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NEXT MEETING
Sunday, April 17, 2016

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

NEWSLETTER APRIL 2016

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all long time participating chapter members and also a special welcome to our new 2016 members and those who have expressed an interest in joining the chapter. To those still pondering chapter membership, as they say in the Nike commercial "Just Do It!"

Thank you for your camaraderie with fellow military officers (past and present) and involvement with our local chapter missions and in support of national MOAA initiatives for maintaining a strong military and entitled benefit programs for all of our active, reserve, retired and previously served military personnel and their families.

We have a great meeting and speaker for this coming April 17th meeting. Our own, 1st LT. David "Tres" Jones, NC Army National Guard, will be presenting an engaging and informative program on his activation, training and deployment to Kosovo. Tres just returned from this military support and training mission. We, and Mary Ann and the boys, are happy to have him back with us.

Included in this newsletter is our JROTC Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament flyer and JROTC "Point Paper" with the reasons why both major sponsors and hole sponsors, as well as our membership, should support our tournament financially and/or by participating in a foursome on October 14th. We need your assistance in getting sponsors on board and getting donations of door and raffle prizes. Our goal is to have the funds to increase both the number of and amount of scholarship awards for 2017.

Hope to see you at the April 17th meeting supporting Tres as our speaker and then on May 22 when we present our 2016 JROTC Scholarships to four very deserving cadets.

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.

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.

April 17, 2016 – Our own, 1st LT. David "Tres" Jones, NC National Guard, will give us a military travel log presentation on his adventures and military deployment and service in Kosovo over the past year. Don't miss this one. We want to show support for our youngest (maybe?) chapter member.

May 22, 2016 – This will be a great program as we present our $ 1,000 scholarships for 2016 to four outstanding JROTC cadets from area high schools, who will be our guests along with their parents. We will also present our JROTC Instructor of the Year awards to an outstanding officer and staff NCO.

No regular chapter meetings are held during the summer. We will reconvene on September 18, 2016, same time, same place.

MEMBERSHIP – TIM DREMANN -- 2st Vice President

2016 Chapter Dues are Due (Past Due) – The real deadline for paying Chapter dues for 2016 was December 31st. Every January we are required to pay the NC State MOAA Council $1.50 per each paying members. So -------- if you have not paid your dues yet, please do so. It could not be easier (Regular Members $25 and Surviving Spouses $10)– cash, check (send to our PO Box). If you would like to send a check, the renewal form is on the back of every Chapter Newsletter with the chapter's post office box number. New members can pay when they join and are not, past due. Members with unpaid dues for 2016 will be dropped from the roster this fall.

LEGISLATIVE – GLORIA SCIENSKI – 3rd Vice President

The Military Health System has been busy on Capitol Hill. Congress is intently focused on reforming the MHS, including the TRICARE program. MOAA will work with Congress in the coming months in our ongoing efforts to improve access and other problem areas while doing our best to protect against imposing disproportionate fee increases.

It's critical we stand unified to preserve the value of these benefits. There is power in numbers. Sign up for the MOAA Legislative Updates and continue to contact your representatives. 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

CHAPTER SECRETARY – RON WILSBACH

Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter Minutes for March 20, 2016

President Ron Morgan called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. at the Red Rocks Café. The invocation was given by Chaplain John Samb and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ron welcomed all guests and members. The 50/50 raffle of $31.00 was won by Martha Short. The minutes for the February 21st were approved without changes. Ron Wilsbach, Treasurer, reported that the General Fund has $2995.48 and the Scholarship Fund has $10,298.83.

Officer Reports:

1st VP/Programs – Jay Garbus reported that the April 17th speaker will be Chapter member Tres Jones who will talk about his recently completed yearlong deployment to Kosovo as a peacekeeper. At the May 22nd meeting we will honor the four high school JROTC Cadets that have each won a $1,000 merit scholarship for higher education.

2nd VP/Recruiting and Retention – Tim Dremann was absent.

3rd VP/Legislative Affairs – Gloria Scienski advised the members about efforts by MOAA and the Military Coalition to provide input to Congress during their deliberations concerning the 2017 budget hearings, specifically changes being discussed to active duty and retired medical benefits. Gloria advised that you keep yourself fully informed through MOAA's Legislative Updates issued each Friday afternoon.

Newsletter – Carol Morgan asked that inputs for the April Newsletter be submitted by April 6th. She also requested bios and pictures from new members so we can introduce you to the chapter.

