



NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to the Fall 2017 MOAA Chapter meeting/event schedule after the summer period break. We trust that our scheduled meeting programs and special events will include your interested attendance at our chapter and your active participation.

We are starting our Fall schedule with a great and interesting program on **September 17th with Dr. Larry Rogers, chapter member and retired Charlotte neurosurgeon, who served as a medical officer/combat surgeon in Viet Nam.**

Next on our Fall schedule is the chapter's **JROTC Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament on October 6 at Olde Sycamore.** This is our primary fund raiser to provide higher education scholarships for very deserving JROTC cadets selected from the 38 High School JROTC programs we support in the greater Charlotte-Metrolina area. We still need golf and raffle prizes, golfer goodie bag stuffers, more golfers and chapter member volunteers for that day.

Then, the historical highlight of our fall season is our **19th Annual Oktoberfest celebration on October 15th** with great food, recorded music/video, history by Harley and chapter-provided German beer and wines. If you have not attended this special event previously, do so this October. You will be pleased you did. (See RSVP/reservation form included in this newsletter).

For this December's Chapter holiday celebration on December 17th, we will be having a catered dinner/party at the Bela Sera Community Clubhouse in Matthews. It was time to try something different while enjoying our group's "common camaraderie". A catered buffet by Southern Gourmet, BYOB for holiday cheer, and fun festive activities will be a great time for all and our guests.

As we kick off the Fall season, we will focus on having consistently great programs to drive up meeting attendance, retaining and attracting new members, enhancing our involvement in community veteran support programs and continuing to build JROTC/ROTC leadership initiatives and cadet scholarship opportunities.

Let us know any feedback that will lead to a stronger chapter and a stronger, responsive MOAA.

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.

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NEXT MEETING

Sunday, SEPT. 17, 2017

Red Rocks Cafe
4223 Providence Rd

Social Time 1500
Meeting with Meal 1530

PROGRAMS – JAY GARBUS

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.

September 17 – Dr. Larry Rogers, Viet Nam medical officer and combat surgeon. Larry, a retired Charlotte neurosurgeon and chapter member, has a passion for his role and service in Viet Nam. He will relate how he got to Viet Nam, his role there and discuss what went right and wrong. Larry will read some short sections from his book, have some fun together, and will gladly sell copies for \$ 20 each. You will want to consider bringing some guests to this meeting and presentation, especially any Viet Nam era ones.

October 15 – OKTOBERFEST – Our annual German harvest celebration, sponsored by member Huberta Barrett for the past 19 years, is a true festive time, featuring great authentic German food, and like last year, we will have a selection of German beers and wines. Recorded music, Rhine River travelogue videos, festive décor, along with Oktoberfest “History by Harley” will complete the day. This event/meal requires advanced reservations and payment of \$ 17 per person. See Oktoberfest flyer in this newsletter. Contact Carol Morgan at (704) 708-8866 or morgancc43@aol.com

November 12 – To be determined. We have a very interesting program scheduled but may switch it to another month, to present a human-interest program on local-area homeless veterans and initiatives that address the need for affordable veteran housing. We are still working out the details, but thought this would be a very appropriate program for the day after Veteran’s Day. Stay tuned.

December 17 – Our Christmas/Hanukkah season celebration will be a catered dinner party at the Bela Sera Community Clubhouse in Matthews. Festive décor, music, holiday trivia, a great Holiday Feast buffet provided by The Southern Gourmet will make this a memorable event for our chapter members and guests. The Bela Sera Community Clubhouse is a very nice facility and the home community of Ron & Kathleen Wilsbach. We are working to make the dinner and party very nice, yet affordable. It will be BYOB for your own wine or beverage desires. Reservation sign up will start in October. Bring family and guests.

LEGISLATION – DICK STEEVES

Sequestration

Unless current law is changed, sequestration will return next year and automatically trigger deep cuts to the Defense Department. These severe cuts will exhaust our resources and capabilities in immeasurable ways—the toll on our military and their families will likewise be incalculable.

The congressional session is just getting underway. Please engage your member of Congress—encourage them to make it their priority to repeal sequestration.

New guidance for discharges and military records reviews (Not necessarily legislative issue but important to some Vets)

The Pentagon recently announced new guidance for discharges and military records reviews.

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For the past three years, DOD has been reviewing policies to help ease the application process for veterans seeking redress and to assist review boards in reaching fair and consistent decisions, particularly in difficult cases considering post-traumatic stress (PTS) and traumatic brain injury (TBI).

The tenants of the updated guidance centers on veterans and review boards answering four questions:

Did the veteran have a condition or experience that may excuse or mitigate the discharge?

Did that condition exist/experience occur during military service?

Does the condition or experience actually excuse or mitigate the discharge?

Does that condition or experience outweigh the discharge?

The defense guidance directs boards to give liberal consideration to veterans petitioning for discharge relief when matters pertaining to mental health conditions, including PTS, TBI, sexual assault, or sexual harassment, are involved.

MEMBERSHIP – DALE HOGUE

The chapter needs to keep the momentum going in attracting new members with 10 joining us so far, this year. We have contacted those national MOAA members on the list from the national office that had email addresses, but still need to filter through and send chapter info to the one-thousand plus national members that live in the greater Charlotte area and do not belong to the chapter. We will, at first, concentrate on those that have Life memberships, but do not belong to the chapter. We also plan to identify those potential members that live “up north” in the Davidson, Lake Norman, Huntersville, Cornelius, Mooresville area to use in the Davidson satellite rebirth efforts.

