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Newsletter to Members

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**NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, January 29, 2011 BRIAR CLUB**

## President's Message

We have closed out 2010. Anything we missed doing then must be done in 2011. I am writing this shortly after midnight 2-3 January 2011, having just been reminded to the deadline by our editor. She is mighty kind in receiving our last-minute reports.



The chapter has much work ahead if we are to accomplish just half of what needs to be done. A partial list:

- Gold Bar program: First gold bars for newly commissioned officers (mainly Univ. Of Houston and Prairie View; maybe Galveston UT and A&M branches)
- Chapter "Communications Award": We may be too late for the 2010 award submission deadline Feb. 1, 2011. For certain, let's go for this one in 2011. We need a volunteer for chairman to start by the next board meeting, 25 Jan. 2011.
- Attend the Texas version of "Charge the Hill" in Austin 2-3 February 2011. Meet legislators and have a great excuse to visit the Hill Country, San Antonio, or even the WWII Museum at Fredericksburg.
- Medals for ROTC and JrROTC students: LTC (Ret.) Wilbur "Mac" McConico would be happy to share his workload with any volunteers. Call Mac at 713/436-5912.
- Increase awareness of the MOAA "Life Membership." After about three years, you are ahead in membership payments. All of us expecting to live four or more years should start now by asking MOAA-national (800/234-6622) for details.

The list goes on and on and on . . . . We promise to sort out what we should do and volunteer to help to lead in one of the activities. At our age, we are all moving more slowly, but we get the essentials done. Tired of seeing the list and thinking of the work ahead? Don't be discouraged. Come out to our luncheon at the Briar Club at 11:30, 29 January 2011, for good food, good speaker, and best of all, the fellowship with fellow officers, wives, and widows.

*James C. "Jim" Causey, President*  
COL (ret.) USA

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**MOAA Houston Area  
Board Meeting**

**Tues. Jan. 25, 11:30  
Rudi Lechner's  
2503 S. Gessner**

**Future meeting  
at Rudi Lechner's**

2/22 3/22 4/26 5/24 6/21  
7/26 8/23 9/20 11/29?

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**MOAA HA  
Monthly Meeting  
and Luncheon**

**Saturday  
Jan. 29, 2011 11:30 a.m.  
Briar Club  
2603 Timmons Lane  
Houston, TX 77027  
(713) 622-3667**

Lettuce Wedge Salad

Salmon  
-or-  
Chicken

Starch and Vegetable  
Rolls and Butter  
Coffee or Tea

Assorted Desserts  
\$30

**Reservations to  
Jeannette Evans,  
281.495.2202, by  
10 a.m. on Wed. 1/26/11**

**BRIAR CLUB ADDS A  
\$5 PENALTY FOR EACH  
RESERVATION NOT  
RECEIVED BY THE  
WEDNESDAY MORNING  
BEFORE THE MEETING!**

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**Future MOAA-HA  
Monthly Meetings**

1/29 2/26 3/26 4/30 6/25  
7/30 8/27 9/24 10/29

May is the Military Ball  
November is with MOWA  
December is Christmas Party

**Military Officers Wives  
Association**

**MOWA**

**January Luncheon**

**Thursday, January 20, 2011  
11:30 a.m.**

**Houston Racquet Club  
10709 Memorial Drive  
Houston TX 77024  
713-464-4811**

**Menu**

Soup of the Day

ENTREE  
Chicken Provencal  
w/saffron risotto and finished with  
white wine, tomatoes, black olives,  
and basil

DESSERT  
Banana Wellington  
w/Caramel Sauce and Ice Cream

BEVERAGES  
Iced Tea and Coffee

\$30

**RSVP TO:**  
Bobbie Parsons, 713-541-3143  
by January 17, 2011

**MOWA DUES:**  
Send dues to Shirley Hooks  
1023 Omar St.  
Houston TX 77009-6534



**MOAA-HA  
\$ Treasurer's  
Report  
January 1, 2011**

Income \$1,710.  
Expenses \$1,102.  
Balance \$6,859.

We are solvent, and the  
Christmas Ball participants  
donated 31 toys for  
underprivileged children in  
the Houston area Toys for  
Tots program. Thank you for  
your generosity.

