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## Newsletter October 2022



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### Next Meeting

**September 18, 2022; 3:00 p.m.**  
**IN PERSON at Red Rocks Café**  
**4223 Providence Road**  
**AND**  
**VIA ZOOM (Link will be sent**  
**later)**



### President's message

Hello everyone!! After months of planning, the Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter's Annual JROTC Scholarship Benefit Golf Tournament took place on October 7, 2022. It turned out to be a perfect day weatherwise and otherwise for golf, fun, and fellowship. Thank you to all chapter members

who played a role in making this a very successful event. As you know, the golf tournament is the primary source of funding for our scholarship awards. As a result of your hard work, we are positioned to award scholarships to deserving students for another year. Again, thank you for your support of this signature event of Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter.

We look forward to seeing you at our next chapter meeting this coming Sunday, October 16 at 3 p.m. at Red Rocks Café for a good time of fellowship as we will celebrate Oktoberfest. We know that a good time will be enjoyed by all!

We look forward to seeing you then. Until then.....

### NEVER STOP SERVING

LTC Joe L. Anderson, USA (Ret) President, Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter, MOAA, 336-324-1008



MOAA Chapter coin  
\$10.00 - contact Ron

**Our mission statement** is in concert with the Military Officers Association of America purposes and objectives. The goal is to foster fraternal relations among retired, active, and former officers of the uniformed services and their Reserve and National Guard components. Our aim is to actively promote the protection of the rights and interests of members of the uniformed 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.

**Publisher and Editor – CW4 Jay E. Garbus, USA**

The **Newsletter** is published monthly for members and friends of Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter, MOAA.

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As such, the Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter is nonprofit, politically nonpartisan.

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## **CHARLOTTE METROLINA CHAPTER NEWS**

### **CHAPTER MEETING DATES**

October 16, 2022 -**OKTOBERFEST** -

Join us as we celebrate. Hosted for 23 years by our own Huberta Barrett who also provides a genuine German Chef to assist Red Rocks Cafe, this is a great meal and time of celebration.

IF YOU DESIRE THIS MEAL, YOU MUST MAKE A RESERVATION BY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13) See attached Oktoberfest reservation form. (YOU WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO ORDER FROM THE MENU)



In addition to Oktoberfest, we will also have a dynamic speaker in the person of Lt Col Rashida A Graves, USAF. Lieutenant Colonel Rashida A. Graves is currently serving as the Professor of Aerospace Studies and the Commander of Air Force ROTC Detachment 592 at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte. In this capacity she leads a cadre of officers and enlisted members responsible for recruiting, educating, training and motivating officer candidates for the United States Air Force.

Lieutenant Colonel Graves received her commission through Air Force ROTC at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA in December 2004. Her assignments include weapons systems cost analyst, budget analyst, and commander's action officer at the Electronic Systems Center, Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts; deputy chief, financial analysis flight, 6th Comptroller Squadron, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida; and weapons systems cost analyst, executive officer, and investment appropriation analyst for the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Budget, Cost and Economics, and Programs) at Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Arlington, VA. She also served as the commander of the Butte Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) in Butte, MT, and the commander of the 23d Comptroller Squadron in the 23d Air Base Wing at Moody AFB, GA.

Chapter members Ed Grant and Chuck Martin met LTC Graves at a Leadership Awards presentation at UNC-C earlier this year. We look forward to hearing from LTC Graves as we learn her perspective on ROTC programs, and the talents and dedication of young people joining our Armed Forces!

### **OTHER CHAPTER MEETING DATES**

November 16, 2022

December 2022 – NO MEETING

**NOMINATIONS (ELECTIONS) 2023 CHAPTER OFFICERS AND BOARD** – "In accordance with our Chapter By-Laws, elections of officers for the 2023 Calendar Year will take place at our November meeting. If you are interested in serving our chapter as an officer or as a board member, please contact Chuck Martin, Chair, Nominating Committee NLT Sunday, November 1. He can be reached at mobile # 571-239-5630 or email: chuckmartin63@msn.com. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for the fact that you are.....STILL SERVING AMERICA."

