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Five-Star Chapter	2001 thru 2018
Communications Award Print Newsletter	
Five Star	2015, 2016, 2018, and 2019
Four Star	2017
Winner	2004, 2012, 2013 and 2014
Runner-up	2008 thru 2011
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Winner	2008, 2009, 2011 and 2012
Communications Award Website	
Five-Star	2015 thru 2019
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MIKE HESTER

Happy Independence Day Team! I am writing this right before 4th of July and I hope by the time you read it you all had a great holiday celebrating our magnificent country with family and friends! I am also writing this on the tail end of the first monsoon week I have seen since I have been in El Paso. I hope your roofs all held up over the week of rain. We certainly needed the water but many of my neighbors had water damage from the rain so I hope everybody is good to go!

We had our first lunch in April after a yearlong delay and it was great to see so many faces and share in some much-needed comradery. We got a chance to award both Bill Oseles and Bill Moore their well-deserved MOAA National Communication award certificates, way to go boys! Our guest speaker was the Commander of William Beaumont Army Medical Center Col Mike Oshiki who gave us some great gouge on the new hospital. I attended the ribbon cutting ceremony

on 1 July and had a chance to look around the new facility, let me tell you I have never seen anything like it in the Army! It is absolutely mind blowing, the facility is simply amazing. Col Lennie Enzel is trying to arrange some tours, but have some patience as the hospital command is really busy between caring for patients as well as simultaneously moving to the new hospital. Will see what we can do, stand by!

Our next face to face lunch will be August 14th at 1130 at the Underwood Golf complex. We will get a rundown on our scholarship initiative and once more have some well-deserved fun. Speaking of our scholarship program, we are trying to raise the last 3K of our 10K we need to keep our scholarship running in perpetuity. Go to the lunch in August and you will have a chance to get all of your questions answered!

By the way Col Forrest Smith and his much, much, much, better half showed up at the lunch in August and if you did not know Forrest was named president of the local Association of the United States Army (AUSA) here in El Paso. We plan on partnering with AUSA for many things and specifically to increase recruiting and membership for both organizations. More to follow on that score but I think we should have Forrest give us an info dump at our next lunch!

Although I really sound like a broken record now, we are still looking for a few good women and men to assist both the foundation and chapter operations. Every little bit helps and to be brutally honest I am growing concerned about the ability of the chapter and foundation to maintain future operations if we do not have some people who are willing to step up and catch hold and lift. We have excellent volunteers but it seems like the weight of the operations land on the same shoulders. We have some excellent initiatives to get the MOAA name on the street but as always it takes great folks like you to make it happen. Right now we have vacancies in the secretary position, marketing, recruiting, advertising. And if you just want to assist, I guarantee we can find some work that is suitable to your needs. If you are interested please give me a shout at mikehester65@gmail.com. If you do not want to talk to me feel free to contact any of the BOD members and we will get you on the management team.

Sign up for the lunch in August and look forward to seeing you all! As always proud to serve and I will see you on the high ground soon!

"Professional Leaders belong to Professional Organizations."
Become part of the solution. Join MOAA.

"Never Stop Serving

PS- Did I mention we are looking for volunteers?

Our Future Scholarship Program

The MOAA Outreach Foundation Board of Directors voted in February to “partner” with the El Paso Community Foundation to establish our local El Paso MOAA Scholarship Program effective December of this year with our first Scholarship Award for the 2022 School year. Joining the El Paso Community Foundation in this effort will allow MOAA to expand our current Outreach Foundation Memorial Scholarship Program with a guarantee that once a Scholarship has been designated and funded, it will continue to be awarded each year without further MOAA Outreach Foundation funding—thus allowing us over time to achieve multiple awards with new funding. Our Scholarships will recognize the character, achievements and patriotism in similar aspects to the National MOAA Scholarship Program, but focused solely on local high-school seniors who have demonstrated selflessness in high school athletics and or other extra/co-curricular activities and who plans to pursue a two or four-year college/university or technical school degree.

Your Foundation BOD is currently developing the Scholarship Award policy and funding profile to meet our December funding Goal of \$10,000—to date we have raised over 40% of the necessary funding to initiate the new Program.

