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El Paso Chapter of Military Officers Association of America

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Major Ed Stone, USA, Retired, President, Texas Council of Chapters, has the vision, courage, and determination to press MOAA issues to state and national legislators

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Embracing Change. The theme for the August Border Bulletin is "Embracing Change." While summer and the desert heat have arrived in El Paso, the change in weather has accompanied significant changes among Fort Bliss senior leadership. The annual turnover in Brigade and Battalion Command leadership really culminated on 9 July with the transition of the Fort Bliss

Commander and Senior Mission Commander positions from MG Howard Bromberg to MG Dana Pittard. Additionally, COL Michael Bills assumed command of Joint Task Force-North from BG Sean MacFarland on 9 June, and there are several new General Officer positions opening on Fort Bliss. Fort Bliss and El Paso also welcome back newly promoted BG Steph Twitty, the former commander of the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division. On 16 July the Presidency of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA), also transitioned from Mr Gus Rodriguez to Mr Rick Glancey. AUSA has been a close partner with MOAA in several initiatives and we hope to continue to build on the foundation of mutual support that Mr Rodriguez established at AUSA. Change gives rise to opportunity and your El Paso Chapter intends to embrace these changes and enlist the new senior military and community leaders in supporting MOAA initiatives aimed at supporting the Ft Bliss active duty, and El Paso military retiree communities.

El Paso Chapter Changes. Your El Paso MOAA Chapter will continue its drive to automate processes and systems and improve services to its members. Your Chapter recently instituted on-line credit card processing to facilitate registration for MOAA events and we're working with National to develop a process that facilitates on-line membership registration. Ed Stone, the Texas Council of Chapters (TCC) President, has successfully lobbied National to support a bundling process that allows local chapters in Texas to solicit both Local and National membership fees in one administrative action, and allowing Local Chapters to then submit a monthly roll-up of new members to National. This is a significant change, and a step in the right direction, as in the past, each individual membership had to be processed individually. We still need to develop a process that allows automated transfer of data for new members, rather than snail-mail processing. Additionally, on 1 August your Chapter is going to transition to Quickbooks to manage the MOAA budget. This change will maximize transparency and facilitate ease of budget reviews by external sources. I have also initiated a review to evaluate the Chapter's Additional Duties and Committee responsibilities in an effort to maximize efficiencies. This will inspire some centralizing of responsibilities and possible changes in voluntary duty positions.

El Paso Chapter Activities/Initiatives. Attendance at our MOAA Luncheons continues to increase as we continue to expand our venue and host our luncheons at interesting locales around the city. Our previous luncheon in June was hosted in the eclectic setting of Ardivino's Desert Crossing. Our Guest Speaker was Mr Bob Cook and we also awarded an Honorary Membership to the Ft Bliss Command Sergeant Major, CSM David Davenport.

Our next Luncheon will be at the Great American Land and Cattle Company on 14 August. Our Guest Speaker will be COL Michael Kuhn, the Commander of the German Air Forces Command, USA/CAN. The next Chapter event will be the 24 September "Pre-Retiree Appreciation Day Reception/Dinner", at the Camino Real Hotel. We hope to enlist the support of several of Fort Bliss' senior leaders, and we will seek to recognize some of the local winners of this year's MOAA Scholarships as well at this key event. Finally, we have adjusted our December luncheon to 4 December so we're de-conflicted with the annual Army-Navy football game. The guest speaker in December will be COL Joseph Simonelli, Fort Bliss Garrison Commander, and a MOAA National Board member. Special thanks to Bob Pitt for taking these luncheons in an entirely new direction with great success. Hope to see continued increases in attendance by local chapter members.

MOAA National Initiatives. I'd like to close by highlighting several initiatives instituted by the MOAA National Board. First, the National Chapter has initiated the "Chapter Cover Wrap", intended to "push" new members to Local Chapters through the Give Me Ten program. The program was initiated through a cover wrap on the July 2010 Issue of the Military Officer Magazine that encourages members to join their nearest MOAA Chapter offering a complimentary, one year chapter membership. This effort should result in a potentially significant increase to Local Chapter membership and is greatly needed. The effort will run from 1 July through 30 September. Your Chapter will also seek to co-host a Senior Combat Leader Symposium in the August-September timeframe. AUSA co-hosted the first symposium with MOAA in which Senior Combat Leaders spoke to junior officers about their experiences and then participated in a Barbeque and membership recruiting drive.

