



COASTAL TIDE

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Grand Strand Chapter

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From the President:



Is it June already? Time moves fast when you are having fun, and the last two months have been

very busy and extremely satisfying. I want to highlight a couple of magic moments for me.

1) JROTC Scholarships: I want to thank Hans Duerr for his management of our JROTC Scholarship program. Hans does it all for our scholarship program, from running the 50/50 raffle at our meetings to soliciting scholarship applications from the JROTC seniors at each of the 18 high schools we have adopted for this program. Then, he convenes a selection committee to choose the best applicants. We will give out four \$2000 scholarships next year. I Hope you were at our dinner honoring this year's three winners, and listened to their accomplishments. Next, the winners were invited to ride in the MOAA convertible (this year a Ford Mustang) in the Military Appreciation Days Parade. It was moving to hear the crowd hurling complimentary cheers and

to the uniformed seniors who were perched on top of the back seat. A grand day on the Grand Strand.

2) MOAA Medal Presentations: Our chapter solicits volunteers to present a MOAA Medal to the most accomplished cadet at each high school. My wife Gale and I had the opportunity to present the MOAA Medal at Dillon High School. It is some distance away and we had never been there, so we did not know what to expect. This ceremony for the graduating cadets was a big deal. Aside from the uniformed cadets, most attendees were dressed in their finest attire, and the award ceremony was conducted as a formal "dining-in." What an effort they put into this event. With great pleasure, I met Principal Tim Gibbs, and SFC Gray, the military instructor. They commented how important the JROTC program was to their high school, and they assured me they would have a scholarship winner next year. That evening I felt proud to be a member of MOAA.

3) Wounded Veterans Breakfast: This is somewhat self-explanatory. It is always a privilege to honor those who have served, but

especially members who have suffered in combat. They were brought here for about a week to enjoy Myrtle Beach. Our organization did our small part in providing breakfast one morning. Many of our members assisted and offered them a welcoming hand.



4) The Golf Tournament: For those who have not been a member of the Golf Tournament Committee, it is difficult to imagine the amount of detail required to put on a successful event like this. It was impressive how Greg Youngman and the cast of many came together at the end and produced a stellar event that was fun for the participants, and made us some money, too. BRAVO ZULU Golf Committee...a job well done.

I hope everyone enjoys a safe and happy summer, and I look forward to seeing you in the fall.

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Membership

Welcome New Members

Ron Gilbert	COL	USA (ret)
Kevin Boyle	CAPT	USN (ret)
James Orzich	CAPT	USN (ret)
Doug Anderson	LTC	USA ret)
Larry Wiley	LTC	USA (ret)
John Bradley	CDR	USN (ret)
Clifford Tall	LCDR	USNR
James Hills	1LT	USA (former)
Phillip Gonzales	CWO3	USNR (ret)

Current Members

Deadline is June 30 to Renew Your Chapter Dues.

After June 30, those who do not renew will be considered delinquent. Please use the form on page 9 and mail in your renewal. Thank you to all who have already renewed.

Personal Assistance: to be placed on the Chapter prayer list or obtain any type of assistance, contact our Chaplain, Greg Hill at 843-231-4507 by email at ghill54808@aol.com

Editor's note: Last month Past President Roger Pilcher shared with me the following letter he received from his daughter, Chris. Space limitations precluded it being reprinted in the March April newsletter as he had wanted, but its sentiment is just as appropriate as we approach our Independence Day as it was for Memorial Day. Thanks, Chris, for your heartfelt thoughts about your dad and, by extension, the literally millions of Americans who have served to allow their countrymen to celebrate our great nation's freedoms. And thanks, Roger, for sharing this with all of us.

Hi, Daddy, and Happy Memorial Day. I'm not sure I have ever thanked you for your service to our country when we all needed you and your generation the most. You voluntarily gave yourself to defend our freedom. It was a courageous and selfless decision. As a member of the Armed Forces and a veteran of the Vietnam War, you are an elite member of our society. On this day, I am very aware of the personal sacrifices all our men and women have given in the defense of liberty and am very proud of these efforts. Thank you for being an exemplary American and know that we are all aware of your bravery and honor and proud of you always. Thought you should know.

