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NEXT MEETING

Sunday, SEPT. 18, 2016

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

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2016

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The summer break is almost over as we begin a new MOAA Chapter season with our first Fall meeting on September 18th. It promises to be a great kick off with a presentation and book signing by Larry Dandridge (bio and book info included here). Important: Bring dollars to purchase Larry's book as it is highly reviewed and all proceeds go FISHER HOUSE CHARLESTON associated with the VA Hospital there.

5 Star Levels of Excellence (LOE) Award for 2016 – I am very pleased and proud to announce that our Charlotte – Metrolina Chapter has been awarded a 5 Star LOE award from national MOAA for 2016. This is the third consecutive year we have earned the highest chapter excellence award. I thank the chapter officers, board and all active members for doing their part in making our chapter great. For this to continue, we need to maintain a focus on:

Recruitment and Retention – We have an active campaign plan to attract new chapter members and then need to ensure that we retain all as active chapter participants. We do this through having great programs of interest to the membership, ensure we maintain a focus on hospitality and camaraderie to all new and long term members attending meetings and offer opportunities for members to support the Charlotte area military and veteran community.

Support for JROTC/ROTC Programs and Our JROTC Scholarship Fund – We have a chapter focus on support of JROTC programs in 34 area high schools. In 2016, in addition to providing leadership awards for each school, we awarded four $1,000 higher education scholarships to outstanding cadets. Our goal for the 2016/2017 academic year is to award even more scholarships and at a higher value. We need chapter member and community contributions to make this happen.

JROTC Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament – On October 14th at Olde Sycamore Golf Plantation we hold our most important scholarship fund raiser. The committee has been working hard to maximize sponsorships, obtain great raffle/door prizes/silent auction items AND attract up to 100 or more golfers. We still need your help and support in achieving these goals.

Hope to see you at the September 18th meeting. Bring a potential new member.

All my best,
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.

SEPTEMBER 18th – Speaker W. Larry Dandridge

Larry Dandridge is the CEO, Editor, and a Senior Writer with Tigers, Vikings, and Vipers Publishing, LLC. His latest non-fiction, military-history book, ***BLADES OF THUNDER (BOOK ONE)*** is an all 5 Star reviewed, action-packed, informative, fast selling, and non-fiction account of the US helicopter war in Vietnam in 1968 and 1969. See Bio and book flyer at end of newsletter.

OCTOBER 16th – OKTOBERFEST

NOVEMBER 20 – John Willis, speaker -- John will discuss CERT which primarily provides operational or emergency support during times of disaster and FIRE CORPS which primarily provides non-operational or nonemergency support on an ongoing basis. Also discussed will be the North Carolina State Medical Assistance Team (SMAT). The SMAT framework is focused on the development of hospital, EMS, and fire department-based teams capable of providing medical decontamination, medical triage, emergency medical treatment, and medical surge capacity in hospital and field settings.

MEMBERSHIP – TIM DREMANN -- 2st Vice President

Some 2016 Chapter Dues Are Still Past Due – The real deadline for paying Chapter dues for 2016 was December 31st, 2015 or early in January 2016. Every January we are required to pay the NC State MOAA Council $1.50 per each chapter member, paid or unpaid. So if you have not paid your 2016 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. Via email and/or a phone call, we will contact those with unpaid dues for 2016. Towards the end of the year, members with unpaid dues for 2016, after notification, will be dropped from the roster before the new year.

New Dues Incentives and Specials – The Chapter Board of Directors has approved two new dues "specials". New chapter members, for the first year ONLY, will be charged $ 5.00. After the first calendar year, the regular $ 25.00 will apply. We have also approved offering 5 years of dues for $ 100.00, a savings of $ 25.00.

Bottom line – please do not become delinquent. We need dues from all to carry on our chapter programs.

LEGISLATIVE – GLORIA SCIENSKI – 3rd Vice President

FY17 Defense Authorization Bill.

Military people have a lot to lose as House and Senate Armed Services Committee leaders are working to resolve big differences in their respective versions of the FY17 Defense Authorization Bill.

MOAA goals:

Retains the pay raise and force level improvements in the House--passed bill version.

The Senate defense bill cuts forces and caps 2017 raises at 1.6 percent.
House bill adds needed force and provides 2.1 percent pay raise.

Drops Senate--proposed housing allowance cuts ($10,000-$20,000 or more annually in some cases).

Reject Senate housing reform plan in budget.

Prevents disproportional TRICARE fee increases for retired members and families.

Reject any fee increases in budget until after well-documented problems with access, quality, and continuity of care has been fixed.

Make real progress toward eliminating the military "widow's tax".

Don't just maintain but consider eliminating the widow's tax.

Prevent significant cuts to force levels.

Military leaders say forces already are on the ragged edge of readiness. Similar patterns of repeated personnel and benefit cuts caused retention problems in the 1970s and 1990s. We should learn from history rather than repeat it.