New JROTC Scholarship Program. Your MOAA Chapter is gathering more details on a new JROTC Scholarship program that enables each Texas Senator and Congressman to select one JROTC student to receive a \$10,000 scholarship. The JROTC student must attend a university in Texas, and he/she must be enrolled in the university's ROTC program. We'll push more details on this program in the near future. This program will complement local JROTC initiatives in which your Chapter presented MOAA awards to JROTC students at 27 local High Schools and the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), while also presenting each of the 24 newly commissioned UTEP ROTC graduates with their first set of Army Service Uniform epaulettes.

I want to extend a special thanks to the members of the MOAA El Paso Chapter Board of Directors (BOD), who continue to embrace change and serve their military and civilian communities admirably. Many members continue to support key roles in several voluntary organizations simultaneously, continuing to make a difference in the El Paso community in general and to our active and retiree communities in particular.

Forrest E. Smith
Colonel, USA
President 2010





Col Michael Kuhn

MEMBERSHIP MEETING PROGRAM

**Saturday, August 14th
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1100 - 1200	SOCIAL HOUR
1200 - 1215	OPENING CEREMONY
1215-1300	MEAL SERVICE
1300-1335	PROGRAM
1335-1355	DOOR PRIZE DRAWING
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1400	ADJOURNMENT

August Luncheon Menu

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1. Brisket
2. Chicken Breast (2 ea)
3. Grilled Salmon

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August 14th Luncheon Program Great American Land & Cattle Company 9800 Gateway North, El Paso, TX 79924-4410 LUNCHEON SPEAKER Colonel Michael Kuhn

Colonel Michael Kuhn received his commission in 1972 and received initial flight training at Fuerstenfeldbruck Airforce Base, Germany. His present position is Commander, German Air Force Command, USA/CAN, Fort Bliss TX. He assumed the aforementioned position in January 2008. Other significant command and staff positions are listed below:

Assignments:

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Noervenich AB, GE
 - 04/95 – 02/96** Section Chief Operations Branch, 3rd GAF Division,
Berlin-Gatow, GE
 - 03/96 – 04/99** Team Chief Nuclear Operations, SHAPE, BE
 - 05/99 – 09/00** Vice Wing Commander FBW 31“B”, Noervenich AB GE
 - 10/00 – 09/02** Deputy Branch Chief “Air Traffic German Armed Forces”,
MoD GAF III 4
 - 10/02 – 09/05** Commander GAF Cadet Training Division, GAF Officer
School, Fuerstenfeldbruck AB, GE
 - 10/05 – 12/07** Commander FBW 31“B”, Noervenich AB, GE
- Deployments:
- 02/04 – 06/04** Commander Operations Wing 2 and Commander Kabul
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Colonel Kuhn is married to Dagmar Kuhn; they have one son, Alexander.

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2010 EL PASO CHAPTER, MOAA EVENTS SCHEDULE

July 31, 2010	July Board Meeting
August 14, 2010	August Member Meeting and Luncheon
August 20, 2010	Input for October Issue of Border Bulletin
August 28, 2010	August Board Meeting
September 18, 2010	September Board Meeting
September 24, 2010	Retiree Appreciation Day Dinner
September 25, 2010	Retiree Appreciation Day
October 23, 2010	Input for December Issue of Border Bulletin
October 30, 2010	October Board Meeting
November 27, 2010	November Board Meeting
December 4, 2010	December Member Meeting and Luncheon
December 11, 2010	Army-Navy Football Game
December 18, 2010	December Board Meeting

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**Saturday, AUG 14 Meeting
at the Great American
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to Secretary by AUG 11th**

**Input for
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by 20 August 2010**

Outstanding Jr Officer Leadership 2d Lieutenant Wendell Ladd

HQB, 5th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery, 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade

2LT Wendell Ladd's superb leadership and persistence were integral to the success of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 5th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery, 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade during the Weapons, Tactics and Instruction course in Yuma, Arizona that took place March 2010 through April 2010. The Battery successfully completed its air defense mission through participation in multiple joint exercises with the Marine Corps and Air Force, and it was able to do so with uninterrupted communications maintained by the Soldiers in the Communications Relay Group (CRG) section. Lead by 2LT Wendell Ladd and SSG Manuel Alvarez, these Soldiers were able to establish clear and continuous communication with all line batteries within 48 hours of "Boots on the Ground" in Yuma – not an easy task!

