A Message from your President

COL FOREST LUCY

Fellow members:

If you have not seen it before, you get to see it here now. I consider this important enough an issue to be the majority of my message to you during September. National MOAA is asking all our national members to write the President, Vice President, Secretary of Defense, our Senators, our Representatives, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff regarding the review that is going on right now to cut the national deficit. I quote below the general letter suggested by MOAA to be sent to our political leaders. Please do so as soon as possible in your own words. If you receive email from MOAA, you have already seen this proposed letter.

QUOTE

I'm writing to urge you to ensure ongoing deficit-reduction efforts as a result of the "debt deal" don't undermine core career retention incentives such as military retirement and health care that are essential to sustain a top-quality all-volunteer force.

The last decade of war has only reconfirmed the extraordinary demands and sacrifices imposed on those who serve a career in uniform. Retention already will be at risk when the economy recovers and unemployment returns to more normal levels.

The retirement and health care package is the primary reason retention has been sustained through these difficult times. Civilianizing the military benefit package simply will not work, because military service conditions can never be civilianized. In 1986, Congress enacted much more modest changes than are being considered now, and those had to be repealed a decade later after they hurt retention and readiness.

Please ensure ongoing deficit reduction initiatives don't undermine long-term national security by devastating these vital incentives for career military service.

Sincerely,

Sign Your Name

END QUOTE

Major Upcoming events at LSOC monthly dinner meetings

October 19th: ROTC scholarship annual fund drive

November 23rd: Election of Officers for 2012, Vote on changes to LSOC Bylaws.

December 21st: Annual Christmas Party with entertainment funded by three members of the LSOC Board. You owe them a debt of gratitude – Bob Cooper, Mo Simmons, and Angelo Spelios.

Forest
CHAPLAIN’S CORNER
COL KIT CARSON

How necessary is prayer in Christian life? Actually, we pray in response to God's call for us to be in relationship with Him. Prayer is at once an act of humility and an act of triumph. In prayer, we affirm God’s love and freedom for us to be in a grace-filled relationship with Him.

IN MEMORIAM

Ouida Maxwell, wife of LTC James E. (Max) Maxwell USAF (Ret.) passed away on August 15, 2011. Ouida was born in 1922, in Houston and later moved to Weatherford and then to Mineral Wells. She met her husband while they were working on the school annual at Mineral Wells High School. Ouida attended Tarleton State College but left to work and to marry her husband in 1941. Max enlisted in the Army Air Corps after Pearl Harbor and later was sent to England with the 8th Air Force. A few years after the war, Max went back into the service and they were stationed at numerous bases before retirement and their return to Weatherford. They both were involved with many churches wherever they were stationed and were members of First Baptist Church of Weatherford for many years. Ouida was an auxiliary member of Gideons International Ministry. She and Max celebrated both their birthdays and their 70th wedding anniversary before her death. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her son James Earl Maxwell Jr. and wife, Susan, and daughter Patijean Cates and husband, Richard; grandchildren Anne Maxwell Cates and James Tyler Cates and other relatives. Our deepest sympathy to Max and his family.

LTC Aldworth Richard (Dick) Brown, USAF (Ret.) passed away on August 1, 2011. Dick was born in 1921, in Houston and served 27 years in the Air Force and Army, seeing service in the second World War on both the European and Pacific fronts. After retirement in 1967 he moved to Fort Worth in 1968 and became a technical writer in radar design for General Dynamics, retiring from that company in 1987. Dick was involved in the local community and served as president of the Lone Star Officers Club in 1973 and again in 1991. He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley and two sons, Aldworth Jr. and John Robert Brown. He is survived by sons William and wife Jill, David and wife Shelly, and several grandchildren. Our deepest sympathy to the Brown family.

Mary Lou Folio, wife of LTC Russell J. Folio USAF (Ret.) passed away on August 24, 2011. Mary Lou was born in Boston Mass. She was a member of the Cowtown Coaches and VIP bowling Leagues. Mary Lou is survived by her husband, Russell, brother Paul Burd of Maine, numerous nieces and nephews and many loving friends. Our deepest sympathy to Russell and the family.