Look for further information at our next Membership Meeting

Our first Scholarship to be awarded through the
El Paso Community Foundation will be the

Sergeant Velton Locklear III Memorial Scholarship

named in honor of Velton Locklear, III a 1995 graduate of Eastwood High School where he excelled in the classroom and on the football field. After briefly attending college, Sgt Locklear followed his father's footsteps into the United States Army. Velton, III was serving as an infantry sergeant in the 25th Infantry Division on his second tour of duty in Iraq when he was severely wounded when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Humvee during combat operations in Riyadh, Iraq. He would die from those injuries on Sept. 23, 2006. Sergeant Locklear was a husband, father of two sons and a dedicated soldier. He touched the lives of many in life and in death.

You may donate online to support the MOAA Scholarship Program at:
<https://www.elpasomoaa.org/outreachscholarship>

or

Send your donation Marked “Scholarships” to El Paso MOAA Outreach Foundation
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AUGUST GUEST SPEAKER



KATHRIN BERG

Vice President of the
El Paso Community Foundation

Kathrin is the Vice President of the El Paso Community Foundation. She believes in improving our great city one step at a time by working on projects that affect the greater good. Her colleagues call her the chronic bleeding heart...working for non-profits most her life even while holding positions at media outlets. As part of the Foundation, she truly enjoys being a part of an organization that has invested more than \$230 Million back into the community since 1977.

In her spare time, she founded Kathrin Speaks Enterprises providing professional voice-over narration for documentaries, commercials and a variety of other projects. She specializes in Media Spokesperson Training, Personal Presentation Skills Training, How to Speak to Your Legislator, and other custom trainings.

Since 1997, Kathrin moderates and co-produces of The El Paso Physician, a live, one-hour, call-in television program in which a variety of medical topics are discussed with physicians specializing in various fields of expertise. The program is the flagship for the American Medical Association and has won several national awards. It airs twice a month on El Paso's PBS station, KCOS-TV and is syndication at PBS Wisconsin. The El Paso County Medical Society sponsors the program.

Kathrin was the Executive Director of El Paso Pro-Musica from 2004-2011 and the Director of Communications and Government Relations for the American Cancer Society from 1992-2004. Prior to that, Kathrin worked at KVIA-TV (an ABC affiliate) where she learned many 'tricks of the trade' she uses to this day. In addition, she was the Media Buyer for Laster and Miller Advertising. During these full-time positions, she also held a part time position for 11 years as "Kathie Berg" at FOX-92 radio from 1986-1997, where she served as News Director and good old-fashioned DJ.

Working with the American Cancer Society, Kathrin was instrumental in the development and passage of the El Paso Clean Indoor Air Ordinance of 2001. New York, Boston and several other cities have modeled their smoke-free ordinance after the El Paso ordinance, which at the time, was the strongest of its kind in cities with a population over 500,000. She continues to provide trainings for legislative advocates around the country. Kathrin is a registered lobbyist and works on various health issues, on the state and federal level.

Kathrin is the past president of Public Relations Society of America and the Rotary Club of El Paso. She's held VP Board positions for the American

LUNCH MENU AUGUST

Steak Tampiqueña with
Sautéed Broccoli
Almandine

Tossed Green Salad with
Dressing

Dinner Rolls w/Butter

Coffee, Tea, Water

MOAA Cake

Meeting Program

Saturday, 14 June
Underwood Golf Course

Sequence of Events

11:00 — 11:30	Social Hour
11:30 — 12:00	Opening Ceremony
12:00 — 12:30	Meal Service
12:30 — 13:30	Program
13:30 — 13:30	Door Prize Drawing
13:30 — 14:00	Closing Ceremony

Please submit your Lunch
Reservations no later than
Monday, 9 August 2021

Treasurer: MOAA
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\$ **20** Per Person

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ENVELOPE ENCLOSED

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Pharmacy Service

The main pharmacy is located on the 3rd floor of the hospital. The Pharmacy uses a ticketing system to route patients to the multiple windows. This means once you receive a number, then the pharmacy will call your number. Please have your military identification card and prescriptions ready once your number is announced. Let the pharmacy know your allergies, and other medications you may take. The pharmacists and pharmacy technicians are available to answer any of your questions.

