

Grand Strand Chapter

Military Officers Association of America



The Coastal Tide

January-February
2018

President's Message



The days leading up to the February dinner meeting were somewhat of a reunion for my wife Gale and me. Our speaker, retired Captain Nori Ann Reed, Gale and I met in 1987. Nori Ann was the Operations Officer of the USS Yellowstone (AD-41). We have remained friends since then, with Gale and me leaving the Navy in 1993. Nori Ann continued her successful career to become one of the first women to be assigned to command a ship. Before retiring in 2008, she commanded three ships. Nori Ann now resides in her home state of Florida.

Early this month, we probably had one of our most important Board of Directors meetings where we approved the budget for 2018. What was evident to me was how much we depend on revenue from our golf tournament where we brought in approximately \$22,500. Our other key revenue makers were scholarship donations (\$2,304), the Eggs Up Grill Veterans initiative (\$4,779), and the Gordon Biersch Fundraiser (\$521). Our main expenses were JROTC Scholarships (\$8,000), Veterans' Stand down (\$3,500), Liability Insurance (\$1445), JROTC Grants (\$4,600), Veterans Outreach Programs (\$8,550), and JROTC/ROTC dinners (\$920). The remainder of expenses included wounded warrior visits, State Council Dues, Color Guard Honorarium, Bank Fees, Web Site costs, Chamber of Commerce Dues, Office Supplies, etc. We are a very active chapter, and we cannot do this without adequate financial and membership resources. The success of the Golf Tournament is an essential part of who we are and what we can do. Please help in any way you can.

Our next newsletter will come out in April. By then I expect to be enjoying warmer weather, playing golf and tennis and enjoying the azaleas. Here's to good health in the coming months. See you at the next dinner meeting.

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January Meeting Highlights



Local elder law attorney Margaret Wadsworth discussed important legal aspects of member estates and estate planning.



Grand Strand Chapter Member Earl Blount was presented a Quilt of Valor by Joan and Jim Wobbleton.



Grand Strand Chapter Treasurer Tony Prince, accompanied by his wife Leslie on the right and his sister Terry McNamara was also presented a Quilt of Valor.

Meeting Updates by Randy Dymond



We have had two excellent programs thus far in 2018 and there are more to follow. Local elder law attorney Margaret Wadsworth provided members with estate planning tips at the Dunes Golf and Beach Club in January. Capt. Nori Ann Reed, USN (Ret), offered us a 9/11 perspective of captain of a ship located near the New York Harbor. We were also entertained by a magician and presented each lady in attendance with a rose in honor of Valentine's Day.

We have completed our dinner meeting plan. Here is the schedule for the next four months.

March 13: Pine Lakes Country Club. 5:30 pm social time, 6:00 pm dinner. Speaker: Charles Wheeler, President of MidCon, a defense contractor in North Myrtle Beach. **April 10:** Pine Lakes

Country Club, 5:30 pm Social time, 6:00 pm dinner; we honor eight Coastal Carolina University ROTC cadets who will be commissioned upon graduation. Speaker: MG Laurie Newton, US ARNG (Ret). **May 8:** Pine Lakes Country Club, 5:30 social time, 6 pm dinner We will award scholarships for seniors graduating from area high school JROTC programs and recognize all of the dedicated JROTC instructors throughout the area. CCU Speaker: Assistant Professor Rick Kilroy, USA, LTC (Ret) **June 12:** Kimbel's Restaurant at Wachesaw Plantation. Noon. Speaker: Capt. Jeff Jacobs, USN (Ret) from Patriots' Point. We will honor the numerous supporters of our Chapter at this meeting.

Mark your calendars. You won't want to miss these programs.

