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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Chapter continues to receive your support! Captain Shelley Marshall, USN, Retired, MOAA Scholarship Fund Development Officer, Guest Speaker at our February 14 Luncheon this year, has notified us that a \$6,805.00 balance remains on the initial goal of \$25,000.00 to completely fund our chapter designated scholarship in perpetuity. So, your Board sent \$3,405 from our Treasury to bring the amount down to \$3,400.00 to secure the out reach to our military youth in El Paso...the Colonel Joseph C. Rodriguez, Medal of Honor, Scholarship, remains in the Fort Bliss Area and is awarded annually.

Again, we need only Thirty-four Hundred Dollars to fully fund our designated scholarship... that's thirty four individuals opening up their hearts and pocket books for our future, our youth. So remember, the MOAA Scholarship Fund is a non-profit, charitable organization, incorporated in Virginia and declared tax-exempt by the Internal Revenue Service under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Help us fund the scholarship this year...draw checks payable to "MOAA Scholarship Fund"; and, mark them on the memo line with "Rodriguez/El Paso Chapter 501 (c) (3)"...mail your charitable donation to: The Scholarship Fund, MOAA, PO Box 34889, Alexandria, VA 22334-0889.

Our thanks are to our June 13 Luncheon Speaker State Representative Joe Pickett. It is always good to hear how we govern ourselves...as chaotic as it appears, our process surely is better than an active revolution. Incidentally, State Representatives are paid \$600, gross, a month, and spend around \$40,000 to conduct an uncontested election campaign...over \$100,000 for a hotly contested election...and, must serve 4x terms, eight years, to retire – seems brutal punishment for conducting our business. By the way, most serve a little over five years and do not receive retirement pay. Thank you, Joe, and all of the rest of you who serve, for all your hard work for the Fort Bliss – El Paso Area.

Those with rated military disabilities have a special note on enactment of recent changes in the law with regards to property tax exemptions, especially those with 100% disabilities – there are new requirements as fully disabled must reapply immediately on a new form. The abbreviated details with further references begin on page one of the insert under the title "New Property Tax Exemption Law per Texas Council of Chapters (TCC)."

This issue features 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command and 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade in our center fold. Air and Missile Defense units are spread world wide with a variety of missions some of which are actively engaged in hot spots. The two pieces are a credit to our publication. We thank all active units from Fort Bliss who contribute.

Legislatively, MOAA is making great strides. Read our award winning Legislative Column written by John McKinney; and, check out the Editor's Tip Sheet on how we fared in the Texas 81st Legislative Session.

We are looking to fill next year's slate of Board Members and Officers. Colonel Edward P. Manning, Garrison Commander, has agreed to be El Paso Chapter President for 2010. His acceptance of the office is a start. There is a need to remain young and vibrant as a chapter; so, let's get busy and fill our positions...please, contact CWO Emiliano Gorgas, Secretary, about where one can best serve.

The Texas Council of Chapters provided 21 sets of Gold Bars for newly commissioned UTEP ROTC Second Lieutenants during their recent commissioning ceremony. MOAA is very active in ROTC and JROTC programs. Colonel Lennie Enzel represented the Chapter during the ceremony. LTC Raphael Garcia is deeply involved in JROTC for our chapter. We gave out numerous end of the year awards. Thanks to all who participated. Some are pictured in our insert.

Our next luncheon is August 8 at the Officer's Club. Our speaker is Colonel James M. Baunchalk, Commander, William Beaumont Army Medical Center. We are honored to have have him inform us. We hope to see you at the luncheon...last one at the Fort Bliss Officers Club.

Come to the reception for NAUS President MG Bill Matz, the RAD Speaker, on 9/25 - reservation form at insert.

Please, keep in mind that beginning in October we'll be meeting at The Centennial Club at Biggs Army Air Field.




BG Morgan Jellett presents Guest Speaker State Representative Joe Pickett with a Certificate of Appreciation for his June 13 Luncheon presentation



COL James M. Baunchalk received his Bachelor of Science in chemistry from High Point University and Doctor of Medicine from the Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest University (82). He entered active service in 1982, completing an internal medicine residency at Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center (85), a fellowship in rheumatology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center

August 8 Luncheon Guest Speaker Colonel Baunchalk Commander of William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso, Texas.

(88), and a second residency in dermatology at Brooke Army Medical Center (93). He completed board certification in internal medicine (85), rheumatology (88) and dermatology (93).