NEW MEMBERS AND MEMBER INFORMATION

New Member:
LTC James G. Davidson, USMC
5012 CR 805
Joshua TX 76058
Wife Deborah
817-565-9185

New address:
MAJ William Young USAF
2423 Oakwood Terrace
Haltom City TX 76117

New address:
Mrs. Ruth Bagstad
Dick Deatrick
5335 Premier Ct.
Fort Worth TX 76132
817-346-7211
PERSONAL AFFAIRS  Col Forest Lucy, USMC (Ret)

At the August meeting of LSOC, we were again fortunate enough to have presenting our annual program focusing on Personal Affairs - Bill Baker, the Site Manager of the Fleet & Family Support Center, NAS JRB, Fort Worth and his assistant for Retiree Matters, Ora Millard. They had several handouts that were provided for LSOC members to assist us in preparing for survivorship as well as other guides and checklists. I will bring remaining copies of the handouts to our monthly meetings until they run out. Here is what’s left.

Texas Veterans Landboard, brochure on Programs and Benefits

Tarrant County Veterans Service Office, brochure on Widow’s Benefits

Tarrant County Veterans Service Office, brochure on Veteran’s Benefits “Service Connected Disability Compensation”

Your Family Records Organizer – a CD prepared by Kiplinger’s Personal Finance for you on your personal computer to help you track cash assets, contact information, emergency instructions, funeral arrangements, insurance policies, investments, legal information, etc. It also includes the U. S. government’s recommended contents for your Emergency Preparadness Kit.

One of the things mentioned during Bill’s presentation was a contact procedure to identify where you can get military ID cards issues throughout the United States. I checked it and found that if you use the web site they recommend you can learn of 13 locations in Texas where you can get military IDs and schedule an appointment to get an ID. NAS JRB Fort Worth is one of the 13 offices listed.

The web site is:  http://appointments.cac.navy.mil

If you wish to use a telephone rather than a personal computer, here is the contact information for scheduling an appointment.

NAS JRB Fort Worth
ID Card Office
Fort Worth, TX 76127
Office:  817-782-5244
Fax:  817-782-3950

Lone Star Officers Club Personal Affairs Coordinator:
Colonel Forest Lucy, USMC (Retired)
Mailing Address:  2033 Saint Pierre Drive, Carrollton, TX 75006-4342
Cell Phone:  214-695-9981     Email Address:  flucy@verizon.net
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS  MAJ RON PARAMORE, USA RANGER, RET.

ACTIONS BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

1. A 12 member “Super Committee” was created in Congress last month. That committee has been charged with finding $1.5 trillion in deficit reduction over the next 10 years before the debt ceiling can be raised again. The Super Committee creates some frightening possibilities:
   a. The Super Committee’s conclusions have the power to act for the full Congress. Therefore, its conclusions will be put on a fast track for approval without any opportunity for our elected officials to amend or reverse.
   b. The Super Committee must use an “up or down” vote. In other words, it will only require 7 members of the Super Committee to pass the action.
   c. Those procedures will tie the hands of our Senators and Representatives (Unless they happen to one of the “Chosen Twelve” members).

2. Congress is considering cutting the amount of military retirement pay and requiring an age date that will delay beginning the payment of funds until 59, 60, or 65 years old. This will not encourage reenlistment.

3. The VA has proposed to allow the VA presumption of Gulf War Illness to expire on December 11, 2011. However, researchers still haven’t determined exactly what caused the illness of thousands of Desert Storm Vets. We need to contact our folks in congress and tell them not to let the Presumption of Gulf War Connection expire. Title 38, CFR Section 3.317 needs to be repealed by an amendment that is sure to be passed.

4. Prevent Tri-Care Co-Pay increases by contacting your Senator. Otherwise, the Pentagon will have a clear path to increase Tri-Care fees 13% starting November 1, 2011.

