



NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2018

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year. We look forward to a great start in 2018 with National MOAA initiatives supporting our military forces (active and reserve), support for veterans (retired and former), nationally and locally, and the protection of rights and interests of the greater military community and their families, including survivors. This sounds like and is very close to the mission of our chapter. In 2018, our chapter programs, local initiatives and the services provided for our members, military veterans and the total community in the Charlotte-Metrolina area will have the same goals and objectives.

From our JROTC Scholarships to be awarded this Spring, the cadet Leadership Awards for our 38-high school JROTC and 2 ROTC programs we support, the Gold Bar program to our efforts to obtain a MOAA Military Family Initiative Community Outreach Grant of \$ 5,000 in partnership with the Veterans Bridge Home mentorship program, the chapter membership will have the opportunity to be involved. We ask for your involved support.

The January 21st chapter meeting will be a good one as we install the chapter officers and board for 2018. David Lee, Captain, USN (Ret), President NC Council of Chapters, will do the installation. Plus, our new chapter member, Phil Mowry, will have a very engaging and meaningful presentation "Officer for Life".

As the chapter President for the past three plus years, I thank you for your support and involvement in our programs and activities, most notably our JROTC Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament. Beginning in 2015, the tournaments have been a financial success and should prove to be in the future.

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, JAN. 21, 2018

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.

January 21, 2018 – Chapter Meeting and Installation of Officers for 2018

The officer/board installation will be conducted by David Lee, Captain, USN (Ret) of the Salisbury, NC Chapter and the new President of the NC Council of Chapters. In addition to officer installation and wise words from our NCCoC leader, we are planning for Phil Mowry, a new chapter member and transfer from Florida, to address us on the role and issues of “former” officers in MOAA.

February 18, 2018 – Ron Clark and Veteran Housing Issues- Ron Clark, a former homeless veteran in Charlotte, will provide a real-life picture of the local homeless vet issues. We will also have a presentative from one of the local area non-profit organizations, i.e. Charlotte Bridge Home, Veterans Path Up, Purple Heart Homes, etc.) dealing with and providing solutions for this issue.

MEMBERSHIP AND RETENTION – DALE HOGUE

For those who haven't paid your dues, it's that time of year again for renewing your chapter membership by paying annual dues for 2018. We would like all to complete the renewal form and submit it prior to our January 2018 meeting. Rather than paying \$25 per year (Surviving Spouses at \$10/year), the chapter program of paying \$ 100 for 5 years (a savings of \$ 25) is still in effect. Thanks for early payment. **A separate email will have the Membership Form for your use.**