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Fellow Members,

This issue contains a lot of photos submitted by your fellow members in the North DFW MOAA that mostly revolve around family and career. I hope you enjoy seeing pictures taken by your fellow members as much as I do. If there is any interest in continuing to do this, please let me know.

On P.3 you can find information on the new challenge coin the Chapter has designed and available for sale soon. Coin exchanges have grown tremendously the past decade or so and symbolizes some a relationship between the receiver and giver of the coin.

Because the Covent-19 pandemic has curtailed so much of our daily activities and civic interplay, the articles here are not as lengthy as usual. For example, since the State government has basically closed, Ginger could not provide information on state legislation affecting us....there wasn't any. But, we do have a bunch of other things for your enjoyment....hope you like it.

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PRESIDENT
COL. Si Simonson,
USAR(RET.)



CHAPTER PRESIDENT REMARKS

I wish a happy beginning of the summer to our North DFW MOAA members and friends. Again, I hope that you are all doing as best as can be expected as we continue to battle through the coronavirus situation. 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.

We held a virtual chapter meeting, via ZOOM (video and audio) on June 10. It was a success, as all 10 members attending were able to see and talk to each other. It was good to see and hear from members that we have not had a social interface with since our chapter dinner in February.

We will continue to plan on having our chapter dinner meeting on September 9. No formal venue or speaker have been planned at this time. We will make a decision in August to determine if we continue to go forward with the dinner, based on the coronavirus situation at that time.

Other things to note. Due to the coronavirus and the affect that it had on the local schools, no JROTC cadet applied for one of our MOAA Chapter Scholarships this year. So, we will roll the money over into next year's scholarships. Based on the lack of chapter meetings this year, which has affected our raffles and fund raising, rolling the money collected over the past 12 months into next year is a prudent move to ensure we can fund at least two scholarships in the upcoming year.

Also of note, the Fort Worth JROTC Staff Ride—coordinated by our own LTC Rich Crossley—has been postponed. They now plan to go to Normandy in the coming spring. Any money that the chapter and our members had paid to fund this trip has been held in escrow to help fund the trip in the spring.

Finally, a special thanks to our Treasurer, Dave Nelson, for designing a coin for the North DFW MOAA Chapter. On the next page you will see the approved design. We plan on ordering at least 100 (maybe more—depending on the Board's decision at the July Chapter Board Meeting). We plan to sell them for \$10 apiece. We also discussed giving them out as tokens of appreciation for our dinner meeting speakers as well as to our annual scholarship recipients. We should have them ready for purchase by the September dinner meeting.

Have a safe summer. I hope that we can all get together soon.

North DFW MOAA Chapter

Front with Chapter Name and Texas Flag



Back, with Service icons in order of precedence, starting with Army, and going clockwise, ending in the center.





1st Vice President Programs and Support
LtCol Bob Little USAF (RET)

As the COVID-19 scenario continues to unfold this summer, we are constantly looking for safe and sensible venues to restart in-person meetings for our chapter. Our next chapter meeting is tentatively scheduled for 9 September, but a lot can/will happen between now and then. We will keep you informed as circumstances change and our plans evolve.

Thanks again for your support, take care of each other, and stay safe until we meet again.

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Mark Your Calendar NOW For Future North DFW MOA Meetings

<p>September 9, 2020 Dinner Meeting TBD</p>		<p>November 11, 2020 Dinner Meeting TBD</p>
<p>December 9, 2020 Dinner Meeting TBD</p>		



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



Currently we list 90-chapter members on our roster. Of the ninety we have ten surviving spouse members and two active duty members. The chapter has exempted surviving spouses and active duty members from paying dues which means seventy-eight of us pay dues. Nine of our seventy-eight have yet to pay 2020 dues. Dues are expected on or before 1 January. Toward the end of the year delinquent members are dropped from the chapter.

The chapter receives monthly lists of national MOAA members eligible to join our chapter. We send invitations to all. The chapter sent invitations to 14 national members in June. Several were new MOAA members, and the remainder relocated into our area. The response to these invitations is never overwhelming. We've been averaging one to two percent responses on the invitations, but we never pester by asking more than once.

