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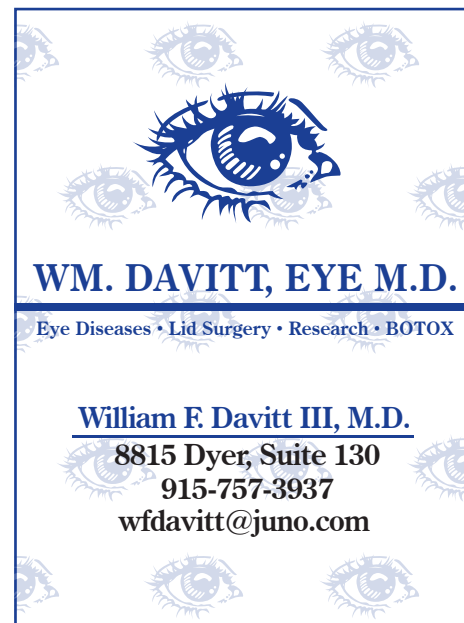
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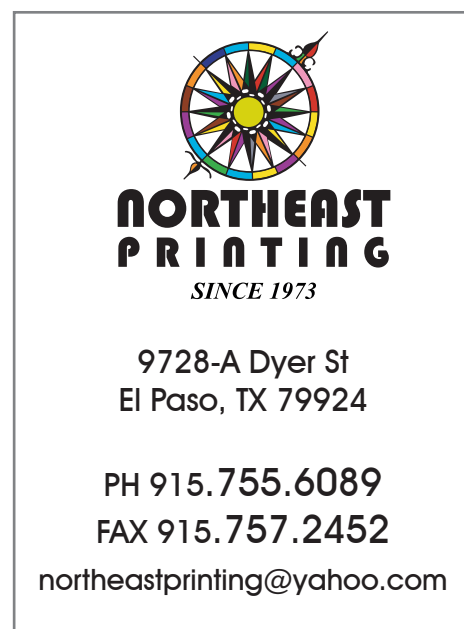


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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

COL Forrest Smith, USA, Retired

I would like to start off the New Year first by extending best wishes and a Happy New Year to all of our Veterans and active duty service members on behalf of the El Paso Chapter MOAA Board. I would also like to thank COL (Ret) Lennie Enzel for her inspiring leadership as President for the past two years. One her most important accomplishments was Lennie's work with Joe Gollasch in acquiring the 501c3 status for the El Paso MOAA Chapter. This single action enables MOAA to more effectively collaborate with corporate sponsors to obtain tax exempt support for initiatives that support members of both the Active Duty and Retiree communities. One of my key tasks will be to capitalize on this potentially transformative accomplishment to increase opportunities to support members of the active and retired military community while increasing awareness of how MOAA functions, and effectively supports military service members nationwide. We hope to continue to build depth in the MOAA organization by increasing efforts to inform the perspective among younger active duty officers and their spouses. And we hope to accomplish this by collaborating more actively with community partners and corporate sponsors to more effectively highlight successful efforts to lobby on behalf of Active Duty and Retired service members and their families, on a wide range of legislation affecting pay, healthcare, and other benefits in this increasingly

resource constrained environment. I think the work Lennie and Joe completed to change the 501c3 status for the Chapter will transform our efforts in the immediate future. For their efforts, Lennie and Joe were awarded the MOAA President's Gavel for Outstanding Service during the December luncheon.

As we step off into the New Year, I want to continue to encourage members to consider a small donation to the MOAA 1st Armored Division, \$25,000 Interest-Free Scholarship Loan. Information is available in each issue of the award-winning, "Border Bulletin". We are less than twenty-five hundred dollars shy of reaching the \$25,000 total. Many thanks to MOAA National as they have issued the scholarship loan over the past two years while the local chapter completes final payment into the fund. This will complete the second MOAA El Paso Chapter Scholarship in the amount of \$25,000 made available to dependents of MOAA members, and 1st Armored Division soldiers. Help us get the word out to our service members and their dependents as yet two more financial assistance initiatives are available to assist with the costs of continuing college education.

I want to remind folks to use the information inside this issue of the Border Bulletin to sign up now for the MOAA Day at the Races at Sunland Park Raceways in March. This has proven to be a popular and enjoyable event each year.

Come join us for lunch and some fun betting on the horses.

Finally, I want to close with a note of thanks. We were extremely fortunate to have the 1st Armored Division Commanding General, MG Steph Twitty, address members during the December Luncheon. Probably the most inspiring, and insightful remarks I have heard in all my time as a member of the MOAA El Paso Chapter, and that goes back to 2006. MG Twitty shared his vision for the Division and the installation, in the context of larger strategic and fiscal challenges, but he also brought to bear his guidance to leaders amid the practical challenges that exist at the tactical level, as the division deals with downsizing, indiscipline, controlling access to the installation, overcoming training challenges in an increasingly fiscally constrained environment, and his appreciation for the exceptionally unique relationship that exists between the Fort Bliss/1AD and El Paso communities. I continue to receive inspired feedback from members in attendance at the luncheon, and I encourage each of you to find the opportunity to hear his perspective and vision. Thanks for your service and commitment to the Nation.

