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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a fantastic summer and are looking forward to another great year of meaningful chapter projects and meetings.

JROTC golf tournament and Scholarship fundraising. - We need all chapter members to **take action in obtaining sponsors and donors** in order to continue with our highly successful scholarship program. Bottom line: no chapter support, no scholarships. We need you!

The meeting on September the 15th will have a very interesting speaker from the Veterans Bridge Home that you will enjoy. You can read about him in the program section. 1st VP Joe Anderson is working hard to have interesting speakers for us throughout the 2019-2020 meeting year.

1st VP Joe Anderson is also the head of our chapter officer nomination committee. Elections for all officers of the Chapter will be in November for taking office in January 2020. We also need someone to serve as the Surviving Spouse liaison. We thank Gloria Scienski for her past dedicated service in this position and as an active member of the Board. If interested in serving as a Chapter officer or on the Board, talk to Joe or any current officer.

We call your attention to the revised Chapter Bylaws. We will vote on these small revisions at this next meeting.

Submit your reservation for the annual Oktoberfest on October 27th.

Jay E. Garbus, CW4, USA (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

NEXT MEETING

Sunday, SEP 15th, 2019

Red Rocks Cafe
4223 Providence Rd

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

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families, and serve the community, the active military forces (past, present, and future), and our nation.

PROGRAMS - 15 Sep – **Blake Bourne, Executive Director, Veterans Bridge Home** - Veterans Bridge Home (VBH) helps Veterans and their families successfully transition after military service through identifying their education, social, employment and healthcare needs by connecting them to available community, state and federal resources. He will talk about VBH history, mission, activities, successes and challenges. Our chapter has an active partnership with VBH in our mentorship program. We want the entire chapter to know about and support the work of VBH27

27 Oct – Octoberfest (Advance reservations required with menu choice – See attachment in this newsletter)

17 Nov – Pat Biddy, WWII MIA historian and researcher - Bring Toys for Tots donations

8 Dec – Holiday Party – A fun "White Elephant" gift exchange – Bring Toys for Tots donations

LEGISLATION – DICK STEEVES

Federal - HR 333 A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated less than 50 percent to receive concurrent payment of both retired pay and veterans' disability compensation, to extend eligibility for concurrent receipt to chapter 61 disability retirees with less than 20 years of service, and for other purposes.

Federal - HR 553 A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan for military surviving spouses to offset the receipt of veteran's dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes. End "Widows Tax"

MOAA/VETERANS BRIDGE HOME VETERANS (VBH) MENTORSHIP PROGRAM - A follow-on Community Outreach grant of \$ 5,000 from the MOAA Foundation for 2019 – 2020 has been awarded for program continuation. We are still looking for chapter members that will commit to be an active mentor, however finding mentees willing to commit to the program remains a challenge that VBH is working hard to resolve. If interested, contact at rbmorgan943@aol.com

VETERAN HIRING EVENT – SEPTEMBER 11 AT SPECTRUM CENTER – **Need Chapter Volunteers** - It is a great way to spend 9/11 in assisting Veterans Bridge Home, NC4ME and Hiring Our Heroes (U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation) and veterans seeking new career opportunities. It also provides us with a chance to meet these veterans and "recruit" some of them as mentees for the MOAA/VBH Mentorship program. There will be over 60 employers

Parking and lunch will be provided without cost. More info will be provided as soon as possible

We can use volunteers from 8:30 AM all the way through the 5:00 PM reception to be held at the Springhill Suites across the street from the Spectrum Center (home of the Hornets)

We need to pre-register volunteer names so let us know when you can be there. Let us know by email or by phone - Ron Morgan (704) 941-7834 or to rbmorgan943@aol.com

JROTC SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING - Need Chapter Member Support for JROTC Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament for October 4th – Obtaining Hole Sponsorships, Signing Up Golfers, Raffle Prize Donations, and Golfer Gift Bags

This is an appeal for your support in obtaining sponsors (hole sponsors), golfers and prize donations for our 2019 JROTC Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament to be held on Friday, October 4th at Olde Sycamore Golf Plantation, Matthews/Mint Hill. This is our fifth annual tournament and we have been able to fund over \$ 25,000 these past four years in higher education scholarships for deserving area cadets. Our financial success this year from the tournament is critical in being able to continue providing these scholarships to be awarded in the Spring of 2020 and beyond.

The chapter needs your support and action to identify sponsors at all levels and then get area businesses to donate prizes.

