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## Coastal Tide

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## LTG Vollrath provides updates on National Issues

LTG (retired) Fred Vollrath (our newest Chapter member), was the keynote speaker at the Chapter's annual Christmas dinner on December 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Pine Lakes Country Club.

General Vollrath, a senior level human resource consultant, has 40+ years of executive leadership experience, including information technology management, organizational development, business development and strategic planning. He most recently served as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Readiness and Force Management; and he retired from the U.S. Army in 1998, having served as the Army Deputy Chief of Staff Personnel (G1). Additionally, General Vollrath served as Co-Chairman, Chief of Staff Army, Retiree Council, and President of the Maude Foundation.

His most informative and entertaining presentation focused on national issues which affect most retired and former officers and other Veterans; and his updates on the status of proposed changes affecting the military retirement system and the commissary system, within CONUS, were of special interest to attendees. Members are already looking forward to his future updates and advice to Veterans.



Left to right, Chapter First Vice President Tony Prince and new member, LTG Vollrath



All enjoyed traditional Christmas carols sung by the Low Country Choir prior to dinner.



Roger Pilcher, Past President, coordinates the chapter donation to "Toys for Tots"

## Toys for Tots

Our Grand Strand chapter continued its long tradition of collecting "Toys for Tots" again this year; Past President Pilcher has spearheaded the chapter's collection effort for several years; and members have always been very generous. We received approximately 90 toys and a \$20 donation from a member who forgot to bring a toy. The Horry County Coordinator told Roger that we had the largest donation so far. We know that the children who receive these presents have a much merrier Christmas; and, Roger will be representing us at a recognition event in January.

## MOAA Luncheon

Kimbel's Restaurant  
Washesaw Plantation  
Murrells Inlet, SC  
11:30 AM  
Tuesday, January 12, 2016  
Speaker: MG (ret) James  
Livingston, MOH recipient



MOAA's Legislative Update

<http://www.moaa.org/take action>

## From the President's Desk

2015 was a highly successful year for the Grand Strand MOAA Chapter. On behalf of the Chapter, thank you to the many members who generously donated your time, efforts, and financial support to our new and long-standing initiatives throughout the community. Contributing to our successes in 2015 was the leadership of several of our newer members that enabled us to launch new initiatives and support other civic organizations and missions along the Grand Strand. Because of the support of all Chapter members, the Grand Strand MOAA Chapter is recognized as one of the most successful Chapters in the South Carolina Council and MOAA.



On January 12<sup>th</sup>, the new year kicks off for our Chapter with the annual meeting. Beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Kimbel's Restaurant at Wachesaw Plantation, the annual meeting is an event that you should not miss. We are honored to welcome MG James E. Livingston, USMC (Ret.), one of only two Medal of Honor winners in South Carolina, as our featured speaker!

Business items for the annual meeting include voting on the slate of officers for the upcoming year; updates on our By-Laws; and review of the recommended budget for the 2016 Calendar year. The annual budget sets the parameters of Chapter initiatives throughout the year. These are important documents for your review as a Chapter member. They were recently emailed with the announcement of the January meeting and are available on our website ( [www.grandstrandmoaa.com](http://www.grandstrandmoaa.com) ). In addition, brochures and information on the Chapter, its accomplishments, and Legislative Affairs initiatives at state and national levels will be available at the meeting.

The January meeting will also kick-off our 2016 membership drive in a special way. With MG Livingston as our guest, we are inviting potential new members to join us in welcoming him and also to learn more about the Chapter. In 2015, we welcomed 27 new members to our Chapter. We hope to welcome even more new members in 2016!

National has emailed an announcement to more than 100 national MOAA members in our area. Each of our BOD and regular members also are being asked to bring a potential new member as a guest. I highly encourage every Chapter member to invite a potential new member from your community to this important event. Your personal contact with potential members is our greatest recruitment tool for the Chapter. The deadline for providing Tony Price, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, with the name of your invitee is December 31, 2015.

In conclusion, I would like to extend Judy's and my best wishes to you and your families for a Joyous Holiday Season and a Happy New Year! God Bless!

**President**

*Greg Youngman*

## SC Council of Chapters' VP Congratulates Chapter

Colonel retired Bill Koehler, The Past President of the Greenville Chapter and the current 2nd Vice President of the South Carolina Council of Chapters joined us for the annual Christmas dinner on December 8th. He congratulated the Chapter on its recent receipt of the 5-star Levels of Excellence award, membership growth and other major accomplishments during 2015.

