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COMING EVENTS

- Wednesday, February 3** MOAA Board Meeting, Hap Arnold Club 7:00 PM
- Friday thru Saturday, February 5-7**
MOAA Conference, San Luis Obispo, CA
Chapter Leaders Check MOAA.org for sign up
- Friday, February 12** Lincoln's Birthday (1809)
MOAA Luncheon Hap Arnold Club 11:30 AM
- Sunday, February 14** Valentine's Day
- Monday, February 15** President's Birthday (Observed)
- Wednesday, February 17** Ash Wednesday
-Beginning of Lent
- Friday, February 19** MOAA Dinner
A.F. Village West 6:30 PM
- Monday, February 22** Washington's Birthday (1732)

President's Message

January was a great start to our new year of programs, plays, and meals with our fellow members of MOAA. We started with our luncheon on January 8th with a good crowd thanks to Zee Moyer, who called our regular lunch attendees since the deadline for reservations was before many of us received the January Raincross. That sometimes happens when the first day of a month is on Friday. As a reminder, we have our monthly lunches on the second Friday each month and our monthly dinners on the third Friday each month. The exceptions are July and August, when we are dark, and in December, when we sometimes have to adjust our schedule due to Christmas activities. You can also ask to be placed on the permanent reservation list if you like – then you would only need to call if you were not planning to attend a lunch. The dinner program in January was highlighted by the installation of our new Officers and Board Members for 2010.



This was followed by an excellent presentation by Laura Froelich, who described her ongoing mission to meet every flight departing or arriving at March Air Reserve Base that carries soldiers to or from areas of combat or emergency personnel to disaster areas. She has met over 4200 flights since she began in 2002 and came to our dinner after leaving March ARB where she had been serving emergency personnel waiting to leave for Haiti.

February will be our salute to the MOAA Auxiliary month. Be sure to save the date February 19th for our special dinner program. Also, we now have the tickets for our March 18th play, "The Mousetrap." See any board member for tickets. Please continue to get your lunch and dinner reservations in before the deadline. Both the Hap Arnold Club and AFWW have given us firm dates to call in our meal requirements and will not accept any changes after those dates.



Pictured above is the current MOAA Board. (Find listing of names on page 2)

Women of Strength

Women have strengths that amaze ...

Best wishes for 2010,

John C. Fischer

John C. Fischer
LtCol, USAF, (Ret)
President, RMF Chapter MOAA

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39 Years of Service to the March Field Area

Luncheon Meeting

12 FEB 2010 @ HAC

SOCIAL: 11:30 AM

MEETING: 12:00 NOON

PROGRAM: J'ONA MORITZ OWNER OF THE MARCH
FRAME SHOP

MENU: SIDE SALAD W/DRESSING ON SIDE
CHICKEN FLORENTINE (CHICKEN STUFFED
W/SPINACH SERVED OVER RICE)
VEGGIES 'ROUND' THE PLATE
ROLLS/BUTTER, COFFEE, ICE TEA

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COST: CLUB MEMBERS \$ 11.00
NON CLUB MEMBERS \$ 12.00

RESERVATIONS TO ZEE MOYER PRIOR TO
FEBRUARY 9 PHONE 951-787-9328

*Their hearts break when a friend dies.
They have sorrow at the loss of a family member,
yet they are strong when they think
there is no strength left. They can round up energy,
even when they are tired. They can stay up
a little longer to talk to someone that needs a friend.*

Dinner Meeting

19 FEB 2010 @ AFVW

SOCIAL: 6:00 PM

MEETING: 6:45 PM

PROGRAM: TO BE ANNOUNCED

MENU: CITRUS SALAD W/POPPYSEED DRESSING
CHOICE OF
BEEF POT PIE
OR
CHICKEN POT PIE
ASPARAGUS IF AVAILABLE, OR PEAS AND PEARL
ONIONS
CHERRY CHEESE CAKE FOR DESSERT
ROLLS/BUTTER, COFFEE, ICE TEA, SOFT DRINKS

WINE/BEER FOR SALE

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RESERVATIONS TO JEANE FENTRESS PRIOR TO
FEBRUARY 15

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MOAA Riverside March Field Chapter Slate Of Officers For 2009