We have three new chapter members to meet and greet. With no chapter dinner meetings while we are "sheltering in place" that's not as easy to do. We had a "Zoom" meeting with all invited on June 10th. It was great to see you all. Thanks for connecting. Unfortunately, none of our three new members signed in so we still need to meet and greet them. We have had two Zoom board meetings online and it gets the job done until we can meet face to face again.

Capt. Bill Wait USAF RET of Richland Hills joined with his wife Diane on March 6th. Bill started his military interests joining the Civil Air Patrol at age 14. CAP was followed by ROTC and he was commissioned with a career in Aircraft maintenance. After his assignments in Viet Nam he left the Service but stayed in aviation primarily with Bell Helicopter and finished his service in the reserves.

COL Paul Vicalvi USA RET joined with his wife Pamela March 10th. They live in Denton. Paul was an Army Chaplain with a career in the 82nd Airborne Special Ops. Welcome Paul and Pamela. I'll bet they have lots of stories to tell.

LtCol "Packman" Tom Paquin USMC RET of Keller was an FA-18 pilot with a number of interesting assignments. Tom joined the chapter April 26th. He is now president of Victory Base LLC of Keller, VicNRG, LLC, of Southlake and Managing Member of Victory Aviation of Denton.

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)**



This photo is from Ginger's computer that depicts the first ever DFW MOAA Zoom hosted Chapter Social. Everyone who attended enjoyed the comraderie while practicing physical but not social distancing. We may require many more of these type meetings. If you would like to join in but don't think you can manage the technology, call Doug Brown or me and we will do our best to set you up and get you going.



COUPON REPORT FOR JULY NEWSLETTER DEBBY ALLBACH



Our grocery bill has almost doubled since we are eating at home all the time and perceived shortages have driven grocery prices up. I can't help but think the same thing is happening to military families overseas. Your coupons are needed now more than ever. Special thanks to Doug Brown, Lenore Hollis, Janet Key and RoseMarie Vickory, who are getting coupons to me during this lull in meetings. As a result we were able to send off 3 coupon packages in June. Please mail coupons to me when we can't meet. Debby Allbach, 1116 Carousel Drive, Bedford, TX 76021.



SURVIVING SPOUSES REPORT FOR JULY NEWSLETTER DEBBY ALLBACH

The Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter provides information and solutions to problems or issues affecting surviving spouses and is a great resource for them. Current membership stands at 126 from 28 states, the American Virgin Islands and an APO. There is no cost to join. They meet via a no cost phone conference. The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 21 at 1:00 Eastern time. Contact me at deballbach@gmail.com if you want information on how to join the next call. There were 75 people on the last call. To listen to the call dial 1-712-775-7279; enter access code: 966850#; enter reference number: 3#. Once on the call you can press 6 to fast forward one minute; press 4 to rewind for one minute; or press 5 to pause and resume. There are MOAA newsletters which are available on a variety of important issues: Advocacy, Health, Finance, Family, Career, Presidents message, etc. You can choose the newsletters you want to receive and the frequency that you want to receive them. The newsletters are emailed to you. Just take the following steps: Go to MOAA.org, sign in, click on News & Information on the banner heading, click on Newsletters. There will be a description of all of the newsletters available. Scroll down to the bottom of the page where it says "Already a member"—which you are. Then click on "update your email preferences" to update your email address. Choose which newsletters you wish to receive and how often.



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



Notes from the Treasurer

Greetings all. I am hoping this finds you healthy in the time of fist bumps, elbow taps and face-masked trips to Costco during senior hours.... I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our proposed next dinner meeting in September. Seems like it has been a really long time.

The only activity here in the finance department has been the posting of 2020 dues for those who have recently paid. If you haven't paid your 2020 dues, well, you know.... Also, our chapter made scholarship donations in the names of two members who are recently deceased. These members were Brigadier General Thomas Webb and Mrs. Dolly Land. We grieve the passing of these fellow members and salute their service and sacrifices to our great but currently troubled country.

The chapter will be sponsoring a "challenge coin" in the near future. We have designed and revised the coin several times and now have what I believe is a very handsome and meaningful tribute to our chapter. See page 3 for the proof of our coin. This coin will be 1.75" in diameter and will be for sale at the September meeting for \$10 each. Please consider buying a couple of these and supporting the chapter in this way. The coin will also be presented to visiting VIP'S and possibly guest speakers at our events. It will serve well as a reminder of their service and time spent with us. The challenge coin is a fairly recent military tradition and was getting very popular in the early 90's when I retired. Several other MOAA chapters have these coins but none personalized as this one is. If you are challenged at a gathering and you don't have your coin, guess who buys that round....