Forrest Smith  
COL, USA, Retired  
President

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## February Guest Speaker: The Harvery Girls

Harvey Girls of El Paso, Texas is a group of dedicated volunteers who are committed to preserving the history of Fred Harvey, and the famous Harvey Girls; Fred Harvey's dream of Railroad Hospitality, Fine Food and Dining; Adventure, Excitement, and Employment Opportunities for Women; Old West Tourism, Santa Fe Railroad, and Civilization of the West.

Their primary goal is preserving the history of the Harvey House Restaurant in Union Passenger Station Depot, El Paso, Texas, open 1906-1948.

Presenters may include Patricia Kiddney, Prestene Dehrkoop, Carol Whittemore, Lynn Brightman, Karen Hoover, Jackie Slaughter, Deen Underwood, Moni Ward, Angie Amparan, Carol Bernstein, Jo Collins, Isabel Glasgow or Carolyn Buchanan.

### New Members

LTC Douglas Lobdell

### Renewals

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## Lunch Menu February

Schnitzel

Sautéed Broccoli Almandine

Home Fries

Tossed Green Salad w/Dressing

Roll & Butter

Coffee, Water, and Iced Tea

## February Membership Meeting Program

**Saturday, 14 February**  
**Underwood Golf Course**

### Sequence of Events

1100 — 1200	Social Hour
1200 — 1215	Opening Ceremony
1215 — 1230	Board Updates
1230 — 1315	Meal Service
1315 — 1345	Program
1345 — 1355	Door Prize Drawing
1355 — 1400	Closing
1400	Adjournment

**Please submit your Lunch  
Reservations no later than  
Monday, 9 February**

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- Sheridan gate
- Biggs Army Airfield Main gate (formerly known as Sergeant Major)
- Buffalo Soldier gate
- Chaffee gate
- Fred Wilson gate
- McGregor Front gate
- Old Ironsides (formerly known as Global Reach) gate
- Alabama gate

(5 a.m. - 9 p.m., Monday - Friday only)

- Ross Elementary School Pedestrian Gate

(7 a.m. - 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m., and 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Monday - Friday only)

- Pershing gate (4 p.m. - 6 p.m., Monday - Friday for outbound traffic only)

Commercial traffic can only access Fort Bliss through Chaffee gate.

Only DoD ID card holders can enter Fort Bliss through the following gates; all non DoD ID card holders will be directed to access one of the above mentioned all access gates:

- Cassidy gate
- IBCT-South gate
- Sergeant Major North gate
- Constitution gate (5 a.m. - 9 a.m., Monday - Friday only)
- Jeb Stuart gate (5 a.m. - 9 a.m. and 2 - 6 p.m. Monday - Friday only)

The following gates will remain closed to all DoD and civilian traffic:

- IBCT-North gate
- Cemetery Pedestrian gate
- McGregor Rear gate

## 2015 EL PASO CHAPTER MOAA EVENTS SCHEDULE

February 14, 2015 February Membership Meeting and Lunch  
March 28, 2015 MOAA Day at the Races  
March 22 - April 5, 2015 Chapter Cruise to Australia & New Zealand  
April 11, 2015 April Membership Meeting and Luncheon  
June 13, 2015 June Membership Meeting and Luncheon

## Retiree and Annuitant Pay Dates for 2015

Entitlement Month	Retiree Payment Dates	Annuitant Payment Dates
January 2015	Friday, January 30, 2015	Monday, February 2, 2015
February 2015	Friday, February 27, 2015	Monday, March 2, 2015
March 2015	Wednesday, April 1, 2015	Wednesday, April 1, 2015
April 2015	Friday, May 1, 2015	Friday, May 1, 2015
May 2015	Monday, June 1, 2015	Monday, June 1, 2015
June 2015	Wednesday, July 1, 2015	Wednesday, July 1, 2015
July 2015	Friday, July 31, 2015	Monday, August 3, 2015
August 2015	Tuesday, September 1, 2015	Tuesday, September 1, 2015
September 2015	Thursday, October 1, 2015	Thursday, October 1, 2014
October 2015	Monday, November 2, 2015	Monday, November 2, 2015
November 2015	Tuesday, December 1, 2015	Tuesday, December 1, 2015
December 2015	Thursday, December 31, 2015	Thursday, December 31, 2015

## MOAA Spouse Blog:

Making it in the MilLife®

Making it in the MilLife™ is the blog where you can get deeper insight on current issues affecting military spouses and families, follow our spouse programs and read interviews with community leaders. Spouses are each other's best resource, so if you would like to be considered for a guest blog entry, contact us at [moaaspouse@moaa.org](mailto:moaaspouse@moaa.org).

