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NEXT MEETING

Sunday, FEB. 18, 2018

Red Rocks Cafe
4223 Providence Rd

Social Time 1500
Meeting with Meal 1530

NEWSLETTER FEBUARY 2018

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This newsletter is a little late as all efforts were focused on ensuring that the latest news and events are shared with the chapter members.

We start the meeting on February 18th at the Red Rocks Café. The social part of the meeting will start at 3:00 pm. We are "business casual" with some men wearing jackets or not.

The business meeting will start at approximately 3:30 pm followed by dinner and our guest speaker Ron Clark.

We are starting to get the JROTC medals out to the High Schools so if you want to help give the medals to the schools please see Larry Stawicki before or after the meeting.

We are still looking for someone to be the Secretary and Newsletter editor. The position of secretary maybe divided to make it not as burdensome and time consuming so if interested please see Ron Wilsbach or myself.

As I stated at the January meeting we would like to have more members involved in the chapter activities. See what committees there are that you may have interest in. It maybe only takes an hour a month or less.

The following chapter meeting will be on March 18th, 2018 at the Red Rocks Café, 4223 Providence Rd, Charlotte. In case you will be a new meeting attendee, it is in the Strawberry Hill shopping center on the corner of Providence and Sardis Rd.

Thank you for your participation with and for chapter goals attainment.

Jay E. Garbus, CW4, USA (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.

PROGRAMS – JOHN WILLIS

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 18th, 2018 – Ron Clark, former military member and homeless vet will give an account how he came back from a low to being back on his feet and helping other Veterans get back on their feet. Ron currently helps veterans and others working with Cardinal Innovations. He is very involved with local area veteran support activities. We will also have Ken Lacy, USN Retired, Executive Director of Veterans Path Up, discuss initiatives in providing homes for veterans. It will be a very meaningful discussion with two local area champions of veterans that are truly “still serving” for those who served.

March 18th, 2018 - Mr. Aaron Harper, Sergeant, USMC Retired (Medical). He is a 5th Generation Marine and served from 1988-1993. Participated in Desert Storm (Saudi Arabia & Kuwait) as an Air Traffic Controller. He is currently serving at Atrium Health (formerly Carolinas HealthCare System) as the Manager of Military & Veterans Affairs. he is also the Chairman of the Freedom Award Selection Committee, and Ombudsman for the NC Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve, as well as the advisor/partner to NC Serves, Veterans Bridge Home, Charlotte Area Veterans Employer, Vet Charlotte, and Piedmont Veterans Coalition. He is President of the Carolina Marines. Mr. Harper resides in Weddington with his wife, NC Army National Guard LTC Michele Harper (Blackhawk pilot), and their 3 young sons.

He will discuss the Atrium Health's (formerly Carolinas HealthCare System) mission to Improve Health, Elevate Hope and Advance Healing for all. He will review this mission statement and how it applies to the CHS Military & Veterans Affairs Strategy titled PaTHS (Patients, Teammates, Health education, Service).

April 15th, 2018 – Mr. Kenneth Mortimer, Director, Charlotte VA Health Center

LEGISLATION – DICK STEEVES

Veterans Plates/Vehicle Weight Restriction

An Act to Provide that the Division of Motor Vehicles May Issue Certain Military Special Registration Plates Free of Charge to Motor Vehicles with a Registered Weight that Does Not Exceed Seventeen Thousand Pounds.

Equal Tax Treatment of Gov't Retirees

An Act to Provide Equal Income Tax Treatment of Government Retirees' Benefits.

Various Special License Plates

An Act to Authorize the Division of Motor Vehicles to Produce the Following Special Registration Plates: United States Army Special Forces, to Eliminate the Special License Plate Fee for Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal Recipient Special Registration Plates;

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

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 Veteran Bridge Home (VBH). It will likely be a veteran mentoring program designed by CBH and chapter volunteers. The grant application for 2018 will be developed and submitted during February 2018. 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. VBH is developing the grant application. See Ron Morgan for more info.

Chapter "Informal" Luncheon Gathering at Pike's Old-Fashioned Soda Shop

March 14th at 11:30 meeting at *Pike's Old-Fashioned Soda Shop*, 1930 Camden Road for a social get together to enjoy our common military camaraderie. No chapter business, just a lunch gathering for members, spouses, prospective members, supporters and guests. If you can't make our Sunday chapter meetings, try this luncheon gathering. *Pike's* is a supporter of our golf tournament and has some great military art and memorabilia on its walls. A fun place with good food

JROTC AWARDS

At the February 18th meeting we need volunteers to distribute awards to the High Schools.

JROTC SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING

Chapter JROTC Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament on October 5th, 2018. Planning is ongoing for 2018. We are actively seeking Prime Sponsors at the \$ 1,000 level and up. Support material and tournament information will be distributed soon. Hole sponsorships are \$ 200. Let us know about any potential new sponsors and start getting commitments from our previous sponsors. Get involved now!

CHAPTER RECEIVES STREAMER FROM NC COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS

NC Council of Chapters President David Lee, CAPT, USNR (Ret) presented the Council Membership Award Streamer to Past President Ron Morgan and the chapter. For 2017, we attained 14 new chapter members.