Membership by John Bradley



We have added three new members in January this year; hopefully you will have a chance to meet them all soon. Please welcome them to our Chapter:

**Wayne Beam, Col., ARNG (Ret)
William Jeter, Cpt., USA
David Tomayko, Cdr., USN (Ret)**

After removing our previous members who declined to pay their 2017 dues, adding our 22 new 2017 members and our newest 2018 members, our Chapter membership stands at 142 active members. One thing that I have noticed about many of our new members is that they are also members of the National MOAA, which of course helps our Chapter to earn our 5-star rating. So do us a favor and review your MOAA membership status; please renew when your membership becomes due, join if you haven't already. It's easy to do; Basic Membership is free; just go to <http://www.moaa.org>.

To any of our own, albeit few, delinquent members who may be reading this, I remind you that our 2018 dues are VERY reasonable, only \$20 a year, and due now. So, please, if you haven't paid already, please drop a check, payable to Grand Strand Chapter MOAA, in the mail to our PO Box as soon as possible.

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Membership *(Continued)*

You will be able to register for all our 2018 Dinners on line, either by responding using the invitational emails or by going to Events, Upcoming Events on our Website www.grandstrandmoaa.com. Currently well over 90% of our Dinner attendees are registering on line. You can continue to register by phone or email should you desire; my contact details will always be included in your invitational emails. The Board has decided to continue to accept payment only by cash or check at the door, due to the charges associated with credit card usage. Lastly, I urge all of you to always be on the lookout for new members Thank you !

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Chaplain's Corner by Greg Hill

February is a busy month! Groundhog Day (6 more weeks of winter!!), Presidents' Day, Valentine's Day, Mardi Gras in New Orleans, and the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday for those in the Christian tradition.

Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday (the Mardi Gras is held on the same day), is an interesting observance. Shrove comes from the word, 'shrive', which means to give (by a priest) absolution after hearing a confession. So Shrove Tuesday was the day people would confess their sins in preparation for Lent.

Many Protestant churches hold pancake dinners on Shrove Tuesday. Why? It symbolizes the last chance for indulgence before 40 days of fasting and an opportunity to use up food that could not be eaten during Lent (BBC History Magazine, Feb 2015). "Giving up something for Lent" is a modern version of this as one prepares for the coming of Easter.

On Ash Wednesday most Christians receive the sign of the cross on their foreheads as the pastor says, "Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return." It is a sign of the temporary nature of one's physical body and one's need to cultivate one's spirit.

Although Valentine's Day has past, I want to say that the letters YWTL form an appropriate acronym for Valentine's Day. Why Wait Till Later? Why wait to express to (or remember) that special person in your life the love God has implanted in your heart?

Treasurer's Report

By Tony Prince

As President Dave Townsend mentioned in his message on page one, in February, the Board of Directors approved our Chapter's operating budget for 2018.

That budget anticipates 2018 revenues to be \$46,753.

Combined with the \$22,868 carried over from 2017, the Chapter will have \$69,621 on which to operate in 2018.

The board approved 2018 expenditures of \$54,835 to include our continued support for high school scholarships, support for veterans, support for ROTC graduates, etc.

The approved budget reflects the board's continued effort to keep our administrative expenses low. Consequently, those overhead expenses are expected to be less than 10% of our total revenue.

It is impossible to present in this space the entire line by line budget the board approved. However, the budget document approved by the board is available for any board member to review upon request. We will continue to present a monthly financial report in this newsletter throughout the year.

Upcoming Activities Update

March 13: Dinner meeting, Pine Lakes Country Club. 5:30 pm social, 6 pm dinner. Speaker: Charles Wheeler, MidCon.

Mar 30-Apr 7: Passover

April 1: Easter

April 10: Dinner Meeting, Pine Lakes Country Club. 5:30 pm social, 6 pm dinner. Speaker: MG Laurie Newton, US ARNG (Ret).

May 8th: Dinner Meeting, Pine Lakes Country Club. 5:30 pm social, 6 pm dinner. Speaker: CCU Asst Professor Rick Kilroy

May 5-28: Myrtle Beach Military Appreciation Days events

May 13: Mothers Day

May 24: MOAA Golf Tournament, Heritage Golf Club. Shotgun Start: 2 pm.

