

THE BORDER BULLETIN

El Paso Chapter of Military Officers Association of America

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A MOAA affiliate from January 23, 1956 - El Paso Chapter of Military Officers Association of America Our 52nd Year

TWO ITEMS: TIME FOR APPLICANTS and TIME FOR DONORS

TIME FOR APPLICANTS

**Military Officers Association of America
SCHOLARSHIPS
for children of OFFICERS and ENLISTED
GUARD-REGULAR-RESERVE, active and retired
for School Year 2009 – 2010
apply on-line 11/1/08 – 3/1/09
DETAILS: www.moaa.org
TAB 'ABOUT US'
TAB 'SCHOLARSHIP FUND'**

There is one online application for all scholarships, grants, and interest-free loan programs.

Interest-Free Loan and Grant Program Interest-free loans, MOAA's main program, are renewable annually for up to five years of full-time undergraduate study. Assistance is available only to students who have not yet earned an undergraduate degree. The interest-free loan and grant program provides \$5,500 loans, which are renewable for up to five years of undergraduate study. Students selected as loan recipients and their military parent must sign a promissory note before funds can be disbursed. Loans are disbursed in two increments: one-half by early August and one-half by mid-December.

TIME FOR DONORS

In your Year End Giving and Bequests please consider the COL Joseph C. Rodriguez, USA, Medal of Honor Memorial Scholarship of the El Paso Chapter.

The Colonel Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship is a part of "the MOAA Scholarship Fund; and thus, it is a non-profit, charitable organization, incorporated in Virginia and declared tax-exempt by the Internal Revenue Service under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Its tax identification number is 54-1659039." Please draw your check payable to "MOAA Scholarship Fund," and mark the memo line with "Rodriguez/TX05 - 501(c)(3)." Mail your contribution to: MOAA Scholarship Fund, PO Box 34889, Alexandria, VA 22334-0889.

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COLONEL JOSEPH C. RODRIGUEZ'S Medal of Honor General Order and Citation

reads

Rank and organization: Sergeant (then Pfc.), U.S. Company F, 17th Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. Place and date: Near Munye-ri, Korea, 21 May 1951. Entered service at: California. Born: 14 November 1928, San Bernardino, Calif.

G.O. No.: 22, 5 February 1952.

Citation: Sgt. Rodriguez, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty in action against an armed enemy of the United Nations. Sgt. Rodriguez, an assistant squad leader of the 2d Platoon, was participating in an attack against a fanatical hostile force occupying well-fortified positions on rugged commanding terrain, when his squad's advance was halted within approximately 60 yards by a withering barrage of automatic weapons and small arms fire from 5 emplacements directly to the front and right and left flanks, together with grenades which the enemy rolled down the hill toward the advancing troops. Fully aware of the odds against him, Sgt. Rodriguez leaped to his feet, dashed 60 yards up the fire swept slope, and, after lobbing grenades into the first foxhole with deadly accuracy, ran around the left flank, silenced an automatic weapon with 2 grenades and continued his whirlwind assault to the top of the peak, wiping out 2 more foxholes and then, reaching the right flank, he tossed grenades into the remaining emplacement, destroying the gun and annihilating its crew.

Sgt. Rodriguez' intrepid actions exacted a toll of 15 enemy dead and, as a result of his incredible display of valor, the defense of the opposition was broken, and the enemy routed, and the strategic strongpoint secured. His unflinching courage under fire and inspirational devotion to duty reflect highest credit on himself and uphold the honored traditions of the military service.

Colonel Joseph C. Rodriguez died on November 1, 2005 in El Paso and was buried with full military honors at Mountain View Cemetery in San Bernardino, California. Rodriguez is survived by his wife Rose; his son, Lieutenant General Charles G. Rodriguez, The Adjutant General, State of Texas; son, Lawrence R. Rodriguez; daughter, Karen Sharp; 11 grandchildren; 10 sisters and 2 brothers.