**LEGISLATIVE ISSUES** -The Major Richard Star Act has reached a milestone goal of 290 co-sponsors in the House – the threshold for it to be placed on the chamber's consensus calendar. This significant accomplishment, along with ongoing efforts in the Senate, show clear progress in MOAA's focused efforts and teamwork with fellow service organizations through The Military Coalition, to expand concurrent receipt to more than 50,000 combat-injured veterans who lose a dollar of retirement pay for every dollar of VA benefits they receive.

### **SURVIVING SPOUSES**

**"WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA"** - December 17, 2022, is National Wreaths Across America Day which is a way to honor our veterans. A ceremony will take place on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022, at 10am at Gethsemane Cemetery and Memorial Gardens, 1510 W Sugar Creek Road, Charlotte, NC 28262

### **JROTC News**

LTC Shawn Cowley, CMC MOAA Chapter member and Director of CMC JROTC Program, has started a Book study program for cadets participating in JROTC in CMS. The opening program for this activity was held on September 20 where it was announced that their first book would be ... **"It Worked for Me: In Life and Leadership"** by General (R) Colin Powell. Cadets will be required to give an oral presentation after reading the book.

The keynote speaker for the event was LTG(R) Michael Tucker. A prodigy of Gen Colin Powell. A key point that LTG(R) Michael Tucker emphasized is that integrity matters, and that leadership is 5% direction and 95% follow up. Below is a picture of the book study team from Garinger High School JROTC Program with LTG Tucker. Chapter member Omar Foreman is the Sr. JROTC Instructor at Garinger HS.



C/SGT Carolina Alonso, C/SGT Jose Salinas, C/CPT Gina Molina, LTG (R) Tucker, C/SGM Catherine Debeer, C/SGT Diana Gonzalez-Soler, and C/SGT Deysie Hernandez

## **MOAA NATIONAL 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](mailto:msc@moaa.org).

**MOAA's COLA Watch** - For 2023, that means military retirees would see an average increase of more than \$240 in their monthly retirement checks. Veterans receiving disability compensation from the VA also would see their monthly disability payments increase, with the average monthly amount going up by more than \$150.

**MOAA'S NEVER STOP SERVING PODCAST** tackles issues you care about most: your pay and benefits, health care, career transition tips, and more. Each week, host [Lt. Col. Olivia Nunn, USA \(Ret\)](#), talks with currently serving officers, veterans and veteran service organization leaders to provide expert guidance and insights.

Each episode can be streamed below, or access the podcast on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), [Amazon Music](#), [Google Podcasts](#), [PodChaser](#), or [TuneIn](#). Check back for even more platforms!

## **MOAA IN ACTION:**

### **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS & WEBSITES:**

**THE SURVIVORS OUTREACH SERVICES OFFICE (SOS):** Find your nearest SOS coordinator at <https://dcsg9.army.mil/safr/sos/sos-find.html> Use the dropdown lists to find survivor coordinators by state/county or country/region. If a coordinator is not listed, please call 855-707-2769 for survivor assistance.

**TO REPORT THE DEATH OF A MILITARY RETIREE:** Call DFAS at 1-800-321-1080, or use the form at <https://corpweb1.dfas.mil/askDFAS/ticketInput.action?subCategoryID=18004>

**VA:** 1-800-827-1000 <http://www.va.gov>

**Social Security:** 1-800-772-1213 <http://www.ssa.gov>

**Update ID cards:** 1-800-538-9552; [www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl)

**VA BURIALS & MEMORIALS PAGE:** VA burial benefits can help service members, military retirees, veterans, and their family members plan and pay for a burial or memorial service, whether in a local cemetery or in a VA national cemetery. Family members can also order memorial items to honor the service of a Veteran. The VA Burial and Memorial Products Quick Start Guide (QSG) provides clear and concise information on VA burial benefits for Veterans, their families, caregivers and survivors; read the guide at <https://www.va.gov/burials-and-memorials-guide.pdf> Go to <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/#get> to find out how to apply for burial benefits and how to plan for a burial in advance or at time of need.