ACTIONS BY THE STATE OF TEXAS

1. Soon a new driver’s license will be available for Veterans. House Bill 1514 was signed by Gov. Perry and is now law. It requires the TX DPS to include the designation “VETERAN” on drivers’ licenses of TX VETS who request the change and provide proof of service and an Honorable Discharge! A copy of DD214 Form will meet those requirements. It has not been determined when this will be implemented.

2. The upgraded Veteran Drivers License was authorized in response to requests by Veterans for an easy way to verify proof of Military Service to organizations and businesses that provide benefits and special service to Veterans.

INFO TO HELP YOU MONITOR LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

BACKGROUND: A good indication on the likelihood of a bill being forwarded to the House or Senate for passage and subsequently being signed into law is the number of sponsors who have signed onto the Bill. An alternative way for it to become law is for it to be added as an addendum to another Bill, and survive the conference committee assigned to iron out the differences between the House and Senate versions.

You can get a great deal of detailed information at:

a. http://thomas.loc.gov You can review a copy of each Bill’s text, determine its status and number of sponsors, who your representatives are and how to contact them.

b. http://homas.loc.gov/bss/d111/sponlst.html You can separately determine what bills or amendments your representative has sponsored, co-sponsored or dropped.
STILL SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR LSOC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS 2012

Fellow members: as we move into the month of September, sadly, we still lack volunteers to step up as candidates to serve as officers and board members to manage our Chapter in 2012. Our present concern is finding candidates for President, Second Vice President and possibly several appointed board positions. If you are unsure about volunteering, why not accept the invitation of our current President, COL Forest Lucy USMC, and attend the next monthly board meeting or contact any of our current or past leadership for information. Be assured that any questions or concerns you might have will be answered to your satisfaction. A reminder for our new members out there, now would be an excellent time for you to become a candidate and bring your own management style. The Chapter can always use fresh ideas to improve operations and meet our MOAA/LSOC objectives and goals.

Chapter elections will be conducted at the general meeting on November 16, 2011, so get involved now.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate, contact Search/Nominating Committee members:

MAJ Norman Knofs USA at 817.236.7294, e-mail: nkspud45@att.net,
CWO Gene Posey USA 817.465.3805, e-mail: gp4137@tx.rr.com.

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MEMBERSHIP NOTES  LTC PHIL NEWSOM

After many months of trying to get our membership roster current, we now seem to have a good handle on our members who have paid their 2011 dues. If you are receiving this newsletter, you’ve paid your dues through the end of 2011. As stated in our bylaws, annual dues become due in January of each year and must be paid by March 31 of that year. Anyone who has not paid by May 15 of that year will be dropped from the rolls. We will remind you next year through Parade, and make personal contact with anyone who has not paid by April Fools Day! For your information, we now have 231 members.

The bylaws also require that members of the Lone Star Officers Club Chapter be members of MOAA. We have asked MOAA to review our roster to determine if we have any members on our rolls who are not currently members of MOAA. After their review, we will contact anyone who is no longer a MOAA member. The best way to determine if you are a member of MOAA is to receive their monthly magazine, The Officer. If you do not receive it, you are not a member and need to join. To join MOAA, do one of the following:
- Go to their web site, www.moaa.org, and look for “Join MOAA.”
- E-mail them at msc@moaa.org and let them know that you want to renew your membership.
- Call them at 1-800-234-6622 or 703-549-2311
- Contact me and I’ll send you an application form.

MOAA membership is currently $34.00/year for regular members and $31.00/year for auxiliary members. Also, you should consider a Life Membership. The amount varies with age, but you don’t have to worry about renewing your MOAA membership every year, and the membership transfers to the surviving spouse of the military officer upon his/her death. Any of the above can tell you the current amount to become a Life Member, based on your age.

Think about it!

Phil Newsom
Lt. Col., USAF (Ret)
Secretary/Membership Chair
832-289-0224/pnewsom@sbcglobal.net

PICTURES FROM OUR AUGUST MEETING  (MORE ON BACK PAGE)

MANY THANKS TO OUR EXCELLENT CLUB PHOTOGRAPHER: CAPT JIM LUCAS
CHAPTER HAPPENINGS       Mo Simmons

Ed Chandler spent three weeks in Maryland visiting his family and attending the weddings of two grandsons.