He added that during the coming year the Council will be continuing our work with the state legislature to eliminate military retired pay from state taxes as 39 other state have done. In closing, he offered a toast – “to our men and women serving around the world in harms way and their families, to the Grand Strand family for service past and present, and to America - land of the free and home of the brave.”

## Auxiliary News

### Joan Perry

Another year comes to a close. We hope it was a good one for all.

Congratulations - The chapter is awarded another five-star streamer. It shows us all, there is always work to be done. I received the Surviving Spouse Liaison Award, but you must all realize it was not earned without the support of all auxiliary members. It takes all of us pitching-in to make things happen. I thank everyone for their congratulations.

We worked with the Blue Star Mothers to fill the hero boxes for members of the military out-of-country. Please give us those little toiletries from hotel rooms, as they are distributed in these boxes.

Thanks for supporting the Wreaths Across America project – we ordered 32 wreaths this year, and are expecting the Grand Strand Chapter to do much better next year as we remember our fallen heroes and veterans in the National cemeteries. Our Chapter will be noted in the program on December 12, at Florence National Cemetery. Baked goods were donated to the Blue Star Mothers to sell at the event.

A sympathy card was sent to Earlene Jackson, upon the death of her husband, CAPT Nelson Jackson.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, New Year.

## Highlights from the MOAA November Dinner Meeting

Mayor John Rhodes was our guest speaker during our dinner meeting on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at Pine Lakes Country Club. A frequent guest and friend to our local MOAA Chapter, Mayor Rhodes directed his presentation toward recent business development activities and the status of Savannah's Playground in Market Common.

Chinese Business Investment in Myrtle Beach:

Mayor Rhodes has recently returned from a trip to visit business leaders in China. The Mayor provided an interesting and informative overview of the current status of Chinese business investment activities in Myrtle Beach. Various Chinese businesses have selected the Myrtle Beach area for investment and growth opportunities and have been working closely with the Office of the Mayor and City Council to facilitate future investment opportunities. Mayor Rhodes expressed excitement and declared he and the City of Myrtle Beach will continue to welcome Chinese investors to our area.



Myrtle Beach Mayor  
John Rhodes

Savannah's Playground:

The Mayor spent most of his time discussing in detail the status of Savannah's Playground. Savannah's Playground is a special project initiated by Mayor Rhodes to provide a safe and fun playground experience for children with special needs. For more information please visit: [www.savannahsplayground.org](http://www.savannahsplayground.org)



Greg Hill, and his  
wife, Rosemary

## Chapter Food Drive

As a continuation of our Chapter's community outreach initiatives, a food drive was conducted during November and December. Member/Chaplain Greg Hill, and his wife, Rosemary, coordinated the drive, and subsequent delivery to participating area food pantries. Thanks to them, the Chapter food drive was very successful. Our officers express our sincere appreciation to Greg and Rosemary, for their extensive effort, and to all Chapter members who contributed.



Greg Hill at the  
Baskervill food pantry

# Grand Strand Chapter Membership

Bob Hawkins

2015 was a great year !! We currently have 158 members on our roster. We have 27 new regular members; and 7 CCU ROTC cadets joined our Chapter. We also attained our goal of 5 new **Life** members of National. Thanks to Greg Youngman, Tony Prince, Jerry Terwilliger, Rufus Manning, and Tom Middleton, we will be receiving a \$200 incentive from National soon.

We need your help. If you are one of our twelve (12) 2014 members who have not renewed yet, please do so now.

**More importantly, our 2016 membership drive will begin on January 12<sup>th</sup>, at the luncheon scheduled at Kimbel's restaurant, Wachesaw Plantation, Murrells Inlet, at 11:30 a.m.** President Youngman has asked that all current Chapter members, attending, invite at least one guest (eligible retired, former or active officer – or surviving spouse) to this kick-off membership luncheon. In addition to the message that he recently sent to all members, National will be sending a message to area “potentials” (local National members who don't yet belong to our Chapter).

MG (retired) James Livingston, SC Medal of Honor recipient, will be our special keynote speaker at the luncheon; and we look forward to a “full house”. Reservations should be confirmed not later than December 31<sup>st</sup>, by contacting 1<sup>st</sup>VP, Tony Prince.

NOTE: The Chapter has its own recruiting brochure. Contact Bob at [rhawkins21@sc.rr.com](mailto:rhawkins21@sc.rr.com), if you would like copies for your neighbors and other officer friends, who are not currently members of our chapter.

