



MOAA REPORTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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Chapter Leadership Positions: We are looking for volunteers to serve in leadership positions in the Chapter. Although many of our current officers and committee chairpersons have agreed to continue to serve again in 2016, we need volunteers to work with them enable us to transition responsibilities over the coming year. Bringing in new volunteers is important for us to maintain high levels of energy and bring in fresh ideas. We are looking for someone to fill the President-Elect position (and take over as President in 2017), persons to serve on the Executive Committee, and persons to help with membership, legislative affairs, JROTC scholarships, personal affairs, and community outreach. Contact Bill Lavallee if you are interested in serving in any of these position. Bill's contact information: 972-291-8776 or valleone@sbcglobal.net.

DD Form 214: Do you know where your DD 214 is? Your DD Form 214 is one of the most important documents you and your family members should be able to access at a moment's notice. You will need it to apply for Veterans benefits, disability claims, death benefits, and many other purposes. Can't find your DD 214? Apply online at <https://vetrecs.archives.gov/VeteranRequest/home.html> or submit a request for Military Records (SF-180) by mail or FAX. The SF-180 identifies where you need to send the form depending on your branch of service and service dates. For more information call 314-801-0764. Note that it normally takes 2 to 3 weeks to receive your DD-214. Have a copy of your DD-214? Register it with your County Clerk. You can do this by visiting the County clerk's office or your County Veterans Service Office. This is a free service and you will always know where to find your DD 214.

Military ID Cards: We have had several members of our Chapter tell us that they have had their ID Cards confiscated the Security Police when entering a military facility if their ID card contained their Social security number. Although I have not been able to verify this, it is probably a good idea to replace your ID card if yours still has your SSAN. Unfortunately, in these days of identify-theft, this is a precaution we should all take. I guess the days of listing your SSAN on your personal checks is long gone. We have two locations in the DFW area where you can update or renew your ID cards. The process is quick and painless if you schedule an appointment ahead of time. Visit our website www.moagreaterdallas.org or contact Ben Cole, ben.cole@sbcglobal.net or 972-669-0619, for more information.

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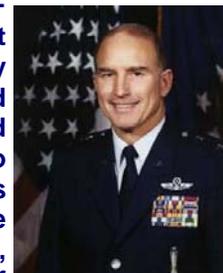


MOAA-GDC receives 5 Star Levels of Excellence Award for 2014.

MOAA's topnotch council and chapters compete annually to receive a four-star or five-star Levels of Excellence Award. The very best councils and chapters receive five-star awards. Our Chapter has been again selected as a 5 Star Chapter 2014.

August 25—August Luncheon Meeting

Lieutenant General Brett Dula USAF was Vice Commander Air Combat command with headquarters at Langley Air Force Base, VA. where he assisted the commander in preparing and sustaining combat ready forces and to secure national security objectives. His major awards and decorations are Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit and Distinguished Flying Cross.



More information on our upcoming programs is available on page 3 and on our website.

Veteran Job Fairs in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Please see page 4 for more information.



Navy Captain Steven Cole who is a member of our chapter and who is the son of Navy Captain Ben Cole will be speaking at our October 18 picnic. Steven is just back from Afghanistan and has served as Commanding Officer for various intelligence units, as senior advisor to high level positions in Iraq and Afghanistan, and varied jobs in the corporate world.



The topic of his speech will be "Not Everything You Read is the Truth!"

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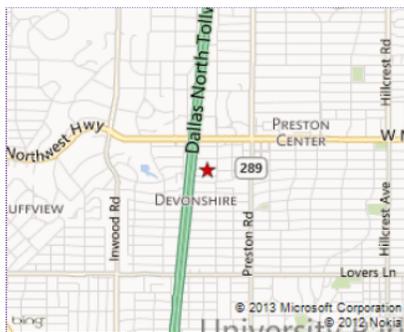
LUNCHEON MEETING — AUGUST 25, 2015

Luncheon Speaker - Lieutenant General Brett Dula USAF

Lieutenant General Brett Dula USAF was Vice Commander Air Combat command with headquarters at Langley Air Force Base, VA. where he assisted the commander in preparing and sustaining combat ready forces and to secure national security objectives. He assisted in managing a force of more than 140,000 active-duty people, 130 bombers, 1,300 fighters and 500 support aircraft at more than 30 locations. He has held key duties in the intelligence community. He's a command pilot with more than 4,400 flying hours including 380 missions in Southeast Asia. He's a graduate of the AF academy. His major awards and decorations are Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit and Distinguished Flying Cross. His command stations and service record is lengthy. He is an incredible speaker and will speak on the topic of: "The Dark Side of Military Aviation."