Previous assignments include: Chief, Department of Medicine and Primary Care, Ireland Army Hospital, Ft Knox, KY; Chief, Dermatology Service, Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Ft. Gordon, Ga.; Deputy Commander for Clinical Services, Reynolds Army Hospital, Ft Sill, OK; Medical Director and Executive Director, Office of the Lead Agent, TRICARE Regions 3 and 15; Commander, Moncrief Army Community Hospital, Ft Jackson, SC, and Deputy Commander for Clinical Services Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Ft Gordon, Ga. COL Baunchalk is a fellow of the American

Academy of Dermatology.

COL Baunchalk's military education includes the AMEDD Officer Basic Course, AMEDD Officer Advance Course, and Command and General Staff College. His military awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, and Army Service Ribbon. COL Baunchalk was inducted into the Order of Military Medical Merit in 1996.

He is married to the former Rosemary Giandoni, and they have two children: JulieAnne and James Norman.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING PROGRAM

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August Luncheon Menu

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Left to right: Christine Versaw, Irene Hendley (Center), and Kathe Gegan at the June 13 Luncheon



MG Ed Greer and COL Lennie Enzel exchange pleasantries at the 6/13 Luncheon

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8 August	Luncheon, Fox Room, The Officers Club
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7 October	Board Meeting, The Centennial Club
10 October	Luncheon, The Centennial Club, Biggs Army Air Field, Schuhplatterers, German Regional Dances...
4 November	Board Meeting, The Centennial Club
2 December	Board Meeting, The Centennial Club
12 December	Luncheon, The Centennial Club, Biggs Army Air Field, Historian Leon Metz, a Chapter member

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32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command — by 32nd AAMDC Public Affairs Office



The 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command traces its roots in the Army's history all the way back to

World War I.

The Headquarter and Headquarters Company, 32nd Artillery Brigade, the great-great grandfather of the 32nd AAMDC, was activated and shipped to France to fight the Central Power as a member of the American Expeditionary Force. After performing honorably in WWI, the unit was demobilized at Camp Hill, Va., in January 1919.

Nearly 90 years later, the 32nd AAMDC has four air defense artillery brigades, and nearly 9,000 Soldiers, fully capable of deploying rapidly to conduct joint, as well as combined-coalition, air and missile defense operations against enemy forces anywhere around the world.

These brigades are located on four different installations in the continental U.S.: they are the 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade located here; the 31st Air Defense

Artillery Brigade located on Fort Sill, Okla.; the 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade located on Fort Hood, Texas; and the 108th Air Defense Artillery Brigade located on Fort Bragg, N.C.

Even though the 32nd AAMDC was officially activated on Fort Bliss in 1998, the lineage between this command and El Paso, Texas, can be traced all the way back to World War II. These air defenders, then called the 32nd Artillery Brigade, Coast Artillery Corp, were called upon to fight against Japanese forces in the Pacific.

During a campaign in the Philippines, they were credited with shooting down 249 Japanese planes, the destruction of 111 Japanese planes, and damaging nearly 130 additional aircraft. In addition to WWII, traces of the 32nd AAMDC have also participated in the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Likewise today, the 32nd AAMDC has units currently deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation

Iraqi Freedom.

"Like nearly all of the units on Fort Bliss, we have Soldiers deployed to Iraq and/or Afghanistan," said Brig. Gen. Robert Woods, the commanding general of 32nd AAMDC. "But we also have units that are deployed to other locations throughout the U.S. Central Command. Every one of our battalions is either deployed, just returned from a deployment, or is preparing to deploy."

These Soldiers deploy with a hard-hitting arsenal comprised of a variety of high-tech, and deadly accurate, ballistic missile systems designed to engage enemy aircraft, vehicles and missiles. Those systems include the Patriot missile system; the Theater High Altitude Air Defense missile system, or THAAD; the Counter Rocket, Artillery and Mortar system, or C-RAM, the Surface-Launched Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile system, or SLAMRAM; the Avenger Low-Level Air Defense system; and the Man-Portable Air Defense system, or MANPAD.

There are four battalions of Patriot missile systems assigned to Fort Bliss, which is more than any other installation in the U.S., said Col. Joseph DeAntona, the commanding officer of 11th ADA Bde.

