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Jay E. Garbus Same as above

NEXT MEETING

April meeting Cancelled

Red Rocks Cafe
4223 Providence Rd

Social Time **1500**
Meeting with Meal **1530**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The April 19th meeting has been cancelled do to the COVID-19 pandemic. This is a very serious virus going around. Remember to wash your hands frequently and avoid touching your face. Stay 6 feet apart from others. Follow all CDC guidelines to stay safe and healthy. Pray for those that are sick to get better quickly.

I do not know at this time if we are going to have a meeting in May at the Red Rock Café to award the scholarships to deserving JROTC winners. I will keep you posted as we get more information and guidance from Mecklenburg County and the State.

The JROTC Golf Tournament flyer for October is now attached to the newsletter. Please help to find sponsors for this wonderful and meaningful annual fund raising event. Ron Morgan, Ron Wilsbach and their chapter member team do an outstanding job for our chapter in recognizing very deserving JROTC cadets with higher education scholarships. We need the assistance of all chapter members.

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.

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MOAA "Take Action" [http://www.moaa.org/take Action/](http://www.moaa.org/takeAction/)

Membership Open to active duty, former, retired, and National Guard and Reserve commissioned and warrant officers of the uniformed services or their surviving spouses.

PROGRAMS – April meeting Cancelled

May 31st – JROTC Scholarship award presentations. This is a later May date due to Red Rocks Café scheduling and holiday conflicts. We will keep all informed if this meeting needs to be rescheduled.

June, July and August no meetings.

LEGISLATION – Tony Castle – see MOAA report farther down in the newsletter.

MOAA/VETERANS BRIDGE HOME (VBH) MENTORSHIP PROGRAM – A second Information's System (IS)

Workshop was held on February 27th with 12 attendees. Instructor was Todd Criswell, senior web developer with Wells Fargo and a mentor in our program. He will conduct a third training session for web site development and programming at a date to be determined later in the summer. If interested in learning more, contact at rbmorgan943@aol.com.

MOAA FOUNDATION MILITARY FAMILY INITIATIVE GRANT – The 2020 grant request for our continuing MOAA/VBH mentoring partnership has been submitted and received by the MOAA Foundation. We want to expand and enhance the veteran mentorship program with technical skills workshops and, as applicable, provide for financial assistance support for transitioning veterans and their families.

JROTC SCHOLARSHIP - Bill McKenna with Larry Stawicki and Robin Garbus recommend 5 JROTC students for scholarships. A total of 13 applications were received. The applicants worked hard on their essays and were highly recommended. The awardees are as follows:

Miss Aaliyah Clough	C/Sgt1stClass	Rocky River High School
Parent: Sophia Lewis		
Aaron C. Zimmerman	C/Cpt	Hopewell High School
Parents: Jonathan and Penelope Zimmerman		
Ryan Shubert	C/1stLt	William A. Hough High School
Parents: James and Maureen Shubert		
Miss Ann Sloyan	C/Major	Weddington High School
Parents: Christopher and Maureen Sloyan		
Tyler W. Vaughn	C/Drill Cmdr	Sun Valley High School
Parents: Tim and Lynnette Vaughn		

NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS - The MOAA NATIONAL Melvin J Mass Communication Award in 2019 for Newsletters and websites for North Carolina.

2019 COMMUNICATIONS AWARD WINNERS BY STATE

NC00	North Carolina Council of Chapters	Website - Communication Award	https://www.moaa-nc.org/	5 Star
NC01	Cape Fear Chapter	Print/E-Newsletter - Communication Award	Gram of Info (E-Newsletter)	5 Star
NC01	Cape Fear Chapter	Website - Communication Award	https://www.cfmoaa.org/	5 Star
NC02	Coastal Carolina MOAA	Print/E-Newsletter - Communication Award	Clarion	5 Star
NC02	Coastal Carolina MOAA	Website - Communication Award	https://ccmoaa.org/	5 Star
NC03	Eastern Carolina Chapter	Print/E-Newsletter - Communication Award	MOAA Eastern Carolina Chapter Newsletter	5 Star
NC04	Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter	Print/E-Newsletter - Communication Award	Charlotte-Metrolina Newsletter	5 Star
NC04	Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter	Website - Communication Award	https://www.charlottesmoaa.org	5 Star
NC07	Southeastern NC Chapter of MOAA	Website - Communication Award	sencland.org	5 Star
NC07	Southeastern NC Chapter of MOAA	Print/E-Newsletter - Communication Award	SENCLand Sentinel	5 Star
NC08	Tarheel Central Chapter of MOAA, Inc.	Print/E-Newsletter - Communication Award	Tarheel Central Chapter of MOAA, Inc	4 Star
NC08	Tarheel Central Chapter of MOAA, Inc.	Website - Communication Award	https://www.tarheelmoaa.org/	4 Star
NC11	Catawba Valley Chapter	Print/E-Newsletter - Communication Award	The Catawba Valley Officers Dispatch	5 Star
NC11	Catawba Valley Chapter	Website - Communication Award	www.moaa-cvc.org	5 Star
NC22	New River Chapter	Print/E-Newsletter - Communication Award	New River Current	5 Star
NC22	New River Chapter	Website - Communication Award	www.newrivermoaa.org	5 Star