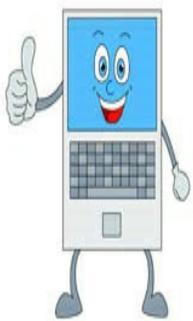
**New 2015 Members (since last newsletter):  
WELCOME !!!**

Fred Vollrath, LTG (retired), US Army  
David Fischer, LDCR (retired), US Navy  
Scott Bowen, LTC (retired), US Army

## GS Chapter Annual meeting

The annual Grand Strand Chapter meeting will be held during the special membership drive luncheon, on January 12<sup>th</sup> at Kimbel's Restaurant, Wachesaw Plantation, Murrells Inlet. Agenda items include: Voting on the slate of Executive Officers and review of committee appointments for the 2016 year, and voting on the proposed changes to our By-Laws in the following areas (i.e. infusion of the South Carolina State Guard in our membership and Chapter, rewording of disciplining any member for potentially inappropriate issues, the role of the Executive Officers within the Chapter hierarchy, and expanding the existing standing committees). In addition, our 2016 annual budget will be presented. Copies of pertinent documents have been sent to members, for review.

## Volunteer Opportunities for important Chapter positions



As you are aware, Peggy DeVivo has served as our Grand Strand Chapter Webmaster ([www.grandstrandmoaa.com](http://www.grandstrandmoaa.com)) for several years; and she has made innumerable contributions to the site and to the Chapter overall, in this capacity. She previously won one National MOAA communications award; and, we anticipate that the new web site that she recently designed and updated will earn awards in coming years. In view of other personal and family priorities, Peggy has informed President Youngman that she will be "retiring", early next year.

This is an essential position. **We urgently need a volunteer who can maintain and continue to enhance our web site** (and perhaps also maintain a Chapter Face Book page).

In addition, our Chapter Historian, Clay Barker, has relocated to another area in SC; and we need a volunteer who can continue to maintain our important history files.

# Legislation Tidbits

MOAA's Director of Government Relations, Col. Steve Strobridge, USAF (Ret.), testified before the House Armed Services military personnel subcommittee on Wednesday about the huge financial penalty imposed on 63,000 military survivors. Current law unfairly makes military survivors forfeit part or all of their military Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity when military service caused the member's death.

SBP provides the survivor 55 percent of the servicemember's military retired pay. Enrollment is elected at the time of retirement, and the retired member pays 6.5 percent of retired pay as a premium.

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) is a VA program providing a \$1,254 monthly annuity for survivors of veterans whose death is ruled service-connected. SBP payments are reduced dollar-for-dollar by DIC. This is often called the "widows' tax." MOAA has been seeking repeal of this unfair law for decades.

Rep. Joe Wilson (R-N.C.), whose proposed legislation to end the offset (H.R. 1594) has gathered 171 bipartisan cosponsors, reiterated his determination to see an end to the offset at the hearing.

In 2008, Congress authorized a modest Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA) for SBP-DIC widows as a first step toward phasing out the offset.

"Because of budget issues, our hope has been Congress would do that by steadily increasing the SSIA amounts," Strobridge said. "As of FY 2017, the \$310 monthly SSIA will restore about 25 percent of the offset."

SSIA is set to expire Oct. 1, 2017, and Congress needs to extend the SSIA in the upcoming FY17 defense bill or survivors will forfeit the \$310 monthly allowance.

You have [our] support because you have been so effective outside of this hearing in our offices... the argument that you've made in my opinion is incontrovertible, and you've made it on its merits, on the facts," said Rep. Beto O'Rourke (D-Tex.) to the panel.

Though committee members acknowledged the inequity of the offset, Ranking Member Susan Davis (D-Calif.) pointed out that a full repeal has a price tag approaching \$7 billion, and securing funds will be difficult.

"We're sensitive to the [funding] challenge," said Strobridge. But he noted, "When congressional leaders recently managed to find far larger [funding] to provide Medicare premium relief to millions of wealthier beneficiaries, it's hard to explain to SBP-DIC widows - who have suffered five-digit annual losses for decades - why their situation gets lower priority."

Even in a budget-constrained environment, fair treatment for survivors of service members who gave their lives for their country shouldn't be last in line for funding. Congress needs to extend and increase the SSIA in the FY17 National Defense Authorization Act.



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## Chapter wins second recognition award for Coastal Tide Newsletter



Bill Walsh accepts Col Marvin J. Harris Communication Award as a coveted Runner up, in membership category V. This award is important because it confirms that we have an exceptional method of communicating with the entire Chapter membership. To have a successful chapter we must ensure that everyone knows what is "happening"; and we must maintain our history on a continuous basis. In addition to Bill's terrific effort as the editor, the input from Chapter officers, committee heads and other contributors has been outstanding.

