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## Grand Strand Chapter

## Military Officers Association of America



### CHAPTER MISSION/PURPOSE

**To foster communications and mutual support among retired, active, reserve, National Guard, Public Health service, NOAA, and former officers of the uniformed services. Assist community organizations that support service member, patriotic and veteran organizations and their families; provide scholarship opportunities for area high school senior JROTC cadets; conduct fundraising events to support other service members and veterans' programs; conduct annual awards banquet and awards ceremony honoring local area's leading JROTC/ROTC cadets, senior JROTC Scholarship Recipients, and their guests; maintain a proactive chapter affairs program that supports members; promote the aims and objectives of The Military Officers Association of America; and the aims and objectives of the South Carolina Council of Chapters.**

### President's Message

I assume this weighty new responsibility with a deep sense of humility and a hope that I can lead and administer the Chapter as well as all my predecessors have before me. I thank you all for the vote of trust you have placed in me with the realization that I have huge shoes to fill. I particularly want to thank President Tony Prince for the smooth transition and his invaluable advice as we embark on this new year.



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The Grand Strand Chapter of MOAA is, granted, a social organization but has at its core the overwhelming responsibility of providing needed assistance to our local veterans and awarding college scholarships to worthy JROTC students. We all need to keep these responsibilities in mind as we proceed into 2024. The Chapter has a dedicated coterie of officers who make up our Governing Board and have volunteered to Chair our various Committees. However, golf tournaments, community outreach, meeting programs and scholarship awards cannot be piloted by one person alone. The Chapter, which is leading the way in South Carolina, needs each member to participate in the manner it best suits them.

Organizations like ours, which have very successfully survived the Covid crisis years, may tend to get complacent and leave the day-to-day work up to just a chosen few. I hope to make certain that our Chapter reaches out to find new members, new sources of revenue, new methods to assist the community and a renewed sense of participation and enthusiasm. I am directly asking each member to join your new Board of Directors and myself in successfully achieving our renewed sense of vitality.

If you happen to be reading this as a non-member and you are a former or retired military officer, I would love to have you join the premier Chapter of MOAA in South Carolina. Please reach out to me or any other member and we will assure you that your joining is a smooth, satisfying and even enjoyable experience.



John Bradley, CDR, USN (Ret.)

President

**Never Stop Serving!**



**Thank you, Tony, for a job well done! BZ!**

# Change of Command



**The induction of our newly elected officers by outgoing President Tony Prince**

## MEET OUR NEW LEADERSHIP



**PRESIDENT: JOHN BRADLEY, CDR, USN (Ret.)**

Born in New York City, raised in Wilmington, DE. Graduated from Notre Dame in 1968 on a NROTC scholarship. Served first aboard the USS PUTNAM (DD-757) out of Norfolk, VA. John experienced a number of Mediterranean cruises. Served as plank owner on the USS RATHBURN (FF-1057), and was homeported in Pearl Harbor. Served in Vietnam May 71-72 in Uncover SpecOpps and was awarded the Bronze Star with Combat V. After a



tour with the Defense Contracts and Administrative Division, John was the Chief Engineer on USS GOLDSBORO (DDG-20). Next a tour with the Recruiting Command where he selected candidates for OCS. Next was assigned as CO of Third Regiment, Gunnery School in Great Lakes. His final sea tour was

as XO on USS GARCIA (FF-1040) in Charleston. After graduating from the Army War College, he was ordered as CO of the Jubail Navy Detachment and advisor to the Commander in Chief of the Royal Navy Persian Gulf Fleet. Next John found himself as the CO/XO of the Navy Sea Logistics Center in Mechanicsburg, PA where he eventually retired after 23 years of service. His first civilian job was as the Manager of Hampton Township, PA (which is home to the Mechanicsburg Navy Base) and served for 14 years. In 2005, he ran for and was elected as Township Commissioner for 2 years, finally leaving Pennsylvania for retirement in Tampa, Florida. He worked there as a part time city planner and public speaker. In 2015, wife Gay and John settled in Myrtle Beach and became active in our MOAA Chapter.