"We are conducting a variety of missions right now, both air defense missions as well as some non-standard missions," said Woods. "We have Patriot forces deployed, we are conducting C-RAM operations, and we are also conducting a detainee holding area operation, as well as many smaller detachments working some very specific missions within the CENTCOM AOR."



Patriot – A Patriot missile system crew, assigned to 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command, test fires a missile.

“The Sun Never Sets on the 11th ADA ‘Imperial’ Brigade” by Capt. Tamara Gonzales, 11th ADA BDE PAO

The 11th Air Defense Artillery “Imperial” Brigade is the largest air defense brigade in the U.S. Army. Today, the brigade consists of a Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1-43, 2-43, 3-43 and 5-52 Air Defense Artillery Battalions, 286th Signal Company, A/4 Terminal High Altitude Area Defense Battery, and 3rd Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery, also referred to as Task Force Counter-Rocket, Artillery and Mortar.

The brigade’s Patriot missile batteries were among the first units to deploy to Southwest Asia during Operation Desert Storm with the Hawk, Vulcan and Stinger batteries providing critical air defense for maneuver forces. The Patriot battalions recorded the first successful interceptions of hostile tactical ballistic missiles in the history of warfare.

All of the American Patriot missile units that fought in Desert Storm were drawn from the 11th ADA Bde. and from several similar brigades of U.S. Army, Europe’s 32nd Army Air Defense Command. During Operation Desert Storm, 11th ADA Bde. provided theater Tactical Ballistic Missile defense with 12 Patriot missile batteries from 1st Bn., 7th ADA; 2nd Bn., 7th ADA; 2nd Bn., 43rd ADA, and 3rd Bn., 43 ADA.

The brigade was the primary, higher-level air defense unit during Desert Shield and Desert Storm providing 24-hour support to Patriot missile batteries, Hawk missile platoons and Stinger missile teams located throughout the theater of operations.

The brigade’s Patriot batteries made history the night of January 18, 1991, when A Battery, 2nd Bn., 7th ADA, protecting forces in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, recorded the first intercept of a ballistic missile in combat.

The brigade was the only unit to simultaneously deploy two Patriot missile battalions to two different theaters of operation, 2nd Bn., 7th ADA to Korea and 3rd Bn., 43rd ADA to Southwest Asia, March 1994.

The 1st Bn., 43rd ADA deployed to Korea as 2nd Bn., 7th ADA returned, providing Korea, for the first time in history, a permanent basing of the Patriot missile system.

The 3rd Bn., 43rd ADA performed two short notice deployments of Minimum Engagement Packages in support of an Air Force Expeditionary Wing, February 1998 to January 1999, and deployed without notice to Southwest Asia during operations Desert Thunder I, II and Desert Fox.

From November 2002 to June 2003, the brigade deployed again to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom. The brigade was the only coalition air defense artillery brigade during OIF1 that commanded U.S. forces, 2nd Bn., 1st ADA, and Kuwaiti forces, 46th Bn., Patriot missile units in Kuwait, destroying eight inbound Iraqi Ballistic Missiles.

The brigade recently established two new units, A/4 THAAD Btry. and 3rd Bn., 3rd ADA THAAD strategically deploys to conduct missile defense in support of geographic combatant commander’s priorities. The 3rd Bn., 3rd ADA was activated October 2008, and combines the Army’s sense-and-warn capabilities with the Navy’s Phalanx system, maintained and operated by US Navy Sailors.

The brigade’s most recent deployment, from December 2007 to April 2009, included 2nd Bn., 43rd ADA’s deployment across three countries throughout CENTCOM. Members of the brigade’s HHB deployed to CENTCOM in October 2008 providing command and battle staff functions for the commander of USARCENT and the Combined Forces Air Component Commander. The 1st Bn., 43rd ADA and 5th Bn., 52nd ADA deployed to the CENTCOM theater of operations with 1st Bn., 43rd ADA relieving 2nd Bn., 43rd ADA.

In addition to deploying combat forces to the CENTCOM area of responsibility, the brigade is the air defense artillery branch and FORSCOM’s test battalion for upgrades and future systems such as the Surface-Launched Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile, or SLAAMRAM, and THAAD.

The 3rd Bn., 43rd ADA is on the cutting edge of Patriot technological advancement with software upgrades for fire direction and control while 286th Signal Co. recently upgraded its communication equipment.

Overall the brigade is ready for any mission that comes its way, whether it be deployments in support of United States allies, equipment developments or the development of new units.