I love you,

Chris

Financial



Report

Balanced carried forward from April	\$29,722.04
Revenue in May	\$11,380.30
Expenses in May	\$12,635.69
Balance (South State Bank)	\$26,826.65
Balance (CresCom Bank)	\$ 1,640.00
 Total of both balances	 \$28,466.65

Note: The balances above reflect the revenues and expenses during May including the golf tournament. These figures may change when final tournament revenues are received and remaining tournament expenses are met. Those adjustments will be reported in future reports to the Chapter.

Joan Perry Honored by Conway Medical Center

Joan Perry, the former Chair of the Grand Strand Chapter's Auxiliary/Surviving Spouse Committee, recently was presented the Jefferson Award for Volunteerism by the Conway Medical Center. While serving on the Chapter Board, she was awarded the first National Surviving Spouse Excellence Award at the MOAA annual meeting in 2015.

At Conway Medical Center, Joan is a leader of the CMC Auxiliary and was instrumental in developing the defined structure for Volunteer Services Department. She played a key role in preparing for incorporation of the Conway Medical Center Auxiliary, composed of volunteers whose fundraising for Conway Medical Center provides funds to benefit CMC and the community it serves.

Grand Strand Chapter Honored



National MOAA has awarded our Chapter the Col. Marvin J. Harris Communication Award for the Chapter's 2016 communications program. President Dave

Townsend received the award at the South Carolina Council of Chapters meeting in May. Council President David Lobb made the presentation.



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2017 MOAA Grand Strand Golf Tournament

By Greg Youngman, Golf Chairman

The Grand Strand Chapter's fourth annual golf tournament was a rousing success. Held May 25th at the Heritage Golf Course in Pawley's Island, the tournament attracted over 144 active golfers. The tournament's exceptional organization, the devotion of numerous hours by 31 of our chapter members and their spouses, the contribution of Grand Strand businesses and individuals combined to produce the Chapter's most successful fund-raising event to date. Net proceeds totaled over \$22,000.

The planning and committee work for the golf tournament began in January. Eleven Chapter members devoted enormous amounts of time and energy to ensure a fun and exciting event. That hard work resulted in substantially more corporate and individual sponsors. Three major sponsors – Monarch Roofing, Sage Event Management and an anonymous Chapter member supported our efforts. Three platinum supporters -- Angelo's Steak and Pasta, Waccamaw Heating and Cooling, and Old Chicago Pizza and Taproom provided critical support. Additional businesses including Tideland's Ford/Lincoln, Moe's Original Barbeque, Cold Stone Creamery, and the PGA Superstore contributed substantial amounts of goods and services. The Heritage Club staff and the Legends Group worked closely with us for months during the planning and execution of the fundraiser. Finally, more than ninety-six area golf courses, businesses and individuals contributed to the Silent Auction or sponsored holes, and sixty-two other businesses donated to the Raffle.

Proceeds from the tournament go directly to scholarships for high-achieving JROTC students in Georgetown and Horry counties, financial support for the annual Homeless Veterans Stand Down benefitting hundreds of local veterans, support for Wounded Service Member visits to the Grand Strand, and support for the Fisher House in Charleston which assists family members of veterans at the VA Hospital. Tournament funds also

enable us to respond to the emergency needs of low income veterans, such as veterans displaced following Hurricane Matthew and the 2015 floods, as well as supporting other organizations assisting veterans in our area.



Picture Courtesy of Christopher John Photography
The Heritage Club in Pawley's Island was abuzz with activity on May 25 for the Grand Strand Chapter's fourth annual golf tournament.

In conclusion, I cannot thank the Golf Committee enough for all their diligence, unselfish dedication, and willingness to generate the golf courses, businesses and silent auction and raffle items required to raise and run the type of "classy" Golf Tournament that the Chapter has come to expect each year. Additionally, the volunteers who tirelessly donated their time and energy on Tournament Day were simply outstanding. Volunteers included chapter members, spouses, as well as friends and neighbors. As a Chapter, we certainly owe our volunteers our gratitude and praise for the many hours that they dedicated for our benefit.

Finally, our success is directly attributable to your generosity and enthusiastic support. The entire chapter can take great pride in the effort that went into this tournament, its results, and the great programs that it allows us to support throughout the year.

Military Appreciation Days

For the ninth consecutive year, the Grand Strand Chapter was deeply involved in the Military Appreciation Days events held in Myrtle Beach throughout the month of May. Once again, our Chapter volunteers were critical to the success of this annual recognition of the sacrifices and accomplishments of our veterans and retired military persons.

