CHARLOTTE-METROLINA CHAPTER NEWS

October 2014

The Military Officers Association of America

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Today we are having nothing but rain and cold weather, and the weather people say this is more like November than September. As I write this message fall is certainly just around the corner and summer soon will be a distant memory with some of us planning for next summer. With passage of ADDENDUM #3 (the rules & guidance for the JROTC Scholarship program) the next step is to raise the money to make the program work. It will be difficult in our current economic climate, but I believe it is doable. Certainly, the students need our help. Like Coach Woody Hays said: "You cannot pay people back for they are gone. Therefore, we must pay forward to the younger generations."

The trip to Jacksonville, Florida in September for the MOAA leadership program was very informative for our chapter and North Carolina is doing a lot of good things for our military, both active duty and retired. We have been very active in the legislative arena in our state. We visited and contacted all our legislators, Senators and Representatives, about the three main issues from national MOAA: the capping of pay, off base/post housing payments for rent and loans, and the dramatic increase in out of pocket TRICARE costs.

Martha and I travel to Washington, DC in October to receive the 5 Star award for our chapter, the highest award presented. A lot of people other than myself have worked very hard in our chapter over the past ten years for us to win this award. You all should feel a great swelling of pride in your heart over this great accomplishment. We will have a special presentation of the award at our November meeting. And do not forget to sign up for Oktoberfest which will be on October 12, 2014. We will have German food, German music, and scenes of Germany on the TV screen. We will need to know how many are coming, so we know how much food to prepare. See you Sunday, October 12, 2014 at 3:00 P.M.

Harley Ellinger COL USA (RET)

Check out our new Chapter Website at:
http://charlottemoaa.org

Chapter meetings are held at Red Rocks Café, behind Fresh Market at 4223-8 Providence Rd, Strawberry Hill area where Fairview/Sardis Rds cross Providence. Social starts at 3:00 pm followed by a short business meeting, then dinner (order from the menu) and a speaker presentation.

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NEXT MEETING

Sunday, October 12, 2014

Red Rocks Cafe

4223 Providence Rd

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

PROGRAMS – RON MORGAN—1st Vice President

October 12, 2014 (Sunday) – OKTOBERFEST – Our annual German harvest celebration and dinner with great food, drink, music and video. Join us and bring guests for this German-Chef prepared meal. **Requires advance reservations (by phone or email). See attached for information and menu selections. Send reservations ASAP.**

November 16, 2014 (Sunday) – Major General Cornell Wilson Jr., USMC (Ret), Military Affairs Advisor Governor McCrory, State of North Carolina. MGEN Wilson will discuss the efforts in NC in making North Carolina the friendliest state for the military services and businesses/industry that supports the military.

December 7, 2014 (Sunday) – Chapter Christmas Party featuring Christmas and live holiday music. Collecting for Toys for Tots.

Nominations for 2105 Chapter Officers – A Nominations Committee has been formed to identify chapter officers for 2015. Members interested in seeking a chapter office or board position should contact Ron Morgan, 1st VP and Chairman of the Nominations Committee. Results, further nominations and a proposed officer slate will be announced at the October chapter meeting. Elections will be held at the November chapter meeting.

At this time, we are looking for candidates for:

- First VP (Programs)
- 2nd VP (Membership)
- 2 or 3 Board of Director positions

All those interested in these positions, greatly aiding in the accomplishment of the mission(s) of our chapter, I pledge to you total support and assistance in learning about procedures/tasks for the office.

MEMBERSHIP – (Vacant)—2nd Vice President

Our chapter has 16 new members for 2014.

There are now three types of membership:

Basic -- free and information comes by email only. This membership is primarily meantfor junior officers

Premium -- Dues for one year are $37, two years are $72 and three years is $95. The information comes both by email and in printed form or a magazine

Life -- Dues are based on your age. The benefits for this membership additionally include bonus travel rewards and discounts; the initiation fee is waived at the Army and Navy Club of Washington, DC, and membership is transferred to the spouse.

LEGISLATIVE -- GLORIA SCIENSKI – 3rd Vice President

Congress passed a budget stopgap measure to keep the federal government running through the November elections. The temporary budget only funds the federal government through December 11 at FY 2014 budget levels, setting up for another budget debate during the lame-duck session.

All residents of North Carolina are represented in the United States Senate by both Senators Kay Hagan and Richard Burr. Representation in the NC House, the NC Senate, and the US House is determined by district. Each resident of the state has one representative in each of those legislative bodies, determined by the district in which their residence falls. You can locate your Representatives by going to http://www.ncleg.net/representation/WhoRepresentsMe.aspx.

Harley Ellinger shared a great resource from the North Carolina Justice Center www.ncleg.net. They have a blueprint on contacting State Legislators. You can talk to your legislators in many different ways:

Meet with legislators back home in the district as an individual or get a group together.
Make a phone call.
Write a letter or send an email.
Visit a legislator's office in Raleigh.