## Report a Retiree Death

**Monday - Friday:**

**0730 - 1700**

**915-568-5207**

**After Hours (Installation)**

**915-569-6950/6951**

## WBAMC Pharmacy Services

### Main Hospital Pharmacy

Monday through Wednesday and Friday: 7:30 AM - 6:30 PM 915-742-2793  
Thursday 8:30 AM - 6:30 PM  
Saturday, Training Holidays: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Closed Sundays and Federal Holidays

### Freedom Crossing PX Pharmacy

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM 915-742-9017  
Saturday & Training Holidays 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Closed Sundays and Federal Holidays

### Soldier and Family Medical Clinic (SFMC) Pharmacy

Monday - Friday 7:30 AM - 6:30 PM 915-742-1802  
Closed Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal Holidays

### Soldier Family Care Clinic (SFCC) Pharmacy

Monday - Friday 7:30 AM - 6:30 PM 915-742-1400  
Closed Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal Holidays  
Pharmacy Refill Services 915-742-1400

# Chaplain's Corner

LTC John H. G. Rasmussen  
Chaplain, USA, Retired



Christians observe January 6, as Epiphany Day. While most of us are more likely caught up with New Year's resolutions, college football championships, and the NFL playoffs, Epiphany really is the closing bookmark of the 12 days of Christmas which commenced on the evening of the December 24th. On "Epiphany" (which means "to reveal" or "to manifest"), other wise known as "Three Kings Day," Christians the world over the arrival of the Wise Men, or Magi, who followed a star over Bethlehem to find the world's new King. They worshipped Him and gave gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The significance of Epiphany is that the Good News that God was in Jesus Christ reconciling the world to himself utterly shatters all boundaries of race, nationality, and status. The star revealed the the Light of the World to pagan princes—most likely Persian astrologers. God's gift is for all. The star, together with Micah,

the prophet of old, pointed them to Bethlehem, and thus to the Father's love and grace incarnated in Mary's infant child. Christ Jesus came to set all prisoners free from whatever holds them in captivity. He came to give the nations Life and Light, and the Star lit the way. On the eve of Christmas, Christians tell the story of the angel's appearing to shepherds with the wondrous message, "I bring you good tidings of great joy... To you is born this day a Savior... You will find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." On Epiphany, the message takes the form of the Star, God's beacon leading the Magi like a spotlight to their true Lord and King.

During my 26 years as a chaplain, I have tried in whatever way I can to convey that message to soldiers: that on Epiphany, we hear the great news that the Christ child is not

just for the Jewish shepherds, but for Gentile Kings—Persian star gazers, from the east. And not just for them either. Epiphany means that this story is for you as well, for, like the Magi, you, most likely, belong to the nations, not Israel. Like them your connection to the child of Bethlehem is by this story and by faith—not your blood line. The good news is that God has broken through all those barriers—of race, of nationality, of status. They don't matter to him at all. Only one thing matters—that you are a human being created by God in his image to have fellowship with him and with each other in peace. When that happens—and it will—the story of Christmas and Epiphany will be fulfilled.

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## JUNIOR ENLISTED FAMILY CENTER, YMCA FOOD PANTRY

The YMCA Food Pantry provides services to E-5s and below and is located in building #1717 (the old commissary) on Marshall Road. The entrance for the Food Pantry is behind the building by the loading docks near Pleasonton Road. The hours of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from Noon to 1700 hours.

In an emergency, occasionally a Jr. Grade Officer or a Retiree is helped. To receive food, a form must be signed by a chaplain or someone in authority in the soldier's unit. Families must show a military I.D. The center focuses

on helping truly needy families.



The pantry accepts any sealed non-perishable food. Items that routinely run out of are peanut butter, canned tuna, cereal, pasta, and pasta sauce.

Disposable diapers in all sizes, baby formula and baby food are, also, in need.

If you are redecorating your home and you have furniture, or other household items in good condition that you would like to donate, please

phone Rebekah Reyes and Nicole Range, Coordinator, Junior Enlisted Family Center, YMCA at 915-494-5423 during the hours of the center's operation. Please don't leave things on the loading dock without contacting Nina first as the items left are often "lost."

Should you elect to give a monetary donation for the Food Pantry, please draw your check payable to: Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA) and put "Junior Enlisted Family Center (JEFC)" on the memo line. Additionally, a collection box for your checks or cash will be on the donation table.

Thank you for your consideration of helping our needy families at Fort Bliss.



**February 2015 Membership Meeting & Lunch**  
**The General George V. Underwood, Jr. Golf Course**  
**3200 Coe Ave., El Paso, TX 79904**

**Date:** Saturday, 14 February 2015

**Time:** 1100 - 1400

**Guest Speaker:** Ms. Patricia Kiddney  
& The Harvey Girls

**Menu**

Schnitzel

Sautéed Broccoli Almandine

Home Fries

Tossed Green Salad w/Dressing, Roll & Butter

Water, Coffee & Iced Tea

**Dress:** Casual

**Cost:** \$20.00 per person



Lunch Treasurer: [treasurer@elpasomoaa.org](mailto:treasurer@elpasomoaa.org)

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Mail To: El Paso Chapter MOAA, Attn.: Treasurer, PO Box 6144, Fort Bliss, TX 79906-0144

Please fill in this acceptance slip, and return to the Treasurer by Monday, 9 February 2015 with a check for \$20 per person, the cost of the luncheon. **Late Reservations**, call Bob Pitt, 915-533-5111 or Bill Moore, 915-842-9650, by Noon, Wednesday, February 11, and pay at the door.

Lunch will be on Saturday 14 February 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

Please print guest names clearly to ensure the correct spelling on the registration listing.