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## Chaplain's Corner Chaplain Greg Hill

For those of you who attended our last Chapter meeting on Tuesday Dec 8, you heard me say that I joined the ranks of the hearing “improved” on Monday, December 7! Coincidentally, our speaker system wasn’t working during our Chapter meeting, so, sound was different that night for me.

During this time of year, the sounds are different for all of us. Whether it is the Salvation Army hand bell ringers outside the mall, or the Christmas music inside the stores, Cantatas being sung by choirs, or the sound of children laughing, the sounds are different; their tones are more joyous somehow.

Some folks hear these sounds quite well, with ears or eyes or hands. Others, however, do not for a host of reasons.

As a Chapter, we are already making a joyful noise by donating canned goods to food pantries to feed the hungry, donating toys to Toys for Tots, and supporting our Chapter members, Veterans and their Family Members in other ways this season.

Still, I want to challenge you to be a hearing “aid” to one who may not be hearing sounds of joy this season. Someone may be lonely. Another may be depressed. Yet another may be hungry or confused. Do not be afraid.

Make a joyful noise!

## YOU HAVE IKARAT? Hans Duerr

During my tour in Vietnam I was often surrounded by children as I walked or drove through their villages. Invariably they would hold out their hands in hope of receiving something. Usually I had some rations in my Jeep which I would distribute to them. One day a couple of urchins walked up to me asking: “You have ikarat?” I had no idea what they wanted, until my Vietnamese driver told me they were asking for cigarettes (get it?). This incident reminded me so much of my early childhood under American occupation in Austria, when kids asked US soldiers for chewing gum. They always had some.

## MOAA Grand Strand Chapter

### Presents

**Major General James E. Livingston USMC (retired)**

**Medal of Honor Recipient**

**Please join us for a very special luncheon on January 12, 2016 at Kimbel's Restaurant. Our guest speaker will be Major General James E. Livingston, USMC (Ret). General Livingston is currently leading the fundraising campaign to build the National Medal of Honor Museum at Patriots Point, Mount Pleasant, SC. He is leading a \$50 million dollar effort to support the construction and maintenance of a hallowed site on the Charleston Harbor. This is a "can't miss" event.**

Major General James E. Livingston retired on September 1, 1995 following over 33 continuous years on active duty in the United States Marine Corps. His last assignment was the Commander of the Marine Forces Reserve in New Orleans, Louisiana.

He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in June 1962, following graduation from Auburn University. Early assignments included service as a Platoon Commander, Intelligence Officer, and as a Recruit Training Regiment Series Commander.

Promoted to Captain in June 1966, General Livingston served as the Commanding Officer of the Marine detachment aboard the aircraft carrier USS Wasp, before joining the 3d Marine Division (Reinforced) in the Republic of Vietnam in August 1967.

On May 2, 1968, while serving as the Commanding Officer, Company E, 2d Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Marines, he distinguished himself above and beyond the call of duty in action against enemy forces and earned the Congressional Medal of Honor.

After his second tour in Vietnam, General Livingston served as an instructor at the Army's Infantry School, Director of Division Schools for the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division, and, later, as the S-3 for 3d Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Marines. In March 1975, he returned to Vietnam and served as the Operations Officer for the Vietnam evacuation operations which included Operation "Frequent Wind", the evacuation of Saigon.

He then commanded the Marine Barracks, United Kingdom, London and served as the Commanding Officer, 3d Recruit Training Battalion, then as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations and Training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina. During this period, he earned a master's degree in Management from Webster University. General Livingston then served with the 2d Marine Division and commanded the 6<sup>th</sup> Marines before joining the Joint U. S. Assistance Group in the Republic of the Philippines.

Major General Livingston is a native of Towns, Georgia. He is a graduate of the Amphibious Warfare School, the Marine Corps Command and Staff College and the Air War College. His decorations include the Medal of Honor; Distinguished Service Medal; Silver Star Medal; Defense Superior Service Medal; Bronze Star Medal, with Combat "V"; Purple Heart, Third Award; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal, Second Award; Navy Commendation Medal, with Combat "V"; Combat Action ribbon, Second Award; and various other service and foreign decorations. He is also a qualified military parachutist.

Major General Livingston retired from the Marine Corps in 1995. In retirement he served as a Board Member and Chairman of the National World War II Museum Foundation in New Orleans. • He presently serves as a founding Board Member of the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation at Patriots Point, Charleston, SC.

