



## NEWSLETTER APRIL 2018



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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We start the meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Red Rocks Café with a Social at 3:00 PM, followed by a short business meeting, then dinner (order from the menu) and then the guest speaker presentation by Mr. Kenneth Mortimer, Director, Charlotte VA Medical Center.

We are "business casual" with some men wearing jackets or not.

John Willis will be leading the meeting as I will be on a European vacation. Please give him support at the meeting.

I am working on improving the newsletter and will add more information and pictures. If you have any news to share about your family, work or other news-worthy items you wish to share, please email me.

This past March 14<sup>th</sup> we had a Luncheon at Pike's Old Fashion Soda Shop uptown and all had great fellowship. You may want to come and join us. They have great food and we are friendly people to be with. It is open to all. Next one is first **Wednesday April**. April 4<sup>th</sup> at 1130

If you know of other places you think we can meet and socialize please let us know.

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

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, 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.*

### NEXT MEETING

**Sunday, April 15, 2018**

Red Rocks Cafe

4223 Providence Rd

Social Time 1500

Meeting with Meal 1530

**NEW CHAPTER WEB SITE** – We have a new chapter web site at <https://www.moaacharlotte.com/>. Go try the new site. Thanks to Dale Hogue for creating it.

See <https://www.facebook.com/MOAACharlotte/>

### **PROGRAMS – JOHN WILLIS**

**April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Mr. Kenneth Mortimer, Director, Charlotte VA Health Center**



**May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018** – JROTC Scholarship awards presentation and dinner. There will be four \$ 2,000 scholarships given to the selected JROTC High School Senior awardees. They will also have their JROTC Instructor and parents in attendance. USAA has given \$300 towards this event.

**June 15, 2018 – NC Council of Chapters Quarterly meeting hosted by our Chapter. Friday night dinner and great program at the Crowne Plaza. See banquet reservation form and program flyer in the publication.**

### **LEGISLATION – DICK STEEVES**

**NETWORK PHARMACY COST CHANGES** - A recent MOAA update indicated that there would be no new TRICARE fee increases for 2019. However, most beneficiaries, have discovered their TRICARE cost shares have, in many cases, drastically increased since Jan. 1, 2018. The measure, approved by the Senate in early 2017, is included in the final version of the annual Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Over the next 12 years, the measure would steadily increase co-pays for most drugs through retail pharmacies, while adding new fees to those received by mail. Drugs received at military pharmacies will continue to be free.

**NORTH CAROLINA** - We should all be concerned about getting HB 103 out of the Finance Committee, passed and signed into law. It would continue the Bailey Act by providing military, federal, state and local retirees with their pensions free from state income tax. A similar bill from the state Senate (SB 153) would do the same, but only for military retirees.

Economic studies show that eliminating state income taxes on government retirees at all levels will actually increase state revenues (approximately \$2.50 for every \$1) while attracting more retirees to North Carolina. This will be a boon for the North Carolina economy, so don't be fooled by people who claim the state will soon do away completely with its income tax law. It has been talked about for years and has yet to happen. We need a clean, clear Bailey extension, NOW!

### **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 is in support of a veteran mentoring program designed by VBH and chapter volunteers. The grant application for 2018 was submitted on 28 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. If approved, we will be asking for some chapter members to train and serve as mentors for area vets.

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



**Wednesday of every month except August, we will be meeting at 1130 at Pike's Old-Fashioned Soda Shop, 1930**

*Camden Road for a social get together.*

Pike's is on Camden parallel to South Blvd. just over the LYNX tracks. The parking garage is one block further East on Hawkins at the intersection of Dogget. After parking you can walk next to the blue construction barrier to Camden and Pikes Soda Shop. Bring your parking ticket. Pikes will validate the ticket for free parking.