I will / will not attend the lunch and there will be \_\_\_\_\_ attendees in my party.

My check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20.00 per person) made payable to the "El Paso Chapter" is enclosed.

Name of Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Guests:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



# THE STORY OF THE FOUR CHAPLAINS

It was Feb. 3rd 1943, and the U.S. Army Transport Dorchester was one of three ships in a convoy, moving across the Atlantic from Newfoundland to an American base in Greenland. A converted luxury liner, the Dorchester was crowded to capacity, carrying 902 servicemen, merchant seamen and civilian workers. It was only 150 miles from its destination when shortly after midnight, an officer aboard the German submarine U2 spotted it. After identifying and targeting the ship, he gave orders to fire. The hit was decisive, striking the ship, far below the water line. The initial blast killed scores of men and seriously wounded many more. Others, stunned by the explosion were groping in the darkness. Panic and chaos quickly set in! Men were screaming, others crying or frantically trying to get lifeboats off the ship.

Through the pandemonium, four men spread out among the soldiers, calming the frightened, tending the wounded and guiding the disoriented toward safety. They were four Army chaplains, Lt. George Fox, a Methodist; Lt. Alexander Goode, a Jewish Rabbi; Lt. John Washington, a Roman Catholic Priest; and Lt. Clark Poling, a Dutch Reformed minister. Quickly and quietly the four chaplains worked to bring calm to the men. As soldiers began to find their way

to the deck of the ship, many were still in their underwear, where they were confronted by the cold winds blowing down from the arctic. Petty Officer John J. Mahoney, reeling from the cold, headed back towards his cabin. "Where are you going?" a voice of calm in the sea of distressed asked? "To get my gloves," Mahoney replied. "Here, take these," said Rabbi Goode as he handed a pair of gloves to the young officer. "I can't take those gloves," Mahoney replied. "Never mind," the Rabbi responded. "I have two pairs." It was only long after that Mahoney realized that the chaplain never intended to leave the ship.

Once topside, the chaplains opened a storage locker and began distributing life jackets. It was then that Engineer Grady Clark witnessed an astonishing sight. When there were no more lifejackets in the storage room, the chaplains simultaneously removed theirs and gave them to four frightened young men. When giving their life jackets, Rabbi Goode did not call out for a Jew; Father Washington did not call out for a Catholic; nor did Fox or Poling call out for a Protestant. They simply gave their life jackets to the next man in line. One survivor would later call it "It was the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven."

As the ship went down, survivors in nearby rafts could

see the four chaplains -- arms linked and braced against the slanting deck. Their voices could also be heard offering prayers and singing hymns. Of the 902 men aboard the U.S.A.T. Dorchester, only 230 survived. Before boarding the Dorchester back in January, Chaplain Poling had asked his father to pray for him, "Not for my safe return, that wouldn't be fair. Just pray that I shall do my duty...never be a coward...and have the strength, courage and understanding of men. Just pray that I shall be adequate."

Although the Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart were later awarded posthumously Congress wished to confer the Medal of Honor but was blocked by the stringent requirements, which required heroism performed under fire. So a posthumous Special Medal for Heroism, The Four Chaplains' Medal, was authorized by Congress and awarded by the President on January 18, 1961. It was never before given and will never to be given again.

-Special thanks to CH (LTC) Joel Harris (USA Ret), the Chaplain at The Citadel, for sending the above and the reminder this morning that today is the anniversary of the heroism and spiritual leadership of Chaplains Goode, Poling, Washington and Fox.

## Chaplain's Corner

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In the meantime, of course, we attend to our callings. And in these uncertain times thank God for our Service Members who stand guard and sacrifice themselves for our welfare. Thank God for everything they do and everything they are willing to risk for our well-being and the well-being of our nation. But thank God also for the sure and certain hope that the star that once pointed the Magi to the Christ Child now points the way to his Kingdom where swords will be beaten into plowshares, and the science of war will be forgotten at last. Have a blessed Epiphany.

## Army Nurse Corps History

By COL Constance J. Moore, USA, Retired, Army Nurse Corps Historian

In the June 12, 1916, edition of the El Paso Herald the headline read, "Twelve Army Nurses Are Assigned to the Base Hospital at Fort Bliss." Today, when Army nurses locate to a new post, no one informs the local media. Then, military nurses were a novelty. Since they were the only women allowed to serve in the armed forces; it might have been noteworthy to the press. This number was also cited in the newspaper because it was the first time military nurses were assigned to Fort Bliss and because the cohort represented nearly ten percent of all appointed Army nurses. What mission requirements had caused Superintendent Dora E. Thompson to assign such a large contingent of Army nurses to one small, but strategic base in the southwest desert? Ninety days earlier, the U.S. executed the Punitive Expedition against the Mexican outlaw, Pancho Villa.

The Punitive Expedition was set in motion on March 15, 1916. At the invitation of the Mexican Government, U.S. troops crossed the Mexican border in search of Pancho Villa in retaliation for Villa's raid on the town of Columbus, New Mexico. Fort Bliss, located in far west Texas, became the major medical depot for this action, and the base hospital expanded to twice its size. Support personnel constructed 14 new wards to accommodate 500 patients. Army nurses were assigned to the hospital. Additionally, American Red Cross nurses, who were essentially the "Army Reserve Nurse Corps" of that era, were mobilized to provide nursing care for injured soldiers in field, camp and base hospitals along the border.