Grand Strand Chapter members Charles Dirienzo, Roger Pilcher, and Tom Middleton were recognized by the Myrtle Beach Pelicans at the team's annual Military/Veterans Night. Each member was presented with a baseball card that described their military service and designated them "Military All-Stars"



Grand Strand Chapter and its members were also quite visible at events throughout the weeks of the celebration. With the assistance of Rufus Manning and Randy Dymond, the Chapter continued to sponsor the wounded warrior breakfast held at the Sheraton. Our scholarship winners rode in the MOAA convertible and we had two floats in the weekend parade. Thanks go out to Tom Satterfield and his son, Buddy, and business associate Danny Isaac for providing the floats that carried wounded warriors in the parade.

Fred and Bonnie Welch and Hans Duerr staffed the MOAA display at the picnic that followed the parade.

President David Townsend represented the Chapter at the Memorial Day Remembrance ceremony on May 29th.



Behind the scenes Jimmy Jacobs, Roger Pilcher, Jerry Terwilliger, Tom Middleton, J.D. Davis, and Bob Hawkins, all served diligently on the City of Myrtle Beach Military Appreciation Month planning committee. Randy Dymond coordinated all the Chapter's activities and events.



For our Grand Strand Chapter Volunteers

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| Will Baugess | Rufus Manning |
| Savannah Creasy | Tom Middleton |
| J.D. Davis | Roger Pilcher |
| Hans Duerr | Tony Prince |
| Randy Dymond | Sylvia Satterfield |
| Bob Hawkins | Tom Satterfield |
| Greg Hill | Sinclair Swan |
| Jimmy Jacobs | Jerry Terwilliger |
| Sydney Kearns | Dave Townsend |
| Mark Kruea | Bonnie Welch |
| | Fred Welch |

JROTC Instructors, Scholars Recognized

Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) instructors and scholarship winners were honored at the Chapter's May meeting, which also featured one of our own Members LTC J.D. Davis, USA (ret) as the guest speaker. LTC Davis currently leads the Horry County Schools JROTC program as Director of JROTC Instruction.



While LTC Davis' remarks shone a light on the contribution JROTC programs make in Horry County high schools, the evening's spotlight was on the three young teenagers who were awarded MOAA scholarships. These three cadets represented the best of the JROTC programs throughout the Grand Strand. Matthew W. Owens was a senior at Georgetown High School where he served as battalion commander of the Georgetown Naval JROTC unit. His leadership skills and work ethic earned him numerous awards and honors. His classmate Nancy Gonzalez was also a senior Georgetown High School Naval JROTC where she received the Science and Technologists Award of Excellence, the Top Dog Naval Leadership Lab award among numerous other academic and leadership honors. Cadet Owens and Cadet Gonzalez ranked first and second, respectively, in their class.

Ana Maria Lankford was ranked number one of her Air Force JROTC unit at Socastee High School. She was selected for the Kitty Hawk Air Society and the Air Force JROTC Academic Honor Society during her four years in the program. She was cited for her leadership and contribution of numerous hours of service in school and community projects.



In his remarks, LTC Davis noted that Horry County schools hosted nine JROTC units, Georgetown and Myrtle Beach schools added one each. The pillars of the JROTC effort are program, community, and students. Those pillars all contribute to the development of student character and service. He noted that each of the kids enrolled in the JROTC program are destined to be leaders of the future.

Chamber Executive Updates Chapter

Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce CEO Brad Dean addressed the Chapter at the June luncheon at Kimbel's Restaurant and delivered an upbeat assessment of economic growth on the Grand Strand. He noted that the Chamber's major focus is on finishing Interstate 73 which would provide more access to the Myrtle Beach area and additional critical routes for evacuations necessitated by weather.

Mr. Dean also noted that many of the jobs lost due to the recession have been recovered and more jobs

in the hospitality industry are year-long positions now. Moreover, if economic growth rates remain the same over the next 5-10 years, an additional 73,700 workers will be needed including 3,600 management and professional personnel, 7,000 health care professionals, 3,000 educators, and 13,000 hospitality workers.

The major challenges, he reported, are having a labor force to meet the demand and balancing the quality of life standards that attract people to the Grand Strand with the anticipated growth.

A Busy Month of May

These pictures reflect the participation of Chapter members, their wives, their families and others who did so much to make our May activities successful.



Back row: Judy Youngman, Daphne Terrill, Greg Youngman; Front Row: Don Terrill, John Pathhoff, Dee and Tom Middleton.