**The ROTC/JROTC MOAA Leadership Awards Program** – Certificates and medals are being distributed for delivery to the 39-high school JROTC programs we support. Still need a few

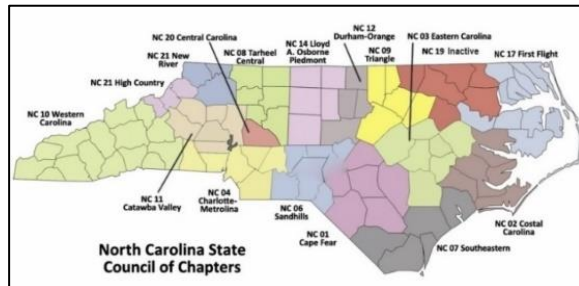
volunteers for delivery and/or presentation at the schools.

**The UNCC ROTC Gold Bars Program** – Scott Morris heads up the Army program and Chuck Martin heads up the Air Force program. Presentation of Gold Bars is on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**JROTC SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING - Chapter JROTC Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 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!

**SURVIVING SPOUSE LIAISON** - Gloria Scienski

### **NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS MEETINGS**



**June 15 and 16, 2018 - Charlotte, NC** *(See reservations for banquet and speaker)*

September 7-8, 2018 - Columbia, SC, Council and Chapter Leadership Workshop

October 19-20, 2018 (Tentative) - Wilmington, NC

**MOAA NATION MEETING** - November 1-2, 2018 - Phoenix, AZ

### **THE 4TH BRANCH LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE & PETITION**

4th Branch has launched a new website and advocacy center in support of our efforts to eliminate the state income tax on



government retirees' hard-earned retirement benefits! If you're receiving this email, you're already part of the new advocacy center and have access to alerts, calls-to-action, petitions and more.

**We Need Your Help!** To help us launch the new site and our online advocacy tool, we've launched a new petition (in advance of this year's legislative session) to gather names to show the strength of our cause. Please take just a moment to visit the action center at the website and click "Take Action" (or the arrow beside "1 Petition") to add your name and help us validate our membership. As always, being a part of the 4th Branch is free and open to ANYONE concerned about ending the taxation of military, federal, state and local government retirement benefits. Feel free to share this email or the website with any of your peers. Thanks to Jeri Graham

### **ON GOING EVENTS**

- The 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month from 0900 to 1000, the Levine Senior Center in Matthews sponsors a Veteran's Coffee. All are welcome.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> 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 and Charlotte Veterans Network
  - ❖ Veteran's Coffees on the 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of every month at the Dilworth Grill on Morehead and Mc Dowell from 0800 to 0930. \$5 Breakfast
  - ❖ Ballantyne Breakfast the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month from 1145 – 1300. \$10 Buffet.
  - ❖ Breakfast at Covenant Presbyterian Church every 4<sup>th</sup> Friday 0800-0930.
  - ❖ University Coffee every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday 0730-0900 at UNCC ROTC Memorial Hall.

**CHAPTER GROUP ACTIVITIES** – Anyone for clay shooting outing. Rocky Creek Sporting Clays in SC is one such venue. If this is of interest, Dale Hogue can explore and then set up a date for those who want to go.

### **VA EBENEFITS REACHES 7-MILLION USER MILESTONE**

Last month, eBenefits reached the impressive 7-million user mark — enough people to fill an average football stadium more than 70 times! Each of these lives has been positively impacted by having on-demand access to benefits information and self-service through this joint VA/DoD web portal. eBenefits' growth and popular on-demand services shows the importance of increasing access to VA benefits.

**VA COLON AND RECTAL CHECK UP** - What is colon and rectal (colorectal) cancer? What are the symptoms? How can you prevent colorectal cancer? All adult men and women are at risk of developing colorectal cancer. We have a list of commonly asked questions and straightforward answers to help you prepare to discuss a possible screening with your doctor.