*Martin J. Harris, Treas.  
Maj USMC Ret.*

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**Speaker for Jan. 29**

Our guest speaker in January  
2011 is **Dr. Richard  
Marietta**, a board certified  
internal medicine specialist.  
Dr. Marietta was in private  
practice for many years before  
he became Medical Director  
of the Clear Lake Regional  
Medical Center. He has been  
our speaker twice before and  
was a huge hit.

Dr. Marietta is married with  
children and lives in the Clear  
Lake area. The Clear Lake  
Regional Medical Center is  
undergoing a massive  
expansion, including a new  
heart and cancer center and  
additional four floors being  
added to the hospital.

Dr. Marietta will be happy to  
answer any and all questions  
concerning the hospital and  
any medical questions you  
may have.

Please join us at the meeting  
and bring your questions.

*William Taylor, Cpt. USA  
Ret. (For CAPT. Eggleston)*

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## Endowment Fund and Houston Corps of Cadets

Hi folks - hope you had a Merry Holiday Season and a Happy New Year. Soon we will start our new raffle event to raise money for the Endowment Fund. You were most generous last year, and we hope we can improve in 2011.

We will try to make the event a little different to be more appealing to everyone. Start saving, because we will begin in March, and more information will be in the February Newsletter.

*William Taylor*  
Cpt. USA Ret.

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*You are the master of the unspoken word, but, once it is out of your mouth, you are the slave.*

—Proverb

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## From Our Chaplain



CAPT Kerry Magee

### ***SHALOM! PEACE BE WITH YOU!***

Here are some profound thoughts to think about for the New Year 2011:

1. "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

2. "Time flies. It's up to you to be the Navigator."

*Richard Orben*

3. "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

*Teddy Roosevelt*

4. "It's not where you start, but where you finish that counts."

*Zig Ziglar*

5. "The doors of wisdom are never shut."

*Benjamin Franklin*

6. "Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

*Martin Luther King*

7. "Our words reveal our thoughts, our manners mirror our self-esteem, our actions reflect our character, and our habits predict the future."

*William Arthur Ward*

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

MAY IT BE A BLESSED ONE FOR YOU AND YOURS!!!

GOD BLESS Y'ALL!

*Kerry B. Magee*  
CAPT USNR-RET

## Military Order of World Wars

Meets the 4th Thursday  
for Luncheons at  
Rudi Lechner's Restaurant,  
2503 S. Gessner.  
Our members are invited to  
attend.

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## WHERE TO LIVE?

Interesting information from  
Joel Skousen  
[www.joelskousen.com](http://www.joelskousen.com),

author of *Strategic Relocation*, now available in its third edition with colored state maps and charts.

Highly-rated metropolitan areas may offer ample opportunities to enhance your lifestyle, but what happens when a major crisis strikes?

*What if:*

\* a labor crisis halts the inflow of food and business goods? Will these communities provide the basic necessities of life?

\* an economic crisis that threatens your pensions, investments and other so-called "guaranteed" income?

\* a major earthquake or other natural disaster suddenly upset the natural social order

for months at a time? Could you get out of harm's way if massive social unrest erupts in the wake of a crisis?

\* the area's freeways are clogged during an emergency? Do you have contingency plans to exit the area?

\* if the "unthinkable" happens—nuclear war? Or have you thought about the potential of a major terrorist attack on a U.S. city with chemical or biological weapons?

### TOP 10 MOST DANGEROUS NUCLEAR TARGETS IN OR NEAR A METRO AREA

1. **Washington DC** /and related bases (major command and control for the President)
2. **Colorado Springs, CO** (Cheyenne Mtn Control Center, 2 space command/comm bases)
3. **Omaha, NE** (secondary command and control bases)
4. **Seattle, WA** (Trident Missile Sub base and numerous Naval Bases)
5. **Jacksonville FL/Kings Bay GA** (Trident Missile Sub base, Major East Coast Naval Center)
6. **San Diego, CA** (largest west coast naval complex)
7. **Norfolk, VA** (major east coast naval complex)
8. **Kansas City, MO** (Whiteman AFB, B-2 nuclear bombers)

9. **Cheyenne, WY** (Warren AFB, Minute Man and Peacekeeper MX missiles)

10. **Great Falls, MT** (Malmstrom AFB—Minute Man missiles)



