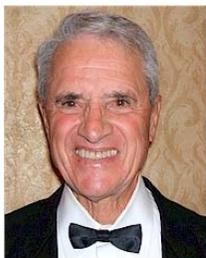




# MOAA REPORTER

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

BILL LAVALLEE [valleone@sbcglobal.net](mailto:valleone@sbcglobal.net)



First a note about last month's subject regarding Social Security. The recently passed budget act for 2016 included a couple of items that corrected parts of the Social Security bankruptcy situation. The "gaming" currently allowed [by applying for benefits and then suspending them-so as to increase the amount finally taken] will no longer be allowed starting in May.

Additionally, the Old Age and Survivors Insurance [OASI] trust fund was "raided" to add monies to the Disability Insurance Trust fund to prevent it from running out of money in 2016. As noted in our December Newsletter article, this just "kicks the can down the road" and makes the OASI fund run out of funds earlier than expected, but not during our current legislators' terms of office!

If your mailboxes [snail and internet] are like mine, your holiday season was celebrated by dozens of people and organizations wishing you glad tidings and pleading for money. The "people" asking for funds are sometimes perpetrators of scams while some of the "organizations" may be worthy recipients of any largess on your part, many are not. Unfortunately, the list of "unworthies" includes many organizations with veterans' tie-ins. I will try to provide a warning on both these type of scams/frauds. Incidentally, most of these scams have been perpetrated on "seniors".

In the first of these "people" scams, you receive notice that a close relative or friend is being held in jail or is stranded without funds in a faraway city, frequently a foreign city, which may have been on his/her itinerary during a holiday break. A story is concocted that your grandchild/friend has behaved badly and doesn't want anyone else to know so your silence on the matter is essential. You should not, of course, send money without ensuring that the emergency is real and not a scam! You can, at the very least, call the jail or police station allegedly holding your relative, to find out if there really is a bail that must be paid.

The next category of fraudulent activities includes home repair / restoration services. This is a scam often attempted soon after a local hail storm, flood or tornado event. The caller / visitor tells the home owner that he can repair the roof; clear the debris, rebuild the walls; cut down the tree endangering the house, etc. but you will need to put up money "up-front" for needed supplies. If and when you make this deposit that will be the last that you see of the scammer. The preventative measure here is to insist on a license, where applicable, and an adequate showing of a history of satisfactory work and inspection of his completed actions. You should follow this up by calling previous clients of the service offeror to get their recommendation.

*President's article continued on Page 2*



**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 been selected as a 5 Star Chapter in 2014.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:



**February 25, 2016**

**Dallas All Veterans Job Fair at Irving Convention Center. See Page 4 for more information.**

### REVISED CONSTITUTION

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### A SMILE FOR TODAY

I joined a health club again this year although I wasn't pleased with the one I joined last year that promised me that I'd lose a lot of weight; apparently you have to go there!

## PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE (CONTINUED) BY BILL LAVALLEE

Another frequently attempted scam concerns the collection of "debts". In this scam you receive a call from someone pretending to be a debt collector threatening some sort of nasty action like sending you to jail, ensuring the loss of your credit standing, or showing up at your house/place of employment if you don't remit the sort after amount immediately. It is illegal, under federal and State laws to threaten you in this way. Your response to such calls should be to call the State Attorney General's Office and report the matter.

Then there is the scam involving our friend the IRS. The threat here is if you do not remit a certain amount of money immediately to an authoritative-looking address/site you will be sent to jail. The first clue to this being a scam is that the IRS will never call you by phone but will send you a letter on their stationery, with a checkable address and point of contact, etc. before any action is taken against you. You should never give any personal information [Social Security Number, bank account data or passwords] over the phone or by e-mail to anyone; even the IRS.

Although the next one is so well-known and ridiculous on its face, I hesitate to include it, but... We'll call it the Nigerian Scam because so many scam attempts of this sort originate from that country. You may receive a phone call or an e-mail or a letter notifying you that you are the lucky recipient of a large sum of money. The reason given for choosing you as the lucky recipient may be that you have hit the lottery; or that some long-lost relative has left you a bundle; or that a rich person needs to put his substantial funds in a United States Bank and needs a citizen to help him. The only thing that you have to do to reap this unexpected fortune is to show good faith by sending a rather large sum of your money to the provided account/address. The riposte to this scam is to hang up; delete the e-mail and just not answer any such request.