The Park City Club 5956 Sherry Lane, 17th Floor Dallas, Texas 75225



Please send your reservations early to ensure we can make an accurate and timely reservation count. Mail the reservation coupon to MOAA-GDC Programs, PO Box 515495, Dallas, TX 75251; email Dave Schafer moaschafer@att.net or reserve online at www.moagreaterdallas.org/onlinersvp.html. You may also call Dave at (214)577-4107.

MOAA-GDC accepts **PayPal** for paying for your luncheon at our website which allows you to pay by credit card. We would appreciate you also filling out the RSVP form and checking your type of payment at the website.



MEETING — OCTOBER 18, 2015

This is an event that you won't want to miss.

We are so honored to have our long awaited Dynamic guest speaker Navy Captain Steven Cole who is a member of our chapter and who is the son of Navy Captain Ben Cole. Steven is just back from Afghanistan and will be speaking at our Sunday, October 18 picnic at White Rock Lake at 2:30 PM. Directions to the picnic site will be in our next newsletter."

Captain Steven Cole has served as Commanding Officer for various intelligence units, as senior advisor to high level positions in Iraq and Afghanistan, and varied jobs in the corporate world. He was a Regional Operations & Sales Manager of Sony Corp., Sr. Vice President and Controller for the Dallas Postal Credit Union, and Rockwell International as financial director, auditor, special investigations, manager-contracts & pricing, and subcontract management.

He was subject matter expert for training and curriculum development to the Iraqi Baghdad Police Academy and the Iraqi National Investigations and Information Agency. (NIIA); He worked for AutoNation as Inventory manager/process shared service center. With the U.S. Navy' support to Operation Enduring Freedom, he served most recently as the Senior Advisor and Team Lead for the Afghan Ministry of Interior, Inspector General.

He has engaged duty as a NCIS Agent regarding U.S. Navy Criminal Investigative Services (NCIS) cold case resolution, NCIS Protection/Counter Intelligence Team Leader, Counter Intelligence – North Iraq, and as an NCIS Fraud Investigator; conducting audits of financial institutions regarding identity theft and NCIS Personal Security Officer to the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO). Reserve duty has found this intelligence officer as Deputy Commander at Sea for the International piracy/maritime law enforcement Task Force off the Somalia coast and judicial process advisory for Rule of Law within the Afghan judicial system.

His most recent position in Afghanistan was for the U.S. Navy, Operation Enduring Freedom 2014-2015. He served as Senior Advisor and Team Lead, Afghan Ministry of Interior, Inspector General.

At present he works at Southern Methodist University as the SMU|Guildhall Deputy Director and adjunct Instructor regarding Advanced Interviewing Techniques, Human Behavioral Pattern Analysis, and Advanced Situational Awareness. The topic of his speech will be "Not Everything You Read is the Truth!" He will be sharing his experiences from his last tours in Iraq and Afghanistan and making a plea to MOAA to consolidate our ability to speak for the voters who care about the U.S. military personnel and their families.



CAREER TRANSITION – JOB FAIRS

BY JOEL BATALSKY, MOAA-GDC CAREER TRANSITION OFFICER

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, about 250,000 men and women will be leaving the military each year over the next several years. Many of these veterans will be moving to the Greater Dallas area. Why? Well, the April 2015 unemployment rate for the Dallas metro area was 3.7% versus 5.1% for the US. Wages in our area are higher than the national average and our cost of living is one of the lowest in the nation. Add on the fact that Texas is one of the most veteran friendly states in the nation and you have the recipe for significant veteran population growth. One estimate is that the veteran population in the Greater DFW area will grow by 4% by 2018 – from the current 410,000 to over 426,000. Accounting for veterans leaving the area, we will have about 20,000 new veterans looking for jobs in the Greater Dallas area over the next 3 years.

