



GRAND STRAND MOAA

Chapter Accomplishments (2021-2022)



Chapter Development and Recognition

- Awarded 5-Star Levels of Excellence medal from national MOAA (11th consecutive year)
- Awarded Marvin J. Harris Communications from national MOAA (7th consecutive year)
- Raised over \$30,000 in veteran support grants and donations (MOAA, Providing Hope VA, Walmart, member donations, Del Webb, Litchfield Country Club, etc.)
- Held variety of chapter social get togethers at area restaurants & entertainment venues
- Chapter members serve in various state leadership positions as well as on a variety of state and national MOAA committees and commissions to help advance veteran-related benefits and quality of life legislation. Achieved record level of legislative success, including full tax exemption for military pensions by state of South Carolina.
- Held 10 monthly chapter dinner/lunch meetings to enhance camaraderie and provide timely information to members by expert guest speakers across the region and country.

Veterans and Veteran Families Outreach and Support

- Held 4 regional Stand Downs (9th year) providing over 225 disadvantaged & homeless veterans and Native American tribe members with food, clothing, boots, blankets, coats, gift cards and essential supplies. Expanded Stand Down to 40 Marion County veterans.
- Provided over \$10,000 in food gift cards, bus tickets, PO Boxes, and emergency rent, repairs and utility payments to local veterans, veteran families and support agencies to keep veterans in their homes, with their families and off the streets.
- Collected over 200 toys for the area Marine Reserve "Toys for Tots" effort.
- Donated over \$3,500 to a variety of area veteran support organizations and programs.
- Active affiliation with areawide Alliance Group, Myrtle Beach Coalition for Veterans and Eastern Carolina Housing Organization (ECHO) to help reduce veteran homelessness.
- Worked with local VA, Goodwill, colleges & tech schools to expand free job training and employment placement services to over a dozen homeless and unemployed veterans. Expanded the program to include graduating JROTC cadets with free technical training.

ROTC, JROTC and Community Support

- Held annual golf tournament fundraiser (9th year) to support 18 JROTC/ROTC units with \$500 stipends each plus five \$2,000 JROTC cadet scholarships
- Hosted recognition lunch for scholarship winners, their families and JROTC Instructors
- Provided gold bars, medals and certificates to 17 graduating Army ROTC Lieutenants from Coastal Carolina University (CCU) and \$2,000 Leadership Award to top student.
- Closely aligned with Mayor and City of Myrtle Beach to support Memorial Day and Veterans Day parade and events, as well as several other Military Appreciation Days events across the area in May and November.
- Held recognition luncheon to thank several area Veteran Support Organizations and key donors to various chapter programs for cadets and disadvantaged/homeless veterans.
- Chapter members serve as interviewers for Service Academy applicants.