



THE BULLETIN BOARD

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CDR Bev Kelsey, Editor



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings once again from your Board. We hope everyone has had a great start to the year, and we look forward to seeing all of you the day after Valentine's Day.

I know the message has been repeated once or twice, but I'll say it just once more...this month. We need new members, and with an organization with such great members, it seems that all we are failing to do is get the message out. No question, that falls squarely on the scrawny little shoulders of one Maurice Quigley. Please help lift the load. Every time you meet someone who is qualified, i.e., is an officer in any branch of the military, active or retired, tell him or her about our chapter, the great members we have, the camaraderie and the opportunities to renew old friendships and/or start new ones. Tell them where we meet, tell them about the great programs (promising that no speaker will take more than 25 minutes), and remind them of our attitude adjustment period. I would challenge anyone to have an evening out with a great dinner and \$1.00 drinks and get out for less than \$60.00. Yes, in March we will start charging \$1.00 per drink because if we don't we will have to raise the meal cost by one to two dollars a person, and your Board felt that this was a better way to handle matters. This way, those of us who enjoy a cocktail before dinner can continue to enjoy at a very nominal cost. I'm sure we will continue to be generous with the tip jar, remembering that our bartender works for tips...and does a fine job, by the way. It's still a great evening out, a fine meal and great fellowship at a very reasonable cost. Please continue to invite guests, particularly those who are eligible for membership. Have a great Valentine's Day, and we'll see you the evening after to top off the celebration.

Maurice Quigley
President, AMOAA

Scheduled Speaker for March

Col. Rich McGonagle, USMC (Ret), Director of Infrastructure, Texas Parks and Wildlife.

MEET OUR SPEAKERS

Maj David Hamil, USMC (Ret)
Senior Marine Instructor
Jack C. Hays High School MCJROTC

Maj. Hamil enlisted in the Marine Corps in August, 1974. Originally trained in electronics repair, he obtained a commission through the Enlisted Commissioning Program in 1977 and attended Officer Candidate School, The Basic Course and the Infantry Officer's Course at Quantico, Virginia.

During his twenty year career, Maj. Hamil's FMF assignments have been as a Rifle Platoon Commander, 81mm Mortar Platoon Commander, Rifle Company XO, Weapons Company XO, Rifle Company Commander, H&S Company Commander, Assistant G-3 Operations Officer, Marine Liaison Officer for Special Purpose MAGTF / CARGRU-8, and H&S Battalion XO.

His other career duty assignments included two separate tours as an instructor at The Basic School and as the Marine Liaison / Military Aide for the Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy.

Maj Hamil retired in 1994 and has been a Senior Marine Instructor for the Marine Corps Junior ROTC Program to this date.

He has been married to his wife, Pamela, for thirteen years and has one step-son, Justin.

Cadet LtCol Jenna Kadjar
Battalion Commander
Jack C. Hays High School MCJROTC

Miss Kadjar enrolled in the Marine Corps JROTC Program at Hays High School during her freshman year in August, 2008. This year she has risen to her current rank and assignment as the Cadet Battalion Commander.

Cadet LtCol Kadjar's previous billet assignments include Fire Team Leader, Squad Leader, Platoon Sergeant, Platoon Commander and Company Commander.

She has been a member of the girls' Competition Drill Team and the girls' Color Guard all four years. Additionally, she has participated as a member of the units'

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Chaplain's Corner

(By Chaplain Ernie Dean)

"What the Lord Requires"

What shall I bring to the Lord, the God of Heaven, when I come to worship him? Shall I bring the best calves to burn as offerings to him? Will the Lord be pleased if I bring him thousands of sheep or endless streams of olive oil? Shall I offer him my first-born child to pay for my sins?

No, the Lord has told us what is good. What he requires of us is this: to do what is just, to show constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with our God. (Micah 6:6-8)

Micah is a little book of the Bible, located near the end of the Old Testament, but it surely packs a big wallop. The awesome words above are quoted over and over by faithful folks striving to make a difference. Forever, apparently, we humans have tried to appease God with some kind of offering or sacrifice. God cannot be bought! God cannot be compromised! God is holy and all God does is holy. Justice, love, and humble fellowship mark holiness.

