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NEXT MEETING

Sunday, October 18, 2015

Red Rocks Cafe
4223 Providence Rd
Social Time 1500
Meeting with Meal 1530

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2015

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am very pleased to start off this month's message with great news. The 2015 MOAA JROTC Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament is over!! No, that is not the great news; the great news is that through our hard work, it was a truly a great time, enjoyed by all players and volunteers and we ***made a profit of $ 4,000****. This was accomplished with having only 39 golfers, yet through the generosity of business/individual sponsors, offering good tournament prizes, having fun and generous raffle opportunities, the selling of "mulligan" packages and additional raffle tickets, and having a unique silent auction (all donated items), those 39 golfers spent a lot of money, all donated for our JROTC Scholarship Fund cause. This is a very worthwhile venture. We need to start planning to do it again.*

Our next chapter meeting on October 18th is our annual ***Oktoberfest*** *celebration with authentic and delicious German cuisine. For this October meeting, we need to have advance reservations, so please fill out the enclose reservation form with menu selection and mail it to Carol Morgan. If you forget, please call or email us and pay that day. A great complete meal for $ 17.00, thanks once again, for the support of Huberta Barrett and her son, Ron.*

Three things coming up that we need your input and assistance with. 1) We are looking for additional scholarship committee members to assist with the process of getting applicants, screening applications and then selecting the best for scholarship awards. For Spring 2016, we also need to determine how many awards and at what amount we can provide in our initial year. 2) nominations are now being accepted for chapter officer and board positions and 3) we need your assistance in getting new chapter members from the very large list of National MOAA members in the area that do not yet belong to the chapter. Volunteer to call these folks and you will be able offer them the great deal of our chapters common camaraderie. Thanks in advance for helping with this.

Ron Morgan, Colonel, USMC (Ret), President

PROGRAMS – JAY GARBUS -- 1st Vice President

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.

October 18, 2015 – Annual Oktoberfest Celebration and Dinner Great food, décor, recorded German music, video and "Oktoberfest History by Harley". This event will be RSVP for meal menu selection and payment. See enclosed flyer.
November 15, 2015 – Will Grooms, USMA West Point Recruitment POC. A great presentation about the US Military Academy and cadet life.
December 6, 2015 – Chapter Christmas Celebration Dinner. Holiday spirit, décor, and special music with Toys for Tots collection.
January 8 – 9, 2016 – Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter hosting NC Council of Chapters meeting – Our January chapter meeting with be on Friday evening with the NCCOC meeting--Springhill Suites – Ballantyne. Events and times to be announced.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 2016—*Nominations are now being sought for chapter officer and board positions for 2016. The position of Chapter President has one more year to serve. See 1st VP Jay Garbus to indicate your interest and/or to place someone in nomination.*

LEGISLATIVE – GLORIA SCIENSKI – 3rd Vice President

September 24, 2015 – As of this morning, uncertainty continues over the October 1 government funding. None of the appropriations bills have passed both chambers. Opinions are split on if Congress will pass a continuing resolution (CR).

I found it interesting that even without a continuing resolution, not everything stops. "Nonessential" government functions will stop. The military will continue to work while civilians may be sent home. Programs in existing statute, like military retired pay and Social Security will continue.

Anything considered "discretionary," like defense spending and processing of new VA disability and Social Security claims, will be halted.

Continuing Resolutions aren't that uncommon. The last time Congress passed all annual appropriations bills in time was almost 20 years ago with the 1997 budget. Continuing Resolution are costly. For the military, it means not spending on new bullets, planes, and infrastructure. On the military personnel side, CRs wreak havoc on force management.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh said DoD has the ability to maneuver for about three months under a CR, but any longer proves much more difficult.

The proposed defense bill includes
- A third year of capping military pay raises below what current law mandates
- Forcing currently serving families to pay 5 percent out-of-pocket for their housing
- Cutting a quarter of the commissary funding
- Disproportionately high pharmacy fee increases

These plans repeat many of the poor cost-cutting decisions that led to the retention problem in the late 1990s when service members suffered a 13.5% pay gap and were forced to cover 20% of their housing costs out-of-pocket.

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.**

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"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

Announcements and Dates of Military and Veterans Activities

October 7—Chapter Board Meeting, 5 pm Red Rocks Café
October 8-10—Charlotte Motor Speedway Events, military dicsounts available
October 10—Purple Heart Homes Kooks Kruise Inn, Statesville
October 12-19—National Veterans Creative Arts Festival**,** Durham
October 13—HOOYAH! Happy Birthday NAVY!

October 14—Charlotte Veterans Network Luncheon, Dilworth Neighborhood Grill, 11:45 am

October 15-17—6th Annual Honor the Warriors Ride, Mint Hill

October 16-18—Cycle to the Sea, CHS – Carolinas Rehabilitation

October 16-19—Congressional Medal of Honor Fndn Gala & Golf, Charlotte

October 17—Navy Operational Support Center, Navy Birthday Ball, Charlotte

October 18—MOAA Chapter Meeting –OKTOBERFEST

(See flyer—Reservations REQUIRED)

October 26---National Day of the Deployed

October 29 – November 1, 2015 – MOAA Annual Meeting and Levels of Excellence Awards Dinner, Buena Vista Palace Hotel & Spa, Orlando, FL

November – Military Family Appreciation Month

November 6, 2015 – US Marine Corps Birthday Ball Celebration, Charlotte Convention Center with General Amos, past Commandant and MOH recipient, Sgt Dakota Meyer, and others. http://www.usmcbirthdayballcharlotte.org/

November 7—Charlotte Veterans Day Parade– More info later

November 7—Patriot Gala, Charlotte

November 9 – Carolinas Freedom Foundation Breakfast – Hilton City Center Hotel

November 10—OohRah! HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARINES!

November 11—Veterans Day

November 11—Wreath Laying Ceremony, Charlotte

November 13 – 14, 2015 – U.S. Naval Academy Men's Glee Club with the Charlotte Symphony, Knight Theatre. www.charlottesymphony.org – *"A Salute to Americas Heroes"*

Charlotte-Metrolina Military Officers Association of America

17th Annual Oktoberfest

Red Rocks Café, 4223 Providence Road

Sunday, October 18, 2015

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 12, 2015 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 _____

The U.S. Naval Academy Men's Glee Club
Guest Artists with the Charlotte Symphony
Friday and Saturday, November 13-14, 2015 at 8:00 pm

Knight Theater
At
Levine Center for the Arts
Charlotte, NC

Tickets go on sale
3 August 2015
Charlotte Symphony
Ticket Office
704-972-2000
charlottesymphony.org

Celebrate America with the 70 stirring voices of the U.S. Naval Academy Men's Glee Club. A tribute to America's heroes with all of your favorite red, white, and blue melodies. Patriotic anthems, Broadway hits, choir classics, and more!