Finally we have the pleas for money from nice sounding organizations especially those with veteran or military names. There are several honest and effective charity rating entities; the best known is "Charity Navigator". They study and analyze data from thousands of organizations and rate them on their performance, effectiveness, administrative costs and amount of money actually spent on "programs". The best have large percentages of revenue spent on programs and small amounts spent on administration (fund raising and salaries). Good ones are usually in the 80% or above spent on programs. A few are in the 90% category and many (including the most TV publicized one) spend less than 60% on programs! As in any endeavor you should "investigate before you invest".

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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER BY DOTTIE ALDER

### New Plans



Christmas 2015 has come and gone. I waited all year for it and then I wasn't ready. Now it's time to make new plans for a new year. 2016 sounds like a good number. I want to keep teaching my bible class. I have decided that I forget more than I remember. I'm like the lady talking across the fence to a neighbor and said "don't ask me anymore, I've already told you more than I heard".

We're studying what Mathew wrote. He wanted the Jews to know that Jesus is the king of the Jews. We talked about how privileged Joseph was to get to help raise Jesus. Did you know God told them to name him Jesus because he was going to die for our sins?

I thank him every day for putting up with me. He's the kind of person you like to walk and talk with. Everybody likes his stories. They always have a message. The life he lived here should make us want to go with him, because he showed us what the Father is like. Phil 3:20 says our citizenship is in heaven.

I'm really glad about that, but I want to walk around down here a little longer. See ya around.

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## MEMBERSHIP ARTICLE BY DAVE SCHAFER



As of the writing of this article, we still have 82 members who have not responded to our 2016 membership renewal notices. We will be calling each of these members over the next two weeks to get confirmation of their intent to renew for 2016. It is critical that we get commitments by January 15<sup>th</sup> so we can meet the MOAA National submission deadline. Our membership renewal efforts became much more critical this year since we learned that USAA will no longer advertise in MOAA chapter newsletters. This is a \$2,500 hit to our 2016 budget so every membership renewal is critical. If we can get all 82 of the remaining members to renew their memberships, we will raise an additional \$1,500 to help offset the shortfall caused by USAA. The USAA decision affects all 400 MOAA chapters across the country and is a serious impact to the financial stability of each chapter. We are working with other chapters and the Texas Council of Chapters to organize a letter writing campaign to advise USAA of the impact of their decision and ask them to restore their support.

Now that we are in 2016, we have officially separated the Greater Dallas and North Texas membership rosters. As a result, 31 members of the Greater Dallas chapter have moved to the North Texas chapter. Individuals who want to be members of both chapters will now have to pay dues to both chapters. Our initiative to provide joint membership in both chapters during 2015 was successful in helping the North Texas chapter expand their membership. We wish them well as they move forward in 2016.

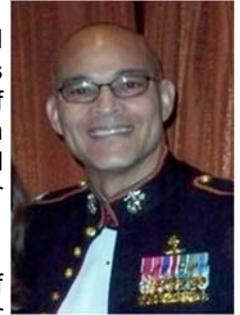
Please welcome the following new members for January: MAJ Howard Roberts USMC (RET) of Lewisville



## PROGRAMS BY BEVERLY THOMPSON

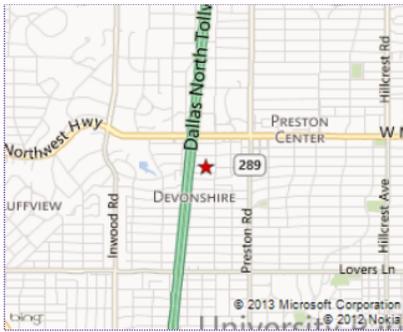
# LUNCHEON MEETING — FEBRUARY 23, 2016

Our speaker for February will be Colonel William Dwiggins, USMC (Retired). Bill Dwiggins currently serves with the Texas Veterans Commission as the Veterans Education Regional Coordinator, Dallas/ Fort Worth. Dwiggins earned a Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design from Wichita State University in 1977. In 1978, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. He graduated with honors at the top of his recruit class and received a meritorious promotion upon graduation. He was subsequently selected for the Marine Corps Enlisted Commission Program and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1980.