**VA ONLINE APPOINTMENTS** - Have you scheduled your first online appointment through My HealtheVet yet? Veterans at more than 100 VA Medical Centers (VAMCs) across the country are now able to request or schedule appointments online through My HealtheVet. This easy tool allows veterans to self-schedule or cancel many types of their VA appointments.

**VA CLAIMS** - Would you like a decision on your claim in 30 days or less when VA receives it? You can have it through the Decision Ready Claims Program when you work with an accredited Veteran Service Organization and provide all necessary evidence with your application.



### **AMAZON SMILE DONATIONS for SUPPORT OF CHAPTER ACTIVITIES**

**Ronald Wilsbach,**

Thank you for registering Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter of the MOAA at [org.amazon.com](http://org.amazon.com) and welcome to AmazonSmile, where Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible smile.amazon.com purchases to the charities selected by customers. Your registration is now complete. We will reach out to you if there are any questions.

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### **MOAA SUPPORTERS**



### **MISCELLANEOUS**



MOAA Chapter coin \$10.00 - contact Ron Wilsbach



**MOAA NC Council of Chapters - 2nd Quarter 2018 Meeting**

**June 15 -16, 2018**

**Crowne Plaza - Charlotte Executive Park**

**5700 West Park Drive (Just off I-77 at Exit 5 (Tyvola Rd)**

**Charlotte, NC 28177**

**Call for reservations at (704) 527-9650 or 1-800-2CROWNE**

(Hotel reservation is under "MOAA State Council")

Room Rate for Single/Double for June 15<sup>th</sup> is \$ 114.00

(Hotel reservations needed by Friday, May 25th)

**REGISTRATION FORM FOR MEETING AND BANQUET**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

MOAA Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name desired on badge: Please bring your normal badge if you can

Name of spouse/guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name desired on badge(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday night, June 15th, Social, Dinner and Program will be at the Crowne Plaza Hotel - Social/Reception begins at 6:00 PM with cash bar with dinner followed by program beginning at 6:45.**

**Business attire.**

**Plated dinner (Beef/Chicken Combo Plate) cost is \$ 35.00 per person.**

**(Vegetarian available – Let us know)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Dinner(s) @ \$35.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose check made payable to: MOAA Charlotte- Metrolina Chapter. Send this form and check to:

Ron Wilsbach, Secretary/Treasurer MOAA

10944 Casetta Drive

Matthews, NC 28105-8003

Must arrive by June 8, 2018

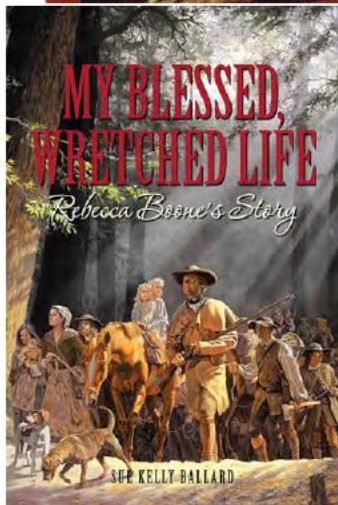
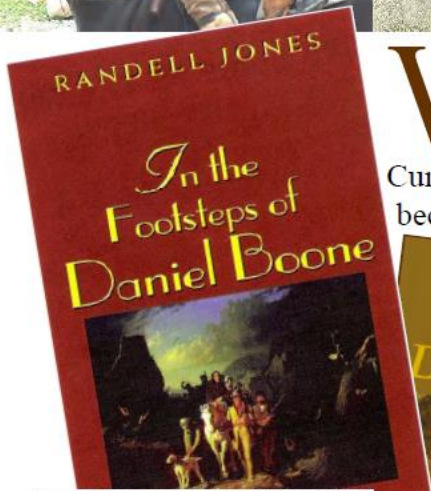
Questions: Call Ron Morgan at (704) 708-8866(H) or (704) 941-7834 (C)