For those active chapter members that have not been that involved, please do so this year. Carry around the tournament flyer (see newsletter attachment) and other support material (photo of our 2019 scholarship awardees) and "hit up" your dentist, your home service companies, your favorite restaurants, your current and former employer, etc. etc. We can send you support material as needed.

Tee/Hole sponsorships (\$ 100 individual and \$ 200 company/business) are great as they are 100% profit to the scholarship fund.

Let Ron Morgan and Ron Wilsbach know what commitments you have so far and also who you are still working on:
At: rbmorgan943@aol.com and/or rwilsbach@carolina.rr.com

GOLF TOURNAMENT DAY ON OCTOBER 4TH VOLUNTEERS – We need chapter member/spouses volunteers, starting at 7:15 AM to serve as workers on tournament day for registration/breakfast set up, registration, running the putting contest, award and prize set up, etc. A BBQ lunch around 2:00 will be provided. Call Ron Morgan at (704) 941-7834 if you can commit to helping that day. Come early, leave as needed and return for the BBQ and awards ceremony.

NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS 4TH QUARTERLY MEETING and STATE CONVENTION - November 17-19, 2019 - Cherry Point, NC

This NC State Council of Chapters State Convention is open to all local chapter and national members. It is designed to be a fun Friday and Saturday with minimal business meetings. MCAS Cherry Point is near the NC coast and close to Morehead City and other Gold Coast attractions. Make it a long and fun weekend.

* Due to problems with the status of the hotel previously planned for the statewide convention and repairs that are underway to make the facility presentable, a different date and location were researched by the North Carolina Council of Chapters.

* A first cut on information about the event is provided below...

* Questions? [Contact NCCOC President David Lee](#).

Millers Landing on MCAS, Cherry Point is relatively new, well designed and appointed and on the waterfront of the Neuse River.

Highlights of our decisions:

For our socials, we will be next to the bar and will have pay as you go both evenings. We have two sections of the meeting space, with a third available if needed. No other function will be scheduled there.

Friday evening, weather permitting we will have an informal buffet with a casual theme and menu on the patio with inside space reserved concurrently.

Saturday menu will be a choice of combination entrees; chicken and salmon and steak and shrimp. Other special dietary needs will be accommodated.

A list of participants without a military IDs must be submitted 30 days in advance for access to the base. They will do background checks.

Base tours may be available for our group, through the PAO. MCAS is getting the F-35 to replace the Prowlers and Harriers. Significant money is being spent to upgrade the infrastructure to accommodate the change.

Millers Landing is next to the base golf course. They have a tournament scheduled for that Saturday through 1300, but Friday tee times are available.

In some prior discussions with the Cherry Point Inn manager, it was felt that we could be allowed to reserve rooms 60 or 90 days in advance rather than the 30-day normal requirement. In talks with the lead person at the Inn, there are about 35 rooms available but if we need more, there is another lodging facility on the base that we can investigate. Breakfast is included and is like most Hampton Inn style hotels. Waffles and some hot dishes, with traditional pastry breads, cereal, etc. They have a nice meeting room we can use for Saturday morning.

MOAA NEWS

MOAA is the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers. We are a powerful force speaking for a strong national defense and representing the interests of military officers and their families at every stage of their careers. To reach our Member Service Center, please call 1-800-234-6622 or email us at msc@moaa.org.

MOAA ACTION

Do Not Dismantle Military Medicine - The readiness and effectiveness of America's armed forces demand a full complement of well-trained medical professionals. But the Defense Department's fiscal 2020 budget would eliminate roughly 20 percent of military medical positions, along with other reorganization measures. This shortsighted "reform" effort could have drastic, even deadly, consequences—on the battlefield and throughout American health care.

Ensure Safe Housing for Military Families - When military families face health threats in their homes, it can be harder for servicemembers to focus on their mission. Congress is considering legislation to address health threats in base housing—by remediating environmental hazards, establishing strong tenants' rights procedures, and restoring proper oversight of construction and maintenance contractors.

Let's Put an End to the Widows Tax - The House version of the annual defense bill contains a provision to end what's commonly referred to as the widow's tax.

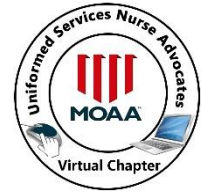
Act Now to Help Veteran Caregivers - The Transparency and Effective Accountability Measures (TEAM) for Veteran Caregivers Act improves the veterans caregiver program by ensuring all caregivers are included in the veterans' medical records, establishing a minimum standard of information in downgrade notification letters, and extending benefits for at least 90 days after a termination letter is sent for cases where a veteran is deemed "no longer clinically eligible" for the program.