For the first time, motorized

ambulances were used to move injured and sick soldiers back to the United States. Once patients had arrived in New Mexico, the fastest and most comfortable way to travel the 50 to 70 miles to Fort Bliss was by train rather than ambulances traversing over bumpy, unpaved roads. Fortunately, nurses had to tend to very few gunshot-wounded soldiers. Preventive Medicine also was highly successful and greatly decreased non-battle related casualties. Most hospitalized soldiers were either medical patients with heat injuries, venereal diseases and typhoid fever, or orthopedic patients injured in accidents or falls. Appendectomies were performed so frequently at the post hospital that the El Paso Herald called appendicitis "the most frequent disease." Under the leadership of "Miss" (there was no military rank for women at that time) Mary C. Jorgensen, Chief Nurse, nurses immediately went to work at the Fort Bliss base hospital. The male corpsmen were challenged to step back and let the nurses take the lead in the patient care. Corpsmen resented the intrusion of these nurses and questioned the qualifications and training of the Red Cross nurses. Similarly, physicians preferred to deal directly with the corpsmen rather than working through the Army or Red Cross nurses.

The tact, professionalism, and dedication of these nurses eventually eliminated these doubts of corpsmen and doctors. Nurses expertly used cold packs to reduce fevers, particularly associated with typhoid fever. They procured mercury from the Quartermaster and constructed mercurial vapor bath for patients in the eruptive

stages of syphilis. Nurses ensured that fewer surgical cases had post-surgical infections by properly sterilizing surgical equipment. They canvassed the community for "treats" for the bedridden. A local Irish organization brought "carnations and tobacco" for St. Patrick's Day and local women provided "jams and jellies" to make the bland hospital food more enticing.

The Punitive Expedition officially ended on February 5, 1917. The impact of this eleven-month operation is often seen as a dress rehearsal for World War I with the successful use of motorized vehicles, such as ambulances in war, and the refining of the mobilization procedures for reserves such as the American Red Cross to augment regular army personnel. Miss Jorgensen and many other Army and Red Cross nurses likely valued their service at the Fort Bliss and other border hospital as a prelude for their daunting work in France.

Sources: Primary sources include El Paso Herald articles, dating from February to October, 1916, maintained on microfilm, at the El Paso City Library. Secondary sources include COL (R) Mary Sarnecky's book, entitled A History of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps, Lavinia Dock's monograph, called History of the American Red Cross Nursing, and William Saunders' article named Medical Support for Pershing's Punitive Expedition in Mexico, 1916-1917 in the March, 2008, Military Medicine.



## Survivor Benefit Program (SBP) Premiums

**Q. How do I compute Survivor Benefit Program (SBP) costs where a spouse-only coverage is elected at the maximum amount? And...Q. If I elect less than gross military retired pay, how are the monthly costs calculated?**

A. If you became a member of the uniformed services before March 1, 1990, your SBP costs will be calculated under the original costing formula and the newer 6.5% of the base amount formula. You will then pay the lesser premium. The older formula uses a threshold amount that's indexed to inflation. Using your base amount, the amount of coverage up to the threshold amount is charged at 2.5% of retired pay and the remainder of coverage up to your base amount is charged at 10%. The threshold was just under \$700 in 2008. You have to ask your finance office to determine the latest threshold amount.

For everyone entering active duty on or after March 1, 1990, the cost for spouse-only coverage is 6.5 percent of your base amount. The base amount is the amount of your retired pay that you choose to cover under the SBP policy. The base amount can range from a minimum of \$300 to your full gross military retired pay amount. Your base amount is noted on the retiree pay statement you receive from your pay agency.

**Q. How is the monthly cost calculated for child(ren) coverage?**

A. Additional costs of children vary based on the age of the youngest child and the ages of both spouses. You need to talk to your finance office for specific rates for your situation.

Example: Retiree, age 43, spouse age 41, and a youngest child 10, the monthly cost factor is .00055. Multiply this factor by the base amount and you get the additional cost for child coverage. The cost for child coverage is cheap.

**Q. How are costs for an insurable interest election calculated?**

A. The cost for an insurable interest election is considerably more expensive – it is 10 percent of the gross retired pay plus an additional 5 percent for each full five years the beneficiary is younger than the retiree up to a maximum of 40 percent of your gross retired pay.

**Q. Are SBP costs affected by cost-of-living increases to military retired pay?**

A. Yes. SBP costs, as well as the value of the SBP annuity and the annuity itself, increase with cost-of-living increases authorized for military retired pay.

**Q. Are SBP monthly premiums suspended when there is no longer an eligible spouse?**

A. Yes, premiums are suspended when there is no designated beneficiary. The payments will start again on the one-year anniversary date of the remarriage when the new spouse becomes an eligible beneficiary, provided you do not withdraw from the program during this one-year period.