Old/New Business

a. Ron Morgan reported that the JROTC Scholarship Committee has completed its deliberations and selected four graduating seniors for $1,000 scholarships. The four cadets are: Melody Alexander, Ardrey Kell High School; Alia Bennett, Mt. Pleasant High School; Rebeca Teran, Providence High School; Augustus DeStefano, Butler High School. Letters congratulating the winners have been sent and letters to those non-winners have also been sent.

b. JROTC Leadership Awards – Larry Stawicki reported that these annual leadership awards must be delivered to all 34 high schools in our area. In past years, members have volunteered to distribute these awards and Larry is seeking volunteers again this year. See Larry regarding particulars of the awards ceremonies.

c. JROTC Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament – The 2016 tournament will be held on October 14th at Olde Sycamore Golf Plantation. The Tournament Committee will be meeting on March 22nd at 4:45 p.m. at Olde Sycamore.

d. JROTC Instructor of the Year – Applications have been distributed to the 34 schools in our area and are due back on March 25th. The Charlotte-Metrolina winners will be forwarded to

NC Council of Chapters (NCCOC) by April 15th for consideration of the state awards. Local award winners will be honored at the May 22nd meeting.

e. Ron Morgan noted the "Charlotte Parents Magazine" on each table and the article within about Charlotte Mecklenburg School's JROTC Program successes. Ron thanked Kathleen Wilsbach for her efforts in getting this very fine article through the publication process.
f. Chapter Challenge Coin – Ron Wilsbach reported that the Board has reviewed several options and approved a final design. The vendor has been notified and production is underway. It is hoped that the coins will be available by our April Chapter meeting.
g. Spring Chapter meeting schedule – April 17th, May 22nd
h. Fall Chapter meeting schedule – Sept. 18th, Oct. 16th, Nov. 20th, Dec 11th.
i. Announcement of Events;
    a. NCCOC Quarterly Meeting – Apr. 1st and 2nd- Kitty Hawk
    b. VA Clinic open for patients – April 4th
    c. VA Ribbon Cutting – Apr. 8th
    d. Viet Nam Welcome Home event – Apr. 9th – Waxhaw Museum
    e. CMS JROTC Awards Program – Bojangles Arena– Apr. 14th
    f. JROTC Fun Run supporting JROTC – Apr. 23rd - Ron Morgan has info.

Program – Nobie Thrasher, USO NC and Charlotte Advisory Board Member presented an excellent overview of the important work being done by USO North Carolina here in the Charlotte area.
The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Wilsbach, Treasurer

Announcements and Dates of Military and Veterans Activities

April 9th – Welcome Home Viet Nam Vets Event – Museum of the Waxhaws
April 11th – Charlotte VA Health Clinic Grand Opening
April 14th -- CMS JROTC Parade and Awards Ceremony at Bojangles Arena
April 17th -- Chapter meeting, 3:00 pm, Red Rocks Café
April 21st -- Blessed Assurance Charity Golf Tournament
May 22nd -- Chapter Meeting, 3:00 pm, Red Rocks Café
September 18 – Chapter Meeting
October 14 – MOAA Chapter Scholarship Golf Tournament – Olde Sycamore GC
October 16 – Chapter Meeting
November 20 – Chapter Meeting
December 11 – Chapter Meeting

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 14, 2016

Olde Sycamore Golf Plantation - Mint Hill, NC

7:30a - 8:45a	Registration, Continental Breakfast, Driving Range Balls, Practice Putting Green
9:00 a	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

SCOTT CLARK Honda

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 14, 2016
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 $ 125 4 Person Team $ 400

SPONSORSHIPS

TEE/GREEN SPONSORSHIP

Company Signage $ 200 4 Person Team + Signage $ 500

FLAG OFFICER SPONSORSHIP

All levels include: Reserved dining table at Awards Dinner, acknowledgement at Tournament Dinner, and company name and/or logo on printed material, press releases and MOAA website.

Four ★★★★ Sponsor $4,000
- (3) Foursomes each with Flag Officer
- A retired General/Admiral plays with your team
- Individual Title Sponsor Banner
- MOAA Challenge Coin to each golfer
- Opportunity to speak at Awards Dinner

Three ★★★ Sponsor $3,000
- (2) Foursomes each with Flag Officer
- A retired General/Admiral plays with your team
- MOAA Challenge Coin to each golfer

Two ★★ Sponsor $2,000
- (1) Foursome with Flag Officer
- A retired General/Admiral plays with your team
- MOAA Challenge Coin to each golfer

One ★ Sponsor $1,000
- (1) Foursome in the tournament
- MOAA Challenge Coin to each golfer

Registration Form - JROTC Scholarship Fund BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT 2016

Please Check One or Several: (Mulligan packages available at Registration)

___ Individual Player $125 ___ 4 Person Team $400 ___ Company Tee/Green Sponsorship $200

___4 Person Team Tee/Green Sponsorship $500 ___ Flag Officer 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 October 1, 2016 (and payment if by check) to:

Ron Wilsbach – MOAA Scholarship Golf Tournament, 10944 Casetta Drive, Matthews, NC 28105-5918

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Why Provide Your Support for the MOAA JROTC Scholarship Program for Local High Schools in the Charlotte - Metrolina Area?