Bill's numerous military assignments include several positions as Deputy Director, Commander, Chief of Staff, Assistant Chief of Staff, Joint Assignments, Logistics Officer, Inspector General, Marine Officer Instructor University of Texas and others.

His military career included worldwide combat tours, special-warfare assignments, capital reconstruction projects, international development/relations, public policy/administration, stabilization and conflict resolution to support the U. S. Government's efforts. Col. Dwiggins' is highly decorated and received many awards including two Legion of Merit awards, four Naval Commendation Medals, 2 Navy Achievement Medals (1 with Combat Valor), Army Achievement Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, and many more. After completing 32 years of active and reserve service to our country, Col. Dwiggins was honorably retired from active duty and returned to Texas. He and his family reside in Dallas.



### 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 [moaaschafer@att.net](mailto:moaaschafer@att.net) or reserve online at [www.moaagreaterdallas.org/onlinersvp.html](http://www.moaagreaterdallas.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. <http://www.moaagreaterdallas.org/onlinersvp.html>

## MEETING — APRIL 2016 MORE INFORMATION IN FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



Our speaker for our April meeting is a very dynamic speaker, Lt. Col. Allen West, US Army (Retired).

Allen is currently CEO at the Dallas based prestigious (NCPA) National Center for Policy Analysis. This is a Think Tank that was founded in 1983. West took the post because he believes it will be policy, not politics that secures a sound economic future for Americans – with growth, opportunity and returning the promise of the American dream for this generation and those to come.

In 2010 Allen was honored to continue his oath of service to his country when he was elected to the US Congress and represented Florida's 22nd Congressional District in the House 2011 - 2013. As a member of the 112th Congress he served on the Small Business and Armed Services Committees. In 2012, he was instrumental in passing the National Defense and Authorization Act.

He is the third of four generations of military servicemen in his family. During his 22 year career in the United States Army, Lieutenant Colonel West served in several combat zones and received many honors including a Bronze Star, three Meritorious Service Medals, three Army Commendation Medals and a Valorous Unit Award. In 1993 he was named the US Army ROTC Instructor of the Year. His commands were: Field Artillery Fourth Infantry Division. He served in the Persian Gulf war, in Operation Desert Storm, the Iraq War and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was awarded The Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal and Army achievement medal.

He is a FOX News Contributor and a Senior Fellow at the London Center for Policy Research, and regularly writes for many media outlets. The primary mission of his Allen West Foundation is to educate and inspire the future generation. His organization supports JROTC, Young Marines, and NROTC. Lt. Col. West is a legacy life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, life member of the Association of the United States Army and life member of the National Rifle Association. He is married to Dr. Angela Graham-West and they have two daughters, Aubrey, a graduate student pursuing her master's degree and Austen, a college freshman.

# LEGISLATIVE TEXAS SUMMARY JANUARY 2106 UPDATE

BY PAUL HENDRICKS

Your legislative teams are in full swing preparing for the Texas 85<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. Although the 85<sup>th</sup> Session is not scheduled to convene in Austin until January 10, 2017, we plan to be ready well in advance with position papers, draft bills and strong relationships with our Legislators as we continue to support our Texas active duty members, Veterans and their families.

Members of the MOAA Greater Dallas and North Texas Chapters have teamed to develop an integrated force to prepare to advocate on Veteran issues to 85<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. Our plan is to present our concerted approach at the MOAA Texas Council of Chapters (TCC) quarterly meeting scheduled for 22/23 January 2016 in Austin, Texas. Our goal will be to obtain agreement among other MOAA Chapters state wide on the approach, process and candidate positions. Assuming agreement is reached, we will strive to solicit agreement among other the other military member organizations represented by the Texas Coalition of Veterans Organizations (TCVO). The TCVO consists of over 30 member organizations including the two largest Veteran organizations: The Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. We hope to unite these organizations as we advocate with our Legislators to provide the best support for our active duty, Veterans and their families in Texas. We also anticipate our efforts will expand to include interface and support at the national, county and city levels for support and coordination, as appropriate.