Pharmacy Refill Services

Refill Options

(Dear WBAMC patients please be aware that the following link will take you to TRICARE Online (TOL) to complete your prescription refill(s). Refills requested via this link will be filled locally and can be picked up at the WBAMC pharmacy refill pick-up site of your choice: (1) Freedom Cross/PX Pharmacy, (2) WBAMC Main Outpatient Pharmacy, or (3) Mendoza/SFCC Pharmacy.)

- Phone in Refill: 915-742-1200
- [TRICARE Online Refill](#)

Refills for non-controlled medications may be called in 7 days in advance. Controlled substance refills may be requested 3 days in advance.

Refill Request Line

915-742-1200

Location

BLDG 1611 Marshall Rd (Ft Bliss)
BLDG 7777 WBAMC

- The phone-in refill service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The peak times for call-in are 0700 to 1300 Mondays and Tuesdays, so you may experience longer than usual wait times.
- Use a touch tone phone for optimal service (also capable of voice recognition).
- Refill request are ready within 72 business hours of request. Plan ahead for weekends and holidays.
- After seven (7) working days, medication refills are returned back to stock. If you are unable to pick up, please contact the pharmacy where you requested to pick up your medication.

Pharmacy Contact Information

Main Pharmacy - (Bldg 7777 3rd Fl WBAMC) 5005 N Piedras St, El Paso, TX 79920.	915-742-2793
Freedom Crossing (PX) Pharmacy - 1611 Haan Rd, Fort Bliss, TX 79906	915-742-9017
Mendoza Soldier Family Care Center Pharmacy - 11335 SSG Sims St, Fort Bliss, TX 79918.	915-742-1400
Special Drug Request - (Bldg 7777 3rd Fl WBAMC) 5005 N Piedras St, El Paso, TX 79920	915-742-3645

Contact Us

Phone

915-742-2793
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TRICARE Nurse Advice Line: 1-800-874-2273



CHAPLAIN CORNER

MRS. CONNIE SULLIVAN

In May, I went to visit my daughter in Maryland for a month and a half and had an absolutely marvelous time. On my second flight, on my way there, I sat next to a very kind gentleman and started a conversation about our families.

At the end of the flight arriving at our destination, the man told me of an experience

that he had had in Viet Nam.

He said that in his last mission there, when traveling toward the base in a helicopter, it was shot down and as



the craft was coming to the ground, it turned upside down and was impaled by a humongous tree and that the tip came through and wound up twelve inches from his chest. At that moment, he said that he was so thankful to God that he had been very tightly strapped in. Fortunately, they were very close to the station so were able to be rescued.

He mentioned that that experience had left him so traumatized that he left the service and went into several careers.

He became a law enforcement officer (a policeman), a Fire Fighter, and several other occupations, but said that the experience of the helicopter crash would stay in his mind for the rest of his life. And also knowing that there is indeed a Supreme Being that is watchful of us and is there in times of desperate needs, makes us aware of the vulnerability of our lives.

We never know what God has in store for us, but what we do know, is that he is there no matter what happens, if we but trust HIM.

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AUGUST GUEST SPEAKER



KATHRIN BERG

Vice President of the El Paso Community Foundation Advertising Federation, Executive Forum and the Estate Planning Council of El Paso. Kathrin is a recipient of the

YWCA's Reach Award and El Paso Inc's Woman of Impact Award. She was an original board member of the Plaza Star Keepers Guild advocating the restoration of the historic Plaza Theatre which was completed in 2006 and kicked off the revitalization of downtown El Paso. She has passionately worked with El Paso Community Foundation projects ever since.

Originally from Germany, Kathrin enjoys living in America's Southwest yet returns to Germany every two years to feast on authentic Schnitzel and Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte. Kathrin speaks both languages fluently.