**Q. I have waived my entire military pay in favor of VA compensation. I am enrolled in SBP and make direct payments to DFAS. Why can't I have the payments deducted from VA?**

A. You can. Section 503, P.L. 99-576 (Oct. 28, 1986) amended

38 USC 3101 by permitting VA to deduct SBP costs from VA compensation when military retired pay is waived for such compensation. Such a request must be made to the VA by the retiree.

**Q. If I remarry, when will my second spouse be eligible for SBP?**

A. Upon any remarriage, notify your pay agency within the first year of that remarriage and your new spouse will be added as your beneficiary. Both the premium and the SBP activation will begin on your first year's anniversary. An earlier effective date applies if a child is born sooner. A default full election will be made for you if you do not communicate your intentions regarding SBP within the first year of a remarriage.

In addition, remarrying allows you the options of either increasing your coverage (if you didn't have your full retired pay covered) or not resuming SBP coverage. Your new spouse must be notified and the option must be exercised within one year after remarriage. If you do not notify your pay agency of your remarriage, the new spouse will resume the same coverage as the previous spouse, and you will be liable for the payments from the first anniversary date of your remarriage. SBP premiums begin to accrue on the first anniversary of the remarriage, even if the pay center does not learn of the remarriage until years later. - See more at: [http://www.moaa.org/main\\_article.aspx?id=1087#sthash.dovVHYHN.dpuf](http://www.moaa.org/main_article.aspx?id=1087#sthash.dovVHYHN.dpuf)

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## TxDOT Funding: Proposition 1, 2014

After many discussions with House and Senate Leadership, recommendations for the first round of Proposition One dollars will be worked into existing formulas based on the recommendations herein. this is the only time there will be specific recommendations, the way I worded the amendment, it was retroactive in regards to the transfer the Comptroller was to make this fiscal year, so we picked up additional funding a year early. In the future the dollars associated with the Oil and Gas severance tax that will be dedicated to transportation will be included in the normal appropriation process each biennium.

The funding would be distributed through existing formulas across the following TxDOT Strategies to be used for improvements on state highways other than toll roads as follows:

Investment Strategy / TxDOT Funding Category	Category 2 Metro & Urban Corridors	Category 11 District Discretionary	Category 1 Prevent Maint & Rehabilitation	Energy Sector Priorities
Percentage of Funds	40%	30%	15%	15%
Proposed Sub-Allocation	\$ 696,000,000	\$ 522,000,000	\$ 261,000,000	\$ 261,000,000
Strategy A.1.2	\$ 41,760,000	\$ 31,320,000		
Strategy A.1.3	\$ 55,680,000	\$ 41,760,000		
Strategy B.1.2	\$ 215,481,600	\$ 161,611,200		
Strategy C.1.2	\$ 383,078,400	\$ 287,308,800	\$ 261,000,000	\$ 261,000,000

Following the strong support of voters for Proposition 1 in November, the majority, 40%, of the \$1.75 billion will be distributed to and decided by local communities through the Metropolitan Planning Organizations, MPO's.

The next portion, 30%, to the TxDOT 25 Districts throughout the state of which must be approved by the local MPO's. 15% for Maintenance

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Drawing to be held at the 13 June 2015 Membership Meeting and Lunch at the Underwood Golf Course.

It is an honor to be your membership chair and a responsibility I take deeply to heart. Our members are the life blood of our organization. Without you nothing happens — literally! Our mission to promote the values of military professionals, to shape good policy, to deliver membership value and high quality services goes wanting. Now, more than ever, active duty service members and retirees need a voice in Washington to watch over our pay, benefits, and the future of our great nation and it's military. By becoming member of the El Paso Chapter of MOAA and a national member, you help to keep our voice strong and effective.

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## ❧ TAPS ❧



**Claire A. (Caouette) Stanley, 91**, longtime El Pasoan, retired Infection Control Nurse at Thomason General Hospital, wife and mother, passed away Wednesday, December 24, 2014 at The Monte Vista at Coronado in El Paso, TX. Claire was born May 11, 1923 in Minneapolis, MN.

She married the love of her life, H. Gene Stanley, on June 1, 1944 in Columbia, SC, when they embarked on the adventure of their lives. After Gene returned from WWII in Europe, they started a family in Minnesota. In 1950, Claire and Gene traveled to Japan with their growing family, returning to MN in 1954.

In 1957, they moved to Fort Bliss on assignment, and never left El Paso. In the 1960s Claire worked in the home as a professional seamstress for JC Penny making custom draperies. Claire was an active volunteer in PTA and Arrowhead Neighborhood Girl Scouts. After volunteering as a candy striper, Claire enrolled in nursing school, and in 1972 earned a degree as a Licensed Vocational Nurse. She worked at Beaumont Hospital and later at Thomason General Hospital, where she was selected to be the first Infection Control Nurse for the hospital.

After retirement, Claire traveled extensively with Gene, including cruises and trips throughout the US including Alaska and many trips to Hawaii. There were also international trips including Australia, The Caribbean, England, France, Portugal, Spain, Morocco, Germany, and Russia. In addition to travel, Claire spent considerable time volunteering in a wide variety of worthy causes across El Paso, including Child Crisis Center, Showtime El Paso, La Viña festival, El Paso Women's Club, and the Ft. Bliss Museum and Study Center.