- **There are 20 CMS high schools with a JROTC program and also in 14 other schools in the surrounding four county area. Our MOAA Chapter supports all schools with recognition, annual leadership awards and scholarship opportunities.**

- **Graduation rate for JROTC seniors in CMS – 99.4 %. This is an outstanding success story for the JROTC Program. JROTC is not a recruiting tool for the military. The goal of program is to teach cadets how to become better citizens, develop leadership skills, and instill discipline and moral values.**

- **There are currently over 3000 cadets in the CMS system.**

- **The Charlotte MOAA Chapter held its inaugural JROTC Benefit Golf Tournament in 2015. In May 2016, the Chapter will award $1000 continuing education scholarships to four cadets.**

- **Your sponsorship for our October 14, 2016 JROTC Scholarship Golf Tournament at Olde Sycamore Golf Plantation will enable the chapter to do more next year for these worthy student cadets in both the number of scholarships awarded and in higher dollar amounts.**

- **It is a patriotic privilege to serve the youth of today and the leaders of tomorrow.**

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FEATURED MEMBER: Lt Col Eric D Kelly (USAF, Ret)

He graduated in 1978 from Dorman High School, Spartanburg SC, and obtained an Air Force ROTC scholarship. In 1982 he earned a Bachelor's degree in Economics and History at Duke University and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the US Air Force.

Following commissioning, he was assigned to Mather AFB CA for Undergraduate Navigator Training. After receiving his navigator wings in 1983, he was assigned to Little Rock AFB AR for C-130 initial qualification. Then he reported to the 39th Tactical Airlift Squadron, 317th Tactical Airlift Wing, Pope AFB NC, where he upgraded to Instructor Navigator, C-130E Adverse Weather Aerial Delivery System (AWADS). Beginning in 1986 he served as Wing Combat Tactics and Techniques Officer.

In 1988 he was assigned to the 37th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Rhein-Main AB GE, where he also served as Wing Current Operations scheduler. In 1990 he was assigned to the 34th Combat Aircrew Training Squadron and Tactical Airlift Instructor School, Little Rock AFB AR. There he upgraded to C-130 Evaluator Navigator and became a Flight Commander. In 1993 he was assigned as Combat Delivery Program Manager, Directorate of Requirements, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB VA. In 1996 he was assigned to the Headquarter Air Mobility Command (AMC) Air Mobility Warfare Center (AMWC) Combat Aerial Delivery School (CADS), Little Rock AFB AR, and became Deputy Chief and Test Director in the Test and Evaluation Division.

Eric Kelly was assigned to the AMWC's 33d Flight Test Squadron, Fort Dix NJ, in 1998 after the transfer of C-130 operational testing from the CADS to the 33d. When AMC established a 33d detachment at Keesler AFB MS, for C-130J operational testing, he was named Provisional Commander. In 1999 he became AMWC Deputy Director of Resources, managing the center's facilities, communications, and $13 million budget.

In 2001 he took command of the 332d Recruiting Squadron, Nashville TN. There he ensured sufficient applicant flow to health professions, line officer, and enlisted accessions service programs to meet Air Force recruiting goals. He led, trained, and equipped 118 personnel and 11 flights dispersed over parts of six states. His squadron ranked #3 and #5 of 28 squadrons in enlisted accessions in Fiscal Years 2001 and 2002 (FY01/02), respectively. In 2003 Eric Kelly became Chief, Command and Control (C2) System Requirements Branch, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB IL, where led a team of 18 military, civilian, and contract support personnel in functional management and requirements validation/prioritization for fixed and mobile Mobility Air Force C2 systems.

Upon retirement from active duty in 2006, Lt Col Kelly relocated with his family to Waxhaw NC and established Parkwood High School's first Junior ROTC program as Senior Aerospace Science Instructor. Parkwood's JROTC program and its corps of cadets strives to embody the Air Force's core values of "Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do." In 2012 Lt Col Kelly was named Air Force JROTC's Instructor of the Year (Officer) at the national level; he was also named 2015 JROTC Officer Instructor of the Year by the NC Department of the American Legion.

Lt Col Kelly's other educational accomplishments include a Graduate Certificate in Teaching (Secondary Social Studies) from UNC Charlotte and a Master's degree in Management from Webster University. His major decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (three oak leaf clusters), Air Force Commendation Medal (two oak leaf clusters), Air Force Achievement Medal (one oak leaf cluster), and Army Achievement Medal.

He is married to the former Madeline Hoffman of Fayetteville NC. They have two grown children. ###

NC-04 CHARLOTTE-METROLINA CHAPTER MOAA

ENROLLMENT/RENEWAL FORM

New Member _____ Renewal _____ Date _____

First Name _____ Middle Initial ____ Last Name _____

Rank _____ Branch_____ DOB _____ Spouse's Name _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____ Phone # _____

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Membership No. _____
(Found above your first name on magazine label)

*Enclosed is my check for $25.00
$10.00 for Surviving Spouses

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P.O. Box 31394
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.