Report a Retiree Death

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0730 - 1700

915-568-5207

After Hours

(Installation)

915-569-6950/6951

or visit:

<https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary>

RETIREE PAY DATES FOR 2021

ANNUITANT PAY DATES FOR 2021

MONTH	DIRECT DEPOSIT DATES	MONTH	DIRECT DEPOSIT DATES
JANUARY	FEBRUARY 1	JANUARY	FEBRUARY 1
FEBRUARY	MARCH 1	FEBRUARY	MARCH 1
MARCH	APRIL 1	MARCH	APRIL 1
APRIL	APRIL 30	APRIL	MAY 3
MAY	JUNE 1	MAY	JUNE 1
JUNE	JULY 1	JUNE	JULY 1
JULY	JULY 30	JULY	AUGUST 2
AUGUST	SEPTEMBER 1	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER 1
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER 1	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER 1
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER 1	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER 1
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TOL PP Prescriptions allows you to view all of your active prescriptions with associated status information, quickly select one or more prescriptions to be filled, and choose your preferred military hospital or clinic pick-up location.

Can I fill prescriptions on behalf of my family members?

Yes, you can fill prescriptions for your family members! Select your MTF where the prescription was last filled, then select your family member from the drop down list, select the prescriptions to fill, choose your preferred pick-up location, and click "Send Request Now."

Can I set up reminders to alert me my prescription is ready for pick up?

Yes, you have the ability to receive email and/or text message notifications, including international numbers, for military hospital or clinic prescription fills. The notifications will let you know when your prescriptions will be ready for pick up as well as how long you have to pick up your prescriptions. Set up prescription notifications in your "Profile" on the TOL PP home page.

Can I renew my prescriptions using the TOL PP?

Yes, you can request a prescription renewal using the Secure Messaging capability. Use the Secure Messaging feature to send a message requesting your prescription renewal to your health care provider team.

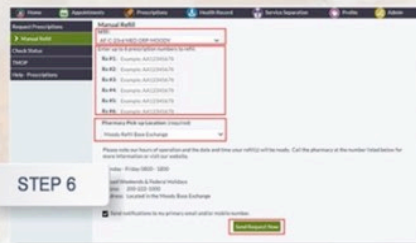
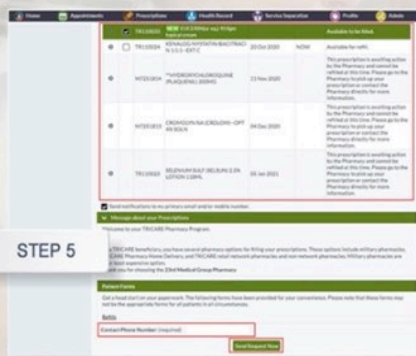
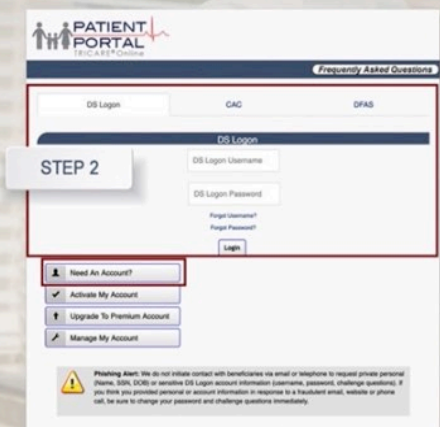
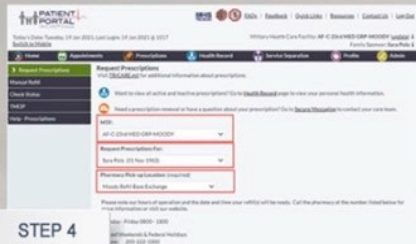
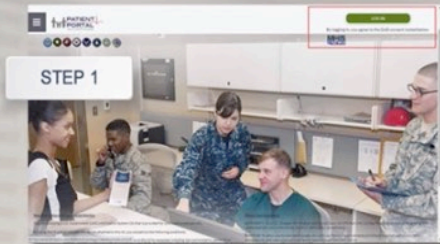


JUNE 2021 LUNCHEON





How do I access TOL PP Prescription Fill information and services?