A definition of justice that has circulated for years is "judgment tempered with mercy." We are held accountable for our deeds and for our failure to do the good we could have done. We are judged by God, but, thankfully, God offers the opportunity to make amends.

The Lord says, "The time is coming when I will make a new covenant with my people.... The new covenant I will make will be this: I will put my law within them and write it on their hearts. I will be their God and they will be my people." (Jeremiah 31:31-33)

This is an absolute act of love, mercy, grace. God initiates a rebuilding of our lives so we can live in humble fellowship. Our only acceptable response is gratitude. We can pray prayers of thanksgiving for the kindnesses of God, and we can then devote ourselves to ways of living that are kind, uplifting and wholesome. This is gratitude!

We often ponder the outcomes of events we can anticipate for the rest of 2012, and for the rest of our lives. Even so, we have the assurance of a benevolent and gracious God who wants the best for us. God does not run around "fixing up lives," but does offer us a steadfast and eternal love to guide and sustain us. Let's do the right thing: invite God into our hearts and be thankful for our new lives.

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Competition Physical Fitness Team.

Beyond the MCJROTC Program, Jenna has been a member of the Hays High School Choir and Chamber Singers Ensemble all four years of high school.

She has been in the National Honor Society for her junior and senior years, and is a Peer Mentor for Special Needs students this year. Jenna plans to attend college, but has not decided which school she will attend.

Personal Affairs Corner

Amy Praskac, our January speaker, graciously agreed to become a resource for our Personal Affairs Committee. She provided invaluable information and useful handouts that can be made a part of our personal affairs toolkit, and introduced us to the Austin Memorial Burial & Information Society (AMBIS). The Society is a non-profit, volunteer-run organization of area residents dedicated to helping our neighbors make funeral and memorial arrangements that are dignified, meaningful and affordable.

AMBIS covers the entire Central Texas area and is affiliated with the Funeral Consumers Alliance, a national federation of more than 90 similar societies in the United States.

AMBIS assists the community by providing many services and benefits. A few are listed below:

- On request, a packet of state-specific advance planning documents.
- Periodic workshops to help members complete advance directives.
- Periodic seminars on specific end-of-life topics.
- Advice to members relocating outside the AMBIS area regarding transfer of affiliation to other Funeral Consumer Alliance organizations.

Additional details about AMBIS can be found at the source document for this article located at:

<http://fcaambis.org/>.

AMOOA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The goal of AMOOA is to award four \$500 scholarships to outstanding senior cadets who will be seeking their first undergraduate degree starting the 2012-2013 school year as full-time students. The scholarship money is forwarded to the school that they have been accepted to on their behalf after they graduate from high school this year. The awards will go to four cadets who are well rounded and have:

- Satisfactorily served in the JROTC program for at least 2 full years;
- Consistently demonstrated the highest qualities of a leader;
- Consistently performed throughout their participation in JROTC; and
- Demonstrated the capability to be successful in college.

We have 19 high school JROTC programs in our local area that will be nominating cadets for these awards. However, our scholarship fund is low and we need members' help. One way is to buy the white tickets when you check in at the monthly dinner meetings. The winner will receive a door prize (vice the previous 50/50 option.)

Or you can make a tax-deductible donation to the fund—just contact Phil Denney. These awards are greatly appreciated by the cadets who win them. Please help if you can.

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DINNER MEETING -- Wednesday, February 15, 2012

Main Dining Hall, Headquarters Bldg #8
Camp Mabry

Attire: Men: Coat and Tie or Uniform always appropriate
Ladies: Cocktail Dress, Pant Suit or Uniform
Charge: \$22 per person (check payable to AMOAA)

Reservations may be made with your assigned caller or with your service representative, by calling before 2100 hours on the Thursday before the Wednesday dinner. Cancellations should also be made by that time.
Individuals who do not honor reservations will be billed.

It is your responsibility to RSVP for the Wednesday dinner-meeting, if you plan to attend. You may do so by either sending an email to or calling your service representative. Early reservations are requested to facilitate planning and meal preparation. If you have not responded by the Thursday prior to the meeting, you may receive a call. However, if you have not been called or emailed and you wish to attend, please contact your service representative (listed on page 4.) If you are unable to reach your representative, one of the others will be happy to take your reservation.

Please make a reservation if you plan to attend.