While priorities of work took place for the rest of the Battalion upon arrival, the 25 series troops worked tirelessly to complete those tasks along with system validation in order to ensure the line batteries were set up for success during exercises the next day. While maintaining steady communications for the duration of the month-long exercise, the CRG section was able to conduct Table VIII certifications – further enhancing mission-readiness for the rest of the Battalion. While only having received their CRG equipment 2 ½ months prior, the team was able to conduct train-up Table VIIs and arrive to Yuma ready to certify. Both CRG crews earned a first-time "GO" and were the first battle roster crews in the Battalion to earn Table VIII certifications following their recent year-long deployment from the United Arab Emirates. The Battalion's success in Yuma, Arizona was directly affected by the CRG section's tireless dedication to accomplish the mission and motivation to succeed.



Chaplain Corner

Chaplain Tom Phelan



The Month of August marks the final days of summer. In El Paso the sun always shines, but the farther north you go in America the leaves and

foliage will already predict an expectation of return to work and school. The month of August is named for Augustus Caesar, the grand-nephew of Julius Caesar. Like his predecessor (for whom "July" was named), Augustus claimed and named a month in the Roman calendar for himself. Therefore the months of September through December, whose names originally indicated the seventh through the tenth months, actually became the ninth through twelfth months of the calendar instead.

Augustus Caesar was considered the most powerful man in the world at his time, extremely intelligent and absolute

over life and death in his rule of the mighty Roman Empire for nearly 60 years until his death at age 76 in (what is now termed) AD 14.

He was termed "Divine," "Son of God," "God," "God from God," "Lord," "Redeemer," "Liberator," and "Savior of the World" by his Roman contemporaries. On a number of occasions this powerful earthly leader took a census of his citizens and many conquered peoples in order to tax them, but he could never have dreamed that he would be utilized, simply as a tool in the hand of the true God, forty years into his reign. For when Augustus demanded a census including the remote Roman province of Palestine (Luke 2:1-7), that very census forced the poor Jewish couple, Joseph and his pregnant wife Mary to travel to Bethlehem where Jesus was born exactly as had been prophesied in the Scriptures (Micah 5:2), rather than at Nazareth of Galilee where Mary had conceived and where she and Joseph were living at the time. And while the

world remembers Caesar Augustus as the powerful Roman emperor for whom a month in our calendar is still named, his glory is overshadowed by the true Son of God, from Whose birth the very years of our calendar are now reckoned. The kingdom and glory of Christ Jesus are eternal, and only by faith in Him may we be granted eternal life.

It is important to remember that the Months of August and September include primary annual religious observances both for those who are Muslims and Jewish. On the evening of the 10th or 11th of August Muslims will begin the Ramadan month of daily fasting, only eating and drinking after the sun sets. This observance will be drawing to a close about the time the Jewish New Year begins the evening of September 8th, introducing the Jewish fast of Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) on the 18th, and the observance of Sukkoth (Tabernacles) beginning on the 23rd of September.

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The Nurse Who Would Not Stay Put

By COL CJ Moore, USA (RET)

In July 1950, the Korean War began when the Communist North Korean Army crossed the 38th parallel, an arbitrary separation of North and South Korea, and invaded the Republic of South Korea. CPT Viola B. McConnell was the only Army nurse on duty in Korea. When hostilities broke out, she escorted 643 evacuees, from Seoul to Japan on a Norwegian freighter, the *Rheinolt*, which was designed to accommodate only 12 passengers. Forsaking her own well-being, she discarded her personal belongings in Korea in order to carry bandages and other first aid equipment for casualties.