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3rd VP: VACANT

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951-776-9685

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Col. Paul Bell, USAF

Col. Mark Earley, USA

Col. Dick Bousman, USAF

Lt. Col. Larry Stumpf, USAF

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From the Beginning

TROA to MOAA

By Rosemary Murray

In my long association with The Retired Officers Association, now Military Officers Association of America, the wives and widows have played an integral part in the overall success of the organization. They were always there when called upon. The wives were there in the background so as not to overshadow their husbands. They were the ones who took the many phone calls and kept track of the appointments. Now days most of them have a little 'Blackberry' or whatever that electronic thing is called that keeps them on track. We had great times with meetings at different restaurants and occasionally a bus trip. I remember one trip to The Tower of Beauty in Sylmar. I have been there probably ten times since because it is a great place to take visitors.

Just where would this organization be if it weren't for women like Ginny, Zee and Jeane, and many of the other wives and widows that spend their time making table decorations, selling tickets, sitting on the Board and checking everyone in at each function?

TROA was formed in 1970 and I was fortunate, or is the word unfortunate, to have a boss that was a Charter Member, Lt. Col. Edmund Fleming. Evidently he volunteered to be the Secretary (with me in mind to do the actual work). Farm Bureau had an addressograph, which in 1970 was already an antique. Each person's name had to be printed on a metal plate on one machine and then inserted in a drawer which was put into the addressograph and then the envelopes were stamped one at a time. In fact, when I was typing this article 'addressograph' came up as a misspelled word. When I went to correct it the computer came up with "no spelling suggestions". I had it right!

My husband, George, and I went to all the TROA meetings to check everyone in and take the money. At that time George was not retired so he didn't join. I guess someone finally approached him to join and he then became a Life Member of TROA. Many years later, the name was changed to Military Officers Association of America. George always said, "If I join an organization I would be one of the worker bees" and he always was. He and I always worked as a team and in the late 1990's we published The Raincross. That was when we had to lay it all out and then take it to the printers. Fortunately I was proficient in cut and paste and I still am! After it had been printed we would pick it up, address each newsletter and separate it by Zip Code, and then mailed it. At that time TROA had about 1200 members and the wives were always helpful in this huge undertaking. Actually that was kid stuff for me since I was doing it for the Farm Bureau where I worked for Colonel Fleming and they had 3500 members. The biggest difference was I was paid by the Farm Bureau, from TROA we received some satisfaction. In the early days the Wives Club also helped to send out their notices.

There aren't many of us old timers around anymore but the above is a synopsis as to how it all got started. Don't forget the wives and widows in this organization since they are your backbone. Now is the time to recognize and honor them.

CENTURY CLUB MEMBERS FOR 2010

NEW DONATION

*IN MEMORY
or IN HONOR OF*

Abt, Peter
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Homan, Sid IMO Ruth Homan, Lt. USA
Hesslink, Fran
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Moyer, Zee IMO LTCol James K. Moyer
Plewe, Russell
Richardson, Wesley
Sanguinet, Reuben
Stumpf, Larry
Waldo, Daniel
Wood, Cecily IMO COL John S. Wood, Jr. USA

In eight years the total donations to the Century Club Scholarship Fund is over \$71,200, our goal is \$100,000.00. We are off to a great start! As a result, six scholarships of \$1,000.00 each have been awarded thus far. There is plenty of room for more names!

*They carry children, they carry hardships,
they carry burdens, yet they hold faith,
happiness, love and joy. They smile
when they want to scream. They sing
when they want to cry.*

Honoring Auxiliary

This month at our MOAA dinner our Auxiliary members will be honored. It's time. When you look at our present "sitting" Board, about half of them are Auxiliary members. Their "time served", in most cases, was as a spouse of an Active Duty service member. These women are quite unique in their talents and commitment. Very few have responded with the tired old phrase ... "I've done my duty, now I want to relax!" Our Auxiliary members just smile and step up to the plate and hold this organization together. All of us should remember that as a couple both of the parties "did their duty". The difference, of course, is that most of the Auxiliary don't have plaque after plaque to hang on a wall, nor medals to wear on their chest. They were just devoted to their spouse and did what was needed to be done in support of them and the mission to which they were tasked. And now, in their years of retirement, they continue to carry on that commitment with style and grace. We are honored to have them amongst us as an integral part of our organization. God Bless each and every one of them.

