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NEXT MEETING

Sunday, NOV. 20, 2016

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

NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2016

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since our last newsletter, several very positive things for our chapter have happened all because of the dedicated work of many chapter members. First, our second annual JROTC Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament held on October 14th, raising over $11,000 for our scholarship fund. We had 64 golfers, short of our goal, but a significant increase from the 2015 tournament. The big money success factor was in obtaining sponsorships and donations, accomplished through a determined effort by members of the fund raising/golf tournament committee. We received many compliments from golfers for a well-organized fun event and our very extensive raffle drawing and Silent Auction offerings. Next year will be bigger and even better.

On October 21st in Washington DC at the MOAA National Annual Meeting, I was very pleased to accept our chapter's Five Star Excellence Award for 2016. It was our third consecutive year receiving Five Stars, the highest level of chapter recognition from MOAA. Thanks to all for making this happen. See this newsletter for event photos.

For the remainder of 2016 and into 2017, we need to focus on current membership retention/active chapter involvement and new membership growth. We can best do this with having great, entertaining and fun chapter meetings, being involved in the local veteran support community and enjoying our common camaraderie that comes with the unique pride we have in our military service. The very best way to attract new members is through the personal contacts we have in the communities we live in and the people we meet that are former, current, and/or retired military officers. There is a very strong message of Why MOAA? and how we, as involved members, can and are "Still Serving".

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

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.

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. **Bring your Toys for Tots gifts**

DECEMBER 11 – Chapter Christmas Party and Dinner – We are working on a special holiday menu with Red Rocks Café, have recorded holiday music during dinner followed a live vocal entertainment program featuring Ed Dement, vocalist. There is also scheduled a special seasonal Trivia Contest with, not so valuable but fun, prizes. **Bring your Toys for Tots gifts. Last Chance!**

JANUARY 15 – Bob Evans will present an eye-opening presentation of PTSD, its treatment options and provide some insight into military veteran suicides.

Toys for Tots Collection – We will have our annual Toys for Tots collection at both the November 20th and December 11th meetings. Bring in new unwrapped toys or gift (for babies through teens). Carol and Gary Aljets will deliver all to the collection points.

JROTC Scholarship Fund Raising – We will soon be mailing to all a letter request seeking donations to our JROTC Scholarship Fund. This is a separate fund drive from our golf tournament. Letters will be mailed to each chapter member, others on our mailing list, and to suggested individuals, organizations and companies. We are asking chapter members to help by sending any potential donor names to Ron Morgan at: rbmorgan943@aol.com.

Blue Star Mothers – A group of Blue Star Mothers (any mothers, or grandmothers, who has or has had a child currently serving in the Armed Forces) is getting a chapter started in Mecklenburg County. Of course, a Gold Star Mother or Grandmother can join also. If interested or if you know of someone, contact: Fostoria Pierson, PhD, Chapter President at (704) 352-0313.

PROPOSED SLATE OF CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 2017 – As reported in the October chapter meeting, the nominations committee have a proposed slate of officers to begin a new term in January 2017. They are: President – Ron Morgan, 1st Vice President – Jay Garbus, 2nd Vice President – Dale Hogue, 3rd Vice President – Dick Steeves, Secretary/Treasurer – Ron Wilsbach, Board of Directors – Scott Morris, Larry Stawicki, Harley Ellinger (Past President), Gloria Scienski (Surviving Spouse Liaison), and Carol Aljets (appointed Director at Large for Veteran Affairs/Veteran Group Liaison). Carol Morgan will serve as Editor of the Newsletter (not an active Board position) and John Samb has been reappointed as the Chapter Chaplain.

THANKS AND KUDOS TO THE 2016 JROTC SCHOLARSHIP FUND GOLF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE – The dedicated efforts and work of the committee members needs to be recognized and applauded. Many spent months contacting and then persuading sponsors to commit dollars, golfers and gifts for prizes, raffle drawings, our Silent Auction and golfer goodie bags. Then, after hours of organizing all tournament aspects, they committed themselves to volunteering at the tournament from early AM to the afternoon. It was a great and fun day, laying an excellent foundation for growth and continued success in 2017. These involved committee members were:

- Ron and Kathleen Wilsbach
- John Willis and Margaret Rogers
- Dale and Carolyn Hogue
- Fisk Outwater
- Larry Stawicki
- Dennis Harris
- Carol and Gary Aljets
- Gloria Scienski
- Charlie Allison
- Harley Ellinger
- Scott Morris
- Tim Dremman
- Tony Clark
- Chuck Martin

- Also a special kudo to Karen Wilsbach DeMay and Kay Dano (Ron and Carol Morgan friend) for tournament day support.