1. Go to www.TRICAREOnline.com.
2. Log in with your **DoD CAC, Premium DS Logon, or DFAS myPay credentials**. If you do not have DS Logon credentials and would like to, click "Need An Account."
3. Click 'Prescriptions' option on the TOL PP home page.
4. Confirm the primary military treatment facility (MTF) where the prescription was issued from the drop-down box. To activate Prescriptions for a family member, select them from the drop down box to see an updated list of Rx's. Choose Pharmacy pick-up location, if you have not set up a location in your profile.
5. Select the prescriptions you wish to request from the list of Active Rx's. Enter a 'Contact Phone Number' (for new RX activation only). Send your request.
6. To activate refills not displaying on the list, select the "Manual Refill" option. Confirm the MTF where the prescription was issued. You may enter up to six Rx numbers. Choose Pharmacy pick-up location. Send your request.

QUICK REFERENCE CODE LINK



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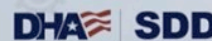
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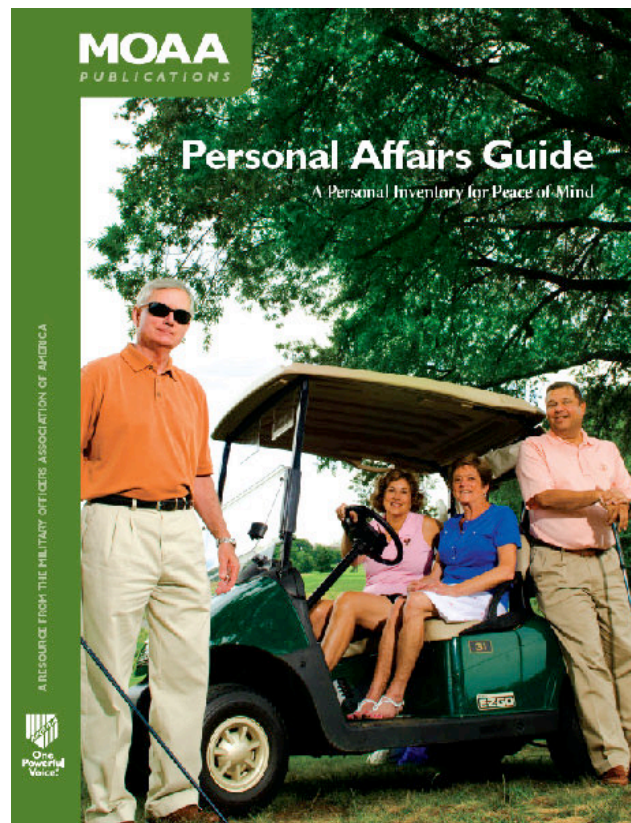
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- All non-DoD persons can expect to obtain a visitor's pass at certain gates with VCC (Visitor Control Centers). Travelers should plan their time accordingly as access times to Fort Bliss might be increased following these enduring security measure enhancements.

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August 2021 Membership Meeting & Lunch
The General George V. Underwood, Jr. Golf Course
3200 Coe Ave., El Paso, TX 79916

Date: Saturday, 14 August 2021
Time: 1130 -1400

Guest Speaker:
Kathrin Berg
Vice President, El Paso Community Foundation



Menu
Steak Tampiqueña
Sautéed Broccoli Almandine
Tossed Green Salad w/Dressing
Roll & Butter
Water, Coffee & Iced Tea

Dress: Casual

Cost: \$20/person

Lunch Treasurer: treasurer@elpasomoaa.org
Membership or email queries: membership@elpasomoaa.org
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 August 2021 with a check for \$20 per person, the cost of the luncheon. **Late Reservations**, call Bob Pitt, 915-533-5111 or Dave Powell, 915-491-1272, by Noon, Wednesday, August 11, and pay at the door.

Lunch will be on Saturday 14 August 2021 at 11:30 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: _____

Name(s) of Guests: _____

Name(s) of Guests: _____



DOC'S CORNER

DR. DANIEL WASHBURN.

I have not commented on COVID-19 for a few months, so I want to give an update now that we finally have good news available. The following data that I quote is as of June 2021.

45% of the total U.S. population has now been fully vaccinated, almost 55% have received at least one shot and if we remove kids under the age of 12 from the calculation then 65% of Americans have received at least one shot. That is excellent progress since the COVID vaccine became available early this year.