Major General Livingston is married to the former Sara Craft. They have two daughters, Kimberly and Melissa. Kimberly, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and Medical University of South Carolina is currently a MOHS Surgeon in a private practice located in Denver, Colorado. Melissa is a graduate from Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana.



### Event Details

**Event: MOAA Luncheon: Kimbel's Restaurant, Wachesaw Plantation, Murrells Inlet, SC**

**Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2016**

**Time: 1130 – 1300**

**POC: Tony Prince, 703.304.7398 or [Stephen.a.prince@gmail.com](mailto:Stephen.a.prince@gmail.com)**

**RSVP: December 31, 2015**

**Please reserve your seat today! This will be a sold out event and we desire to have our MOAA members fully represented. Unreserved seats will be opened to other local veterans' organizations on January 1, 2016.**

**Book your reservation today!**

# MOAA National Annual Meeting, 2015

The 2015 Annual Meeting of the MOAA National Membership opened with a welcome from Gen. Charles T. Robertson Jr., USAF (Ret), Chair of MOAA’s Board of Directors, and Gen. Joe Lynch, USAF (Ret), MOAA General Counsel. Gen Robertson and MOAA President Vice Adm. Norbert R. Ryan Jr., USN (Ret), gave their reports. Robertson highlighted the growth of MOAA — to more than 390,000 members; the efforts of the Government Relations team to protect the earned benefits of the military; and the strength of the chapter and council system. “The chapter and council system is the heart and soul of what MOAA is about,” he said. Ryan mentioned several recent changes, including the redesigned website, and the new tagline “Never Stop Serving,” which he said he is especially proud of. He also discussed the association’s legislative accomplishments but cautioned next year will be a challenge on Capitol Hill, with continued pay and health care threats. “You never will win everything in Washington, but you never give up,” Ryan said. Additionally, Ryan highlighted some of the association’s member products and services, including the VA claims-assistance program, career transition services, caregiver support, the MOAA Scholarship Fund, the MOAA Military Family Initiative, and insurance products and offering. Ryan ended his briefing by announcing his successor, Lt. Gen. Dana Atkins, USAF (Ret), whose appointment as president and CEO of MOAA will begin Jan. 4, 2016.



Gen. Charles Robertson presents award to Joan Perry

All Grand Strand members can be rightfully very proud. Our Auxiliary/Surviving Spouses leader/facilitator, Joan Perry, was awarded the very first National MOAA Surviving Spouses award, in recognition of her numerous achievements as the leader of the Grand Strand Chapter Surviving Spouses. AND, the Grand Strand Chapter received its 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive 5-star Levels of Excellent (LOE award) – the only SC Chapter to receive the 5-star LOE award this year.



President Youngman receiving 5 Star Award from Gen. Charles Robertson



From left: Bob Hawkins, Judy Youngman, April Dayton-Muhlen, Joan Perry, Greg Youngman, Helen Haendle, Suzie Albright

## Community Service Award Recognition

It was President Youngman’s honor to present the Grand Strand Chapter special Community Service award to Bob Kaiser at the November dinner meeting. Bob served in the USAF as an Airman from 1961-1966. He and his wife, Barbara, have been involved in serving Veterans’ organizations since relocating to Surfside Beach in 2004.

Bob has assisted many Veterans by personally staying by their side and encouraging them to seek help and directing them to obtain assistance at the VA. He has involved himself in many Veteran golf and fund raising outings. Bob has also worked with Veterans who needed mentoring and temporary housing, and frequently hired Veterans to work in his pool business. Bob and Barbara have also offered shelter in their home and financial aid to Veterans and families on several occasions. Bob continues to involve himself in any event or cause that will benefit local Veterans.



Left to right, President Youngman, Bob Kaiser, and Jerry Terwilliger

# Chapter Application

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Chapter dues: \$20.00 a year for regular membership. Auxiliary: \$20 per year. Multiple year dues are encouraged to reduce costs. Make check payable to: "Grand Strand MOAA". Mail to: MOAA Grand Strand Chapter, P.O. Box 15842, Surfside Beach, SC 29587.

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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 \_\_\_ Auxiliary \_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## MOAA MISSION/Purpose:



Foster fraternal relations (and mutual support) among retired, active duty, and former officers of the uniformed services and their National Guard and Reserve component counterparts, ROTC Cadets, and their families and survivors;  
Assist community organizations that support service members and veterans and their families;  
funds to provide 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.



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