Claire was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years and her son Richard M. Stanley. She is survived by her six children: Timothy D. Stanley, Teresa L. Wiley, Michael L. Stanley, Lynda S. Williams, Rita M. Lollock, and Christopher G. Stanley; her six grandchildren: Christie D. Stanley, Marcie J. Kober, Brian D. Stanley, Laurel L. Williams, Daniel C. Stanley, and Allison R. Lollock; and she is also survived by six great grandchildren: Kasey, Logan, Reese, Bella, Jade, and Maddie Sue. Claire will be missed by her family and large circle of friends.

Visitation was from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with a Rosary at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 29, 2014 at Sunset Funeral Home West, 480 N. Resler Dr., Paso, TX 79912. Funeral Mass was held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 30, 2014 at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 1551 Belvidere St., El Paso, Texas 79912. Services entrusted to Sunset Funeral Home-West.

# El Paso -MOAA Chapter's Annual "Day at the Races"



**Saturday, 28 March 2015**



At SUNLAND PARK RACETRACK & CASINO

Honoring Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve Personnel and held jointly with EPAC-NAUS, MOWW & SMW Desert Sun Chapter 30. **TIME: Assemble for Lunch and briefing... (Mt. Cristo Rey Room) -10:45 A.M. Lunch Starts 11:00 with Race Briefing & drawings: Racing 1st Post Time- 12:45 PM. Casino opens: 0930-0200 hours.**

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What's the CATCH? You ask. The Maximum number of attendees for this event is 80. That means you need to get your reservations in-ASAP. Please submit your reservations no later than Saturday, **21 March 2015** -- to the Treasurer. Lunch Cost: \$21.00 per person (including 18% gratuity, program, Tip Sheet, etc).

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# LEGISLATIVE



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## Snuffy Smith and the Scent of Danger in His Future and The Current Story of “Mustang” Officers

The legislative spyglass is so clouded with the change in leadership in the Senate that it is difficult to discern future events. So, Snuffy Smith has his eye on February 15 and the submission of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission (MCRMC) report to the President and Congress due on February 15, 2015. As stated in the December issue of the Border Bulletin, the Commission's report will be the guide for legislation in military personnel legislative issues.

Let's talk about the “Mustang” Officers first and what has faced them recently – an event brought on by down sizing the force that started out in a dark place and wound up positive. For those unfamiliar with the term “Mustang” Officer, a “Mustang” is one who through prior Enlisted Service was elevated to the status of Commissioned Officer to fill the needs of times...many Captains and Majors have been selected for involuntary separation...around 8% of the 1,900 selected fall into the “Mustang” category...more than 150. In order for these officers to retire in the grade they had been promoted, they had to have served in Commissioned status for a period of eight years. This Snuffy talked with a Major with less than 14 days left to qualify for retirement in his Commissioned Grade that fell into this trap. The cost to those that stepped up to the line in a time of our Country's need was around a Thousand Dollars a month in retirement compensation.

How was the policy turned around? The week before Christmas, Secretary of the Army John McHugh announced a policy reversal causing “Mustang” Officers to either be brought back to Active Duty to finish out their eight year commitment and some had the time in service waived. MOAA and some Congressional members, Senate and House, turned things around in favor of this class of Officers. Details may be found at: [http://www.moaa.org/Main\\_Menu/Take\\_Action/Top\\_Issues/Serving\\_in\\_Uniform/Transition/Mustang\\_Officers\\_Protected.html](http://www.moaa.org/Main_Menu/Take_Action/Top_Issues/Serving_in_Uniform/Transition/Mustang_Officers_Protected.html) . Thank goodness for those that have a sense of humanity and justice and that they are in the places to make a difference.

Snuffy smells the scent of his own blood in the air with the new Congress. Legislative year 2015 is fraught with danger to military in personnel legislative issues. The January 2015 issue of the Officers' Magazine, having gone digital (<http://content.yudu.com/A39i5g/201501January/resources/index.htm>), speaks to: the 2015 National Defense Authorization Act; and, the Services' future. Start reading on page 35. Many of the issues are on-going concerns to our community and have been highlighted in the past. Changes in key committee positions and fewer Veterans gives rise to concern for our future. It's going to be the same high profile issues that will come under attack: Medicare; Tricare and Tricare for Life; Retired Pay and Survivors; Active Force, the Guard and Reserve; Basic Housing Allowances; SBP/DIC Offset; Concurrent Receipt for Chapter 61s; Veterans issues; and on and on. All of the ground ploughed by our Association in the past will be up for review. Let's hope the new Congress has a sense of justice and humanity in the coming years.