About the MOAA Scholarship Fund

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Scholarship Fund was established in 1948 to provide educational assistance for children of military families, Officer and Enlisted, Active and Retired, all uniformed services, Regular, Guard, and Reserve. It is based on one of the Association's founding principals that "education is the cornerstone of a strong Democracy". It is supported by donations and bequests from MOAA chapters, members, corporations, and others. "MOAA Scholarship Fund is a non-profit, charitable organization, incorporated in Virginia and declared tax-exempt by the Internal Revenue Service under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Its tax identification number is 54-1659039." Please draw your check payable to "MOAA Scholarship Fund," and mark the memo line with "Rodriguez/TX05 - 501(c)(3)." Mail your contribution to: MOAA Scholarship Fund, PO Box 34889, Alexandria, VA 22334-0889.

October 15, 2008

RE: TWO ITEMS – 2009 - 10 MOAA Scholarships; and, the COL Joseph C. Rodriguez, USA, Medal of Honor Memorial Scholarship of the El Paso Chapter

Dear Chapter Member:

Please, inform everyone about the good things going on with regards to educational assistance.

First, it is time to make applications for Military Officers Association of America SCHOLARSHIPS for children of OFFICERS and ENLISTED GUARD-REGULAR-RESERVE, active and retired for SY 2009 – 2010. Apply on-line 11/1/08 through 3/1/09. You can find the details online at: www.moaa.org, then TAB 'ABOUT US' followed by TAB 'SCHOLARSHIP FUND.' There is one on-line application for all scholarships, grants, and interest-free loan programs. Some will receive multiple copies so those of you in the JROTC Departments, please, take copies to your High School Counselors...If you're in an on-post Education Center, make it known...In a Guard-Regular-Reserve unit, spread the word. Simply, tell everyone.

For your information, there were eight MOAA scholarship recipients in our area for School Year 2008 – 2009. Here's the list: Erin M Kirby, \$5,500 Interest Free Loan; Marissa M Carl, \$500 Designated Scholarship and a \$5,000 Interest Free Loan; Marie T Putko, \$5,500 Interest Free Loan; Kristin English, \$1,000 Base Post Scholarship; Reena M Barnett, \$5,500 Interest Free Loan; Maria-Bethlehem E Pal-

aya, \$5,500 Interest Free Loan; Kenneth E Broomfield, Jr., \$5,500 Interest Free Loan; and, Matthew Estrada, \$500 Designated Scholarship and a \$5,000 Interest Free Loan, the very first recipient of our designated scholarship, the COL Joseph C. Rodriguez, USA, Medal of Honor Memorial Scholarship of the El Paso Chapter. We believe MOAA is making a substantial investment in the future and lives of our college students from our area. Our congratulations and best wishes to all for having been selected to receive educational assistance.

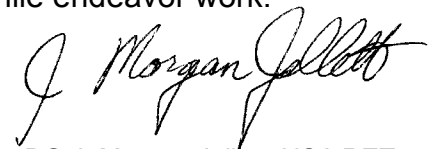
Now, we come to the second part of my letter, the COL Joseph C. Rodriguez, USA, Medal of Honor Memorial Scholarship of the El Paso Chapter. The Chapter is going to honor Colonel Rodriguez's memory in the presence of Mrs. Rose Rodriguez, his widow, and Lieutenant General Charles G. Rodriguez, The Adjutant General, State of Texas, their son, by formally dedicating our scholarship at the Saturday December 13 Luncheon and Meeting. It is our goal to have it fully funded by year-end. We hope everyone can attend our year end meeting.

While national has officially given designated status to our scholarship with \$13,000 of the \$25,000 needed being donated, we believe we have an obligation to raise the remaining Twelve-thousand Dollars...an

objective easily reached...24x donating \$500, each; 48x \$250; 60x \$200...and, so on.

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Thanks to everyone for your help in making this worthwhile endeavor work.



BG J. Morgan Jellett, USA RET,
President



COL Joseph C. Rodriguez
Medal of Honor
1928 - 2005

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Eligibility

Students (under age 24) who are children of former, active or retired officers or active or retired enlisted military personnel are eligible to apply. If such a child served in a Uniformed Service before completing college, however, his or her maximum age for eligibility will be increased by the number of years he or she so served, up to five years. Military academy cadets are not eligible for this program. Not a member yet? Join now. Membership not required of ENLISTED for children to apply.

Selection Criteria Qualified students with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale are selected on the basis of their scholastic ability, activities, and financial need.