~Editor

March Officials Assist Haitian Earthquake Relief Efforts

*by Megan Just
452nd Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs*

1/14/2010 - MARCH AIR RESERVE BASE, Calif. (AFNS) -- March Air Reserve Base became a hub for Southern California's Haiti earthquake relief effort when a team of approximately 75 U.S. Agency for International Development personnel reported to the base Jan. 13, for transportation to Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

The deploying personnel are members of the Los Angeles County Fire Department, as well as several doctors from Los Angeles area hospitals. The team will be operating under the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance's U.S. Agency for International Development. The C-17 Globemaster III that is scheduled to transport the crew and their equipment to Haiti is from Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

"This is what March Field is here for," said Brig. Gen. James L. Melin, the 452nd Air Mobility Wing commander. "We support every aspect of this country's global support, whether it is military, humanitarian relief or disaster response."

The responders are all certified in urban search and rescue, with specialists including paramedics, structural engineers and experts in communications and hazardous materials, said Matt Levesque, a Los Angeles County Fire Department information officer.

"They are trained to help people. For them, it's a once in a lifetime opportunity to respond quickly and make an impact saving lives," Mr. Levesque said. "March's high degree of professionalism really makes the deployment go smoothly." The USAID team arrived at March ARB in a chain of chartered busses and semi-trucks containing rescue equipment and supplies. After arriving, the group was briefed and prepared their equipment for transport.

Airmen from the 452nd Aerial Port Support Flight were placed on standby at 11 p.m., Jan. 12. The following day, along with Airmen from March ARB's 50th Aerial Port Squadron and Travis AFB's 615th Contingency Response Wing, supervised the loading of the aircraft and passenger accountability. "We know this is going to help people on the other end (Haiti)," said Tech. Sgt. Gus Corona, the NCOIC of ramp operations.



Members of a U.S. Agency for International Development search and rescue team build a pallet for transport on a C-17 Globemaster III Jan. 13, 2010, at March Air Reserve Base, Calif. The USAID personnel are members of the Los Angeles County Fire Department. The C-17 Globemaster III that transported the 72-person team and rescue equipment was from Travis Air Force Base, Calif. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Staff Sgt. Megan Crusher)

A dog waits patiently while her handler responds to questions from a reporter Jan. 13, 2010, at March Air Reserve Base, Calif. The dog is from a Los Angeles County Fire Department K-9 unit that deployed to Haiti from March ARB. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Master Sgt. Linda Welz)



Women do more than give birth.

They bring peace and hope.

They give compassion and ideals.

They give moral support to their family and friends.

*They weep with joy when their children excel,
and cheer when loved ones get awards.*



*The beauty of a woman must be seen
from her eyes because that is the doorway to her heart,
the place where love resides. The heart of a woman
is what makes the world spin!*

*Medicare/TRICARE
Payment Fix Won't Wait*

Congress planned to address the Medicare/TRICARE doctor payment and therapy cap problems as part of national health reform. But health reform is now in limbo, and those two fixes can't wait.

Medicare and TRICARE payments to doctors will be cut a devastating 21% as of March 1, 2010. And Medicare payments for speech, physical and occupational therapy have been capped at \$1,860 a year, as of January 1, 2010. Unless Congress acts quickly, many doctors will stop seeing Medicare/TRICARE patients and stroke/accident victims will hit the therapy cap.

Push your legislators for action on these urgent problems now!

These are a few quotes showing how far we've advanced in the past 300 years, and where some of very common sayings sprang from. Submitted by Sam Ruvolo. Thanks, Sam

Three hundred years ago, houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and some times the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs."

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt... Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, "Dirt poor." The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entrance-way. Hence: a thresh hold.

Getting quite an education, aren't you? Read next month for more of these fascinating facts and from which some common sayings and terms evolved.

***New Slate of Officers & Board
Members MOAA
March Field Chapter.***

This is the 2010 slate of Officers and Board members for the March Field Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America as of October 16, 2009. The 3rd Vice Presidency will be vacant as of December 31, 2009 and will require a replacement:

President	LTC John Fischer, USAF
1st Vice President	COL. Rita Solander, USAF
2nd Vice President	LTC Everett Lusk, USA
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LTC Larry Stumpf, USAF

*They can wipe a tear, cover a cut
and pat you on the back at the same time.*

*They go without new shoes
so their children can have them.*

They go to the doctor with a frightened friend.