Snuffy must stay vigilant, in a defensive position, and on the firing-step ready to react to MOAA's Weekly Legislative Updates by sending crafted messages, if you agree, to our elected representatives. One may subscribe here: <http://www.moaa.org/Email>

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Proposed Proposition 1 Funding Distribution (Combined 40/30/15/15)

District	Category 1 15%	Category 2 40%	Energy Sector 15%	Category 11 30%	Total
Abilene	\$ 7,840,000	\$ 3,984,000	\$ 12,890,000	\$ 11,561,000	\$ 36,275,000
Amarillo	\$ 13,560,000	\$ 6,337,000	\$ 10,570,000	\$ 14,958,000	\$ 45,425,000
Atlanta	\$ 8,010,000	\$ 2,596,000	\$ 6,860,000	\$ 13,465,000	\$ 30,931,000
Austin	\$ 15,920,000	\$ 63,777,000	\$ 4,830,000	\$ 35,231,000	\$ 119,758,000
Beaumont	\$ 6,140,000	\$ 15,686,000	\$ 6,170,000	\$ 15,899,000	\$ 43,895,000
Brownwood	\$ 3,300,000		\$ 4,510,000	\$ 6,978,000	\$ 14,788,000
Bryan	\$ 9,240,000	\$ 6,822,000	\$ 8,870,000	\$ 15,621,000	\$ 40,553,000
Childress	\$ 3,980,000		\$ 6,210,000	\$ 6,209,000	\$ 16,399,000
Corpus Christi	\$ 16,170,000	\$ 9,374,000	\$ 15,710,000	\$ 16,352,000	\$ 57,606,000
Dallas	\$ 23,700,000	\$ 146,218,000	\$ 9,450,000	\$ 59,225,000	\$ 238,593,000
El Paso	\$ 4,240,000	\$ 21,392,000	\$ 4,020,000	\$ 13,458,000	\$ 43,110,000
Fort Worth	\$ 13,780,000	\$ 65,692,000	\$ 10,910,000	\$ 38,653,000	\$ 129,035,000
Houston	\$ 22,480,000	\$ 178,040,000	\$ 5,970,000	\$ 72,255,000	\$ 278,745,000
Laredo	\$ 10,250,000	\$ 6,110,000	\$ 21,290,000	\$ 10,378,000	\$ 48,028,000
Lubbock	\$ 10,180,000	\$ 6,628,000	\$ 15,300,000	\$ 15,250,000	\$ 47,358,000
Lufkin	\$ 6,680,000		\$ 5,230,000	\$ 11,262,000	\$ 23,172,000
Odessa	\$ 5,940,000	\$ 10,689,000	\$ 39,390,000	\$ 15,097,000	\$ 71,116,000
Paris	\$ 9,310,000	\$ 4,451,000	\$ 5,130,000	\$ 13,052,000	\$ 31,943,000
Pharr	\$ 8,920,000	\$ 30,775,000	\$ 5,910,000	\$ 18,712,000	\$ 64,317,000
San Angelo	\$ 4,510,000	\$ 2,471,000	\$ 13,970,000	\$ 9,599,000	\$ 30,550,000
San Antonio	\$ 21,500,000	\$ 68,420,000	\$ 12,910,000	\$ 44,460,000	\$ 147,290,000
Tyler	\$ 7,260,000	\$ 13,241,000	\$ 7,620,000	\$ 18,082,000	\$ 46,203,000
Waco	\$ 11,720,000	\$ 26,267,000	\$ 4,350,000	\$ 19,575,000	\$ 61,912,000
Wichita Falls	\$ 5,260,000	\$ 3,120,000	\$ 7,950,000	\$ 10,008,000	\$ 26,338,000
Yoakum	\$ 11,130,000	\$ 3,910,000	\$ 14,980,000	\$ 16,661,000	\$ 46,681,000
Statewide					\$ -
Total:	\$ 261,020,000	\$ 696,000,000	\$ 261,000,000	\$ 522,001,000	\$ 1,740,021,000

and rehab, this is major rehab and maintenance not simple cleaning, etc. Finally the last portion, 15% for energy sector priorities. This comes after \$200 million was just identified a few weeks ago from other funding sources. The total for energy sector will be \$461 million from two sources.

When all is settled, runs for the various MPO's will be forth coming.

I have attached two documents with the actual fiscal amounts for your information.

Thanks!

State Representative, District 79

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### E-Prescribing – Coming Soon to a Military Pharmacy Near You!

The Military Health System has deployed electronic prescribing in military pharmacies across its system of clinics and hospitals in the United States (and in Guam and Puerto Rico). This capability will allow civilian providers to send prescriptions electronically to military pharmacies, reducing the need for handwritten prescriptions.

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All our lives, when we can't see well, we get our glasses tuned up, and that solves the problem. New glasses = restored vision. Year after year, like clockwork.

Then comes that doctor's visit where, despite trying your best, you just can't get your vision clear. "It's always worked before. Why not this time?"

To help you answer, let's review the basics. There are two reasons we can't see well: our prescription changed or we have a visual system disease. So if your attempt at choosing a prescription that again gives you normal vision fails, then your ophthalmologist will investigate, diagnose, and hopefully treat your visual system disease.

And why did I use visual system disease rather than eye disease? Well, the eye alone really doesn't see. Sure, it's the first thing in line, but remember the eye only generates an electrical signal from the light that comes in. We need a big wire [optic nerve] and the seeing part of the brain [occipital lobe] to complete the task of vision. And anything along the way can go haywire. A proper investigation will come up with an answer and solution.

Dr. Bill Davitt MOAA member

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