

Grand Strand Chapter

Military Officers Association of America



The Coastal Tide

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President's Message by Randy Dymond



It has been a busy and exciting four months as your Chapter's new president. The scope of our mission has been clearly demonstrated by our compassion and support for those in need, from the Coast Guard folks impacted by the partial government shutdown to Myrtle Beach High School's NJROTC Drill Team needing financial help to attend a national competition. In both instances, our Chapter stepped up and answered the call.

Another mission focus was highlighted during our April Dinner Meeting when we recognized and honored the commissioning cadets from Coastal Carolina's AROTC Program and bestowed the MOAA Leadership Award to a deserving junior and the first Robert T. Hawkins Leadership Award to an outstanding senior cadet. During our March and April Dinner Meetings we were graced by our own Chapter members, LTG (Ret) Mike Davison and COL (Ret) Jerry Crews, who shared personal experiences and lessons learned during their storied military careers.

We are all now gearing up for the busy month of May when Military Appreciation Days will take center stage along the Grand Strand and we will, among other things, have our annual golf tournament and participate in the Memorial Parade on Market Common. But, let's not forget that we also honor our JROTC Scholarship winners during our May Dinner Meeting, so be sure to attend that event to support our youth.

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Never Stop Serving

Mark Your Calendars

May 4

- Horry County JROTC Drill Meet – 9am
- Military Family Members event (Coastal Blue Star Mothers) -- 12 noon
Myrtle Beach Pelicans
Baseball Game – 6:05pm,
gate opens at 5 pm

May 14— Chapter Dinner Mtg.

Pine Lakes CC— 5:30 pm

May 17

- Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home -- 1 pm, Gen. Robert H. Reed Recreation Ctr.
- American Legion 100th Birthday Dinner (GS Blue Star Mothers, Pine Lakes CC, 5:30 pm

May 18 – Armed Forces Day

May 23

- Grand Strand Chapter Golf Tournament, Heritage GC – 12 noon check in
- USAF Blue Aces Concert

May 24

- VA Vet Center veterans information/picnic event – May 24, 12 noon, 21st Ave

May 25

- Military Appreciation Days Parade – 10:30 start, Market Common
- Family Picnic, Exhibits, etc., Keni Thomas {and more}, after parade

May 27

- Memorial Day Veterans March & Battlefield Cross Ceremony 9 am
- Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony 11 am
Memorial Day tribute film 1 pm
For more information visit:
www.militaryappreciationdays.com

June 12 — MOAA Lunch Meeting
Kimbels, Noon

Grand Strand Members Offer Sage Advice

Our Chapter dinner meeting programs in March and April offered our members the opportunity to get a glimpse of the great talent and experience that



exists within our ranks.

First our own LTG Michael Davison (USA, Ret) spoke to us in March offered inspiring guidance on how to handle the memories of the past while living in the present. Calling on his experience in Vietnam as an infantry company commander, LTG Davison described his own challenges dealing with the loss of young men in battle. Referring to the memories of Corporal Jimmy Castaldi and Sergeant Bill Port, he urged chapter members to remember those lost in combat, to memorialize them and do so while living in the present.

In our April meeting we recognized four graduating Coastal Carolina University ROTC cadets who will be commissioned and enter active duty this summer. Our own Colonel Jerry Crews (USA, Ret) offered them bits of wisdom learned through his 30 years of service.

In entertaining, freewheeling remarks, Col. Crews told the

cadets to always show up on time, wear the correct uniform, keep a clear head, stay physically fit, and always be enthusiastic about their service and the tasks assigned to them.

Having the opportunity to listen to two of our own members address our dinner meeting was a reminder of the depth of experience and achievement represented in the ranks of our membership. Each and every member has a story of accomplishment. LTG Davison and Col Crews told their stories with passion, emotion, humor, and dignity. Thank you both for your contributions to our chapter.



In Memoriam

We sadly report the passing of Peggy Pilcher, 81, wife of past president Roger Pilcher. In addition to celebrating 44 years as the wife of a Marine Corps officer, Peggy was a mother to two children, Debbie and William. She also pursued a distinguished, award-winning career in the hospitality industry, including 25 years in management with Holiday Inn. May she rest in peace.

