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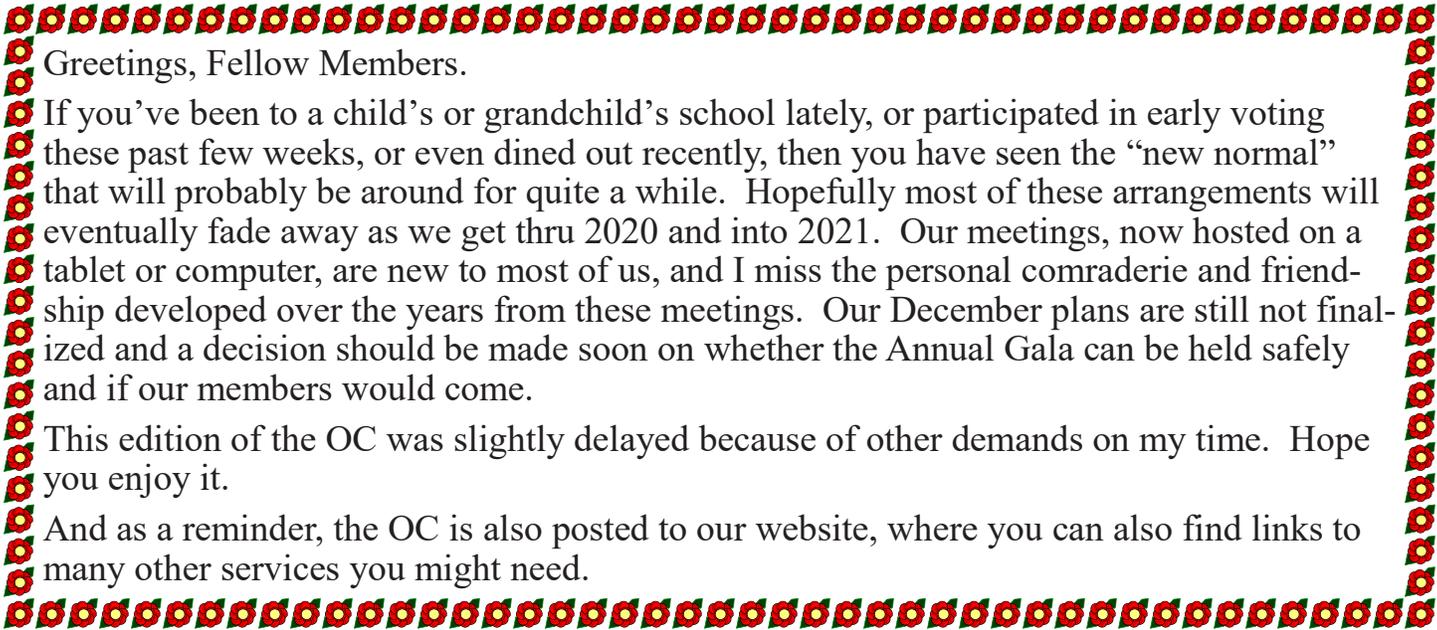
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Greetings, Fellow Members.

If you've been to a child's or grandchild's school lately, or participated in early voting these past few weeks, or even dined out recently, then you have seen the "new normal" that will probably be around for quite a while. Hopefully most of these arrangements will eventually fade away as we get thru 2020 and into 2021. Our meetings, now hosted on a tablet or computer, are new to most of us, and I miss the personal comraderie and friendship developed over the years from these meetings. Our December plans are still not finalized and a decision should be made soon on whether the Annual Gala can be held safely and if our members would come.

This edition of the OC was slightly delayed because of other demands on my time. Hope you enjoy it.

And as a reminder, the OC is also posted to our website, where you can also find links to many other services you might need.

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PRESIDENT
COL. Si Simonson,
USAR(RET.)



CHAPTER PRESIDENT REMARKS

I wish our North DFW MOAA members and friends well as we enter the Fall. Again, I hope that you are all doing as best as can be expected as we continue to battle through the coronavirus pandemic. As I have previously stated, if you need any assistance—such as getting medicine, groceries, or supplies, or if you need a ride somewhere—please contact me or another chapter member and we will get you the assistance you need.

Due to the ongoing coronavirus situation, we held hold another virtual chapter meeting, via ZOOM (video and audio) on November 11. There is nothing special for you to load on your computer or smart phone. Just click the link we will send the day prior, and you will be in the ZOOM meeting. Even if you do not have a webcam you will still be able to hear and see the presentation. See the 1st VP section of this letter for information on the speaker.

ELECTIONS: November is when we elect a new slate of Chapter Officers. If you are interested in taking one of the following elected positions, please let me know:

- President
- Vice President for Programs
- Vice President for Membership
- Vice President for Legislation Affairs
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Of note, Dick Cook has served as the VP for Membership for the past several years and would like to pass on this duty. He has created a great process and will gladly train you on how to succeed in this position.