Scope: Sgt. Claude Blereau, a medic with E Battery, 2nd Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery, takes a look around through a night vision scope mounted to his 240B crew-served weapon during a mounted patrol around Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, Feb. 17. (Photo by Sgt. Alexander Burnett)



11th ADA Desert Storm: Operation Desert Storm Soldiers prepare to defend their fight position from enemy combatants with the help of a M60 machine gun. (Courtesy Photo)

Personal Affairs

Published by Colonel Curtis Sheldon, USAF at 11:57 pm on February 2, 2009, under General Financial Planning

"Good Insurance"

Back when I was a lieutenant (slightly after the earth cooled), there was another lieutenant in my squadron talking about the "good" insurance that he had for his car. I think his name was Joe Bagadonuts. Anyway, Joe was pretty sure he had really "good" insurance for his car because his deductible was only \$50. Unfortunately Joe didn't realize (and I wasn't smart enough to point it out either) that the deductible doesn't define "good" insurance. What Joe needed to do, was remember why we insure things to begin with.

Insurance is best used to cover for losses that would be catastrophic in nature and relatively unlikely to occur. So, while Joe most likely needed insurance to cover the "catastrophic" loss from an accident, he might not have needed a \$50 deductible. Perhaps Joe could have covered the first \$500 or \$1,000 dollars of a loss. Joe most likely could have saved quite a bit on his insurance premiums if he had carried a higher deductible. Yes, it would have hurt if he had been in an accident with a policy with the higher deductible, but he wouldn't have been wiped out financially.

So, what can we learn from Joe? Take a look at your insurance policies...especially your homeowner's and auto policies. If you are carrying very low deductibles you might want to consider increasing the deductibles to save some money on your insurance bill to around \$1,000 or more if you can (one note of warning...the

holder of your auto loan or mortgage may require a certain deductible).

What should you do with your savings from the reduced premiums? Well, first see if you might have an exposure to an event that is relatively unlikely to occur, but the results would be catastrophic. A lot of Americans have insufficient liability insurance. You should take a look at your auto and homeowner's policy liability coverage. If your auto is less than 100k/300k you need to think about increasing that. If your homeowner's policy has a liability limit of less than \$100,000 you need to look at that too. If you have both of those limits in place, it is time to consider an umbrella liability policy for probably \$1M-\$2M. Just imagine, you have an auto accident or an accident at your home that involves a death. You could be looking at a \$1M plus wrongful death lawsuit. If you don't have the insurance to cover it your savings, potentially your home and even your future earnings are at risk. Granted, an unlikely scenario but with those catastrophic results, it is exactly what you should be thinking when you think of "good" insurance.

If you're fortunate enough to have proper liability coverage in place look at your emergency fund and make sure you can cover the increased deductible. If you've got that covered too, then enjoy the money or set it aside for another goal...like your retirement or a vacation.

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MG Bill Riley - Membership Director



The Texas Council of Chapters (TCC) came away from the Texas 81st Session with legislation on the books important to all segments, Guard-Regular- Reserve, Active and Retired. You may read about those hard earned wins elsewhere in this issue.


It takes a concerted effort on the part of us all to earn achievements for each of these segments. Taking care of yourself is the best reason for being a member of both MOAA national and the El Paso Chapter.

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The 81st Biennial session of the Texas state legislature closed on June 1, 2009. With over 7,000 bills introduced for the session many were consolidated, some were acted on and others went with no action being taken. This was to be the session with education and veterans receiving high priority. The Senate seemed to attend to business

and acted on the legislation brought before it; the House got caught up in partisan politics and a new Speaker who apparently opted not to maintain tight control, thus action here was weak. Several bills passed and signed into law by the governor may be of interest to chapter members: 1) A 100 percent ad valorem homestead property tax exemption for veterans meeting 2 criteria, these being that the veteran is receiving VA service-connected disability payment at the 100 percent rate and is rated 100 percent disabled or individually unemployable. The bill is effective September 1, 2009 and anyone meeting the criteria for the tax exemption must file with the tax appraisal office even if filing was done previously. Late filing will delay the tax exemption being applied to the property tax; 2) A bill to establish a lottery scratch off to help finance the state Fund for Veterans Assistance (FVA), a fund established in an earlier legislative session but not financed which is to be managed by the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC). The intent of the legislation was for it to be effective in 2010 but the governor has opted to work with the lottery commission to introduce it for Veterans' Day, 2009. Information on the fund may be found on the TVC web site; and, 3) To further help provide financial support for the FVA future vehicle registration documents will include a block which may be checked with an amount noted that will go into the FVA. The FVA can be used for many aspects of support for veterans and their families from research to help with rent and utility bills.