Please do all you can to ensure these cuts are dropped from the final FY 2017 defense bill. It's critical we stand unified to preserve the value of 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.
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CHAPTER SECRETARY – RON WILSBACH

Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter Minutes for May 22, 2016 can be found on the chapter web site.
Respectfully submitted by Ron Wilsbach,Treasurer

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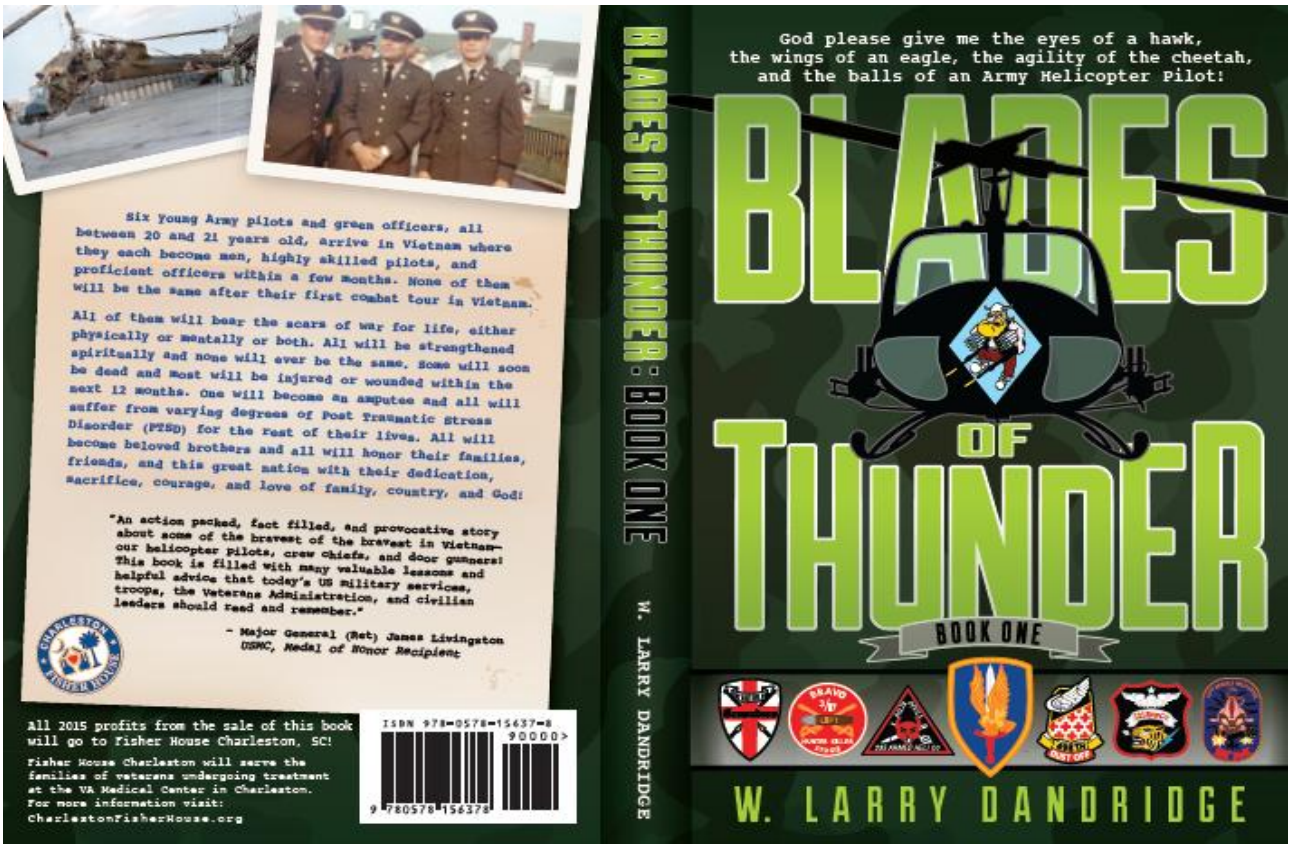
This book will be available for purchase after the speaker's presentation at the chapter meeting September 18th.



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He is an ex-enlisted Army infantryman, aviation warrant officer aviator, and aviation commissioned officer. He is certified instructor pilot in helicopters, airplanes, and Instruments, and has commercial pilot license in single and multi-engine airplanes and helicopters. He served as an Army flight instructor, flight examiner, flight commander, maintenance test pilot, US-German Negotiator, locomotive operator, and logistician in the US Army for 24 years. Larry was severally wounded in Vietnam in 1969 flying an attack helicopter.

Larry is also the past CEO of the most successful hospice in Missouri, an ex-police officer, and he retired from QinetiQ North America, Inc. in 2014 after 23 years working in aerospace as a Regional Manager, Program Manager, Proposals and Marketing Manager, Quality Engineer, and Lean Six Sigma Black Belt. If all this military, aerospace industry, and hospice work was not enough, Larry also taught industrial operations, business, aeronautics, and other courses and ran extension divisions part-time for ten years for Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Chapman University, Lassen Community College, and other schools.

Today, between writing books, Larry is a volunteer Patient Advisor and Employment Assistance Officer at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center where is teaches Patient and Family Centered Care. He also serves on the Customer Service Council and several other VA advisory councils at his local VA hospital. He has been recognized with too many awards to mention by the VA, the Military Officers Association of America, the Association of the US Army, four police departments, and his country for his military service, police service, and his volunteer work.

For the past three years he has lead much of the effort to raise funds to build FISHER HOUSE CHARLESTON and his ***BLADES OF THUNDER*** book sales, speeches, and book signings have raised over $60,000.00 for FISHER HOUSE CHARLESTON.

Larry is married and has five children, nine grandchildren, and one great grandchild and a miniature Greyhound. He likes to read, write, play tennis, fish, walk, and spoil his beloved grandchildren and his Italian Greyhound.

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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

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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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ENROLLMENT/RENEWAL FORM

New Member _____ Renewal _____ Date _____

First Name _____Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____

Rank _____Branch_____ DOB _____Spouse's Name _____

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City: _____State: _____Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____Phone # _____

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Membership No. _____
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Surviving Spouses $10.00
Renew for 5 years $100.00

Mail to: Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter MOAA
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.