Also, if you are interested in taking or assisting in one of the following appointed positions, please let me know. **Keith Lockhart also desires to pass on the Personal Affairs Officer position.**

- Personal Affairs Officer
- Scholarship Chairperson
- Newsletter Editor
- Chaplain
- Surviving Spouse Liaison
- USO DFW Support
- Shopping Coupons Overseas

I look forward to seeing you at the virtual chapter meeting on November 11.



1st Vice President Programs and Support

LtCol Bob Little USAF (RET)

N-DFW Newsletter

1st V-P

October 2020

We will host a **Virtual (Zoom) meeting next month on Veterans Day, November 11**. We are honored to have **Commissioner Mary Lopez Dale from the Texas Veterans Commission** join us on Nov. 11 as our guest speaker. You can read Commissioner Dale's extensive biography elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our chapter meeting venues continue to slowly reopen although at reduced capacity and limited seating. We are planning to host our annual **Holiday meeting on Wednesday, December 9** at Bistecca Italian Steak House in Highland Village. However, Bistecca is currently authorized only 75% of their normal capacity so seating will be limited. There will be updated details in the newsletter next month and you will want to get your reservation in early.

Stay Safe and join us for our Veterans Day meeting. I'll see you online November 11.

Bob Little

Mark Your Calendar NOW For Future North DFW MOA Meetings

November 11, 2020
Zoom Meeting
1800



December 9, 2020
Dinner Meeting
TBD

MARY LOPEZ DALE



COMMISSION MEMBER

TEXAS VETERAN'S COMMISSION

**Cedar Park, Texas
Term Expires December 31, 2025**

Mary Lopez Dale of Cedar Park serves as general counsel for Family Hospital Systems and Family Emergency Room. She is a member of the State Bar of Texas, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court. She serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Austin Community College Foundation and the Leander Education for Excellence Foundation. She is a founding member and past commander of American Legion Post 911. Dale received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from The Ohio State University and a Juris Doctor degree from Cleveland Marshall College of Law. She is a former enlisted soldier in the US Army Reserve. She earned a commission through ROTC and served on active duty and was honorably discharged at the rank of Captain.



Here's a somewhat younger Bob Little beside the C-130 Gunship he flew circa 1981.



2nd VP—MEMBERSHIP
LT Dick Cook USN (RET)



Every year we have a lottery for members that have paid their annual dues before 1 January. The lottery winner gets a dues free year. Treasurer Dave Nelson has started a list for those that have paid for 2021. Currently thirteen of our members have qualified for the lottery. Any that pay early are already winners because they saved five bucks. They paid \$20 for 2021 dues by paying early. When you pay during the fiscal year you pay the full \$25!

Despite Doug Brown's nagging e-mails and letters two members failed to pay dues and were dropped and so our roster now lists 86 members. The chapter has exempted surviving spouses and active duty members from paying dues. We currently list nine surviving spouse members and two active duty members which means seventy-five of us pay dues.

The chapter receives monthly lists of national MOAA members who have moved into our area. We send invitations to all. This month I am contacting seventeen national members for invitations to join the chapter. We have two new chapter members to meet and greet. With no chapter dinner meetings while we are "sheltering in place" that's not easy to do. I believe that President Si Simonson is planning a November Zoom meeting where all chapter members can meet online. Since we vote on next year's board membership in November, I recommend that everyone that can make the zoom meeting join in. We have had several meetings online and it gets the job done.

New member Patricia Smith is a new surviving spouse member. Welcome Patricia. Patricia is also a member of National MOAA.

New member Col Bill Dwiggin has attended several of our dinner meetings with BrigGen Tim Boddie so many of us have met him. He had 32 years of military service beginning as a marine private. I'm looking forward to our next dinner meeting where we can meet all our new members

All new members and guests are invited to a dinner meeting by Chapter President Si Simonson so that we can get to meet and greet them. The new members get to know the rest of us, and it is encouragement for them to become regulars at our meetings.

Still the best source of new chapter members comes directly from you. Your friends and associates that qualify for chapter membership make great members. Just let President Si Simonson or me know how to contact your prospects and Si will invite them to a chapter dinner in your name and let you introduce them around. Do your friends a favor and invite them to enjoy the benefits of chapter membership.