On the federal level, on June 25 the House passed it's version of the 2010 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) (note, this is not the appropriation of funds but the guidance on how appropriations are to be spent). The bill does not address Tricare fee increases, the concurrent receipt issue of losing military retired pay in the same amount as a retiree is receiving VA service-connected disability pay or the DIC/SBP offset. Of interest is that the House Military Personnel Subcommittee Chair stated, "Thankfully, this year the subcommittee did not have to deal with the dramatic increases in Tricare fees..... We could have included a prohibition on fees this year but it would have created a false sense of security that prohibitions on health care fees would continue in the future." You must draw your own conclusions on the intent of the

statement. The bill did address an over 5-year phase out of the disability offset to military retired pay for Chapter 61 retirees; however, only funding to cover the first year was identified. Sound familiar? On June 25 the Senate Armed Services Committee approved the initial Senate version of the 2010 NDAA. Concerning the Tricare issue, this bill requires DoD to initiate a process to reform and improve the Tricare health care system. The bill as passed by the committee must next go before the entire Senate to be voted on.

If the Senate and House versions differ, and it is guaranteed they will, then the bills must be reconciled by a joint conference committee. Once agreement is made then the new version must again be voted on by both sides of Congress. Of interest is the issue of having to find offsets to support some provisions of both the Senate and House versions yet trillions have been spent without offsets being found for the Stimulus bill and the financial business and automobile industry bailouts. This demonstrates where Congressional priorities are.

To date the House has been very prolific in introducing bills affecting veterans while the Senate has remained more constrained. Many of the legislative priorities of MOAA are provided for in these individual bills. Bills are first acted on by congressional sub-committees and full committees, then, if passed, referred to the full chambers for approval. This is where individual and organizational lobbying occurs, to both educate and advocate. Personal visits both in Washington, D.C. and in local offices, letters, phone calls and e-mails highlight to elected officials the concerns of their constituents. Let your voice be heard.

TAPS

Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers are with the Reece family.

Marguerite D. Reece, 90, passed away on Wednesday, June 24, 2009. She is survived by her husband, Lt. Col. (ret) Millard "Frank" Reece and her three children, Dr. Karen R Carpenter, Carol A. Schroeder, and Lt. Col. (ret) Kevin D. Reece, former Army Green Beret. Marguerite was well-known as the Head Librarian at Andress High School. She also volunteered at William Beaumont Army Medical Center and was a volunteer Advisor to WBAMC Explorer Post #1. As an active member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, she volunteered many hours in the church library. She was also a member of the Greater El Paso Republican Women and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

We extend our condolences to her family and friends.

Chaplain (Colonel) Ron Huggler

Correction to Taps:

The correct date of Rose Ney's death is 20 March 2009.

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DOOR PRIZE DRAWING REPORT

Ten prizes were awarded at the June 13, 2009, meeting and luncheon. The results of the ticket sales were as follows:

June 13, 2009 \$124.00

Editor's Note: Dear Chapter Members, remember your donations to the the Door Prize Coffe benefits you...the funds generated go to chapter operations... besides, you may get lucky and win! ES

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Editor's Legislative Handicapping Tip Sheet, 04-16-2009, a not-so SWAG
 pure and simple best guessing about what'll happen with legislation
 in the 81st Legislative Session backed by the Texas Council of Chapters (TCC)
 Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)

6/22/2009 UPDATE as best as can be determined at the moment...