This month we met had the opportunity to meet with the district managers from Texas Senate District 8 (Senator Van Taylor) and Texas House Districts 67 (Representative Jeff Leach), 70 (Representative Scott Sanford) and 89 (Representative Jodi Laubenberg). During our meetings we outlined our approach to work cooperatively with our Legislators to surface, research, analyze and propose issues and draft language support our Veterans and their families. We discussed the timelines and administrative procedures required to be effective and timely for the upcoming Legislative Session. We will plan to introduce this information to our other MOAA TCC members with the request that they also meet with their State Legislators to build a working alliance. Of course, we need to continue to work with the other Texas State Senators and Representatives that represent our Greater Dallas and North Texas MOAA Chapters.

Although extensive research, assessment and examination is required for potential bills or study by the 85<sup>th</sup> Legislator, we have identified four major topics for initial consideration. The topics include:

- a. Support for Homeless or Near Homeless Texas Veterans and their families. We have identified a need or an expanded need for immediate and long term housing support for Veterans and their families in Dallas, Collin, Grayson and Rockwall counties. As we coordinate with other MOAA Chapters we will attempt to clarify the capabilities and needs across other Texas Counties.
- b. Transportation for Veterans. With the demise of the Texoma Area Paratransit System (TAPS), many Veterans in Collin County and north to the Red River are left without ready transportation to work, medical and general appointments. The Dallas Area Rapid Transportation (DART) system is a source of transportation but has a limited service region. The need for transportation needs to be assessed statewide to characterize the need and examine candidate solutions.
- c. Near-term assistance funding. Sources for short term funding to support Veterans in need are very limited. The need for funding statewide should be assessed with the goal to characterize the need and a method for administration.
- d. Support for the Hazlewood Education Act. The Hazlewood Act can provide funding to selected Veterans and family members for higher education. Prior Legislative Sessions have debated eligibility requirements and budget impacts. Support efforts are required to continue to maintain the program while characterizing equitable and affordable methods to manage and fund the program. Statewide Veteran Organization agreement and support are required.

Your Legislative Teams will continue to provide information and status as we move forward to consolidate support and develop coalitions with MOAA chapters and other Veteran organizations. If you would like to support or contribute to these or other legislative initiatives, please contact me (Paul Hendricks, 469-667-7750) or other members from the Greater Dallas or North Texas Legislative Teams.

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## CAREER TRANSITION – JOB FAIRS

BY JOEL BATALSKY, MOAA-GDC CAREER TRANSITION OFFICER

**February 25, 2016 DAV Dallas All Veterans Job Fair at Irving Convention Center, 500 W. Las Colinas Blvd, Irving, TX 75039 from 11 am to 3 pm.**

<https://events.recruitmilitary.com/events/dallas-all-veterans-job-fair-february-25-2016>

The event will take place in Exhibit Hall which is immediately accessible through the Main Lobby. FREE parking is available in the Irving Convention Center Parking Garage.

## SAGE SURVIVOR BY NANCY RUTHFORD SODEMAN

On December 3, 2015 the Secretary of Defense, Ashton Carter, called upon the military to open all positions to women including combat operations. Henceforth women will be held accountable alongside their male-compatriots. Already approximately 300,000 women have been deployed to support conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Many of these women say that while they meet their military responsibilities, they endure indignities and trauma different from their male counterparts. In 2015 one in four female veterans compared to one in a hundred male veterans told the Veterans Administration (VA) they endured sexual assault while they were in service. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and traumatic brain injuries are other injuries suffered more by women in combat.<sup>1</sup>

In addition, when service ends, more women veterans become homeless than male veterans. And the jobless rate is much higher among women (10.3%) than male veterans. Suicide among women veterans is five times more common than among civilian women. The maternal instinct has been stifled, a problem that shocks the returning mother and divorce is twice as likely for the returning woman vet as compared with the male counterpart.<sup>1</sup>

Solutions are available. The veteran is wise to go to war for herself to recognize and to solve problems. In community with the veteran, we need to join forces to make right the life of the veteran. Strength and understanding are good tools for the change.