Golfers get a meal before hitting the links



The tournament's major sponsor Monarch Roofing displayed its sponsorship banner.



The South Carolina State Guard Honor Guard prepares to officially start the tournament



A Monarch roofing crew prepares for the Military Appreciation Days parade



Helen Peters, shown here with President Dave Townsend, represented CresCom Bank, another of the corporate sponsors of the golf tournament.

Government Affairs

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From South Carolina Council of Chapters President David Lobb:

The 2017 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) brought sweeping health care reforms, many of which will take effect in just a few months. MOAA is working closely with TRICARE program officials to learn what new processes and responsibilities these changes will bring for TRICARE beneficiaries and when they will occur.

The new TRICARE Select option, which replaces TRICARE Standard and Extra, begins Jan. 1, 2018--just 6 short months from now. TRICARE Select is the self-managed preferred provider organization (PPO) option. It provides freedom of choice of providers, with reduced/fixed fee beneficiary out-of-pocket costs for care in the network. TRICARE Prime, TRICARE Reserve Select, TRICARE Retired Reserve, and TRICARE Young Adult and TRICARE for Life will remain as is.

Under the new model, beneficiaries must make an active, annual choice of health plan for themselves and/or their family. Because 2018 is the first year of the plan, there will be a grace period, and beneficiaries will be automatically renewed in their existing TRICARE option as of Dec. 31, 2017. This means beneficiaries currently in TRICARE Standard or Extra will be converted automatically into TRICARE Select.

Active duty family members newly entitled to TRICARE will be automatically enrolled in TRICARE Prime if they live in a Prime Service Area (generally around a military treatment facility). If not, they will be enrolled in TRICARE Select.

Two populations may be at risk of losing coverage:

1. Active duty members who retire and do not elect to enroll in an option. MOAA is advocating for a seamless enrollment default option for this population, as well as increased transition education services.
2. Retiree beneficiaries who fail to pay their enrollment fees. Officials have stated that eligible beneficiaries will never lose their benefit, as they will always be eligible for care at military hospitals. However, this would most likely be on a space-available basis.

Enrollment Details:

Year 1 (2018): Automatic renewal (Jan. 1, 2018) and grace period: Can change TRICARE Prime or Select at any time in 2018

Year 2 (2019) and beyond: Can elect TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select coverage (enroll, dis-enroll, or change) only during annual open season (1 Nov - 20 Dec) or if the beneficiary has a qualifying life event:

- Marriage, divorce, or annulment
- Birth or adoption of a child
- Placement of a child by a court in a member's home
- Change in sponsor status
- Loss of eligibility (due to age, Medicare, etc.)
- Move to a new ZIP code
- Loss/gain of other health insurance
- Death of a sponsor, spouse, or child
- Change in eligibility status of any single-family member in another family (e.g. joint service member)

All qualifying life events require a **Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS)** update. If beneficiaries request a change in coverage, it must occur within 90 days of the life event. Beneficiary cost shares will be based on the sponsor's "date initially entered into service" (DIEMS). Per the 2017 NDAA, those who have entered service prior to Jan. 1, 2018, are grandfathered into existing cost shares - unless the 2018 NDAA incorporates provisions from the administration's budget proposal to repeal grandfathering.

As many of these changes show, beneficiaries will be expected to take more responsibility for their health care. MOAA will continue to work closely with DoD to ensure program changes will be beneficiary-centered and clearly communicated to all stakeholders.

What is the most important thing you can do right now? Make sure your DEERS information is updated for both you and your family.

From the FY2016 Veterans Administration Report:

- 417,257 veterans live in South Carolina
- 29,248 of those vets live in Horry County
- In SC, VA spends \$2.1 billion on veterans' compensation and pensions
- In SC, VA spends \$1.1 billion on health care



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Grand Strand Chapter MOAA: (Check one.) Membership Application Renewal Change of address

Chapter dues: \$20.00 a year for regular membership. **Auxiliary:** \$20 per year. **Multiple year dues are encouraged to reduce costs.**

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

Status: Retired Active Reserve National Guard Former Officer Surviving Spouse ROTC
 JROTC

{My signature verifies that the above information is accurate and that I am eligible for MOAA Chapter membership.}

Dues for year(s) _____ **Amount: \$** _____ **Signature** _____

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

Current employment (optional):

Professional skills (optional): _____

- **ROTC cadet membership is available at no cost for students.**

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.