CPT McConnell assessed priorities for care of sick evacuees and worked exhaustively with a make-shift medical team to ensure the sick and vulnerable were stable until they reached more definitive care. She also supervised the rationing of food and the maintenance of sanitation during the voyage. After the beleaguered vessel arrived at the 118th Station Hospital in southern Japan, she requested reassignment back to Korea. She returned to Taejon to care for and evacuate wounded soldiers of the 24th Infantry Division.

Because mobile and evacuation hospitals followed the troops and extremely fluid battle lines, Army nurses, such as CPT McConnell, often found themselves closer to the front than anticipated. The nurses were challenged to improvise and function in a multitude of shelters, such as tents, barns, schoolhouses, and churches. Conditions were rudimentary -- no running water, and earth-floors with pot-bellied stoves for warmth and water heating. Patients' beds were low folding cots, which entailed a great deal of uncomfortable bending or kneeling to tend patients.

Disposable supplies and unit dose medications were conveniences of the future. Nurses autoclaved catheters and sharpened needles. They prepared injections by mashing pills in a mortar, heating the powdered mix in a teaspoon over an open flame, and drawing the liquid into a glass syringe. Oxygen tanks were strapped to patients' beds. In the summer, without air conditioning for airflow, tent flaps or windows were raised, and doors opened, allowing bugs to enter the wards and birds to fly through the surgical theaters. In the winter, to keep medications from freezing, nurses carried IVs, penicillin, morphine, and other liquid pharmaceuticals in their parka pockets. Despite these austere conditions, CPT McConnell persevered and focused on the needs of her patients. For her services

during the war, this exceptional Army nurse was awarded the Bronze Star, and an Oak Leaf Cluster for the Bronze Star was given for her outstanding care of the American nationals during the evacuation to Japan.

Today, the quiet courage and devotion of this Army nurse has earned the deep respect of her fellow Soldiers. A description of her Korean War duty performance is used as the real-world example of the Army virtue of "duty" in the *Initial Entry Training (IET) Soldier's Handbook*. Every new IET Soldier (formerly called Basic Trainee) is being inspired by her selfless service. CPT McConnell is the first Army nurse so cited in an Army publication.

Sources: A primary source is the *TRADOC Pam 600-4 Initial Entry Training Soldier's Handbook* (4 September 2007). This publication is available only on the TRADOC Homepage at <http://www.tradoc.army.mil>. Secondary sources include COL (R) Mary Sarnecky's book, entitled *A History of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps*; her article called *Army nurses in 'the forgotten war,'* in the November, 2001 *American Journal of Nursing* 101 pp. 45-49; and Deborah Hallquist's publication named *Developments in the RN First Assist Role during the Korean War* *American Operating Room Nurse Journal*. FindArticles.com. 26 Feb, 2010. http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m0FSL/is_4_82/ai_n15754451



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TWO OUT OF THREE'S NOT BAD

By Colonel Bob Pitt, USAF (Ret)

There I was - 30,000 feet and no utility hydraulic pressure. It was a clear Sunday afternoon in June of 1970. I was leading a flight of four F-4D Phantoms on the final leg of a weekend cross country - officially known as an instrument navigation proficiency training flight. We were returning from Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada - after a tough weekend in Las Vegas - to our home base of Holloman Air Base, New Mexico. Major Don Thorne, my Weapons Systems Officer, was in my back seat.

Suddenly, over Albuquerque, as we were turning south for Holloman, I felt my aircraft shake violently as my loss of utility hydraulic pressure light illuminated. My initial thought was to drop into Kirkland Air Force Base, which was immediately beneath me. However, I quickly decided that it would be better to continue on to Holloman where experienced F-4D maintenance personnel could take better care of my bird. So on we pressed.

I informed Holloman Approach Control that I had utility hydraulic system failure and declared an emergency. Arriving at Holloman, I directed my three wingmen to land as Don and I reviewed our utility hydraulic failure procedures. One of my squadron mates had manned the mobile control unit to provide assistance. The emergency procedures were "clear cut" - lower the landing gear with the pneumatic system and make an approach-end barrier engagement.