3rd VICE PRESIDENT — LEGISLATIVE
& Community Activities
LTC Ginger Simonson. USA (Ret)



Not too much to report on the Texas legislative front. The Texas Legislature has not yet figured out a way to conduct public committee meetings in the pandemic environment. The 2021 Legislative Session is scheduled to kick-off in about 90 days. Normally, there would have been at least a few dozen interim session committee meetings. However, since mid-March, the Capitol has been closed to the public, preventing members from holding interim committee hearings inside the building with public testimony. Those hearings are usually scheduled to help members consider or research business that could come up during the next session. At least the Senate has moved forward with a couple of “restricted” meetings. Only “invited” (no public participation) testimony was allowed and it was done virtually. The public can view all livestream hearing at <https://senate.texas.gov/av-live.php> and archived sessions at <https://senate.texas.gov/av-archive.php>

Adding to the pandemic induced uncertainty, the House has a “lame-duck” Speaker, and all 150 state house representatives are up for reelection. So, it’s doubtful that much will get done until after the elections results are in. Speaking of elections...., early voting continues until October 30th. If you haven’t yet voted, I recommend you take a look at the ballot beforehand. You can get a personalized ballot at this link - https://apps.texastribune.org/features/2020/texas-general-election-ballot/?_ga=2.170516576.1967454749.1603364746-262480261.1603364746

What’s Up in Congress

President Trump Signed a Significant Bill into Law

The Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Law, a landmark bill that will improve veterans’ access to mental health care.

To learn more about Commander John Scott Hannon, read this story -

https://www.mdjonline.com/neighbor_newspapers/extra/news/trump-signs-landmark-veterans-health-care-bill-named-for-seal-team-6-leader-with-helena/article_7135a9c4-ba95-5cd1-b499-452c2441fc8c.html



Please take a few moments to write to your elected representatives.

Go to this link and urge our leaders to Pass a Budget, on Time and Avoid Damage Caused by Continuing Resolutions

<https://takeaction.moaa.org/moaa/app/write-a-letter?3&engagementId=509173>

Continuing resolutions stall plans to modernize DoD and improve the lives of servicemembers, military families, retirees, and veterans. New programs receive no funds while outdated ones limp forward. Looming shutdowns put some servicemembers' pay at risk.





**COUPON REPORT FOR JULY NEWSLETTER
DEBBY ALLBACH**



Coupon Report for October newsletter

Do you get the Sunday paper? If yes then I need you to join me, Lenore Hollis, Janet Key and RoseMarie Vickory who are getting coupons to me every 2 weeks or so during this lull in meetings. Please mail coupons to me when we can't meet. Debby Allbach, 1116 Carousel Drive, Bedford, TX 76021. The four of us together make 1 small envelope of about 1,000 coupons which go to 1 overseas base. When Doug Brown mails me a big box then we can send 3 or 4 boxes of about 2,000 coupons each to a different base. Grocery shopping is one constant in this odd time, please help us help the troops stationed overseas to lower their grocery costs.



While Debby had nothing new to report for her Surviving Spouse entry, she did want to remind members that our new Website contains information for Surviving Spouses. The Website also contains a plethora of other links to help our members find information that might otherwise take hours to find on their own.

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NORTH DFW MOAA
TREASURER'S REPORT
MAJ. DAVE NELSON(RET.)



Income/Expense by Category - Quarter To Date

8/1/2020 through 10/30/2020

Category 8/1/2020- 10/30/2020

INCOME

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Challenge Coins Income | 720.00 |
| Membership Income | |
| Membership Income:2020 | 50.00 |
| Membership Income:2021 | 120.00 |
| TOTAL Membership Income | 170.00 |
| Scholarship Income | 190.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 1,080.00 |

EXPENSES

| | |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Bills & Utilities | |
| Bills & Utilities:Internet | 51.63 |
| TOTAL Bills & Utilities | 51.63 |
| Postage | -5.00 |
| Postage:Coupons | 86.05 |
| TOTAL Postage | 81.05 |
| Scholarship Transfer | |
| TOTAL Scholarship Transfer | 50.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 182.68 |

OVERALL TOTAL 897.32

Total Account Balance 16833.00

Scholarship Balance 4670.10

Operating Balance 12162.90

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ATTACHMENT (CIRCLE ONE) **CLUTCH (\$10)**

FIRST NAME _____
 NAME _____

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LAST

SPOUSE/GUEST

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Elected Officers and
Committee/Project Leaders



Elected Officers

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North DFW Military Officers Association

2021 Membership Application/Renewal

Mail application to:

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P. O. Box 294685, Lewisville, Texas 75029-4685

Treasurer—davenelson@tx.rr.com

Invoice Date: 01/01/2021



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| Address: _____ |
| Phone: _____ Cell or Home |
| Email: _____ |

| Description | Amount |
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| <p>2020 North DFW MOAA Chapter Membership Dues</p> <p>North DFW MOAA Chapter membership dues are separate from and in addition to your National MOAA Dues.</p> <p>Amount due: \$20.00 (If paid by 12/31/2020)</p> <p>Amount due: \$25.00 (If paid on or after 01/01/2021)</p> | |
| <p>Voluntary Scholarship Contribution</p> <p>Contributions go toward our annual scholarships awarded each May.</p> <p>Contributions to the scholarship fund are tax deductible. Please make a copy of this invoice and retain it as proof of payment for your taxes.</p> | |
| Check # | Total Amount Enclosed: |

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