May 1 - Levels of Excellence submission (moaa.org > Chapters > Council and Chapters Awards > Best Practice)

June 1 - Surviving Spouse Liaison Award (reference moaa.org > Chapters > Council and Chapters Awards)

June 1 - Col Steve Strobridge Legislative Award (reference - moaa.org > Chapters > Council and Chapters Awards)

June 1 - Last date to reconcile the CM to 100% in order to receive \$\$\$\$ which is a. **One time bonus**. (reference - moaa.org > Chapters > Council and Chapters > Chapter Recruiting > page 14)

July - NCCOC "Chapter Reports" due for the first six months of the year.

The four NCCOC meeting for 2020 will be on Saturday

May 16th - TBA, August 15th - TBA

November 14th - A two-day weekend, Friday and Saturday, but that will be determined later.

MOAA NEWS

MOAA is the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers. We are a powerful force speaking for a strong national defense and representing the interests of military officers and their families at every stage of their careers. It is an independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organization. To reach our Member Service Center, please call 1-800-234-6622 or email us at msc@moaa.org.

PURPLE HEART FLAG - *by Richard Sisk* A bill has been introduced in the House that would officially designate a "Purple Heart Flag" and direct that it be flown at federal buildings and memorials on national holidays.

The legislation introduced last November by Rep. Brian Higgins, D-New York, would amend the U.S. Code to allow for the designation of a flag modeled on the insignia of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

If passed by the House and Senate and signed by President Donald Trump, the bill would have the Purple Heart Flag flown at the World War II Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, the Vietnam War Memorial, national cemeteries, selected federal buildings and Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals.

The flag should fly on holidays including Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day and [Veterans Day](#), according to the bill's language.

SURVIVING SPOUSE LIAISON - Information or to join MOAA's Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter, email mssvc02@gmail.com. An [online application](#) also is available.



From Sandy Adams – NCCOC Surviving Spouse Member

Hi All,

Thank you for serving as your MOAA chapter's surviving spouse liaison. I wanted to be sure you 1.) all had my contact info, and 2.) had access to this great link that answers all questions about how the SBP-DIC offset elimination will roll out.

1. If there is anything, I can do to support you as a SSL, please contact me. I live in Wilmington, NC if you are ever visiting the beach.

2. <https://media.defense.gov/2020/Feb/24/2002253692/-1/-1/1/FACT-SHEET-ON-SURVIVOR-BENEFIT-PLAN.PDF?source=GovDelivery&fbclid=IwAR3PX41ckXIUEFQj4wRYKWJUp2y53tpTY4GzNGUKcU2RgOoE6fasMljAE>

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This should answer anything someone may ask you about the phase out.

All the best,

Sandi

NC MOAA Council SSL



MOAA UNIFORMED SERVICES NURSE ADVOCATES VIRTUAL CHAPTER

The cruise to Bermuda in September has been cancelled.

ON GOING EVENTS

1. Mecklenburg Veterans Council – 1st Tuesday every month at 11:30 am. Valerie C. Woodard Center, 3205 Freedom Drive, Ste. 2000 (Community Support Services), Bldg. D, Charlotte, NC. The meeting room is the Queen City Conference Room, 2029
2. Veteran Network breakfasts on the first Thursday of every month, starting at 0730 at Another Broken Egg in Ballantyne. Total cost is \$ 13.
3. **Veteran Network Uptown Lunches** on the second Wednesday of every month starting at 11:45 at the Covenant Presbyterian Church Community Room. Total cost is \$ 10.00. Pre-register at Veterans Bridge Home website and lunch is only \$ 5.00. This lunch has great speakers.