Not all of the veterans looking for jobs will be officers. Not all of the veterans looking for jobs will be retirees. Most will be NCOs and enlisted personnel leaving the service well before retirement. Our Chapter is addressing the needs of all veterans through our Career Transition program. There is a Veterans job fairs to be held August. This job fair is tailored for veterans, active duty members, guard and reserve members, and military spouses. **Please pass this information on to any active or former military members, or military spouses who might be looking for a job.**

Recruit Military is sponsoring the Dallas All Veteran Job Fair on Thursday, August 27, 2015 at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center, 650 S. Griffin Street, Dallas, Texas from 11 am to 3 pm. For more information visit <https://events.recruitmilitary.com/events/dallas-all-veteran-job-fair-august-27-2015>.

For more information about these Veterans Job Fairs, please contact LTC Joel Batalsky, USA Retired, joelbat@aol.com or 214-908-3708.



MILITARY DISCOUNTS

Military.com has a wealth of information regarding military discounts at <http://www.military.com/discounts>.



A great app for your phone is Scout Military Discounts. This app allows you to search by category and provides a map view. Under the menu there is a link to Veterans Day discounts.

As with all discounts, verify in advance. Discounts may vary by location and by franchisee.

PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE (CONTINUED) BY DAVE SCHAFER

Immunizations: The following information is provided for your consideration. **You should discuss the benefits and risks with your primary care physician before obtaining any vaccinations.** It is generally recommended that adults 65 years of age or older receive the shingles vaccination if they have ever had chicken pox. It is also generally recommended that adults 65 years of age or older receive both vaccines for pneumonia: the PPSV23 and the PCV13 vaccines. Again, talk to your primary care physician before obtaining any vaccinations. TRICARE for Life has covered the cost of these vaccinations in the past; however, I recommend you verify with them as the guidelines are subject to change.

Email is sent to the membership to include, meeting information, legislative alerts, and other information related to MOAA-GDC and its members. If you are not receiving these messages please email MOAGDC@yahoo.com

LEGISLATIVE NATIONAL SUMMARY AUGUST 2015 UPDATE

BY SAM WILDER

Since both chambers of Congress have passed their versions of the 2016 Defense Authorization bill, it is expected that they will try to have the differences resolved before Congress takes its August recess. We want the Senate to go along with the House version on several key issues. It's important to influence the Senate NOW and not wait until the August recess. So, Col. Jim Brown and I met with Senator Cornyn's Regional Director in the Dallas office on 7 July.

We made our request in the form of a memo to Senator Cornyn using the senator's own words to frame our arguments. Here is what we presented:

TO: SENATOR JOHN CORNYN

SUBJECT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

A reply from your office stated: "The most fundamental duty of the federal government is to defend our citizens and provide for the common defense. It is imperative that the DOD budget be driven by threats that we face, not arbitrary fiscal limits imposed in a haphazard manner." **We couldn't agree more!** We thank you for those profound words, however....

What are the threats we face? The new *National Military Strategy of the United States of America 2015*, published last month lays out the threats rather clearly. They include threats from nation states, non-state actors, and hybrid threats. But the most worrisome part of this strategy are the statements: "**We will not realize the goals of this 2015 National Military Strategy without sufficient resources. To execute this strategy, the US military requires a sufficient level of investment in capacity, capabilities, and readiness so that when our Nation calls, our military remains ready to deliver success.**" The immediate answer is not to have a budget constrained in a "haphazard manner" as you have said. Please do all you can to END SEQUESTRAION NOW!

Fund our Troops! Your response to the Democratic filibuster was excellent. You said, "We ask a lot of our men and women in uniform. The very least we can do is pass legislation that provides for their training and equipment that they need in order to accomplish their mission and to ensure the quality of life that they and their families have earned."