The Veterans Center of North Texas should be the first stop for women Veterans living in North Texas. This is non-profit organization is dedicated to connecting all North Texas Veterans and their families to local service providers. The Center can provide referral services to women Veterans in all aspects of their lives. It has access to over 10 organizations in the North Texas area specifically dedicated to helping women Veterans in the areas of employment, housing, and health. The Center will help the woman Veteran select the service provider best suited to meet her needs, assist her apply for the services, and provide follow up assistance to ensure her needs were met. Best of all, their services are free. Contact them at 214-600-2966 to make an appointment or email them at [needhelp@vcont.org](mailto:needhelp@vcont.org). The Veterans Center of North Texas is located at 900 East Park Blvd, Suite 155, Plano, TX 75074.

Another non-profit, is also right here in Texas - Grace After Fire, supports peer support groups for women veterans. Stacy Keyte, for example, came back from service and joined this group and became a counselor. The email address is [info@graceafterfire.org](mailto:info@graceafterfire.org) and [Roberta@graceafterfire.org](mailto:Roberta@graceafterfire.org) and a street address is Grace After Fire, P O Box 218604, Houston, Texas 77218. By helping other women heal, the veteran aids her own process of healing.



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Helping women Veterans help themselves.

The Department of Veterans Affairs still is overwhelmed by vast numbers of veterans in need. So it is wise to look elsewhere. For example, the Pentagon funded a counseling program, Military One-Source, that gives information about benefits, parenting, retirement, tax services, and free counseling. Make sure such service still exists because rumors creep in that funding for such projects can end without informing the public. Contact them at these sources: telephone contacts: (800)342-9647 or (877)331-7154 and email at [providersupport@militaryonesource.mil](mailto:providersupport@militaryonesource.mil)

Salute America's Heroes, a non-profit aid based in Virginia that gives emergency and other support for troops severely wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. Street address: Salute American's Heroes, 552 Fort Evans Road, Suite 300, Leesburg, VA 20176 and telephone contacts: (703)291-4605; Toll free: (888)447-2577, Ext. 104.

Finally, because so many women in the military lack self-esteem, they are wise to deliberately seek acclaim instead of hiding their talents under a barrel. The Women in Military Service for America Memorial can help. Women can record their role in the heritage of the nation. But they need to **register themselves**, a free process. These are contacts where the woman veteran can **ask for a registration form, fill it out and send it in**. Contacts follow: on the internet: [www.women'smemorial.org](http://www.women'smemorial.org) and by street mail: Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation, Dept. 560, Washington D. C. 20042-560 and by telephone: (703)533-1155 or (800)222-2294.

Keep in mind we can all help, but women service members are wise to **stand up** for themselves as well and seek help to work out their problems.

<sup>1</sup> Source: Parade Magazine, November 9, 2013



# LUNCHEON MEETING — FEBRUARY 23, 2016



Reservation for the February 23, 2016 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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## PERSONAL AFFAIRS BY BEN COLE

Four of our auxiliary members enjoying a lunch in the BX Food Court of NASFWJRB after they received their updated ID cards at the Visitors Center. Nola and I met them at Tom Thumb in Richardson and drove over to Fort Worth and the six of us enjoyed a rather pleasant day. They shopped a bit in the Exchange, ate a good lunch and took a quick tour of the Station. This occurred in December a few days before Christmas. Coincidentally, these four ladies represent all four branches of our armed services.....just how cool is that!

I recommend that you get your ID updates at NASFWJRB. You can call for a reserved time (number in the MOAA-GDC phone directory). If you don't have a reservation, mornings will be your best bet. They are open Tuesday through Saturday 0700 until 1630. When you arrive, turn into the Visitors Center parking lot BEFORE going through the main gate.