However, the best recruiting tool is through personal contacts as we go about our daily lives. Look for military ball caps, car stickers, etc. and ask them if they were military officers. Invite them to a MOAA meeting. Get an email address and pass it along. We will be passing out some small info cards for all to use in our chapter and national recruiting efforts. JUST DO IT!

MOAA Military Family Initiative (MFI) and Community Outreach Grant

The board has approved for the chapter to apply for a MOAA MFI Community Outreach Grant in partnership with Charlotte Bridge Home (CBH). It will likely be a veteran mentoring program designed by CBH and chapter volunteers. The grant application for 2018 will be developed and submitted in the December 2017/January 2018 timeframe. The 2017 grants from MOAA FMI to some chapters were around \$ 5,000. Our MOAA chapter will have control of the grant funds and some members will need to serve as mentors. Planning continues. More news on Sept 17th.

Chapter Officer Succession for 2018

We are and will be looking for chapter members interested in, or willing to think about, being nominated as a chapter officer beginning in January 2018. Opportunities abound.

CDR Gordon S. Cook, Chaplain, USN (Ret) – On July 27th we lost Gordon, who with his wife Carol, longtime residents of The Pines at Davidson, were the founders of the Davidson satellite chapter of MOAA. The Davidson College Presbyterian Church celebration of Gordon’s extraordinary, long and amazing life, both in the Navy and after, was truly inspirational and jam packed with friends from all over, including Okinawa where Gordon and Carol spent 25 years. The Chapter was well-represented.

JROTC Scholarship Fund **BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT**



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All tournament proceeds go to support higher education scholarships for outstanding JROTC cadets in Charlotte-Metrolina area high schools.

Friday, October 6, 2017
Olde Sycamore Golf Plantation - Mint Hill, NC

7:30a - 8:45a Registration, Continental Breakfast, Driving Range Balls, Practice Putting Green
9:00a Tee Off Captain's Choice / Scramble Format & Tournament Play (until 2p)
2:00p - 3:30p Barbecue Buffet Dinner, Awards, Door Prizes & Raffle Winners

(SEE PAGE 2 FOR PRICING, SPONSORSHIP LEVELS AND REGISTRATION FORM)

PRIZES AWARDED to 1st, 2nd, 3rd place teams, Closest to the Pins, Longest Drive & more!

HOLE-IN-ONE PRIZE: New Honda provided by



The Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter of MOAA is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit entity. The JROTC Scholarship Fund falls under that tax-exempt status and all donations are tax-free. Chapter Tax ID/EIN #38-3779812

JROTC Scholarship Fund Benefit Golf Tournament - Oct 6, 2017

LEVELS & REGISTRATION

PRICE INCLUDES: Green fees, Cart, 2 Beverage Tickets on Course, Continental Breakfast, Buffet Dinner, Door Prizes & Gifts. Sponsorships will also get signage at tee/green.

PARTICIPATION

Individual Golfer \$100

4 Person Team \$400

SPONSORSHIPS

TEE/GREEN SPONSORSHIP

Individual \$100

Company Signage \$200

4 Person Team + Signage \$500

PRIME COMPANY SPONSORSHIPS

All levels include: Reserved dining table at Awards Dinner, acknowledgement at Tournament Dinner, and company name and/or logo on printed material, press releases and MOAA website.

A representative of each sponsor company will be invited to and recognized at the JROTC scholarship awards dinner/ceremony on May 20, 2018.

Platinum Sponsor \$2,000

- (3) Foursomes
- Title Sponsor Banner
- MOAA Challenge Coin to each golfer
- Opportunity to speak at Awards Dinner

Gold Sponsor \$1,500

- (2) Foursomes
- Title Sponsor Banner
- MOAA Challenge Coin to each golfer

Silver Sponsor \$1,000

- (1) Foursome
- Title Sponsor Banner
- MOAA Challenge Coin to each golfer

Registration Form - JROTC Scholarship Fund BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT 2017

Please Check One or Several: (Mulligan packages available at Registration)

PARTICIPATION: ____ Individual Player \$100 ____ 4 Person Team \$400

SPONSORSHIPS: ____ Individual \$100 ____ Company Tee/Green \$200 ____ 4 Person Team Tee/Green \$500

____ Prime Company Sponsorship (Level ____)

Team Captain/Player Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

PAYMENT: Checks payable to MOAA Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter

Please detach and send form by September 1, 2017 (and payment if by check) to:
Ron Wilsbach – MOAA Scholarship Golf Tournament, 10944 Casetta Drive, Matthews, NC 28105-5918



Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter Military Officers Association of America

19th Annual Oktoberfest

Red Rocks Café, 4223 Providence Road

Sunday, October 15, 2017

3:00 Social Time (German Beers and Wines)

3:30 Business Meeting

4:00 Dinner with German Music/Video and Beverages

Soft Pretzel with Mustard and Butter

Schnitzel with Mushroom Gravy on the side and Slice of Lemon

or

Roasted Chicken

Home Fries

Red Cabbage

Apfelstrudel with Vanilla Ice Cream

Coffee or Iced Tea

German Beers and Wines (donated)

\$17.00/ person cash/check prepaid (if reservation made, can pay on site, but will be billed if no show)

RSVP NLT October 11, 2017 with your choice of entrée, number of guests and cash or check made out to: Charlotte-Metrolina MOAA. Send to: **Mrs. Carol Morgan, 9440 Duckhorn Drive, Charlotte, NC 28277**

NAME(s) _____	# of Schnitzel Meals _____
_____	# of Chicken Meals _____
	Total Meals X \$17.00 _____