Stay safe and we'll see you soon...

Dave

MEMBERS PICTURES



LEFT: LCDR Fred McGuire displays the medals his father-in-law won in the Iwo Jima campaign during WW2. He served in both the Marine Corp and the Navy. The 2 F18's are flying near Mt. Surabachi on Iwo Jima. The black sand at the bottom of the plaque was taken from Iwo.

RIGHT

Here is a 3 generation picture of longtime member Col. Charlie Correll with grandson Maj. Jason Correll on his right and son Col. Mark Correll on his left. Great pic.

**LEFT**

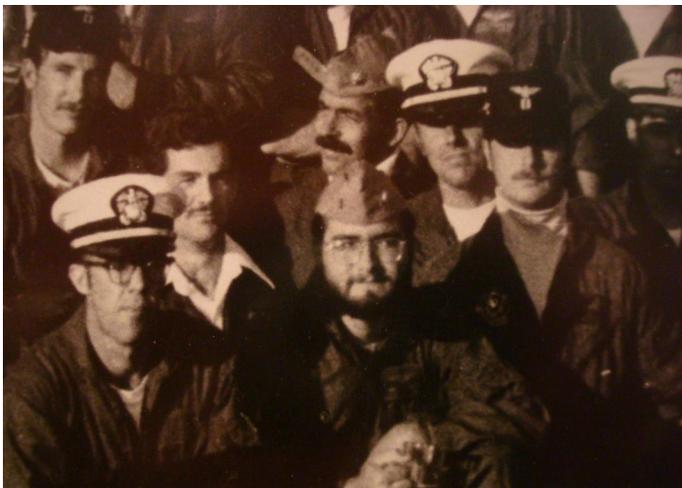
LCDR Armand Arce and a young Marine holding the North DFW MOA banner at a Flower Mound Veterans Day Remembrance several years ago.



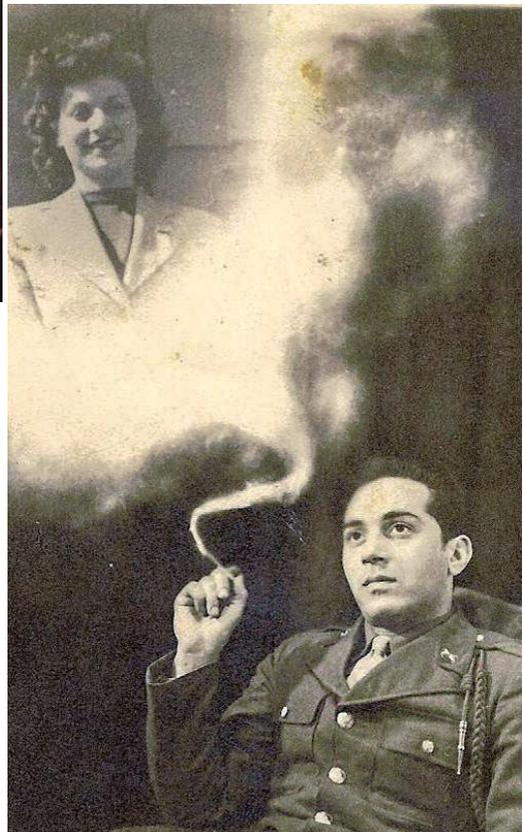
LEFT: Ginger Simonson at the Port of Um Qasr, Iraq in 2003, with security and personnel from the Army Air Force Exchange. Thousands of tons of supplies were sent by rail...until the insurgents decided to start blowing up the lines and the trains.

BELOW

Photo from Ginger's family archives. Taken in Europe during WW II, and depicts the almost universal experiences of troops at war; dreaming Of their loved ones whenever they had down time.



ABOVE
Patrol Squadron Forty-Seven "Dining In"
In Mountain View, CA.
LCDR Armand Arce in the center.



**LEFT**

One of many of Saddam Hussein's palaces at Camp Victory near Baghdad, Iraq. Both Si and Ginger Simonson spent time here at various times.

