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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the start of the new year, the chapter gets busy in planning for and then executing events for later this Spring. This includes receiving JROTC scholarship applications by middle February so that the scholarship committee can review all and select the best four or five cadet awardees to receive \$ 2,000 scholarships for 2017. Our May meeting will include these awardees and their parents. Seeing and hearing from our awardees last May was truly moving. Don't miss the May 21st meeting. Also, we will soon be communicating with each of the 37 JROTC programs we support to arrange for the delivery and presentation of the MOAA Leadership Award certificate and medal for presentation to their outstanding Junior class cadet. At the same time, we are seeking nominations from all school systems for JROTC Instructors of the Year (Officer and enlisted) recognition.

To assist in covering the costs of these programs, I urge all to participate in our first **MOAA Dining Day at California Pizza Kitchen (CPK) to be held on February 22**. Take the flyer included in the newsletter (more copies available at the chapter meeting), make copies, give to neighbors, family and friends and urge them go to CPK at South Park Mall for lunch or dinner. Tell them you are there for MOAA and the chapter gets 20% of the total bill. If you want, we will have an informal group gathering there that day at about 6:30 PM, but go any time. There will be a CPK dining day once each quarter.

We will soon be asking for your input in a questionnaire sent to all members to assist the officers and board in planning for growth in membership, retention and additional chapter activities. I ask that you take the time to provide valuable feedback for the benefit of the chapter and its' members.

Got some great and interesting programs this Spring. Hope to see you at the chapter meetings.

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, FEB. 19, 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.

FEBRUARY 19 – Nichol McGarity 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.

March 19 – Dr. Mark Beymer, Ph.D., Captain (former) USMC, President of the MOAA Central Carolina Chapter speaking on **"Lessons Learned as a Combat Helicopter Pilot"**. Mark is a veteran of Viet Nam serving for two tours, first as a helicopter pilot (CH -34) and awarded a Purple Heart, and then as a Jet Attack pilot (A-4's). A feat that does not happen often. After leaving the Marine Corps in 1972, he entered the business world, worked with NASA, eventually as Chief of Training & Development at NASA Headquarters, obtained advance degrees, and served later as a professor and administrator in higher education. Living in Salisbury, he was Chairman of the City Planning Board for several years, has been very active in Cavatans at the local, State, regional and national level and is currently the MOAA Chapter President.

April 23 – Joe Dixon, CWO 3, US Coast Guard (Ret) and new chapter member will provide a presentation on **"All Things Coast Guard"** (editor's title). This military service branch, part of the Department of Homeland Security, performs a valuable security mission for our nation along with many other maritime services. It will be good to learn a lot of neat stuff about the USCG. We welcome Joe and his wife Melody to our chapter. As golfers, they are already part of our tournament committee and Joe's knowledge of "social media" will be a great assist with recruitment efforts.

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.

March 19, 2017 – Chapter Meeting

April 23, 2017—Chapter Meeting

May 21, 2017 – Chapter Meeting

LEGISLATIVE

MOAA's Top 10 Goals for 2017

- Remove the sequester
- End disabled/survivor financial offsets and penalties
- Ensure TRICARE reform sustains access to and performance of top-quality care
- Prevent disproportional TRICARE fee hikes and inordinate program changes
- End military pay-raise caps and restore pay comparability with private sector
- Guard against erosion of earned compensation and commissary benefits
- Sustain wounded warrior programs and expand caregiver support
- Credit Guard and Reserve call-ups for retirement purposes
- Improve and sustain spouse and family support
- Assure timely access to VA care and eliminate claims backlog

(Read the details in January MOAA Military Officer Magazine)

CHAPTER SECRETARY – RON WILSBACH

Charlotte-Metrolina MOAA Chapter Minutes for January 15, 2017

President Ron Morgan called the meeting to order at 3:25 p.m. at the Red Rocks Café. The invocation was given by Chaplain John Samb and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ron welcomed guests Joe & Melody Dixon; Chuck & Beth Vogt; Jim & Gigi Roark; Speaker, Bob Evans, Charlotte National Alliance on Health (NAMI) President and Don Tyson, VP of Charlotte NAMI. NCCOC President Doug & Cathy Ehrhardt were also welcomed. The 50/50 Raffle of \$40.00 was won by Bill Baker.