***MOAA President Named
Association Executive of the Year***

Association TRENDS, a national trade publication, named MOAA President Vice Adm. Norb Ryan Jr., USN-Ret., Association Executive of the Year. Join us at the 2010 Salute to Association Excellence on Feb. 23 in Washington D.C. for the award presentation.



*They fight for what they believe in.
 They stand up against injustice.
 They write to the "powers that be"
 for things that make for a better life.
 They don't take "no" for an answer
 when they believe there is a better solution.*

Society of Military Widows

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 Together we can
 do great things.*

New Members

*Patricia Ruth,
 AUX Life Member 473*

Obituary

*Ruth Goodyear
 passed away January. 6, 2010th.*

*Women want people to grow into
 the best person they can be. They want
 to touch you in a way that will make
 you share your goodness with others.*

Auxiliary

by Ginny Canady

Make your reservations early for our big "Salute" on Friday, February 19th. You won't want to miss this "Honoring our Auxiliary Members" evening. There will be surprises and fun for everyone with a toast to our Auxiliary Members who have put in countless hours of volunteering for our Chapter. This function is open to everyone and is your chance to thank those whose dedication to our organization is appreciated. An added treat will be our speaker, Barby Robertson, who is a member of the MOAA Auxiliary Advisory Committee. Please join us – we know you will be glad you did!

.....Ginny Canady, Auxiliary Representative

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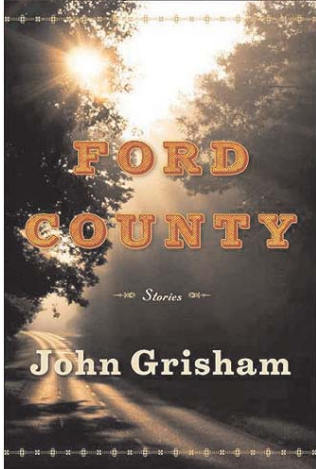
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Ford County by John Grisham

Linda Bryant



When asked to do a book review I could only think of one author that really stands out, John Grisham. He is at the top of my list. Grisham has written 22 books and 10 of those books have been turned into movies. The eleventh book turned movie will be The Associate in 2012. I have read all his books and look forward to each new release. The latest book is Ford County, which was just released in November 2009.

Ford County is different from other Grisham books in that it has seven (7) short story chapters that make up the book. The stories do not have anything in common except that they all take place in Ford County, Mississippi. Grisham is from Mississippi and each of his books captures the old south. Grisham's writing style is so vivid that your mind can picture the setting, the people, and the events. Grisham writes with such clear descriptions you can easily picture the events as they jump out at you from each page. Grisham's books are written from the perspective of a storyteller.

His books usually concern the legal system, and attorneys in small towns in the south. Grisham gives an intimate chronicle of Mississippi life, writing about the blacks, the whites, and

rural south small towns.

Ford County loses nothing by being a group of short stories. Each of the seven chapters holds you spell bound until the chapter concludes. All of Grisham's books and writing style are mesmerizing and keep the reader turning pages.

Ford County is the same way; you do not want to put the book down. You have to complete each story; it just holds your attention until you finish the chapter.

Grisham holds the reader with spell binding drama. I remember reading, King of Torts. That book concerned a young attorney that started handling tort cases (Personal Injury). His description of the exciting life, the work it created dealing with all the class action cases was mesmerizing. I started reading that book at Ontario airport for a flight to Indiana and did not want to land; I wanted the flight to continue. I could hardly wait to get my rental car, and drive the 2 hrs to my hotel, so I could continue reading the book again.

The only problem with Grisham books is that they come out about every other year; I buy them as soon as they are in the book store and read them usually in one day. I then have to wait to read another. They are that good.

You absolutely cannot stop reading a Grisham book.

~ Linda Bryant

We are open to all kinds of books and if you have read something that you'd like to share with our membership, just send me name, author, date of publication, (it sometimes makes it easier to find if the book is now out of print) and a short synopsis of what the book is about. It should be material that would appeal to the interests of our membership.

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