**1st VICE PRESIDENT:      CARRADEAN BROWN, CAPT, USN (Ret.)**

Dean Brown grew up in Buffalo, NY receiving his commission via the NROTC program upon graduation from the University of South Carolina in DEC 1972. He served on active duty as a Surface Warfare Officer until 2003. His initial ship tour were aboard USS BELKNAP (DLG/CG 26) until her decommissioning after her tragic collision with the carrier USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CVN 79) in late 1975. Next he was on USS ASSURANCE (AG 521), a minesweeper doing passive tracking of Soviet submarines, as both Operations Officer and XO. Department Head tours were served as Weapons Officer on USS PAUL (FF 1080) and Operations Officer on USS KING (DDG 41). He was the XO on the new construction USS THOMAS S. GATES (CG 51) for three years. He served on the Commander, US Seventh Fleet Staff onboard USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC 19) which was homeported in Yokosuka, Japan serving during the Desert Shield and Desert Storm operations. He commanded USS CARR (FFG 52) for two years involving Middle East and Counter Drug deployments. Dean's shore tours were as instructor with the Rice University NROTC Unit, ship scheduler on Commander, Naval Surface Force Atlantic Staff, Dean of the Armed Forces Staff College Senior Course, Current Operations Officer on HQ European Command in Stuttgart, Germany and finished active duty as Instructor/Executive Asst for the Strategy & Policy Department at the Naval War College. In retirement Dean served as Senior Naval Science Instructor at Georgetown HS NJROTC Unit from 2003 - 2013. Currently he is very involved in Georgetown Presbyterian Church activities, MOAA, and other Veterans Organizations. He is married (51 years) to his wonderful wife, the former Robin Perrin from Union, SC. They have two grown sons.





**2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESENT: ALFRED “TRUMAN” PARMELE, COL, USAF (Ret.)**

Truman received his college education from the University of North Carolina in 1966 with a BSBA degree, and received his MBA from St. Mary’s University San Antonio, Texas while majoring in Finance in 1772. He served on active duty in the US Air Force from 1967 to 1979 with assignments at Lackland Air Force Base; Cameron Bay, Republic of Vietnam; Bowling Air Force Base; Andrews Air Force Base and the Pentagon. He served mainly as an Administration Officer and Personnel officer. He left active duty as an O-3. He served in the Air Force Reserve from 1980 to 1997 and had a variety of assignments; Defense Intelligence Bolling Air Force Base, National War College modeling in simulation center, and as a Military Intelligence Officer in the Defense Intelligence Agency. He retired as a Colonel. While a civilian from 1979 to 1987, he worked at General Electric, Hadron and Sycon. From 1987 to 1997, Truman worked for the Defense Intelligence Agency (GS-15). The following eight years he was a Division Chief in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (GS-15) leaving in 2005. His awards include Military medals Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal and the Air force Commendation Medal. Working in Civil Service, he received two Defense Civilian Service Medals.



**TREASURER: GALE FELLOWES, LCDR, MC, USN (fmr)**

Gale was born in Jacksonville, FL into a Navy family. Her father was a Naval Academy graduate and a fighter pilot who retired as a Rear Admiral. She graduated from the University of California San Diego and attended medical school at Georgetown University on a Navy Medical Scholarship. She completed her internship and residency at Bethesda Naval Hospital. From 1985-1987, she served as the Medical Officer Department Head on

the USS Yellowstone (AD-41) where she was the only physician for a crew of 1600 men and women. As the ship was a destroyer tender, it served as a mobile shipyard deployed to various Mediterranean locations to provide maintenance, medical and dental services to deployed Navy ships. So, in addition to the shipboard personnel, Gale treated the crews of many Naval vessels that did not have a physician. After completing her Internal Medicine residency, she was sent to Portsmouth, VA Naval Hospital. This this was the same month that Saddam Hussein decided to invade Kuwait. She reported into Portsmouth, and within 48 hours she was part of the initial military deployment of troops to Saudi Arabia



where she served in the ICU at Fleet Hospital 5 in Jubail, Saudi Arabia (was located next to England's Desert Rats). Gale left the Navy in 1993 and moved with her husband to Charlotte, NC. Since then Gale has been a Director of two primary care medical clinics, and a Chief Medical Director at hospitals in Rome, NY and Chattanooga, TN. She currently works from home as a Physician Advisor for Optum, a subsidiary of Unitedhealth Group.