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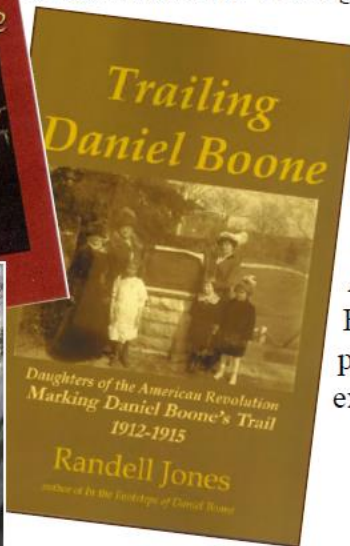
# Daniel Boone

## - a 250th anniversary



We are less than two years away from the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May 2019 of Daniel Boone's first expedition into Kentucky through the Cumberland Gap. This portal through the barrier mountains became America's first gateway to the West. In 1769, Boone explored this new wilderness, returning to North Carolina after two years with dramatic tales of a beautiful Kentucky.

Discover your own new world of adventure in the life and times of America's pioneer hero, Daniel Boone. Follow in his footsteps and prepare now to celebrate in 2019 this exciting part of America's story. •



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# **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.*

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**Friday, October 5, 2018**  
**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)

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**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 5, 2018*** **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 in May 2019.

#### **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

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### **Registration Form - JROTC Scholarship Fund BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT 2018**

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, 2018** (and payment if by check) to:  
Ron Wilsbach – MOAA Scholarship Golf Tournament, 10944 Casetta Drive, Matthews, NC 28105-5918





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  - a. Ron Morgan
  - b. Phil Mowry
3. Legislative Affairs - Dick Steeves - Chairperson
  - a. Harley Ellinger
4. The ROTC/JROTC MOAA Leadership Awards Program- Larry Stawicki Chairperson
  - a. Carol Aljets
  - b. Gary Aljets
  - c. Joe Anderson
  - d. Bill Baker

#### The UNCC ROTC Gold Bars Program

- a. Scott Morris (Army)
  - b. Chuck Martin (USAF)
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  - b. Larry Stawicki
  - c. Gloria Scienski
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  - c. Bill McKenna
  - d. Scott Morris
9. Surviving Spouse Liaison - Gloria Scienski - Chairperson

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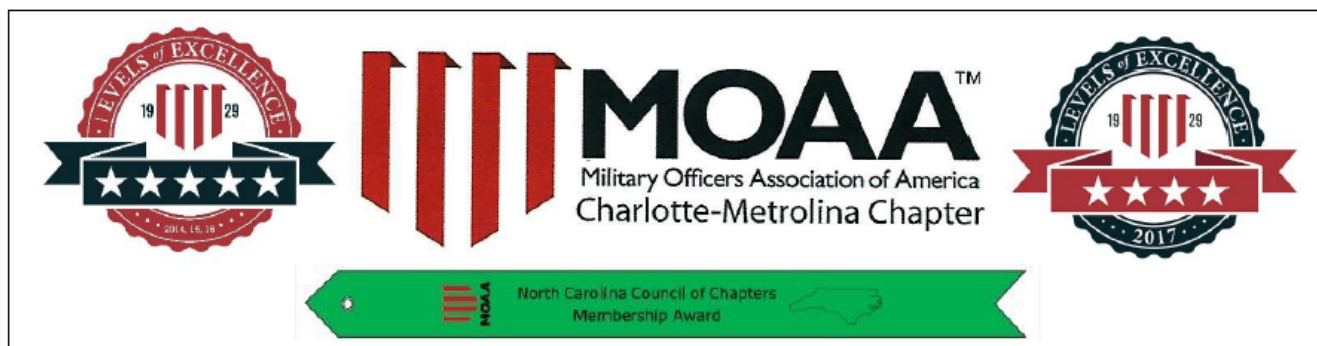
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## NC-04 CHARLOTTE-METROLINA CHAPTER MOAA

### 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

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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, are 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.