Having a conversation with your legislator back in the district, away from the distractions and demands they have in Raleigh, is probably the best way to discuss your issues. A well-timed telephone call to your legislator is very effective, especially in relation to impending votes on specific legislation. Often the time between knowing when an issue is coming up for a vote and the actual vote is a matter of one or two days. .

Keep up to date on legislative action that affects you and your world. MOAA's weekly Legislative Update e-newsletter is a great service. The best way to be heard is to call the congressional switchboard at 202-224-3121. When calling this number you will reach a person that will forward you to the office of your Senator or Representative. Most effective are telephone calls made on Monday and Tuesday due to the voting schedule. Sign up to receive the Legislative Update by visiting www.moaa.org/email. Remember, your voice counts.

National MOAA 800-234-6622 / 703-549-2311 **Legislative affairs legis@moaa.org**

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." ~Margaret Mead

CHAPTER SECRETARY – RON WILSBACH

Minutes of the Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter (NC-04) Of the Military Officers Association of America September 21, 2014

President Harley Ellinger called the business meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. at the Red Rocks Café. The invocation was given by Darrel Long and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Guest, John Narciso, a retired Navy Captain currently living in Sun City, Fort Mill was welcomed. John is a former Surface Warfare Officer who retired with 30 years' service. New member John Willis and Margaret Rogers were introduced. John is a former Army Nuclear Officer currently living in Charlotte.

Greg Ainslie won the 50/50 Raffle.

The Minutes from the May 18, 2014 meeting, distributed in the Newsletter were approved as published.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer's Report. Ron Wilsbach reported the Chapter bank balance of $5326.13. Of that the Scholarship Fund stands at $1514.17 but does not include the funds from the AutoBell Car Wash fund raiser. When all tickets are sold those funds will be moved into the Scholarship Fund. Our bank, BB&T, will provide a separate account for the Scholarship Fund when the Amendment to the Chapter By-Laws is approved. Ron asked for volunteers to take pictures at meetings. Gloria Scienski and Carol Morgan volunteered.

1st VP – (Ron Morgan): Ron reminded the membership that next month is the Chapter's annual Oktoberfest Program. This is the one meeting that requires reservations due to the special menu. Please get your reservations and checks to Carol Morgan by October 6th. The November Program (Nov. 12th) will feature retired U.S. Marine Major General Cornell Wilson, North Carolina Military Affairs Advisor to Governor McCrory. He will speak about efforts underway to make North Carolina the friendliest state for the military and military support businesses. Ron Morgan reminded members that officer elections will take place at the November meeting. The nominating committee will include; Harley Ellinger, Ron Morgan, Ron Wilsbach, Chuck Martin, Bill McKenna and Scott Morris. This committee will be seeking out members to fill 1st and 2nd Vice President positions, Membership Chair and several board positions. Nominations will be taken from the floor during the October meeting. Elections will take place during the November meeting. Officers will be installed at the January meeting. December 7th will be our Christmas meeting with holiday music and carols provided by a keyboard musician.

Ron Morgan announced that during this year we have increased membership by 16 new members. This is the largest single year increase of membership for this chapter and is due primarily to the efforts of Carol Aljets. Harley expressed his appreciation of Carol's efforts as the former Membership Chair, past Chapter President and board member and called for a standing ovation. Carol thanked the members for the honor.

3rd VP – (Gloria Scienski) – Gloria briefed the membership about Federal legislation extending the budget until December 11th. She asked that members watch the news for changes and asked that you respond to requests for action by MOAA. Gloria said that MOAA is predicting that the COLA increase this year will end up being somewhere between 1.2 and 1.6 percent. Members should respond to alerts issued by MOAA for members to email their legislators regarding hot topics affecting military members. You can sign up for Legislative Alerts by going to MOAA.org. Regular weekly alerts come out each Friday and usually have three or four hot topics for the week.

Old Business:

Harley asked Carol Morgan if she had any comments regarding the Newsletter and Carol asked for member bios for those not yet featured in the Newsletter. Carol asked that pictures be included.

Larry Stawicki reported that he has 17 tickets remaining for the AutoBell Car Wash Benefit. Tickets cost $14.99 and are good for a full exterior and interior auto cleaning at any AutoBell Store. All proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund.

Harley advised about By-Laws Addendum #3 (rules of JROTC Scholarship Program). The addendum states the rules for managing the scholarship program to assist in fund raising efforts. Harley called for a vote to approve the addendum. Ron Morgan moved for approval, Greg Ainslie seconded. Discussion followed. Ron Morgan stated that due to the size of the fund at this time no scholarships will be issued during 2015. Gene Stewart suggested wording change giving more flexiblity to the presentation of the award and Harley indicated the change will be made. Scott Morris had comments about getting the JROTC Officer Instructors knowledgeable about this program. The addendum was passed unanimously. Harley will make the change as approved.

New Business:

Harley briefed the chapter about MOAA North Carolina Council efforts to get topics of importance to MOAA members brought to the attention of state legislators and their staff. Actions are being made to reach all representatives and senators within state government. He stressed that it is of utmost importance that MOAA remain non-political in our efforts. In addition, MOAA has assumed the additional responsibility of insuring that the military is strong enough to protect this country.