**SECRETARY:     **JOSEPH SCHRODER, LTC, USAR (Ret.)****

Joe retired after serving in the US Army Reserves for 33 years. He served in Artillery and the Quartermaster Corps. He was assigned to Germany for 19 months, but also had short tours in Iceland and Canada. As a contractor, he served in Kabul, Afghanistan as an advisor to the Commanding General, Afghan Army Logistics Command. Also was a police officer and an EMT with the Nassau County, NY Police Department. He was Past President of the Reserve Officers Association, Nassau County Chapter 26, and New York State President. Additionally, Joe served as AUSA Chapter President NYC and OCCLI (Military Officers Club of Long Island), and President of MOAA there.



## **Chapter Golf Tournament**

At **Blackmoor Golf Course** in Murrells Inlet on **Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**! Shotgun start at 0830. Flyers are in Production. Our golf Director, Jim Albert is looking for volunteers to be on the Golf Committee. Jim can be contacted at (203) 509-8555. This is our major Chapter Fundraiser. Please be generous with your time for this worthwhile event.



## WHAT IS MOAA?

MOAA is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association of officers from America's uniformed military services and the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service and National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration. We are active duty, retired, former, and National Guard and Reserve officers, and surviving spouses, supporting all ranks and branches who serve or have served, as well as family members. MOAA advocates with Congress, DoD, the VA, and other departments to preserve and protect commitments made on behalf of a grateful nation to those who have served and those who continue to serve our country, fulfilling MOAA's promise to "Never Stop Serving."



## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Our annual Christmas Party was held at the Pine Lakes Golf Club on December 7 with 65 revellers attending. We were entertained by the Low Country Chorus who presented us with a selection of familiar popular and sacred songs that kicked off the holiday season.



Chapter members brought many toys to donate to the Marine Reserve Toys for Tots campaign so needy children would have something under the Christmas Tree.





## **Member** in the ***SPOTLIGHT***

### **COL Hans Duerr, USA (RET)**



Hans was born in Transylvania, Romania in 1944. To avoid the invading Russian army, he and his family fled to Austria. Here Hans grew up under the American occupation while living in a refugee camp for several years. Unable to return to their homeland, the family decided to immigrate to the United States in 1956, settling in Columbus, Ohio. Hans completed high school and graduated from Ohio State University with a BS degree (cum laude) in Education. Concurrently he earned a regular commission through the Army

ROTC Program, which eventually led to a thirty-year career.

His first assignment as an Armored Cavalry Officer was patrolling the East-West German border along the Iron Curtain. While in Germany, Hans met his future wife Barbara, to whom he has been married for 57 years. They have a daughter and son, who between them, have presented Omi and Opa with eight grandchildren.

During his rewarding career, Hans saw action in Vietnam during the TET offensive; taught at the Military Academy at West Point, and served in the office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Pentagon. A tour as Liaison Officer to the German Army HQ in Bonn, Germany earned him the Cross of Honor, the highest German decoration awarded.



Unlike most people who move to Myrtle Beach to retire, Barbara and Hans had never been here before deciding to pull up stakes in Northern Virginia eighteen years ago. But their first and only visit in 2004 convinced them that the Grande Dunes was the place they wanted to be. In describing the decision, Hans loosely paraphrases Julius Caesar by saying: “We came, we saw, we conquered!” The result is their beautiful home in Siena Park.