## **NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS NEWS** **MEETING DATES -**

4 & 5 November 2022 – Hawthorne Inn, Winston Salem.

November 11, 2023 - Council Cruise (out of Charleston, SC) see flyer below.





Charlotte-Metrolina Military Officers Association of America

**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Oktoberfest**

Red Rocks Café, 4223 Providence Road

Sunday, October 16, 2022

3:00 Social Time 3:30 Business Meeting

4:00 Dinner with German Music

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

**\$19.00 per person cash or check prepaid**

RSVP NLT October 13, 2022 with your choice of entrée and cash or check made to Charlotte-Metrolina MOAA to: Mrs. Carol Morgan, 9440 Duckhorn Drive, Charlotte, NC 28277 Ph. 704 708-8866 or by email with reservation and meal selection to: [morgancc43@aol.com](mailto:morgancc43@aol.com)

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NAME(s) _____	# of Schnitzel Meals _____
	# of Chicken Meals _____
	Total Meals X \$19.00 _____



**November 11-16, 2023**



5 nights Aboard Carnival's "Sunshine of the Seas"  
Departing from Charleston, SC  
Destination- Nassau, Half Moon Cay (Little  
Salvador Island), Bahamas  
Open to all MOAA Members, Family and Friends

**Prices:**

\$1245	Interior Cabin
\$1370	Ocean View Cabin
\$1680	Balcony Cabin

Prices are per couple including all taxes, fees, port charges, gratuities and food in Main Dining Room and the Lido Deck – No Surprises! Accessible Cabins at no additional charge. Single rates, Suite rates and rates for up to 5 in a cabin available - Contact POC below. Covered secure parking available at Port \$15 per day.

As an added educational program feature, RDML Ron Henderson, USN(Ret) is scheduled to present daily lectures with graphics on the Pacific Battles during WWII. The lectures will be open to all members and guests at no additional cost.

**Registration Form (Rev. 3)**

Full Names (as on passports)

\_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Cabin Preference (circle) Interior Ocean View Balcony Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please email POC Jim Jackson: [jimjackson2224@gmail.com](mailto:jimjackson2224@gmail.com) for rates on Singles, Suites, 3-5 persons sharing a room, travel insurance or any other questions or issues.

Travel insurance is highly recommended for international trips. Coverage includes cancellation for medical reasons, medical and dental issues emergencies, medical evacuation. Most U.S. issued insurance is not recognized in foreign destinations. Contact POC Jim Jackson for a quote. **To confirm your reservation please send a \$50 deposit per person and the registration form by January 13, 2023 (or ASAP FOR CHOICE CABIN LOCATION or an ACCESSIBLE CABIN) to the address below. A second deposit of \$100 per person is required by July 14, 2023. Final payment is due by August 28, 2023. Make check out to NCCOC MOAA, then send to below.**

Ken Hillman Treasurer NCCOC  
4425 Arendell St. Unit 509  
Morehead City, NC 28557



Join us on National Wreaths Across America Day

December 17, 2022

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 2,500 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

Please join us for a brief ceremony where we will pay tribute to all our veterans.

Date: Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022

Time: 10am

Location: Gethsemane Cemetery and Memorial Gardens  
1510 W Sugar Creek Road, Charlotte, NC 28262

We will open with a short program, and the laying of the wreaths, followed by light refreshments.

All family members of our veterans are VIP guests.

If you would like to sponsor a wreath for a veteran, please visit Gethsemane's website



## Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter

### ENROLLMENT/RENEWAL FORM

New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Branch \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address : \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ National Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

Ph/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Dues - \$30.00**

**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 eight uniformed services ( Army, Navy, Air Force, Space 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. 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](mailto:msc@moaa.org) or call 800-234-6622.