ATTENTION SINGLES

Look for the sign "SINGLES" -- and sign your name if you want to sit with us... but you don't have to.
We try to sit together at MOAA dinners.

COMPUTERS

Don't forget to visit our great chapter website
<http://www.main.org/moaaaustin/>
Thanks to JR Howard, Webmaster

NEED A PERMANENT NAME TAG?

See Ben Meharg at the meeting,
or call 280-2569 or email benm@austin.rr.com

Reminder - When you arrive for the dinner, check in with the Treasurer and your Service Rep before socializing.
Violators will be forced to walk the plank!

Significant February events in U.S. Military History

Feb 22 1836 - Mexican General Santa Anna began his 13 day siege of the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas.
Feb 23 1847 - Mexican-American War: American troops under General Zachary Taylor defeat General Santa Anna.
Feb 16 1864 - Civil War: The H.L. Hunley becomes the first submarine to engage and sink a warship, USS Housatonic.
Feb 28 1916 - WWI: Beginning of the battle of Verdun, in France, which lasted ten months.
Feb 20 1942 - WWII: Lt. Edward O'Hare downs five out of nine Japanese bombers that are attacking the carrier Lexington and becomes America's first World War II flying ace

ORDER OF THE EVENING

SEATING CHARTS WILL BE PLACED ON TABLES AT 1830 HOURS

1830-1900 Hours: - Social Period
- Open Bar
- Dinner Payment

Check in with your service representative
Select seats (sign the form at the end of the table)

1900-1910 hours: - Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- National Anthem
1910-2000: - Dinner and Door Prizes
2000: - Speaker

MENU

<i>Bread</i>	<i>Bread & Herb Garlic Butter</i>
<i>Entrée</i>	<i>Chicken & Andouille Sausage</i>
<i>Vegetable</i>	<i>Steamed Broccoli</i>
<i>Dessert</i>	<i>Bread Pudding</i>

Feb 23 1942 - WWII: A Japanese submarine surfaced off the coast of California, shelling the coastline near the town of Ellwood. The first Axis explosives to hit American soil.

Feb 26 1943 - U.S. Flying Fortresses and Liberators pound German docks and U-boat lairs at Wilhelmshaven.

Feb 24 1944 - WWII: Merrill's Marauders, a specially trained group of American soldiers, begin their ground campaign against Japan into Burma.

Feb 23 1945 - WWII: During the Battle of Iwo Jima, a group of Marines and a Navy Corpsman reach the top of Mt. Suribachi and are photographed raising the American flag. The photo would later win a Pulitzer Prize and become the model for the national USMC War Memorial.

Feb 21 1951 - Korea: The U.S. Eighth Army launches Operation Killer, a counterattack to push Chinese forces north of the Han River in Korea.

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EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2012

- 15 February** - Dinner Meeting
1830 hours
HQ Main Dining Hall, Bldg #8
Camp Mabry
- 27 February** - Board Meeting
1330 hours
Garrison Command Bldg #64
Camp Mabry
- 24 February** - ROWC Luncheon

Upcoming Events MARCH 2012

- 21 March** - Dinner Meeting
1830 hours
HQ Main Dining Hall, Bldg #8
Camp Mabry
- 26 March** - Board Meeting
1330 hours
Garrison Command Bldg #64
Camp Mabry
- 23 March** - ROWC Luncheon

Email or Paper?

Would you like to receive your Bulletin via email? You can choose to not receive the paper copy of the Bulletin, and receive an email copy instead. Just email your preference to : **Ben Meharg** at benm@austin.rr.com.

RETIRED OFFICERS WIVES CLUB

Friday, February 24, 2012

Green Pastures
811 W. Live Oak

Program: Social Time: 10:45 a.m. Luncheon: 11:30 a.m.

PROGRAM: Lockhart High School singing sensation, Victoria Peterson, will thrill us with her beautiful voice.

RESERVATIONS: Should be in by the Friday before the Friday Luncheon. Martha Kirby 259-0423

BRIDGE

Second Friday of each month – 09:30 AM
IHOP at 1101 So. MOPAC
Contact: Jean Tallas 453-5707, jtallas@aol.com
or Betty Seals 453-8835

2012 Dues are due

If you have not paid your dues for 2012, please do so as soon as possible. Just use the renewal form found on the last page of the newsletter. If you receive your newsletter by regular mail, your "DUES PAID" date is on your address label.