Program: Dr. Mark Wilson, Harvard Graduate and current Professor of History at UNCC and author talked about the role of military officers in development, procurement and production of war materials, (ships, tanks, airplanes, ammunition, etc), before and early in WWII. Even though a civilian body existed to monitor this production, military officers were instrumental in determining production, business ownership, profits and seizures of civilian companies because of excessive profits and/or non-compliance with existing “new deal” labor laws. During WWII many manufacturing plants were government owned and company operated. (GOCO) During the 1950s the military stepped back from owning and running these facilities. During WWII half of all warships were built by US Navy in Navy shipyards. Under President Eisenhower there was a directed decrease of military involvement in the

ownership and operation of manufacturing facilities. Questions and answers completed Dr. Wilson's program.

Harley closed the meeting with thanks to Dr. Wilson. The meeting, attended by 28 members and visitors, was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.
Ron Wilsbach, Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 12 – MOAA Chapter Meeting & Oktoberfest – see attached flyer/reservation form
October 8 – Charlotte Veterans Network Luncheon, Dillworth Neighborhood Grille
October 14 – Mecklenburg County Veterans Stand Down, Grady Cole Ctr
For volunteer opportunities contact: james.prosser@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov
November 7 – US Airways Freedom Breakfast, Sheraton Hotel, Carolinas Freedom Fndn
November 7 – Wreath Laying Ceremony, Uptown Charlotte, The Square, Carolinas Freedom Fndn
November 8 – US Airways Salute to Veterans Parade, Uptown, Carolinas Freedom Fndn
November 8 – Military/Veterans Fair, Uptown,, Carolinas Freedom Fndn
November 16, 2014 – MOAA Chapter Meeting
Major General Cornell Wilson Jr., USMC (Ret), Military Affairs Advisor to Governor McCrory, State of North Carolina.
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Future Meeting Dates – The dates for chapter meetings in Spring 2015 are:

- January 18
- February 15
- March 15
- April 12
- May 17
- June 11-14 NC Council of Chapters Convention, High Hampton Inn, Cashiers NC

FEATURED MEMBER: Thomas E. Nolan, Captain, US Navy (Ret) – A member of our Pines at Davidson Satellite Chapter

Thomas E. Nolan, MD, MBA, FACOG, FACP is Professor and Department Head Emeritus of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the LSH Health Science Center-New Orleans. Prior to his retirement from clinical medicine in June 2011, he was Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, Chief Medical Officer for the LSU Health Care Network. He served as the Hospital Center Director for Women's and Newborns Services at the Medical Center of Louisiana from 1996-2005 and was the Hospital Center Director for Surgical Services from 2006-11. He was the Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology from 2002 until his retirement in 2011.

Dr. Nolan is originally from Norfolk, VA. He graduated with BS in Premedical Chemistry from Belmont Abbey College (Belmont, NC), Magna Cum Laude in 1973 and received his MD degree from the Medical College of Virginia in 1977. He received his MBA from the University of New Orleans in 1998.He served an internship in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Virginia in 1977-78 followed by a residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology from 1978-1981. After residency, he served as a Staff Obstetrician and Gynecologist at the Naval Hospital, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, NC form 1981-83. He returned to Portsmouth Naval Hospital in 1983 and completed a residency in Internal Medicine in 1986. He left the Navy in 1988 and was an Assistant Professor at the Medical College of Georgia until recruited to LSU in 1993. Dr. Nolan is Board Certified in both Obstetrics and Gynecology and Internal Medicine. He retired from the Naval Reserves as a Captain in 1997.

Dr. Nolan is a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologist and a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. He has served on the Education Bulletin Committee for the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology from 1994-1997, the Committee for Development of the Encyclopedia of Women's Health Care in 1999-2000 and on the committee developing Précis: Primary and Preventive Care Editorial Board for the first 2 editions and chaired the 3rd and 4th editions. He was the ACOG representative to the National Cholesterol Education Program from 1996-1999. He was the Editor-in Chief of the Female Patient from 1998-2005, having served as the Associate Editor from 1993-1998.

He has served on the Executive Committee at MCLNO as Secretary-Treasure, Vice President and President and has chaired the Credential Committee and Executive Committee and served on multiple other hospital committees. He was the President of the Society of Gynecologic Surgeons from 2008-9 and the President of the Orleans Parish from 2010-11.

Dr. Nolan served on multiple committees concerning credentials and peer review for hospitals. He has been a medical legal expert for over 20 years. He was the Editor of the Female Patient for many years, and had over 150 publications and chapters during his career.

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ENROLLMENT/RENEWAL FORM

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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, 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.

Charlotte-Metrolina Military Officers Association of America

16th Annual Oktoberfest

Red Rocks Café, 4223 Providence Road

Sunday, October 12, 2014

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
$17.00 per person cash or check prepaid

RSVP NLT **October 6, 2014** 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

NAME(s) _____ **# of Schnitzel Meals** _____

# of Chicken Meals _____

Total Meals X $17.00