LEGISLATION	HOUSE	SENATE	GOVERNOR	COMMENTS
SB 93 Hazelwood Act, Ed, residency req, fee & tuition exempt for mil & dependents...addresses previous legislation...	PASSED	PASSED	Will sign if it passes both Houses Sent to Governor 6/3 SIGNED 6/19/2009	Previous legislative omissions will be addressed and corrected.
xSB 421 Relating to the fund for Veterans' Assistance and the creation of a lottery game to benefit the fund. DIED IN STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.x SB 1655, a Vet Comm clean up bill (WITH WORDING OF SB 421 IN AMENDMENT PASSED BOTH HOUSES)	HB 1299 by Turner, Chris, Identical Licensing & Administrative Procedures HOUSE TACKS ON amendment to SB 1655, a Vet Comm clean up bill. PASSED HOUSE. SENT BACK TO SENATE. ->*	State Affairs Status:In committee...xSB 421 AND HB 1299. Senator Duncan, Lubbock, rumored to be anti-gambling, holds it in committee...further rumored, Duncan will let it out of committee if it passes the House.x <-Original SB 1655 *WITH WORDING OF SB 421 IN AMENDMENT PASSED.	SCRATCH OFF LOTTERY Provisions PASSES IN SB 1655, a Texas Veterans Commission clean up bill passed the Senate and was forwarded to the House, after wording from SB 421 was added in the House and returned to the Senate Sent to Governor 6/3 SIGNED 6/19/2009	Will generate estimated four to five million \$ first year and more in out years for Texas Veterans Commission's outreach to Active Duty, Wounded Warriors, and Veterans as well as families of each category...details on website page...guesstimate -will come into being
SB 90 Relating to adoption of the INTERSTATE COMPACT ON EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR MILITARY CHILDREN	SB 90 PASSED	SB 90 PASSED	SIGNED 5/5/2009 WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT	Transportability of graduation credits... will be some sort of compromise in House between two bills... something along the lines of SB 90 passes
*SB 469 Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homesteads of certain totally disabled veterans and an amt for others	*SB 469 DID NOT PASS *WORDING ROLLED INTO AN AMENDMENT OF HB 3613 ->	SB 469 PASSED *HB 3613 with SB 469 language passed Senate	Will sign if it passes both Houses Sent to Governor 6/3 SIGNED 6/19/2009	100% VA disabled receives total exemption of appraised value... graduated assessment value exemption based on VA rating...
Texas Military Forces (TMF) Exceptional Budgetary Items Priority 8...increase ed benefits for Guard fm \$1mil to \$2 per year next 2 years	In TX Guard Budget and will pass in appropriations bill IN APPROPRIATIONS BILL	In TX Guard Budget and will pass in appropriations bill IN APPROPRIATIONS BILL	Will sign if it passes both Houses... SIGNED 6/19/2009	Will increase Guard Education Benefits being used because there are more Guard Vets

***TMF Exceptional Budgetary Items Priority 7...mental health issues...Request Amount: FY 10: \$449,700 FY 11: \$421,700 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Positions: 6 Total: \$ 871,400 increase Guard counselors PTSD *2005 pilot – 1x counselor	Stripped out of appropriations and increase in 2-1-1 dial in services and someone will help you...Guard wants pilot program with face to face counselors to get PTSD suffers in proper channels... VA, etc...case load 300 in 2005 to 1400 NOT RESTORED IN CONFERENCE COMMITTEE	Lieutenant Governor will appoint Conferees to a budget reconciliation committee. Request could be reinserted in conference. NOT RESTORED IN CONFERENCE COMMITTEE	Will sign what is worked out in conference and passed in both Houses 2-1-1 DIAL IN SERVICE with added funds APPARENTLY CONSIDERED SUFFICIENT BY LEGISLATURE. DID NOT MAKE IT THROUGH!	Guard numbers on PTSD went from case load in 2005 of 300 to 1400 currently...Guard needs additional in house face to face contact with its Vets... in the August to October 2009 time frame, one, each, Texas Combat Brigade deploying and redeploying.
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**OpEd**

Our democratic process appears uncoordinated, inefficient, chaotic, and mismanaged – almost a meeting engagement and ensuing fire-fight in pursuit of the State's legislative ends during the 81st Session. However, there is no better way of governing ourselves... lots of loud rhetoric but no blood...our elected "patriots" are in their respective Houses, not in the streets.

Take a look at the Editor's tip sheet on the bills considered important by the Texas Council of Chapters. We rang the bell, got it all. Some went through in a straight forward manner, others didn't.

Here's where we came up winners: Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children; Ad-valorem Tax Relief for Disabled Veterans, the implementing language for Proposition 9; Cleanup language for the Hazelwood Act, educational benefits for Texas military and dependents; the Guard received more funding in the Appropriations Bill for educational benefits for their Vets; and, the Veterans Assistance Fund to be administered by the Texas Veterans Commission received approval for funding through a dedicated scratch-off lottery game.