Hans has been on the HOA Board of his community for 13 years, and in the spirit of “continue to serve,” joined MOAA Grand Strand Chapter in its resurgent year. He was instrumental in establishing the Chapter’s Scholarship Program, which he spearheaded for 14 years. Both he and Barbara have been active supporters of various programs of the Chapter and have enjoyed the camaraderie of fellow MOAA friends over the years.



Happy New Year  
2024



## **VETERANS OUTREACH UPDATE**

**By Truman Parmele**



In 2023 Grand Strand Chapter Military Officers Association of America (GS MOAA) successfully held three Veteran Stand Downs serving 314 area Veterans with winter equipment. Each Veteran received the following equipment: backpack, winter thermal underwear, boots, wool watch caps, blankets, thermal fleece jackets, personal grooming items, toothpaste and brushes, food, and food lion food cards. Additionally, GSMOAA

volunteers obtained needed veteran services requested from each veteran and these include: dental requests 123, veteran claims assistance 86, veteran medical services 47, veteran legal requests 16, veteran education and training 21, veteran employment assistance 18, veteran housing assistance 23, bus vouchers 26, and food requests 11. Veteran Outreach personnel are preparing lists of each of these to be provided to the VA and other VSOs to assist in getting appointments with the appropriate organizations for these veterans. Since 2019, GSMOAA has assisted and or conducted 19 Veteran Stand Downs, including two centralized and 17 mobile remote Stand Downs throughout NE South Carolina. These Stand Downs have served 1350 veterans with over \$250K of government surplus items, \$25,000 in other private and commercial



contributions, over 3500 meals and \$14k of meal cards. Additionally, GSMOAA Mobile Stand Downs were the only ones held during the COVID 19 Pandemic.



**“Brewing Coffee the Easy Way”** By Chaplain Bernie Calaway

If you yelled loudly at your spouse or dimwit boss for 8 years, 7 months, and 6 days, you would have produced enough sound energy to heat one cup of coffee. Here is an instance when the effort required is too great to produce something totally insignificant. My life seems to follow the same pattern, sometimes. Can I face the scorchers of a hot summer in Myrtle Beach of poor decisions and come out next

December with any worthy or satisfying accomplishments? Personal confidence can be elusive. It's an even harder challenge when we live in an environment of pointless and endless noise, confusing opinions, dangerous actions, and political disarray. Fortunately, our Lord is not so restricted. Nothing is hindered whether God is acting in the world or functioning in me. Certainly the God Who creates galaxies from nothing, names all the stars and spells them right, builds up and breaks down nations, confounds the arrogant and blesses the faithful, and changes night to light might choose to do a simple yet profound work in me. Or my spouse who is always right. Or even in my nitwit boss. Why should I fear? If the Father can create my world, and me in it, or mend a broken society to a holy purpose, surely He can do a greater work in a willing servant. And MOAA folks are all, by definition, willing workers.

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## **TREASURER'S REPORT**



Hello all and Happy New Year!

We ended FY23 on the last day of September with a cash balance of \$47,396. This was up slightly from the prior fiscal year which we ended with about \$45,000. As we have for several years, we maintained a “rainy day” reserve of \$15,112 with the remaining amount of \$32,284 available for our upcoming operational needs.

Overall, it was a very good year for our MOAA chapter with a robust net of almost \$22,000 from our golf tournament, roughly \$1200 from membership renewals, \$1600 for scholarship donations (via our 50/50 at dinner meetings) and about \$2500 from dinner receipts. We were also blessed with a donation of \$2155 from the Coastal Vino Charity Golf Tournament and grants of \$1500 from national MOAA, \$1320 from Webb Cares and \$3000 from Providing Hope VA.

We applied this money to numerous worthy causes including JROTC scholarship awards, our Coastal Carolina ROTC Leadership Award (in honor of our late friend and colleague, Bob Hawkins), multiple stand

down events which provide large scale support to our local veterans in need, and direct aid to specific veterans who need an urgent helping hand for things such as a month's electric bill, apartment rent or car payment. We also provided direct support to each of our 17 county JROTC programs, Quilts of Valor, Low Country Veterans and Freedom Fidos. Last but not least, we continue to support the MOAA Scholarship Fund by donating \$100 in honor of each of our departed comrades every year.