And so I activated the pneumatic gear lowering system. Not bad! I got two out of three! The right main and nose gear came down; the left main did not! We flew past mobile control and received confirmation that we had two out of three. Don became a bit concerned. I told him, "Don't worry about a thing, Don. Just read some more emergency procedures to me." Don went through everything he had, but he didn't have anything for this situation. Next, my buddy in mobile control recited the same emergency procedures to me that Don had, but they still didn't work. But this time, the Wing Deputy Commander for Operations had arrived at mobile control. He read the emergency procedures once again; even he could not lower our left main gear. The only other thing I could think of was to propose the aircraft violently - which I tried but to no avail. My Deputy Commander for Operation then suggested that I try bouncing the right main gear on the runway. However, as we were now very low on fuel, I declined his invitation and announced that I was going to make an approach-end engagement. Don, growing more apprehensive by the second in the back seat, said with a definite sigh of relief, "Good!"

I flew down final approach lined up with the center of the runway - which was standard procedure for a normal landing - and planned to touch down short of the approach-end barrier. The landing was fine. However, when I retarded the throttles to idle and lost boundary layer flow over the wings, my left wing - without a gear to support it - began to drop and the bird began to veer to the left. "Oh my," I thought, "Am I going to stay on the runway long enough to engage the barrier?" My left drop tank was now on fire as it scraped across the runway. Fortunately, we remained on the runway long enough to engage the barrier. As we decelerated, the left drop tank drifted off of the side of the runway and onto the sand. The fire was extinguished. I was later complimented for planning my approach so that the sand would put out the fire. Of course, the reason it happened that way was that I neglected to consider that my aircraft would veer to the left, without a left main landing gear, when I retarded the power.

The aircraft came to rest and I shut her down. Don and I climbed out and were greeted by our buddies. They drove us to our squadron building where Don and I immediately downed a couple of shots of vodka. After two or three more, the flight surgeon arrived on the scene, gave us a quick exam and instructed us to proceed to the hospital for blood tests.

"Okay," I replied, "But all you're going to get from us now is 100 percent alcohol." Our flight surgeon reconsidered and told us we had better forget the blood tests.

Well, our landing culminated a most enjoyable weekend. The aircraft suffered only minimal damage and Don and I were later named Tactical Air Command Pilots of Distinction. An article in *Tac Attack*, August 1970 read in part:

"Major Pitt reduced his rate of descent by flying a long, flat approach at seventeen units angle of attack with flaps at one-half and the tail hook lowered. A successful approach-end engagement was made with the right main and nose gear down and the left gear up. The aircraft suffered minimal damage...Majors Pitt and Thorne, by their coordinated efforts, prevented a possible loss of life and aircraft, and readily qualify as Tactical Air Command Pilots of Distinction."

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MOAA Pushes Members to Local Chapters

This July, MOAA will launch a special recruiting initiative that will "push" new members to chapters. This effort will complement our efforts to "pull" members into our chapters by working the recruiting lists provided by MOAA and through the Give Me 10! program. This MOAA-sponsored effort will be initiated through a cover wrap on the July 2010 issue of Military Officer magazine. The special cover wrap will include a compelling message for joining the nearest MOAA chapter and offer a complimentary, one-year chapter membership. Interested MOAA members will return a postcard, included in the cover wrap, to MOAA. MOAA then will prepare lists of new members and provide to each respective chapter.



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As this is being written Congress is on another one of its periodic holidays. The House holiday period is July 1 to July 13 and the Senate's is June 30 to July 12. Any legislative action needed to be taken during these periods is placed on hold until the respective chamber returns.

The House passed its version of the Fiscal 2010 War Supplemental the night before its holiday and the Senate will address this version, since it was not the same language as the Senate's, when it returns. The House version included \$21 billion in domestic spending not previously approved by the Senate. Not passed by the House were 3 amendments to wind down the Afghanistan war. Included in the bill were: 1) \$10 billion to avoid school layoffs; 2) \$4.95 billion for a shortfall in Pell grants (recently taken control of by the federal government); 3) \$1 billion for 2010 and 2011 summer jobs for people 24 and younger; 4) \$163 million for military installation schools; and, 5) \$16.5 million for a Fort Hood soldier processing center.