AMAZON SMILE CHAPTER DONATIONS - **Ronald Wilsbach**, Thank you for registering Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter of the MOAA at 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. Spread the word to your supporters so they can generate donations for your organization when they shop. When customers sign up for AmazonSmile, they're asked to select one of over a million charities to support. When customers click on your unique link, they skip this charity selection process. Instead, they're taken to smile.amazon.com and are automatically asked if they want to support Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter of the MOAA.

Your unique charity link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-3779812>

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESOURCES AND UPDATES

If you believe you may be suffering from the virus and you are:

- A *TRICARE beneficiary*: Call the Military Health System Nurse Advice Line at 1-800-TRICARE (874-2273), option 1, to receive guidance. You can also connect with a nurse via web or video chat at www.mhnsnurseadvice.com.
- A *VA beneficiary*: Contact [your local VA facility](#) prior to visiting. You can also [send a secure message via the MyHealtheVet portal](#) to receive guidance. Learn more about virtual care options [here](#). UPDATE: As of

March 19, Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) Regional Offices no longer will offer in-person services, including scheduled appointments.

- *Outside the VA and TRICARE networks:* Call your health provider.

Coronavirus Resources

- [Coronavirus.gov](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Website](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)
- [CDC Advice for Higher-Risk Individuals](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)
- [VA Coronavirus Website](https://www.va.gov/coronavirus)
- [TRICARE Coronavirus Information](https://www.tricare.mil/coronavirus)
- [DoD Coronavirus Response Website](https://www.dod.mil/coronavirus)
- [Health.mil Coronavirus Information](https://www.health.mil/coronavirus)
- [National Institutes of Health Coronavirus Information](https://www.nih.gov/coronavirus)
- [Latest Coronavirus News from Military.com](https://www.military.com/coronavirus)
- [Latest Coronavirus News from Military Times](https://www.militarytimes.com/coronavirus)

Urgent Care

Urgent care provides eligible Veterans with more choices and access to timely, high-quality care.

Here's how it works:

1

Find A Provider

Eligible Veteran finds and goes to in-network urgent care provider.
<https://www.va.gov/find-locations>

2

Confirm Eligibility

Veteran states he or she is using VA benefit.
Urgent care provider confirms Veteran's eligibility.

3

Receive Care

Veteran receives covered urgent care services and medication prescription, if needed.

4

Billing

VA bills the Veteran for a copayment, if applicable.



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

ChooseVA

LOCATE PROVIDER
[VA.gov/find-locations/](https://www.va.gov/find-locations/)

CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY
844-MyVA311 (844-698-2311)

VISIT US IN PERSON
At your local VA Medical Facility

Find 6 Words Hidden in the Picture



If you find them all you get to come to our next meeting whenever that maybe!

MOAA PRIME SPONSORS/SUPPORTERS FOR CHAPTER'S JROTC SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

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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.

Friday, October 2, 2020
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 2, 2020

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: 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 be recognized at the JROTC scholarship awards dinner/ceremony in May 2021.

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 2020

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 18, 2020 (and payment if by check) to:
Ron Wilsbach – MOAA Scholarship Golf Tournament, 10944 Casetta Drive, Matthews, NC 28105-5918



Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter

ENROLLMENT/RENEWAL FORM

New Member _____ Renewal _____ Date _____

First Name _____ Initial _____ Last Name _____

Rank _____ Branch _____ DOB _____ Spouse's Name. _____

Street Address : _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

National Membership Number _____ Ph: _____

Annual Dues - \$25.00 - After March 1st, 2020 Dues increase to \$30.00 Annually
Surviving Spouse Dues remain at \$10.00 annually.

Please remit check and completed renewal form to: Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter MOAA
PO Box 31394
Charlotte, NC 28231-1394

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. Spouse members are encouraged but not required to hold both memberships. (Surviving spouses of deceased MOAA Life Members retain their spouses membership.)

Not a MOAA national member yet? A basic membership is free. A Premium membership is available for \$48.00 per year. Get all the details at msc@moaa.org or call 800-234-6622.