### MOST DANGEROUS 25 METRO AREAS FOR VIOLENT CRIME

1. Detroit, MI
2. Memphis, TN
3. Sumter, SC
4. Fairbanks, AK
5. New Orleans, LA
6. Miami, FL
7. Myrtle Beach, SC
8. Las Vegas, NV
9. Victoria, TX
10. Florence, SC
11. Stockton, CA
12. Shreveport, LA
13. Pine Bluff, AR
14. Lafayette, LA
15. Jackson, MO
16. Saginaw, MI
17. Phoenix, AZ
18. Tucson, AZ
19. LA County, CA
20. Baltimore, MD
21. Albuquerque, NM
22. Vineland, NJ
23. Montgomery, AL
24. Little Rock, AR
25. Charleston, SC



### THE TOP 5 MOST DANGEROUS METRO AREAS FOR EARTHQUAKES

1. Mexico City, Mexico
2. San Francisco/Oakland
3. Los Angeles basin, CA
4. Anchorage, AK
5. Seattle WA



### TOP 10 MODERATE GROWTH, MEDIUM SIZED METRO AREAS

Relatively safe from strategic threats, or where you have a good chance of mitigating those threats. Not the best areas, but the areas where most people who need to stay in the job markets will find medium-term security:

1. Boise, ID
  2. Provo-Orem, UT
  3. Beaverton, OR
  4. Santa Rosa, CA
  5. Greenville, SC
  6. Winston-Salem/High Point, NC
  7. Austin-San Marcos, TX
  8. Grand Rapids, MI
  9. Reno, NV
  10. Madison, WI
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## Military Discounts

Thanks to Marty and Alice Harris for this excellent information from **BradsDeals.com**.

There is no way we can ever properly thank members of the US Military for all that they have done. They are certainly not paid enough for their work and their great sacrifice. Iraq and Afghanistan have been particularly tough and stressful for members of the military, their families, and loved ones. But we have found **174 stores and services** doing their part to make life easier by offering discounts to active, reserve, and retired members of the US Military and their immediate family members. A few are listed below. Two important caveats. First, some stores offer discounts only at the owner's discretion and other discounts vary by state. Second, many stores that give a military discount don't advertise it. It is always worth asking a store whether they have one or not and to have your military ID on you.

**American Airlines** – Discount varies, requires military ID .

**Applebee's** – Discount varies per location, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you

**Arby's** - Discount varies per location, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.

**AT&T** – Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.

**Auto Zone** – Varies Per Store; simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.

**Avis** – 25% off, online you should use this coupon AWD # A555084

**Azamara Cruises** – Discounts vary, 800-338-4962 800-338-4962

**Back Yard Burgers** – Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.

**Barnes and Noble** – 6% off regular price plus free shipping

**Barnhill's** – Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.

**Bass Pro Shops** – 10% off from the 15th to 22nd of each month

**Bath & Body Works** – Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.

**Bed & Breakfast Inns** – Varies, online Best Inns and Suites; must present ID at check-in

**Best Western** - Rates within allowable per diem, must present military ID with check-in

**Budget** – Varies, up to 25% off time and mileage; requires military ID to redeem

**Captain D's** – Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.

**Carl's Jr.** – Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.

**Chick Fil A** – Varies, (location dependent), simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.

**Ci-Ci's Pizza** – Discount varies, dependent on location, must present military ID.

**Dairy Queen** - 10% off, location dependent

**Days Inn** – Rates within allowable per diem.

**Dollar Car Rental** – Allowable per diem rates

**Dunkin' Donuts** – Veterans advantage members save 10% on all online orders. They also send free coffee to the troops overseas.

**GNC** – Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.

**Golden Corral** – Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.

**Home Depot** – 10% off Year Round, to active duty, active reserve, retired military, and immediate family. In-Store, just bring valid military ID

**IHOP** – 20% with Military ID at owner's discretion

**Imax** – \$1 off movie tickets with Military ID

**KFC** – Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.

**Kohl's** – 15% off with Military ID

**Marriott Hotels** – It's the Per Diem amount the government picks up, whatever that amount is. Just call and place the reservation over the phone and ask for that discount.

Online at <http://www.marriott.com/reservation/worldnum.mi>.

Consult [www.bradsdeals.com](http://www.bradsdeals.com) for many more!  
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Speaker: Dr. Richard Marietta

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