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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am very pleased to report that the Chapter's 2019 JROTC Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament this last Friday raised \$ 10,419.17 that will be added to the fund so that we can continue to award multiple scholarships for cadets from the 39 high school JROTC programs in the Charlotte-Metrolina area. Great job to the organizers and chapter volunteers. Our next tournament is on October 2, 2020.

We are looking for more volunteer support from the chapter to get financial/gift commitments from sponsors (businesses and individuals) and help with all the leg work. When asked, say yes to helping in some way.

The meeting on October 27th will be our Oktoberfest which is sponsored and coordinated by Huberta Barrett and her son. The food, German music, video and beer/wine is great. Submit your reservation prior to October 24. See form in this newsletter.

1st VP Joe Anderson is the head of our chapter officer/board nomination committee. Elections for all officers of the Chapter in 2020 will be that the November 17th for taking office in January 2020. If interested in serving as a Chapter officer or on the Board, talk to Joe or any current officer.

Mary Cuthbertson has graciously taken the position as the Surviving Spouse Liaison for our chapter.

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

NEXT MEETING

Sunday, OCT 27TH, 2019

Red Rocks Cafe

4223 Providence Rd

Social Time **1500**

Meeting with Meal **1530**

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MOAA "Take Action" <http://www.moaa.org/takeAction/>

Membership Open to active duty, former, retired, and National Guard and Reserve commissioned and warrant officers of the uniformed services or their surviving spouses.

PROGRAMS

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

17 Nov – Pat Bidy, WWII MIA historian and researcher will discuss his WWII MIA project and work. This is an update from his presentation from a couple of years ago. This past year, Pat was recognized as "Unsung Hero" by a Charlotte TV station. – You can start to bring Toys for Tots donations (Toys/gifts should be unwrapped)

8 Dec – Holiday Party – A fun "White Elephant" gift exchange will occur. \$ 10.00 maximum cost. It can be a "nice" or gag gift (Wrapped please – Bring Toys for Tots donations (unwrapped)

19 January 2020 – Installation of officers and board.

16 Feb – open

15 Mar – open

19 Apr – MOAA National Officer talk

10 May – JROTC Scholarship awards program

LEGISLATION – DICK STEEVES**SENATE VOTES 94-0 TO RECOMMEND REPEAL OF WIDOWS TAX IN FINAL NDAA**

Sep 25, 2019, in a 94-0 vote on Wednesday, senators advised lawmakers to include language in the final version of the National Defense Authorization Act that would repeal the widow's tax. Sen. Doug Jones told Senators the time is now to repeal this penalty for widows, known as the Survivor Benefit Plan- Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (SBP-DIC) offset.

Jones pushed for Wednesday's vote, which was a "motion to instruct." While nonbinding it does serve as a strong recommendation to the conferees (the members of the House and Senate tasked with finalizing the NDAA). The conferees will now meet to hash out this and many other differences between the House and Senate versions of the NDAA. The House version includes the language that would repeal the SBP-DIC offset.

MOAA/VETERANS BRIDGE HOME VETERANS (VBH) MENTORSHIP PROGRAM - A follow-on Community Outreach grant of \$ 5,000 from the MOAA Foundation for 2019 – 2020 for the chapter is being used for the mentorship program continuation. 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

GOLF TOURNAMENT VOLUNTEERS ON TOURNAMENT DAY - Thanks to the chapter volunteers that assisted with registration, breakfast and the day's tournament events. That included: Ron and Carol Morgan, Jay and Robin Garbus, Ron Wilsbach (Thanks to Kathleen Wilsbach for her raffle gift baskets), Joe and Angie Anderson, Charlie Allison, Fisk Outwater, Harley Ellinger, Scott Morris, Dennis Harris, Tony Castle, Tim Dremann, Mary Cuthbertson & friend and also Tyron Eason, chapter member and Senior JROTC Instructor at Rocky River High School for the Color Guard. We need the same level of support of chapter member/spouses volunteers next year on October 2, 2020.

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.

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

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

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.

MOAA has a message for Congress: All military families deserve safe housing. You can join other concerned servicemembers in delivering this message, loud and clear.

DO NOT CAP PAY OR CUT BENEFITS

Military pay and benefits matter. But apparently not to the Congressional Budget Office. On its list of budget options for lawmakers to consider are capping your pay raises and cutting back your BAH. Military families depend on BAH, and it's only right that military pay keep pace with civilian salaries.

MOAA has a message for Congress: Do not cap military pay raises or cut benefits. You can join other concerned servicemembers in delivering this message, loud and clear.

DO NOT RAISE TRICARE FEES

Think your health care already costs enough? So do we. But jacking up your TRICARE fees and out-of-pocket costs is on the list of budget options for lawmakers to consider. That would ignore the price military retirees and their families have paid up front with their service and sacrifice.

MOAA has a message for Congress: Do not raise TRICARE fees. You can join other concerned servicemembers in delivering this message, loud and clear.

SURVIVING SPOUSE

Mary Cuthbertson, Surviving Spouse of Colonel Cuthbertson, has graciously taken the position as the Surviving Spouse Liaison for our chapter.

This position is also a Board member.

The national Surviving Spouse 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.



WE NOW TAKE CREDIT CARDS – Ron Wilsbach now takes credit cards at the meeting for dues and programs.

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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2019 Golf Tournament pictures





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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 \$ _____



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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 # _____

I would like to receive my newsletter by: _____ US Mail _____ E-mail

National MOAA Member? Yes _____ No _____ Are you a life member? _____

Membership No. _____

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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.