It's more helpful to examine one that did not make it all the way straight out of conception to understand the twists and turns of the process. For instance, the scratch-off lottery game to fund the Vet's Assistance Fund was blocked in the State Affairs Committee. There was an identical bill in the House that never made it out when it became evident that the Senate version would never clear committee; so, the wiser heads in the House tacked the House language of HB 1299 on to Senate Bill 1655, a clean-up bill concerning the Texas Veterans Commission, which needed to pass the House, which it did with the amendment and sent it back to the Senate. So, SB 1655 re-passes the Senate: 26 Yeas and 5 Nays, dissenting were Estes, Fraser, Huffman, Ogden, Williams. Thus, the Veterans Assistance Fund receives a funding source though it be by circuitous route.

At the heart of achieving these ends is your participation...your emails and your telephone calls...it takes a co-ordinated, concentrated effort in expressing your opinions about matters that concern you to get what you need. Thanks to all who wrote and called. ES

PS: Active Duty, keep the Veterans Assistance Fund in mind because it's meant for you, too.

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New Property Tax Exemption Law per Texas Council of Chapters (TCC)

Check HOT NEWS: <http://www.texas-moaa.org/>

What is important is that 100% disabled must reapply using a new application Form 50-764 which can be found at the TCC online site under "Hot News."

Additionally, those with less than 100%, Veterans and Survivors Form 50-135, also at the TCC site, who already have a property tax exemption, while you should not need to do so, it will not hurt to check with El Paso Central Appraisal District, Attention: Deeds and Exemptions Department, 5801 Trowbridge Dr, El Paso, TX 79925-3346, (915) 780-2000...the address for mailing applications and documentation. As an aside, it's best to go to the VA Benefits Counselors office on the 2d Floor of the VA at William Beaumont and have them generate you a new benefits letter date this year, 2009, they've created addressing all of your disabilities your using it as the documentation for you request for 100% disability. Other sources of documentation may be used but this method seems simpler... call and ask questions first. Fill out the form and attach your documents and walk it all to the Central Appraisal office and request a receipt.

Furthermore, for those who are less than 100% Disabled, it is true that they will simply revert to a \$12,000 exemption of assessed value for being 65 or over, if they are not already there. At that point, the 65 or older exemption will override the disability exemption. For example, if they have a disability rating of 40% now and are under 65, then they would have an exemption of \$7,500 of assessed value. When they have a birthday and become 65, then they will go to the over 65 exemption of \$12,000 of assessed value and the disabled exemption would no longer be applicable.
Editor

Fisher House Eligibility for Donated Airline Tickets

By Kathleen Schulte

This is one message of a series to promote the offerings of the Fisher House and to encourage MOAA Members to support their efforts.

Airline Tickets

The nonprofit Fisher House Foundation administers the "Hero Miles" program for the Department of Defense in accordance with Public Law 108-110, of the FY 05 Defense Authorization Act. The program is comprised of individual airlines whose passengers donate their frequent flyer miles to assist service members and their families. Specifically, Fisher House Foundation provides free airline tickets to military men and women who are undergoing treatment at a military or VA medical center incident to their service in Iraq or Afghanistan, and their families.

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El Paso ISDs JROTC Annual Review and Awards Ceremony

8 May 2009

Military Officers Association of America Medals
Presented by BG (R) Morgan Jellet



Clint JROTC Awards Ceremony 05-13-2009

Cadet 1LT Brenda Gardarilla received MOAA Leadership Award from MAJ(R) Ed Stone, El Paso Chapter, Editor



May 15, 2009 UTEP ROTC Commissioning Ceremony

Green to Gold, Second Lieutenant Ernest C. DeLaCruz has his Gold Bars pinned on by his parents, Ernesto and Geodisia DeLaCruz, and Colonel Lennie Enzel, El Paso Chapter Post Liaison, who encouraged him to take the step. The Texas Council of Chapters (TCC), Military Officers Association of America, furnished Gold Bars and Certificates for all 18 newly UTEP Army ROTC students receiving commissions during the ceremony. Thank you, TCC.



32nd AAMDC Photo

C-RAM – A Counter Rocket, Artillery and Mortar System crew, assigned to 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command, performs a test fire.



32nd AAMDC Photo

Avenger – An Avenger Low-Level Air Defense system crew, assigned to 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command, test fires a Stinger missile.

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Cordially extend an invitation to members of MOAA, NAUS, MOWW, SWM, GSW, and other Military
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