Dick and Ann George celebrated their third wedding anniversary and the birth of their 13th great-grandchild. The baby’s name is Charles Joshua Connor. The proud father is an Air Force Academy graduate and a Lieutenant Colonel.

Forest and Shirlene Lucy celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary with a trip to San Angelo. They were married in Dallas July 28, 1962. Congratulations!

Lorraine Moody happily celebrated another birthday. She is a 13-year breast cancer survivor!

Georgia Roberson attended her first meeting with her husband, Kelly.

Charlie Lockhart was hospitalized for a few days after a fall at home.

Ken Brower’s son and daughter-in-law visited from Yukon, OK.

Charles Lew will appear in the production of the Sound of Music at Christ Chapel Bible Church, September 15, 16, 17,22, 23, and 24, at 7:30 p.m. and a Saturday Matinee at 1:00 p.m. Call the church for free tickets at 817-731-4329.

Tom and Ruth Kemp attempted to escape the Texas heat with a 6 week motor home trip. They visited the Black Hills of South Dakota. Tom took Ruth to Galena, IL, to visit family and friends while he went to Canada to fish for Walleye. He drove 7 hours north into Canada looking for cooler weather which turned out to be a record-setting 95-degrees. Ruth celebrated her birthday in July and Tom’s birthday in August. They were married August 22, 1964, in Menominee, IL. Congratulations!

Wanda Allen, Vickie Keehr, and Mo Simmons have been sick with the “Texas Crud!”

Raffle winner at the August meeting was Bob Cooper.

Door prize winners were Ruth Kemp, Bob Cooper, Tom Kemp, and Lorraine Moody.

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CLUB CALENDAR

Sept. 21: Chapter Meeting
Ridglea Country Club
6:00 social hour
6:45 dinner

Sept. 28: Board Meeting
11:00 a.m. Tarleton State University
6777 Camp Bowie Blvd. Room 420
In the Hickman Company Building

Oct. 19: Chapter Meeting
Ridglea Country Club
6:00 social hour
6:45 dinner

Oct 26: Board Meeting
11:00 a.m. Tarleton State University
6777 Camp Bowie Blvd. Room 420
In the Hickman Company Building

GUEST SPEAKER FOR SEPTEMBER

Our guest speaker at the September dinner meeting will be State Senator Brian Birdwell from District 22. Senator Birdwell is a retired Lt. Col, USA. He is a native of Ft. Worth and resides in Granbury. Senator Birdwell was in the Pentagon on September 11, 2001 when American Airlines Flight 77 crashed just yards away from his office. He suffered severe burns and injuries. After 39 operations he has made a miraculous recovery. He and his wife have since launched Face the Fire Ministries, a non profit organization that supports critical burn survivors and wounded servicemen and women and their families. Senator Birdwell serves as vice-chairman of the Higher Education committee, as well as serving as a member of the Economic Development, Government Organization and Veteran’s Affairs committees.

Remember! September 21st!

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SEPTEMBER 2011 MEETING AND RESERVATION INFORMATION

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My check is enclosed for $________ Signed _____________________

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Chapter Meeting. Wednesday, September 21st at Ridglea Country Club
Social Hour: 6:00 p.m. – Dinner: 6:45 p.m. Dress: Business Casual

Program: State Senator LTC Brian Birdwell USA on his experiences at the Pentagon on 9/11/2001

Menu: Coconut Curried Chicken or Balsamic Roasted Pork Loin and Italian Cream Cake

Reservations: Deadline for placing or canceling reservations will be end of day, Sunday, September 18. Any cancellations after this date must be paid for. By mail: send above reservation form with check MADE OUT TO LONE STAR OFFICERS CLUB OR LSOC to Club P. O. Box to arrive no later than deadline. If mailing, please allow sufficient time for slow delivery. No reservations will be accepted after September 18. Anyone attending without a reservation will not be able to have dinner. By phone: Mrs. Kayren Harter 817-346-8787. E-mail: kayrenharter@yahoo.com
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