Ron Morgan requested a motion to accept the Chapter Minutes from the December 11th, 2016 minutes. The minutes were approved as written. Ron Wilsbach, Treasurer, reported that the General Fund has a balance of \$3,804.49 and the Scholarship Fund has a balance of \$25,626.04.

Ron Morgan advised the members that the speaker for the February 19th Chapter meeting will be Steve Phillips of AAA of the Carolinas. Future speakers are to be announced. Ron also reported to the members that the Board of Directors recently participated in a membership and retention workshop conducted by David Lee, 1st VP of the NCCOC. Ron also announced that Dick Steeves will be the new 3rd VP for Legislative Affairs. Dick has just returned from travels to the west coast with a cold and will not be present at this meeting. He and Dale Hogue, the new 2nd VP for Membership and Retention, who is also absent today, will be installed at the next Chapter Meeting. Ron Morgan notified all that the deadline for submissions to the February Chapter Newsletter will be February 2nd. Newsletter will be published on the 5th of February. Ron requested that members, who have not yet done so, submit their military biographies to Carol Morgan for publication in the Newsletter. Please include a picture with your submission.

Old/New Business

- JROTC Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament** – The tournament will be held at Olde Sycamore Golf Plantation on October 6th, 2017. The initial planning committee meeting for this important event will be held at Olde Sycamore **on January 25th at 4:00 p.m.** Ron Morgan asked that all Chapter members consider joining this effort.

JROTC Scholarship Awards – The Scholarship Committee, headed by Scott Morris, has sent out 37 notices and applications in December to all JROTC Units in the Charlotte-Metrolina Area.

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- b. Applications must be returned no later than February 11th to be considered for an award. Once received, the whole committee will begin the review and scoring process. The Chapter expects to award several \$2,000 Scholarships in May.
- c. **JROTC Leadership Awards** - Ron Morgan advised the Chapter that three additional JROTC unit High Schools have been added to the units sponsored. The South Carolina High Schools (Fort Mill High School; Nations Ford High School; and Indian Land High School) were added because no South Carolina MOAA Chapter is located near these high schools and we have several members that reside in South Carolina. These three units will also be eligible for scholarship awards.
- d. **2017 Chapter DUES** – December 31st, 2016 was the last day of the Chapter's fiscal year. If you have not paid your 2017 dues you are delinquent. Please remember that **you can save \$25.00 by sending in \$100 for dues and you will be paid up until December 31st 2021.**
- e. Ron Morgan thanked all those who responded to the end of year appeal for contributions to the Chapter Scholarship Fund.
- f. **"Chapter Dining Day"** - MOAA National has advised all Chapters that as of January 2017 they would no longer be providing JROTC Leadership Award materials or Gold Bars for ROTC Graduates at UNCC free of charge. It is expected that the cost of these awards will be approximately \$500 per year. In order to cover the expense of those awards the Chapter will be sponsoring a "MOAA Dining Day" once per quarter **at California Pizza Kitchen in the South Park Mall.** These "Dining Days" will usually be scheduled on the Wednesday following the Chapter meeting. **February 22nd will be the first fund raising day of the year.** Information will be provided via flyer, the Chapter Newsletter, Chapter eNewsletter and word of mouth. Tell your friends and neighbors – all that is required is to dine anytime on February 22nd at CPK and be sure to tell the waitress that you are there to support Charlotte-Metrolina MOAA and we will receive 20% of your bill – HOW EASY IS THAT!

Announcements:

- a. Please keep Sue Barden in your prayers.
- b. NCCOC Quarterly meeting on March 17 – 18 will be in Greensboro.(moaa-nc.org for info and reservations)
- c. NCCOC State Convention at Colonial Williamsburg on September 7 – 10. (moaa-nc.org for info and reservations.)

Installation of 2017 Officers

Ron Wilsbach read the names of members and offices to be held. Missing officers included 1st VP Jay Garbus, 2nd VP Dale Hogue; 3rd VP Dick Steeves. Those present were: President, Ron Morgan; Secretary/Treasurer Ron Wilsbach; Director Scott Morris; Director Larry Stawicki; Director Carol Aljets; Past President Harley Ellinger; Editor of Newsletter Carol Morgan; Surviving Spouse Liaison Gloria Scienski; and Chaplain John Samb. Capt. Doug Ehrhardt, USN, (Ret.) President of NCCOC, administered the Oath of Office and then made remarks.