Again, **we agree whole heartedly!** To do that, we urge you to influence the Senate conferees as they work with the House to iron out differences in the proposed defense budget. Here are the issues:

| PROPOSAL | HOUSE | SENATE | FINAL |
|--------------------------|-------|--------|-------|
| Retirement Reform | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Tricare Consolidation | No | No | No |
| Tricare Means Testing | No | No | No |
| Active Duty Pay Raise | 2.3% | 1.3% | TBD |
| Cut Housing Allowance | No | Yes | TBD |
| Commissary cuts | No | Yes | TBD |
| Tricare Rx Fee Increases | No | Yes | TBD |

Please go along with the House proposals! They accomplish what you intend when you say that we need to "ensure the quality of life our troops have earned"!



Reject Military Pay and Benefits Cuts

<http://capwiz.com/moaa/issues/alert/?alertid=66956626>

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER BY DOTTIE ALDER



Which Way?

Summer is in full swing. School is out. Every person that owns a car gets on the road the same time I do.

Who tells them when I'm starting out? I don't tell them my plans. Most of them even want in the same lane with me. How do they know they will like where I'm going. When I stand in the line at the grocery store, I wonder how they got there ahead of me. I left them on the highway. Better be kind to them, because if they belong to Jesus, you will spend eternity with them. If they do not know him, then your kindness will show

them what Jesus is like.

He said "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but by me."

I ask him every morning to help me plan my day. He knows where all the rocks are in the road. Then why do I jump out there in the crowd like I know where I'm going. Did you know the big rocks are easier to get over? The pebbles will throw you every time. Because he lives, we can face tomorrow. Rocks and all.

MEMBERSHIP ARTICLE BY DAVE SCHAFER

Please welcome the following new members for August:

Col Valentine and Mrs. Ellie Belfiglio, USAF (RET) of Dallas
 CDR James and Mrs. Patricia Binger, USN (RET) of Cedar Hill
 LTC Clarence and Mrs. Vicky Chase, USAR (RET) of Richardson
 LTC Michael and Mrs. Dawni Colon, USAR (RET) of Coppell
 LTC Thomas and Mrs. Mia Conlon, USA (RET) of Desoto
 COL Jeffrey and Mrs. Rose Gault, USA (RET) of Dallas
 COL Guy and Mrs. Bobby Jester, USA (RET) of Dallas
 LT Lairy and Mrs. Joseta Johnson, USN (RET) of Richardson
 Maj Griffin and Mrs. Barbara Jones, USAFR (RET) of Rockwall
 Col Mark and Mrs. Lorna Kipphut, USAF (RET) of Rockwall
 Capt Michael and Mrs. Beth Lamb, USAF (RET) of Waxahachie
 CAPT Brian and Mrs. Ellen Mallady, USN (RET) of Plano
 CPT Billie and Mrs. Mary Palmer, USAR (RET) of Mesquite
 LTC Jeffrey Quick, USAR (RET) of Plano
 Col George and Mrs. Deborah Reasonover, USAFR (RET) of Addison



June Luncheon—Sam Wilder and Speaker Colonel Brian Anderson



June Luncheon—New Members Sam and Sue Young



2015 Meetings



August 25

October 18 PICNIC

December TBD

Reservation for the August 25, 2015 Tuesday Luncheon Meeting

The Park City Club 5956 Sherry Lane, 17th Floor Dallas, Texas 75225 Phone: (214) 373-0756

Social 11:00 AM — Buffet Opens 11:15 AM Meeting 12:00 Noon

_____ Person's at \$25.00 each Check enclosed \$ _____
payable to "MOAA - Greater Dallas Chapter"

Mail Reservation to: Dave Schafer

MOAA-GDC Programs, PO Box 515495, Dallas, TX 75251

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If yes, your ZIP code _____
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V.W.I.N BY NANCY RUTHFORD SODEMAN

The Military Officer states that once they reach age 55 annuitants of Survivor Benefit Plan will not need to submit the annual certificate of eligibility (COR) to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. Their annuity payments will continue as before.

The following categories of recipients of SBP must continue to submit the completed form of COR to DFAS:

1. annuitants under 55 years of age
2. annuitants with permanent disability regardless of age
3. annuitants receiving hard copy checks in a foreign country regardless of age.



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