CCU Cadet Isabel Hearn Receives First Colonel Robert T. Hawkins Award



Coastal Carolina University senior Cadet Isabel Hearn received the first ever Colonel Robert T. Hawkins Award presented by President Randy Dymond at the April dinner meeting. Cadet Hearn was cited for her extraordinary extracurricular activities, her academic achievement, and her exemplary high personal standards. The Chapter Selection Committee was most impressed with her intellect, composure, and self-confidence. In May, Cadet Hearn will receive her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the US Army Corps of Engineers branch. She is the daughter of Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Brent Hearn and Captain (USN, Ret) Sandra Hearn of Virginia Beach, VA.

Four CCU Cadets Recognized

Senior CCU cadets being commissioned upon graduation in May were recognized and presented with rank insignia at the April Chapter meeting. Cadet Kyle Cannon, from Freehold, NJ, will receive his degree in Intelligence and National Security Studies and be commissioned in the US Army Armor Branch. As mentioned above Cadet Isabel Ahearn will receive her degree in Biology and be commissioned in the US Army Corps of Engineers Branch. Cadet Shebbena McGrew of Georgetown, Guyana, will receive her commission in Biology and be commissioned in the US Army Signal Corps. Cadet Destiny Trouilliere from New Orleans, Louisiana will receive her degree in Intelligence and National Security Studies and be commissioned in the US Army Military Intelligence Branch. Congratulations, Cadets, and good luck in your careers.



MOAA Leadership Award To CCU Cadet Matthew Broomfield

The Grand Strand MOAA Chapter presented its annual MOAA Leadership Award to CCU junior cadet Matthew Broomfield. Matthew is from Concord, North Carolina and is majoring in Intelligence and National Security Studies. He has made the Dean's List twice in his time at CCU and is on track to be commissioned in 2020. Previously, he has served in the South Carolina National Guard.

Chaplain's Corner by Greg Hill



Chag Pesach sa-mekh (Happy Passover)! Passover is a Jewish holiday that celebrates the Israelites being freed from slavery in Egypt. It is observed for seven or eight days. During the first two nights, a Passover Seder is celebrated around a dinner table. This year Passover begins the evening of April 19 and ends the evening of April 27.

Happy Easter! Easter is a Christian holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead on the third day of his burial after his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary.

This year Easter is observed on April 21.

Spring is a time of new beginnings. It is a freeing movement from winter to summer. The trees and flowers bloom bringing color and new life!

The MOAA Foundation Community Outreach Grant dollars have been totally expended to assist Veterans through the Low Country Veterans Group and the Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization (ECHO).

The Homes for Heroes grant assisted two Georgetown Veterans with significant home repairs.

We should be grateful for these and other opportunities to significantly improve the lives of Veterans in Georgetown and Horry counties.

May is Military Appreciation Month

2019 promises to be one of the biggest and best Military Appreciation Days since the tribute month was initiated in Myrtle Beach in 2008. Main events (to include the parade, displays, exhibits, and family picnic) will take place on the Market Common again this year; and, those main events will be on May 25th (Memorial Day weekend again), this year. Other events also part of the month long observance begin on May 4 with the Horry County JROTC drill team competition. You can view the full schedule of events on page 2 in the "Mark Your Calendar" column. For additional details go to the Military Appreciation Days website at www.militaryappreciationdays.com, or contact Chapter Military Appreciation Committee member, Jerry Terwilliger by phone at 843.903.4047 or by email at gerald.terwilliger@gmail.com.

Keni Thomas, decorated U.S. Army Veteran-turned country musician, will serve as the Grand Marshal of the 2019 Military Appreciation Days Parade at The Market Common. Mr. Thomas is a graduate of the University of Florida and the recipient of the Bronze Star for Valor. He and fellow Army Rangers distinguished themselves in an 18-hour firefight in Somalia that would later be recounted in the book and movie, Black Hawk Down.