SURVIVING SPOUSE

The group plans to hold hour-long virtual meetings every quarter. Go to MOAA and search for the Surviving Spouse Chapter then sign up.



MOAA UNIFORMED SERVICES NURSE ADVOCATES VIRTUAL CHAPTER – MUSNAVC plans include: 2020 MOAA Virtual Chapters and Healthcare Team 5-night cruise to Bermuda. Very soon, we'll have all the details on the MOAA Vacations website. We have been approved to send 1-2 MUSNAVC members to attend each regional leadership program. This is a great opportunity for sure. We ask that you continue to participate in our recruiting efforts and know that we're still looking for support with Facebook and a variety of other projects to keep us moving in positive directions.



ON GOING EVENTS

1. Mecklenburg Veterans Council – 1st Tuesday every month at 11:30 am. Valerie C. Woodard Center, 3205 Freedom Drive, Ste. 2000 (Community Support Services), Bldg. D, Charlotte, NC. The meeting room is the Queen City Conference Room, 2029
2. Veteran Network breakfasts on the first Thursday of every month, starting at 0730 at Another Broken Egg in Ballantyne. Total cost is \$ 13.
3. Veteran Network Uptown Lunches on the second Wednesday of every month starting at 11:45 at the Covenant Presbyterian Church Community Room. Total cost is \$ 10.00. Pre-register at Veterans Bridge Home website and lunch is only \$ 5.00. This lunch has great speakers.

AMAZON SMILE CHAPTER DONATIONS - **Ronald Wilsbach**, Thank you for registering Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter of the MOAA at org.amazon.com and welcome to AmazonSmile, where Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible smile.amazon.com purchases to the charities selected by customers. Spread the word to your supporters so they can generate donations for your organization when they shop. When customers sign up for AmazonSmile, they're asked to select one of over a million charities to support. When customers click on your unique link, they skip this charity selection process. Instead, they're taken to smile.amazon.com and are automatically asked if they want to support Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter of the MOAA.

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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 4, 2019
Olde Sycamore Golf Plantation - Mint Hill, NC

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



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 4, 2019 **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 \$100 4 Person Team \$400

SPONSORSHIPS

TEE/GREEN SPONSORSHIP

Individual \$100 Company Signage \$200 4 Person Team + Signage \$500

PRIME COMPANY SPONSORSHIPS

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.

A representative of each sponsor company will be invited to and recognized at the JROTC scholarship awards dinner/ceremony in May 2020.

Platinum Sponsor \$2,000

- (3) Foursomes
- Title Sponsor Banner
- MOAA Challenge Coin to each golfer
- Opportunity to speak at Awards Dinner

Gold Sponsor \$1,500

- (2) Foursomes
- Title Sponsor Banner
- MOAA Challenge Coin to each golfer

Silver Sponsor \$1,000

- (1) Foursome
- Title Sponsor Banner
- MOAA Challenge Coin to each golfer

Registration Form - JROTC Scholarship Fund BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT 2019

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

PARTICIPATION: ☐ Individual Player \$100 ☐ 4 Person Team \$400

SPONSORSHIPS: ☐ Individual \$100 ☐ Company Tee/Green \$200 ☐ 4 Person Team Tee/Green \$500
☐ Prime Company 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 September 13, 2019 (and payment if by check) to:
Ron Wilsbach – MOAA Scholarship Golf Tournament, 10944 Casetta Drive, Matthews, NC 28105-5918



Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter Military Officers Association of America

21st Annual Oktoberfest

Red Rocks Café, 4223 Providence Road

Sunday, October 27, 2019

3:00 Social Time (German Beers and Wines available w/small donation) **3:30** Business Meeting
4:00 Dinner with German Music/Video and Beverages

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

German Beers and Wines (donations accepted)

\$17.00/ person cash/check prepaid (if reservation made, can pay on site, but will be billed if no show)

RSVP NLT October 24, 2019 with your choice of entrée, number of guests and cash or check made out to: Charlotte-Metrolina MOAA. Send to: **Mrs. Carol Morgan, 9440 Duckhorn Drive, Charlotte, NC 28277 (704) 708-8866 or morgancc43@aol.com**

NAME(s) _____ **# of Schnitzel Meals** _____
 _____ **# of Chicken Meals** _____
 _____ **Total Meals X \$17.00 \$** _____



NC-04 CHARLOTTE-METROLINA CHAPTER MOAA

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Charlotte, NC 28231-1394

JROTC Scholarship Fund 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.