatically deposited into the recipient's bank account that they have linked to their Zelle account.

Find out if Payment transfers with Zelle generally happen within minutes and don't incur any fees. Note that Zelle does not work with business debit cards, credit cards, international accounts and gift cards.

Some banks may allow businesses to set up a Zelle business account, which can be used for merchant transactions. However, the bank may charge a small fee for businesses using Zelle, and consumers must be enrolled in the service to make payments.

Who owns Zelle?

Zelle is owned by Early Warning Services, a fintech company that develops payment and risk management solutions.

The fintech is in turn owned by seven of the largest U.S. banks:

- Bank of America
- Capital One
- JPMorgan Chase
- PNC Bank
- Truist
- U.S. Bank
- Wells Fargo

Which banks use Zelle?

The banks that own Zelle aren't the only ones that use it, however. There are over 1,000 banks and credit unions partnered with Zelle to provide the payment service to their customers. If your bank is one of them, then Zelle will already be included with the bank's app.

Some popular banks that use Zelle are:

- Ally Bank
- Citizens Bank
- Discover Bank
- Fifth Third Bank
- TIAA Bank

Some popular credit unions with Zelle are:

- Bethpage Federal Credit Union
- Quorum Federal Credit Union
- SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union
- Star One Credit Union
- VyStar Credit Union

You can determine if your financial institution uses Zelle by searching its online database. Even if your institution is not on the list, it's still possible to use Zelle by downloading the Zelle app separately and linking it to a bank account.

Is Zelle safe?

Zelle is considered a safe option for sending and receiving money. You won't have to worry about money getting lost or stolen in the mail, bypassing the risk that comes with sending cash or checks.

Zelle transfers, like other P2P payment services, are protected by data encryption. If the service is used through a bank app, there's also the added protection of multi-factor authentication and alerts for suspicious activity that the bank's app may provide.

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Green Valley Chapter ▶ DESERT DUSTER NEWSLETTER ▶ September 2022 Issue



Our Chapter said farewell to longtime member **Lieutenant Colonel Richard H. Johnston**, U.S. Army (Retired), who died on July 19, 2022 at the age of 86.

Born in Monet, Missouri, Dick attended the University of Missouri where he majored in Theater/Radio/TV production. Dick earned his commission through the ROTC program. He was class president, commander of the ROTC drill team, president of the University Singers, and member of Acacia Fraternity.

Through his love of musical theatre he met his wife, Patsy Jo Needham. After graduation, Richard joined the U.S. Army and the two started their life together in Fort Sill, OK. He began his career as an Artillery Officer and then transferred to Military Intelligence after an assignment on the East/West Germany border.

After his Army retirement, Dick joined Martin Marietta Astronautics in Denver. After 15 years there, he and Patsy moved to Colony, TX where he worked for FEMA in a Disaster Assistance role. His final retirement was in 2005. He immediately joined the North Dallas MOAA Chapter where he served as 1st Vice President and later President.

Dick and Patsy were snowbirds who divided their time between Green Valley and Gleneagle, CO. He died just shy of their 63rd wedding anniversary. While in Green Valley, he sang tenor in the Valley Presbyterian Church choir. A memorial service is planned for October 5 in Hugo, Oklahoma.





CHAPLAIN
COL Paul Vicalvi, USA (RET)



A note from the Chaplain (Colonel) Paul Vicalvi, U.S. Army, Retired

NASA is about to launch a rocket to explore 16 Psyche, an asteroid that orbits between Mars and Jupiter. This asteroid is estimated to be worth trillions and trillions of dollars because of the gold, iron, nickel, platinum and other precious metals that make up this valuable rock. I am sure that in time people will want to mine these valuable resources that seem beyond our comprehension.

Right now within our reach everyday are precious resources—that is relationships with family, friends and neighbors. I often hear of family members who haven't spoken to each other in years for whatever reason. I once talked with a young man whose parents hadn't spoken to each other in over 20 years. They couldn't even remember what they were mad about. Silly, you might say, but do we take the time to speak to, to listen to, to truly communicate with those around us? We live in a busy time, with lots of noise all around us and I talk with many, many lonely people, who are lonely despite being surrounded by crowds of other human beings. Connecting with others seems too difficult or fearsome it seems. Relationships take time, they take effort but when they are "mined" they offer rich treasures.

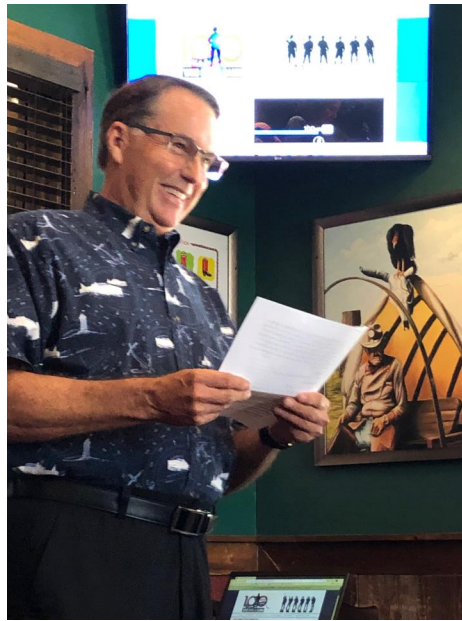
You and I are created for relationship—with our Creator and with each other. Who do you need to establish or re-establish communication with? Your Creator, your spouse, your children, a neighbor, a friend? Life is fleeting—take the time, make the effort, open the precious channels of love. It will bear great reward.

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RESERVATION FORM -- NLT 7 SEP 2022

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FOR EMERGENCIES & LAST MINUTE :

E-MAIL TO: davenelson@tx.rr.com

CALL: Dave Nelson, Maj, USAF (Ret), 972-740-8449

Saturday 10 SEP, 2022 @1130A
Saltgrass Steakhouse, Lewisville
801 HWY 121 Lewisville, TX 75067

NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

****CASH BAR****

Plated Luncheon Service

Price \$32/pp (inclusive) —

Entrées:

- 8 oz. Sirloin & Shrimp** # Guests _____
- Grilled Salmon** # Guests _____
- Baby Back Ribs & Shrimps** # Guests _____
- Chicken Laredo**..... # Guests _____

Wait Staff will take your Order soon after your arrival. Please be ready.

RESERVATION With Payment By Wednesday, 7 SEP, 2022.

CANCELLATION With Refund by 1700 hours Wednesday 7 SEP 2022.

Reservations may be made by Email, however, if you make a reservation and fail to cancel by Wednesday 7 SEP, 2022 prior to the meeting, you will be charged the full amount.

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