RIGHT

Ginger Simonson at Camp Victory, Iraq. On a team of AAFES personnel, touring American bases to coordinate for an expansion of AAFES services. We not only brought PX services, but also Burger King, Coffee Shops, a movie theater and internet cafes, among other popular services at all the major bases in Iraq.

**LEFT**

LCDR E.A. "REX" King and beautiful wife Vicki. Together, they had six kids, 10 grandkids, and 10 great-grand kids. Vicki passed away in 2018.



LEFT

1ST Lt. Doug Allbach at the Grafenwoer Training Area by Czech border circa 1971.

BELOW

Col. Si and Norma Cabanas after Norma's promotion to Major. Si was the officiating officer.

BELOW

Lt. Doug Allbach at the Armored Museum at Ft. Knox, Ky. He was attending a maintenance school enroute to S. Korea



RIGHT

Si Simonson in 2004 at Camp Udari in Northern Kuwait. US forces used Udari and a number of desert bases in Kuwait to stage units for deployment into Iraq and later to accept ammo and equipment prior to unit re-deployment to their home base

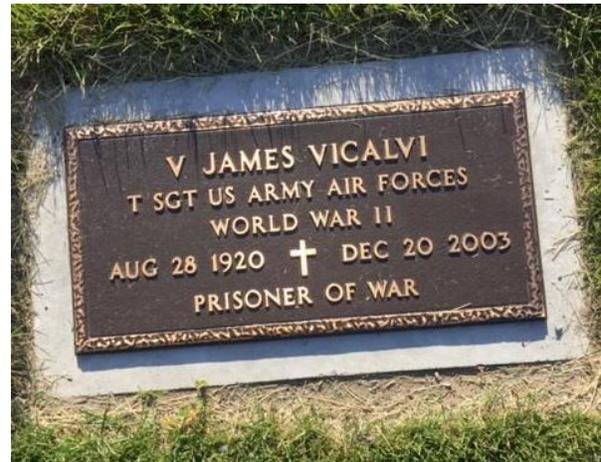


**LEFT**

Col. Paul Vicalvi at his father's grave in Albany, NY. Paul was a chaplain with the 82nd Airborne Division, US Special Ops. He spent 32 years in the Army helping our troops in their spiritual life.

BELOW

Grave Marker for T Sgt James Vicalvi, James's Dad. He is buried in Albany, NY.

**LEFT**

CDR Joe Culwell(L) and LCDR Armand Arce. Both were Navy JROTC Senior Instructors at Lewisville ISD

**RIGHT**

My Dad Tobe Kerbow graduating from Sergeants School in Ft. Lewis, WA. before shipping out with the Big Red 1 Division....Circa 1941.





ABOVE

Maj Dave Nelson preparing to offload rolling stock early in Desert Shield in 1979

BELOW

Anita and I at our first Dining In in 1979



LEFT

Cpt. Nash and CW2's Keister and Kerbow discussing our plans for the evening after our UH-1D experienced engine failure during takeoff from Plantation AAF in Bien Hoa in January 1971. The Huey was the workhorse during the Viet Nam conflict.

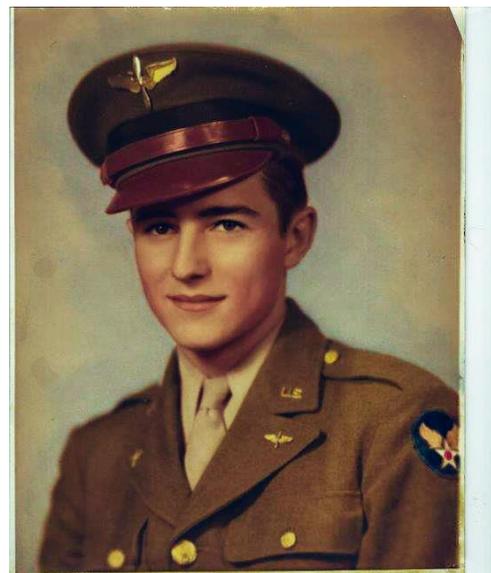


Below Cpt Nelson departing on a test flight at Vance AFB 1983



RIGHT

WWII Vet Doug Brown was in the Army Air Corps and stationed at South Plains AAF in Lubbock, TX., when this photo was made in December, 1941. The airfield was used to train glider pilots at the time.



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