Sponsor Recognition – The committee got commitments from many fine business sponsors, but special recognition goes out to: $1,000 Flag Sponsorships: Morris Jenkins and Greg Ott Center for Physical Therapy, and to Scott Morris Honda for the hole-in-one car contest. Hole sponsorships at $200 or $500 for a team plus hole sponsorship included:

- Red Rocks Café (John Love, owner)
- Carolinas Freedom Foundation
- Charles Schwab, Inc.
- Custom Security, Inc.
- Harley and Martha Ellinger
- McEwen Funeral Services
- Merrill Lynch
- Piedmont Plastic Surgery & Dermatology
- Publix Super Markets, Inc.
- Dr. Robert W. Van Lanen, D.D.S.
- Fountains Matthews LLC
- Carolinas HealthCare System
- Charlotte Bridge Home
- Eastway Paint Center
- Stephen D. Falkenbury Jr. Foundation
- McKee Dental
- MIDREX
- Pike's Old Fashion Soda Shop
- Think Tank @ BrazWells (Fisk Outwater)
- Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice LLP

A special thank you to Stuart Hogue (son of Dale and Carolyn Hogue) of the Nike Corporation for the gift of a Nike golf ball four pack for each golfer's goody bag.

LEGISLATIVE –

It is critical that members follow MOAA's updates and continue to contact your representatives. The best way to be heard is to call the congressional switchboard at 202-224-3121. 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.

CHAPTER SECRETARY – RON WILSBACH

Charlotte-Metrolina MOAA Chapter Minutes for October 16, 2016

President Ron Morgan called the Oktoberfest 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 backed Dan and Neta Caldwell. Ron advised the Chapter that German Beer and Wine were available in the back of the room.

Ron Morgan requested the Secretary/Treasurer report on the Chapter's financial position following Friday's JROTC Golf Tournament. Ron Wilsbach reported that the General Fund has a balance of $2,516.35. After the golf tournament last Friday, the Scholarship Fund has a balance of $19,785.66. The preliminary net for the golf tournament is $11,010.30.

Ron Morgan requested that Past President Harley Ellinger report the activities of the 2017 Officer Nominating Committee. Harley report that the Nominating Committee was comprised of himself, Scott Morris, Gloria Scienski and Larry Stawicki. The committee worked throughout September and have produced that following slate of officers to serve the Chapter during 2017. Officers are: President, Ron Morgan; 1st VP Jay Garbus; 2nd VP Dale Hogue; 3rd VP Dick Steeves; Secretary/Treasurer Ron Wilsbach; Director Scott Morris (Chair of Scholarship Committee); Director Larry Stawicki (JROTC Awards Program); Director Gloria Scienski,(Surviving Spouse Liaison). Ron Morgan asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. Being none, Ron asked for a vote supporting the nominating committee's slate and the vote was unanimous. Ron also announced that he was appointing Carol Aljets as a Director-at-Large for Veteran's Affairs and Liaison.

Ron Morgan reviewed the existing programs for the remainder of 2016. The November 20th program speaker will be Chapter member John Willis who will talk about the CERT and SMAT programs. December 11th will be the annual Christmas Program and Toys For Tots collection program. In 2017 our January 15th program will address PDST and veteran suicide programs. The remainder of the spring meeting dates are February 19th, March 19th April 23rd and May 21st. There are no meetings during the summer months.

Ron announced that on Monday, November 7th the Carolina's Freedom Foundations annual breakfast will take place at the Sheraton Hotel in Uptown. Please see Ron for a seat if you would like to attend ($81.25, tax deductible).

Ron Morgan thanked Chapter member Bill McKenna for volunteering to be the Guest Speaker at Providence High School JROTC Annual Navy Ball Formal.

The 50/50 raffle of $26.00 was won by guest Jim Geisler, son of Frances and Bill Geisler.

Ron Morgan introduced Harley Ellinger who provided pertinent remarks about the historical events that led to the celebration Oktoberfest. Harley also told us of beer brewing recipes (, barley, hops, malt and water) , preservation techniques and the health benefits of drinking beer.

Following a delightful dinner of Weiner Schnitzel or roast chicken, beer and wine, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Wilsbach, Secretary/Treasurer.

MOAA National Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, October 24-25, 2016

North Carolina Chapters present who received Four and Five Star Excellence Awards

Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter Five Star Excellence Award accepted by President Ron Morgan

Announcements and Dates of Military and Veterans Activities.

As notified, we will be sending upcoming area military/veteran events to all on the chapter mailing list in separate emails. During the week before and after Veteran's Day there are many events. However, the deadline for registration has passed at the time of this publication.

November 11 -12 – **MOAA NC Council of Chapters** quarterly meeting in Hickory. NC
November 20 – Chapter Meeting – John Willis, speaker, discussing CERT & Fire Corps & SMAT
TOYS FOR TOTS Collection
December 11 – Chapter Meeting & Christmas Party -- TOYS FOR TOTS Collection
January 15, 2017 – Chapter Meeting & New Officer Installation
February 19, 2017 – Chapter Meeting
March 19, 2017 – Chapter Meeting
April 23, 2017—Chapter Meeting
May 21, 2017 – Chapter Meeting

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