The vaccination rate is even better in El Paso. 75% of El Pasoans over the age of 12 have received at least one dose. 85% of people over the age of 65 in El Paso are fully vaccinated. This is a higher vaccination rate than the rest of Texas and the U.S.

When the number of new COVID infections peaked this past winter, we were seeing a staggering 200,000 to 250,000 new cases every day in the U.S. The daily new case load in our country has now dropped to between 10,000 and 15,000 which is a 95% decline. On July 3rd there were only 7,978 new cases which is barely visible on the graph I have been monitoring each day for the past year.

The daily COVID related death count in the U.S. has also dropped dramatically. During the winter peak, the virus was causing between 1,500 and 4,000 Americans deaths each day. The daily death count has now dropped to between 150 and 350 a day and on July 3rd was down to 96.

These numbers are equally encouraging in El Paso. During the winter peak, El Paso was seeing between 300 to 1,500 new COVID cases each day. Now, there are only 10-20 new cases.

The CDC stated that if you are fully vaccinated, masks are not necessary unless on public transportation or other local/federal laws require it or when entering a business that still requires it.

The vaccines being used still appear to be very safe and successful at preventing disease, hospitalizations and deaths. The safety profile of the vaccines will continue to be monitored closely but so far, still appear to be very safe. Like all viruses, the corona virus mutates over time so virus variants are now being passed around. The delta variant is the most prominent virus recently. The good news is that our vaccines do appear to be effective against variants including the delta variant. Whether or not we will eventually need a booster vaccine or even an annual corona virus vaccine is yet to be determined.

This pandemic that turned the world upside down last year is still far from over. However, we are very fortunate to have the science and technology available that quickly produced excellent vaccines so that we are all well on our way to putting our lives back together.

Daniel Washburn, M.D.
Former Chief Eye Surgeon
at WBAMC



Junior Enlisted Family Center

Located at 2004 Sheridan Rd. Fort Bliss, TX 79906

No Cost Thrift Store: Closed

Food Pantry: Fridays 10:30am-2:30pm

Baby Project: Fridays 10:30am-2:30pm

JEFC drive-thru Food Pantry: Wednesdays 3-5pm

Hosted at 7060 Comington St. El Paso, TX 79930

Junior Enlisted military families in need are allowed one bundle of diapers, baby wipes and up to 10 baby food items per week during hours of operation while supplies lasts.



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A few months ago, I went to a funeral of a relative that I had lost touch with for about forty years.

I had not attended that type of funeral service since I was a very young girl. The family members were rejoicing and were very happy to see each other. Some had come from several States.

To say the least, it touched me so much because the joy that was displayed was spiritual and Christ like and seemed that it was because the family knew that their loved one was in a better place, and that that was not an

occasion for sadness only but for happiness as well. There were some, it seemed, that were relieved since she (the deceased) had been ill for so many years, and that now she was in a resting place.

When it was time for the Eulogy, the daughter said that anyone there could get up and express their feelings about the loved one. When the children and grandchildren got up to talk about the mother/grandmother, of how beautiful, joyful and fun times they had experienced with her, it made me kind of sad because in my family we never got to see that side of that relative. Back then when we were together, there had been a lot of disagreements and chaos when she and our family would meet at our homes.

I really wished, at that moment, that we (my immediate family) had as well experienced the type of things that the relative had done with her loved ones and that all of our family could have been a part of such joyful circumstances.

Sometimes in life we don't know

what we are missing until those opportunities are no longer there. And often times it's not that we want to distance ourselves from our loved ones but it is situations that arise that makes it difficult to stay in touch. In my case, I was traveling a lot, working real estate, teaching at the Community College and performing, as I am still a Spanish Dancer. I was also taking care of my father who had cancer, my mother with heart problems and my husband who was struggling with health issues from the effects of the Agent Orange.

More often than not, we do not stop to smell the roses and miss times when we can be united with our families.

Even though the Lord has granted me a wonderful life in spite of all my trials, I do wish that I had kept in touch.

It takes time and effort but it is worth it to seek our loved ones, for life really is very short and after all, that's why God created us for, to love one another, to reach out to each other which can give us a lot of love, happiness, peace and joy.

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