



**Grand Strand Chapter**  
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**To All: Members, Family, Friends, and Associates of the  
South Carolina Council of MOAA Chapters (SC MOAA)**

**Subject: Invitation to the 2023 SC MOAA State Conference and  
Pre-Conference Reception and Tour of Brookgreen Gardens**

Greetings from the Grand Strand Chapter of MOAA and City of Myrtle Beach, SC. Our Chapter is hosting this year's 2023 South Carolina Council of MOAA Chapters State Conference. In addition, as host chapter, we are offering a Pre-Conference Reception and Tour of historic Brookgreen Gardens in nearby Murrells Inlet, SC.

The theme of this year's conference is "Chapter Best Practices" covering a wide range of topics such as Veteran Outreach, JROTC/ROTC support, Fundraising, Recruiting and Retention, Legislative Updates and Chapter Structure and Operations. This year's SC Conference will take place from 9AM-4PM on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at the world renowned Pine Lakes Country Club, the first and oldest golf course along the Grand Strand, designed in 1927 by St. Andrews, Scotland native, Robert White, first President of PGA of America and birthplace of "*Sports Illustrated*".

A Pre-Conference Reception and Tour will take place from 2-6PM on Friday, October 27, 2023 at Brookgreen Gardens in Murrells Inlet, SC. This event will include a guided walking tour of the grandeur, history, horticulture, architecture and art of the Gardens by historian and master gardener, Jim Albert, along with Grand Strand MOAA spouse, Judy Youngman. There will be light refreshments, cash bar and leisurely pontoon boat rides along the Brookgreen Creek to view 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> century rice fields.

For out-of-town guests, we have blocked several rooms at the beachfront Ocean Reef Resort in Myrtle Beach. Contact the resort at (855) 571-0904 and reference "Military Officers Association Conference" when you make your reservations. For additional information, go to [www.grandstrandmoaa.org](http://www.grandstrandmoaa.org), check out the Conference Flyer and Registration form, or contact our Conference Chairman, LtCol Jim Albert, USAF (ret) at [james.r.albert@att.net](mailto:james.r.albert@att.net) or text/cell: 203-509-8555. I look forward to seeing y'all at this year's SC Council of Chapters State Conference and Pre-Conference Reception/Tour!!

Sincerely,

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President