CELEBRATE MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

by joining us on May 23rd at the HERITAGE GOLF CLUB on Pawley's Island for our
6th Annual Tournament

Tournament proceeds support

- 4 JROTC \$2000 Scholarships
- JROTC Programs at 17 High Schools
- Homeless Veterans & Distressed Families



WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- If you have not, become a Tee Box Sponsor and design a hole sign honoring a relative or friend for \$100.
- Enter a Four Person Team for \$340 (male, female, or a mix). Prizes are awarded for men and women.
- Donate to our major fundraiser. One of our members has reserved \$4000 in matching funds.
- Volunteer to help at the tournament by signing up with John Bradley, (jebradjr46@gmail.com) or (727) 771-3712.

FILL OUT AND SUBMIT THE GOLF TOURNAMENT FLYER ON THE NEXT PAGE

PLAYER REGISTRATION

\$90 per person*, \$340 per team*. To sign up, please complete this form and submit with a check payable to "Grand Strand MOAA". Questions: call/text Dave Townsend at (843) 907-1763 or email davemoaa@gmail.com

Team Capt _____ Phone _____ Email _____ PD _____

Player #2 _____ Phone _____ Email _____ PD _____

Player #3 _____ Phone _____ Email _____ PD _____

Player #4 _____ Phone _____ Email _____ PD _____

Mail to: MOAA, c/o Dave Townsend, 9253 Venezia Circle, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

*\$5 Discount for Each Veteran! Registration Deadline – May 11, 2019

(check all
that apply)

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

CORPORATE SPONSOR: \$1,000+

- One Team Foursome
- Prominent recognition in Tournament Brochure and on Chapter website
- Full Color Name/Logo banner at club entrance & cart sign

PLATINUM SPONSOR: \$600

- Three Player Entry Fees
- Prominent recognition in Tournament Brochure and on Chapter website
- Full Color Name/Logo 2'x3' sign displayed at Registration & cart sign

GOLD SPONSOR: \$400

- Two Player Entry Fees
- Recognition in Tournament Brochure and on Chapter website
- Full Color Name/Logo 2'x3' sign displayed at Registration

HOLE SPONSOR: \$100 (EACH ADDITIONAL SIGN: \$75)

- Customized 18" x 24" Sign
- Recognition in Tournament Brochure

AUCTION SPONSOR: Donation (cash, gift card and/or item of value)

- Raffle Prizes, Auction Items, Checks, Cash, Gift Cards, etc.
- Major donations will be prominently recognized in Tournament Brochure

COMPANY _____ CONTACT _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

DONATION _____

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Grand Strand Chapter MOAA: _____ Application/Renewal _____ Change of address /contact info
Chapter Annual dues: \$20.00 for regular membership or \$50 For 3 year membership. For NEW MEMBERS: \$20 1st Quarter; \$15, 2nd Quarter; \$10, 3rd Quarter; \$20, 4th Quarter (Good for Following Year). Make check payable to: "Grand Strand MOAA". Mail to: MOAA Grand Strand Chapter, P.O. Box 15842, Surfside Beach, SC 29587.

Last name _____ First name _____ MI _____

DOB _____ Rank _____ Service _____ Spouse's name _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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)

MOAA Mission/Purpose: To foster fraternal relations (and mutual support) among retired, active duty, and former officers of the uniformed services and their National Guard and Reserve counterparts, ROTC cadets, their families and survivors; Assist community organizations that support service members and veterans and their families; to provide funds for college scholarships for area high school seniors (normally JROTC students); conduct fund-raising to support other service member and veterans' programs (e.g. Wounded Warrior visits); provide annual MOAA leadership awards to graduating cadets in all area high school approved/active JROTC programs; participate, collaboratively, in coastal community events and activities, as priorities and resources permit; Maintain a proactive chapter affairs program that supports members during health and other family emergencies; promote the aims and objectives of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA); and, the aims and objectives of the SC MOAA Council of Chapters. MOAA and its affiliated Chapters and Councils are non-partisan.