Following dinner Robert L. Evans spoke about PTSD and suicide initiatives and treatment. A question and answer session followed. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

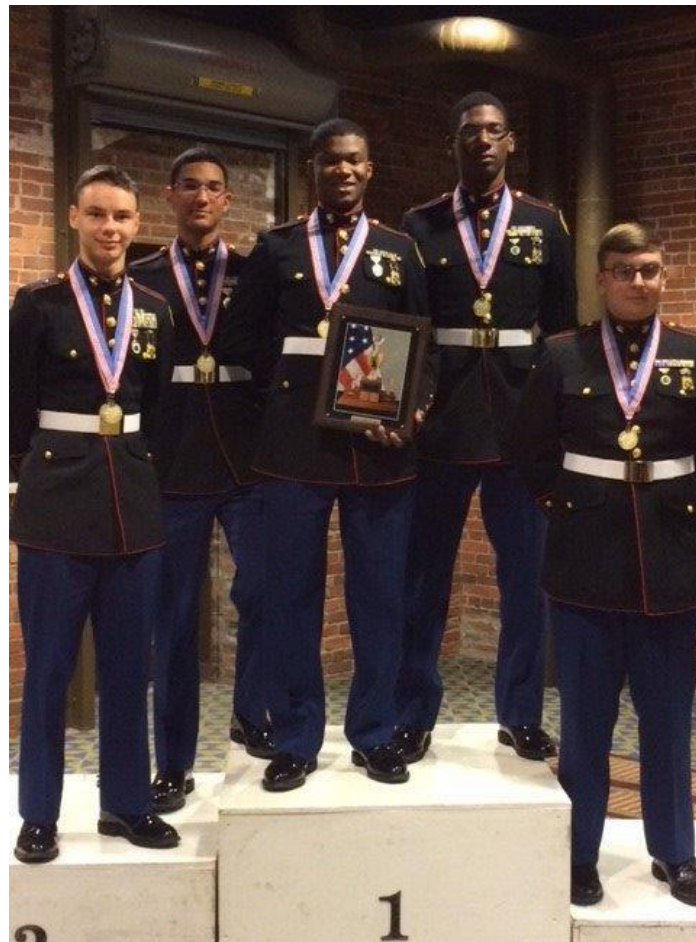
Ron Wilsbach, Secretary/Treasurer

News from Nation Ford HS Marine Corps JROTC, Fort Mill, SC

In January 2017, they won the SC CMP State Rifle Team Championships. Last weekend they won the U.S. Army Junior National Rifle Championships at Fort Benning, GA. They were the only Marine team amongst numerous Army and Navy high school teams. The closest Army JROTC team was 57 points behind. The Nation Ford team won the Army nationals twice in the past three years and finished second the other year. The top Nation Ford Marine JROTC shooter, Levi Carlson, who hasn't lost a rifle match all year, finished a mere .9 of a point behind the first-place finisher from Pueblo, Colorado.

Two Nation Ford MCJROTC teams qualified for and are heading to Las Vegas this Wed-Sun to compete at the Marine Corps JROTC National Rifle Championships.

Thanks to Sean Mulchy, Colonel, USMC (Ret) and Senior MCJROTC Instructor at Nation Ford for providing this great news. Just an example of the type of JROTC programs our chapter supports.



REMINDER – Dues for 2017 are Past Due



SAVE THE DATE

FEBRUARY 22ND 2017

“MOAA DINING DAY”

CPK & CHARLOTTE- METROLINA CHAPTER ARE TEAMING UP TO
RAISE FUNDS FOR JROTC LEADERSHIP AWARDS AND ROTC GOLD
BARS.

CPK AT SOUTH PARK MALL

TAKE THIS FLYER WITH YOU FOR LUNCH OR DINNER – GIVE IT TO
YOUR WAITER - CHAPTER GETS 20% OF YOUR BILL – GIVE FLYER
TO YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS.

HOW EASY IS THAT?



NC-04 CHARLOTTE-METROLINA CHAPTER MOAA

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Scholarship Donation: _____ Receipt: Yes _____ No _____

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