The Supplemental also included mandatory funding for new Agent Orange presumptives previously addressed in this column. Funding had, however, been placed on hold by the Senate, specifically Senator Webb (D-VA), a Vietnam veteran, requiring the VA secretary to show Congress his basis for establishing the relation between Agent Orange and ischemic heart disease, one of the new presumptive.

Congress is still working on the Fiscal Year 2011 DoD authorization bill in which MOAA has expressed an interest in several provisions. What Congress is not working on are the many appropriations bills needed for the Fiscal Year 2011 federal budget, including the VA's. There is discussion that there may be a single bill basically approving a Continuing Resolution meaning that all federal departments would operate in Fiscal Year 2011 at the Fiscal Year 2010 funding levels. The Administration has called for a 3-year, straight-lined budget for all discretionary spending (VA health care is in this category but may be excluded). For those members who have service-connected disabilities and receive compensation from the VA, these funds are considered mandatory, not discretionary.

I previously discussed the new National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, the presidential

committee tasked with reviewing all federal benefits with a view toward cutting or reducing them to help reduce the federal budget deficit. MOAA recently gave testimony addressing the difference between social insurance programs for all Americans versus military and veterans' benefits. Military retirement falls into this area. Social security falls into the social insurance category. The commission's report is due December 1, after the Fall elections, and recommendations are not binding on Congress. Presumably, however, they will be taken up in the next congressional session, 2011 and 2012.

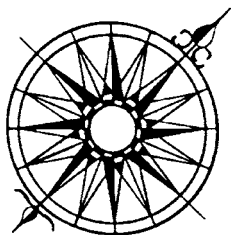
The Medicare issue, or "Doctor Fix," has been resolved but only until November 30, 2010. The House wanted a longer extension before the January 1, 2010 21 percent reduction became effective while the Senate opted for a shorter period. The result was another short-term extension. Nation-wide medical professionals are opting out of Medicare as they are tired of Congress not being able to resolve the current, built-in, annual payment reductions. The impact on TFL recipients is that Medicare must be first party payee before Tricare will pay. Under the current extension, the 2010 reduction could again kick in and there is a scheduled 25 percent reduction scheduled for January 1, 2011.

Congress continues to move slowly in addressing the many bills and issues of importance to MOAA and, while there are hearings in both chambers on veteran, active duty or reserve component concerns, little affirmative action has been taken to bring bills to floor votes or, if there are some, get action in the opposite chamber. This does not mean we should let up in our lobbying or contacting members of Congress for support. Realistically, however, this being an election year and Congress looking at the August recess period so its members can return home to campaign for reelection, coupled with the overall issue of funding and the growing federal debt and deficit, we can only hope for the best.

For those who follow the MOAA legislative reports, along with those received from the Texas Council of Chapters, please take the recommended actions to let your voice be heard. We have to keep reminding our elected officials they are supposed to work for us, not a political party or administration.



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Meanwhile on the 6th of September, Americans celebrate Labor Day. It was created by an Act of Congress in 1894 as a federal holiday to honor the American worker, and serves as a symbolic end of summer and beginning of the new school and work year. Eager students of all ages will return to classrooms, and workers will head to their jobs with just a hint of regret for the past days of summer vacation. And the fall equinox of September 23rd will mark the actual transition to the upcoming Autumn Season.



4th Brigade, 1st Armored Division Change of Command (L-R) Outgoing Commander Colonel Peter Newell, Host Major General Howard Bromberg, and Incoming Commander Colonel Scott McKean (US Army Photo)



Fort Bliss Change of Command with Incoming Commander, Major General Dana Pittard, and Outgoing Commander, Major General Howard Bromberg (US Army Photo)

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The commander of the 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command, BG David Mann, Left, passes the brigade colors from the outgoing 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade commander, COL Joseph DeAntona, to incoming commander COL Reginald Davis, right, during the "Imperial" change of command ceremony June 30 on Noel Parade Field. Photo by Spc. Todd W. Robinson.

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Date and Time:5:30 PM - until, Friday September 24th, 2010
Location:Camino Real Hotel, 101 South El Paso Street
Schedule of Events:See Page 2
Cost:\$25.00 per person
Dress:Men - Coat and Tie; Ladies - Cocktail Dress/Semiformal

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