USNA GLEE CLUB COMING TO TOWN

Yes, it is true the USNA Glee Club is coming to town to put on a show. The internationally-acclaimed U.S. Naval Academy Glee Club will appear in concert on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Myers Park Baptist Church. The acclaimed 100-member ensemble will present an evening of fine music, to include patriotic selections, music from Broadway, choir classics, and a performance of Durufle's REQUIEM, accompanied by Naval Academy Chapel organist, Monte Maxwell. Tickets will be \$20 and will be available at the door on evening of performance.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Our new officers were installed by President David Lee, CAPT, USNR (Ret) NC Council of Chapters.



ON GOING EVENTS

- The 1st Thursday of every month from 0900 to 1000, the Levine Senior Center in Matthews sponsors a Veteran's Coffee. All are welcome.
- The 4th Saturday of every month join the LOPH for breakfast at 0900 at the Golden Corral in Matthews, on Highway 74 (Independence Blvd.).
- Veterans Bridge Home:
 - ❖ Veteran's Coffees on the 4th Fridays of every month at the Dilworth Grill on Morehead and Mc Dowell from 0800 to 0930. \$5 Breakfast
 - ❖ Ballantyne Breakfast the 1st Thursday of the month at Another Broken Egg Café from 0730 – 0900. Pay your own meal.
 - ❖ Lunch at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1000 E. Morehead Street. (The attendance has been so popular they had to move from Dilworth Grille.) They meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 1145 – 1300. \$10 Buffet.
 - ❖ Breakfast at Covenant Presbyterian Church every 4th Friday 0800-0930.
 - ❖ University Coffee every 3rd Friday 0730-0900 at UNCC ROTC Memorial Hall.



Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President Morgan at 3:30 PM at the Red Rocks Café. Invocation was delivered by Chaplain Samb followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chapter meeting minutes from November 12, 2017, previously printed in the newsletter, were approved.

Ron Wilsbach, Treasurer, reported that the General Fund balance was \$ 3,852.45 and Scholarship Fund was \$ 25,752.43. David Lee, NCCoC President and meeting guest won the 50/50 of \$ 33.00.

President Morgan discussed chapter programs including:

- based on a low reservation count of 32, the chapter Holiday party for 12/17 was cancelled. Will try for an earlier date of December 8th in 2018

- today is installation of officers for 2018
- Feb 18th is Ron Clark on veteran homelessness and Ken Lacy on vet housing initiatives

- March and April programs are TBD – provide input to President Garbus and 1st VP John Willis
- Membership and Retention- President Morgan for Dale Hogue – 14 new members in 2017
- NCCoC President Lee presented the chapter with a New Membership streamer for success in 2017
- Future initiatives were discussed – Informal luncheon meeting at Pike’s Soda Shop to be scheduled, looking at Clay/Trap/Skeet Shooting outing, and other initiatives
- New web site is being developed by Dale Hogue w/ “Voter Capital” link initiative
- February newsletter will be published and distributed on Feb 9th after board meeting

Old and New Business was discussed, including:

- MOAA Outreach Grant program working with Veterans Bridge Home (due to MOAA by Feb 28th)
- Lake Norman satellite chapter support initiatives are ongoing
- Campaign to increase number of national MOAA members belonging to chapter
- Dues for 2018 are past due. Notice went out to 11 that had not paid since 2016. May be dropped for non-payment
- Scholarship apps for 2018 are due by February 10th
- JROTC Leadership award delivery to HS is needed. Sign up in March
- A message from 1st LT. Tres Jones was read. He is deployed to Kosovo
- A schedule of upcoming events was given, including: future CPK fundraiser, chapter board meeting on Feb 8th, Feb 23-24 NCCoC meeting in Salisbury, LOE award submission for 2017 is due by May 1st (Ron Morgan), a possible NCCoC quarterly meeting to be held in June in Charlotte

David Lee, Captain, USN (Ret) and President of the NCCoC, led the ceremony for installation of new chapter officers for 2018.

After dinner, Phil Mowry, chapter member and former USAF Major, presented a program on “Former Officers” and their value and role in MOAA.

Respectfully submitted – Ron Morgan – “Acting” Secretary



NC-04 CHARLOTTE-METROLINA CHAPTER MOAA

ENROLLMENT/RENEWAL FORM

New Member _____ Renewal _____ Date _____

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____

Rank _____ Branch _____ DOB _____ Spouse's Name _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____ Phone # _____

I would like to receive my newsletter by: _____ US Mail _____ E-mail

National MOAA Member? Yes _____ No _____ Are you a life member? _____

Membership No. _____

(Found above your first name on magazine label)

First Year New Members \$5.00

Annual Renewal \$25.00

Surviving Spouses \$10.00

Renew for 5 years \$100.00

Mail to: Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter MOAA

P.O. Box 31394

Charlotte, NC 28231-1394

Scholarship Donation: _____ Receipt: Yes _____ No _____

Membership Requirements: Commissioned and Warrant Officers of the seven uniformed services (Army, Navy, Air Force Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and U.S. Public Health Service) and the reserve and other components of these services may become regular members. Widows and widowers of any deceased individual, who would, if living, be eligible for membership as auxiliary members. Regular members must hold and maintain membership in both the national organization as well as the local chapter. Auxiliary members are encouraged but not required to hold both memberships.

A group of U.S. Naval Academy Glee Club members in dark blue uniforms with white stripes on the sleeves and white hats. They are holding several large flags, including the American flag and a red flag with "U.S. MARINE CORPS" visible. The text "U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY GLEE CLUB IN CONCERT!" is overlaid in large, bold, white letters.

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY GLEE CLUB IN CONCERT!

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 7:00PM

MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

1900 QUEENS ROAD, CHARLOTTE, NC