One operational change to be aware of, per the Board's direction our fiscal year will be changing from 1Oct-30Sept to a calendar year, from 1Jan-31Dec. This will align with the term of office for our elected leaders which also runs on a calendar year. Consequently, FY24 will be 15 months long (1Oct23-31Dec24) which will make our expenses seem unusually large, but nothing unanticipated.

Thank you for another wonderful year of fun and fellowship. It is an honor to be part of such a caring organization.

Gale Fellowes  
Treasurer

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## LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS



As part of my legislative duties I interact with MOAA to address national veterans issues and also focus on veterans legislation at the state level. As for the latter, I have been working with the South Carolina Veterans Coalition. The SCVC is a nonprofit, all volunteer, grassroots veteran's advocacy group consisting of five veteran service organizations representing close to 60,000 members in South Carolina, including those currently serving, retirees, former service members, their families, and survivors. The purpose of SCVC is to propose legislation that will benefit both the coalition and the State of South Carolina. In future Newsletter issues, I will provide you with the "hot" topics being addressed at the national and state levels. Happy 2024! Jim Offutt

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## In Memoriam



Jimmy Oneal Jacobs, 77, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina passed away peacefully on December 14, 2023, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He was born on December 4, 1946, in Bennettsville, SC, and his presence will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Jimmy was a man who cherished his Native American Lumbee heritage and held his extended Lumbee family close to his heart. Throughout his life, he embodied values of honor, integrity, and dedication.

He began his journey in McColl, SC attending McColl primary and secondary schools. He never missed a day of school or Sunday school throughout his 12 years. He was a member of the Boy Scouts of America, where he achieved the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout and worked for several years at Camp Coker in South Carolina, serving in leadership positions including waterfront Director.

In his younger years, Jimmy excelled as an athlete in football and track throughout his time at McColl High School. Upon graduation, he received an ROTC scholarship to Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC. His talent and determination led him to become the co-captain of his college football and track teams. Following his graduation from Wofford College, he attained his master's degree from the University of South Carolina, then embarked on a distinguished military career. Jimmy's remarkable service to his country spanned 28 years, during which he faithfully served in the Army. He was commissioned as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant upon graduation from Wofford College in 1969 and served in Vietnam in 1971. Throughout his military career, he served faithfully in command and staff positions. Jimmy demonstrated unwavering commitment and contributed significantly to the defense of our nation. Following his military retirement in 1998, Jimmy continued serving his country in a different capacity. He accepted a position with the American Battle Monuments Commission, where he served as the Project Director for the National World War II Memorial.

Jimmy Jacobs was a long time serving member of our Chapter who will be missed.

## **REMEMBER 2023?**

### **GOLF TOURNAMENT**



### **JROTC**



### **SC MOAA CONVENTION**



### **ROTC**



### **OTHER EVENTS**





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**Chapter Annual dues: \$20.00 for regular membership or \$50 For 3 year membership.**

**For NEW MEMBERS: \$20 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter; \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter; \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter; \$20, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter (Good for Following Year).**

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Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (please print clearly !!) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of National MOAA? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please provide membership number: \_\_\_\_\_

Status: \_\_\_ Retired \_\_\_ Active \_\_\_ Reserve \_\_\_ National Guard \_\_\_ State Guard \_\_\_ Former Officer \_\_\_ Auxiliary \_\_\_ ROTC \_\_\_ JROTC

*{My signature below verifies that the above information may be shared in a Members Only Directory and that I am eligible for MOAA Chapter membership.}*

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_ For year(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Additional amount (donation) for this year's scholarship awards: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Current employment (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Professional skills (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

• If Auxiliary member or applicant, please indicate your spouse's full name, military service affiliation, rank, and current status: \_\_\_\_\_

• Interested in a Chapter leadership/committee position? If yes, what? \_\_\_\_\_ (continue on reverse)

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**USE TO RENEW AND/OR SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER**