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NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year for 2017. May it bring good health and riches to us all. Well, at least good health to all of us and our families. Also, some good Carolina weather this winter and into the Spring would be welcomed.

The "new" 2017 chapter officers and board are certainly planning on a great chapter year with initiatives for new membership growth and enhancing the value to all members for being an active chapter member by providing interesting and fun chapter meeting programs, opportunities for community involvement, our unique military service camaraderie and the need for all members to support our national, state and local community programs and activities both on the political front and for our local chapter emphasis on support for JROTC scholarships and leadership awards.

Our January 15th program will be a very informative presentation by Robert Evans, mental health professional, on PTSD and military/veteran suicides and treatments available to veterans and their families. A serious subject, but one that pertains to and has touched all of us.

Thank you for your support in 2016. It was a very good year enhancing our JROTC Scholarship Fund through our golf tournament and year-end fund raising campaign. We look forward to your interest in and involvement with chapter activities during 2017 and beyond.

Ron Morgan, Colonel, USMC (Ret), President

The mission of the Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is to promote MOAA purposes and objectives. This will foster fraternal relations among retired, active, and former officers of the uniformed services, and their Reserve and National Guard components. The goal is to actively promote the protection of the rights and interests of members of the uniform services, their family members including survivors, provide useful services for members and their families, and serve the community, the active military forces (past present, and future), and our nation.

NEXT MEETING

Sunday, JAN. 15, 2017

Red Rocks Cafe

4223 Providence Rd

Social Time 1500

Meeting with Meal 1530

PROGRAMS

Chapter meetings are held at the Red Rocks Café, 4223-8 Providence Rd., Strawberry Hill area where Fairview/Sardis Rds. cross Providence, behind Fresh Market. Social starts at 3:00 PM, followed by a short business meeting, then dinner (order from the menu) and speaker presentation.

JANUARY 15 – Robert L. Evans will present an eye-opening presentation on PTSD, its treatment options and provide some insight into military veteran suicides, a serious issue that we, as military professionals, might have faced in some way during our careers. Bob, a certified and highly recognized mental health professional, whose career spans close to 50 years, has served on the Charlotte, NC National Association of Mental Illness (NAMI) Board for the past eight years, the last three as President. He continues to mentor individuals and families living with mental health issues and currently volunteers at Novant Behavior Health along with other community involvement in these same mental health areas. Bob will also discuss the NAMI national alliance on mental health programs available to veterans and their families.

Installation of Chapter Officers and Board – Doug Ehrhardt, Captain, USN (Ret), President of the MOAA NC Council of Chapters, has accepted our invitation to be with us at our January meeting and install the 2017 chapter officers and the board. Doug will also briefly highlight the initiatives of national MOAA and our NC Council of Chapters with our national and state congressional representatives.

FEBRUARY 19 – A representative with North Carolina AAA will provide a program on the issues and dangers of distracted driving due to the use of cell phones and texting while operating a motor vehicle. The NC AAA provided a \$ 5,000 donation to the chapter's JROTC Scholarship Fund. In return, we agreed to include the requirement for a short essay on distracted driving prevention for teenage drivers as a part of our scholarship application process.

Announcements and Dates of Military and Veterans Activities.

As notified, we will be sending upcoming area military/veteran events to all on the chapter mailing list in separate emails. During the week before and after Veteran's Day there are many events. However, the deadline for registration has passed at the time of this publication.

January 15, 2017 – Chapter Meeting & New Officer Installation

February 19, 2017 – Chapter Meeting

March 19, 2017 – Chapter Meeting

April 23, 2017—Chapter Meeting

May 21, 2017 – Chapter Meeting

Regular expanded Newsletter returns next month.

REMINDER – Dues for 2017 are Past Due



NC-04 CHARLOTTE-METROLINA CHAPTER MOAA

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