If you have any questions about whether or not you have paid, contact Ben Meharg or Phil Denney (see above for contact information.) They'll be happy to help.

We want to keep seeing you at the dinner meetings and sending you the newsletter, so please keep your membership current!

ROWC Widows

Are you unsure or confused by all the processes and requirements that come with being on your own? Do you need information or advice? A social/support group meets at 11:30am every 3rd Friday of the month at the IHOP at 1101 So. Mo-Pac. For more information, contact Sue Kidwell at 512-288-0518.

Happy Birthday to members with birthdays in February

Rose Beran	Vanda Jean Keith	Nancy Lloyd	Phillip Toler
John Beran	George Knox	Keith Maresca	Raymond Tyx
James Logan Brown	Mardi Kopecky	Bill Pierce	Steve Wilson
Donna Broyles	Ann Koval	A.J. Polhill	
William Didlake	Tommie Kozak	Elizabeth Posey	
Katherine Higgins	Raymond Kruger	Fred Sanderson	
Carlos Higgins	Melton Kunze	Rachel Susskind	

If your birthday information is missing or incorrect, contact 2nd Vice President Ben Meharg at 633-7127 benm@austin.rr.com. Your info will be updated.

DINNER MEETING LOCATION

Our dinner meetings now take place at Camp Mabry at the Headquarters Dining Hall, Building 8. Catering is by Gumbo's and there is an open bar this month. Hopefully this centralized location and easy access will encourage members to attend more often. The Board is doing everything to make this a comfortable and enjoyable event again. And we are able to keep the regular dinner cost at \$22.00. The caterer will provide the bartender, so please be attentive to the tip jar! Thank you and hope to see you there.

Articles of Incorporation of AMOAA ~PREAMBLE~

The purposes of this organization shall be:

- To include and stimulate love of our country and flag;
- To defend the honor, integrity, and supremacy of our National Government and the Constitution of the United States;
- To advocate military forces adequate to the defense of our country;
- To foster fraternal relations between all branches of the various services from which our members are drawn;
- To further the education of children of service personnel;
- To aid active and retired personnel of the various services from which our members are drawn, their dependents and survivors, in every proper and legitimate manner; and
- To present their rights and interest when service matters are under consideration.

We unite to form the Military Officers Association of America.

Membership Criteria

Membership is open to the following members of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service and NOAA:

- Active duty and retired commissioned officers,
- Commissioned warrant officers, and warrant officers,
- National Guard and Reserve officers,
- Former officers.

In addition, surviving spouses of deceased officers are eligible for Auxiliary membership and full participation in Club activities.

DIRECTIONS TO DINNER LOCATION:

Enter Camp Mabry through the last gate off of 35th Street. After entering the Post and going through the ID check, proceed straight until the road ends at a cross street at which point you take a right. Take another right at the next stop sign, onto the main thoroughfare. This will lead you back toward 35th street. Behind the chapel on your left is the new two-story headquarters building, Bldg. 8. It is the largest building in the main cluster of buildings located in the southeast corner of the property. The dining room is on the first floor.

A FEW MORE WORDS ABOUT THE DINNER

- If you come in through the side door, be sure to come to the front and sign in with our treasurer, Phil Denney, and your service rep.
 - The parking lot is rather dark upon departure. You may want to bring a small flashlight to help light your way to your car.
 - **Effective March 2012, a \$1 donation will be collected for each alcoholic drink/glass of wine at the bar. Please don't let this detract from your generosity at the Tip jar - it is a necessary move to defray increases in costs.**
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DUES FORM

Please complete the form, **cut out** and mail with your check payable to: **AMOOA** mail to **Military Officers Association of America, P.O. Box 1071, Austin, Texas 78767-1071.**

Dues for 1 Jan to 31 Dec _____ Officer: \$17.00 Widow/Widower of Officer: \$12:00

New Member Current/Returning Member **Please clearly print your information**

The following information has changed or needs to be added to the database:

Address Home Phone Cell Phone Email Address National Number Birthdays

Name, Rank, Service* _____ Spouse _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

National Number: _____ Birthdays (M/D) Member: _____ Spouse: _____

* Required



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