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**AMENDED AND RESTATED CONSTITUTION  
Of the Military Officers Association of America  
Greater Dallas Chapter  
(Formerly known as The Greater Dallas Retired Officers Association)  
Proposed to be adopted at the February, 2016 Meeting of the Chapter**

### CONSTITUTION PREAMBLE

We who have served honorably in and/or are now serving honorably in the United States Armed Forces, associate ourselves as a permanent Texas unincorporated nonprofit association, which is an affiliate of the MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA under a Charter of Affiliation, to be governed by the following Constitution:

#### ARTICLE 1. NAME

The Association shall be known as the

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA  
Greater Dallas Chapter.

#### ARTICLE II. PURPOSES

1. To promote the social welfare of the community (that is, to promote in some way the common good and general welfare of the people of the community).
2. To assist disabled and needy war veterans and members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their dependents and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans.
3. To provide entertainment, care, and assistance to hospitalized veterans or members of the U.S. Armed Forces.
4. To carry on programs to perpetuate the memory of deceased veterans and members of the Armed Forces and to comfort their survivors.
5. To conduct programs for charitable or educational purposes.
6. To sponsor or participate in activities of a patriotic nature.
7. To provide social and recreational activities for its members.

#### ARTICLE III. STATUS

1. This Association shall be a "not-for-profit" organization, operated exclusively for the purposes specified in Article II and shall be recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a Section 501 (c)(19) "Veterans Organization."
2. Officers, appointed persons, and other members shall not receive any compensation for their services. These persons are authorized reimbursement of expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.
3. Nothing herein shall constitute members of the organization as partners for any purposes. No member, officer or agent of this organization shall be liable for the acts or failure to act on the part of any other member or officer. Nor shall any member or officer be liable for his or her act or failure to act under this Constitution or Bylaws, excepting only acts or omissions to act arising out of willful misfeasance.
4. Nothing herein shall constitute any liability for acts or omissions committed by any entity associated with this Association. Each such activity stands alone and is governed by its Constitution and Bylaws, Charter or Agreements.
5. This Association shall only use its funds to accomplish the purposes specified in Article II. No part of such funds shall inure to or be distributed to members.

**ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS**

There shall be three classes of membership:

1. Members – Persons who are past or present officers of the U.S. Uniformed Services.
2. Auxiliary Members – Persons who are cadets (including only students in college or university ROTC programs or at armed services academies) or spouses, widows or widowers of cadets (as herein defined) or of officers or past officers of the U.S. Uniformed Services.
3. Honorary Members – Persons of distinction who have been invited and accept such honorary membership.
4. At least 75% of the members shall be past or present officers of the U.S. Armed Services and at least 97.5% of all members of the organization shall be past or present officers of the U.S. Armed Forces, cadets (as defined above) or spouses, widows, widowers, ancestors, or lineal descendants of past or present officers of the U.S. Armed Services or cadets (as defined above).

Only members and auxiliary members shall have the right to vote.

**ARTICLE V. OFFICERS**

The officers of the Association and their respective duties shall be as provided in the Bylaws of the Association.

**ARTICLE VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

1. The business management and affairs of the Association shall be directed and controlled by an Executive Committee. Such committee shall have all powers necessary to carry out such duties.
2. The Executive Committee shall have three or more members, as shall from time to time be specified in the Bylaws of the Association.

**ARTICLE VII. ASSOCIATION FUNDS**

1. The funds of the Association shall be obtained primarily from the dues of the members, advertisement income, specific fund raising activities, and any unconditional gifts that may be received.
2. In the event of dissolution of the Association and after the discharge of all its liabilities, the remaining assets shall be given to a “not-for-profit” organization whose purposes are similar to those of this Association (i.e., IRS recognized Section 501 (c)(19) organization), such organization to be designated by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

**ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution may be amended, or a new Constitution and Bylaws may be adopted, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular or special meeting of the Association provided that notice (including the text of the proposed amendments or new Constitution and Bylaws) is furnished to the membership not later than seven days prior to the meeting at which the vote of adoption is to be taken.

**ATTEST:**

The foregoing amended and restated Constitution was duly adopted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, at a meeting of the members, duly called and held at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
CHARLES KELLEY, Secretary