May 28: Memorial Day

June 12: Lunch Meeting, Kimbel's Restaurant at Wachesaw Plantation. Noon. Speaker: Jeff Jacobs, Patriots Point.

Golf Tournament Report by Dave Townsend

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Our major fundraiser is the annual "Golf Tournament" that has been so successful the past four years. This year's event is scheduled on May 24th at the Heritage Golf Club on Pawleys Island in conjunction with the greater Myrtle Beach "Military Appreciation Days." There are many ways you can contribute to making the Golf Tournament a success!

Help publicize the Tournament by spreading the word throughout the Grand Strand community.

Sign up with your own four-person team (\$320), with a \$5 discount from this amount for each veteran team member.

Purchase a golf hole sponsorship (\$100).

Donate (Our chapter is a 501(c) (3) organization).

Volunteer to help advertise the Tournament over the next several months.

Volunteer to help the day of the event.

Please let us know if you can volunteer your time. The MOAA Golf Committee organizing the Tournament realizes this is a huge undertaking, but the potential benefits are enormous as we saw last year. We need your support and we cannot do this without you! Our promotional poster containing all of the needed information is on page 7 of this newsletter. Register to play or make a donation using the form on page 8 or by going to our chapter website for the form.

Thank you in advance for your support of the MOAA Grand Strand Chapter Golf Tournament fundraiser!



Legislative Affairs by Jimmy Jacobs



MOAA National goals for 2018: National MOAA has voiced support for the following bills:

HR 1384 : This bill makes reserve component members who are deployed to support pre-planned operations of a combatant command eligible for: (1) pre-mobilization health care, (2) transitional health care, (3) consideration of active duty service to reduce the age for retired pay, (4) the high-deployment allowance for lengthy or numerous deployments and frequent mobilizations, (5) Post-9/11 educational assistance, and (6) non-reduction in pay while serving in the uniformed services or National Guard. The bill makes reserve component members who are deployed in response to a major disaster or emergency eligible for Post-9/11 educational assistance.

HR 92: A bill to increase the maximum age from 23 to 26 for certain children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program.

HR 93: This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to ensure that gender specific services are continuously available at every VA medical center and community based outpatient clinic.

HR 102: A bill to expand the research and education on and delivery of complementary and alternative medicine to veterans, and for other purposes.

S 422: A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and or other purposes.

Arlington National Cemetery

This is an update to an earlier newsletter article. At the current rate, the cemetery will run out of room for burials in the early 2040s. It's raising some tough questions about eligibility. A new survey to gauge the public's view on Arlington National Cemetery's future is expected to be posted to the cemetery's website. Public comments will be collected through March or April. If our members have any comments, it is recommended that they visit the cemetery website to voice their views on cemetery options. The advisory committee that's collecting data on preferred cemetery options will then prepare recommendations for the secretary of the Army and secretary of defense for their approval.

More information on MOAA legislative priorities can be obtained at

<http://www.moaa.org/takeaction/>



Grand Strand MOAA JROTC/ROTC Winter/Spring 2018 Activities

By Dean Brown

One of the Grand Strand MOAA Chapter's core missions is supporting the 18 Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps (JROTC) Units from all services assigned to our chapter and the Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps (AROTC) Unit at Coastal Carolina University (CCU). The JROTC Units are located range across north-east SC and include: Andrews HS (Navy), Aynor HS (Army), Carolina Forest HS (Navy), Carvers Bay (Marine Corps), Conway HS (Navy), Dillon HS (Army), Georgetown HS (Navy), Green Seas Floyd HS (Army), Hemingway HS (Army), Latta HS (Army), Loris HS (Army), Marion HS (Army), Mullins HS (Marine Corps), Myrtle Beach HS (Navy), Marlboro County HS (Army), North Myrtle Beach HS (Navy), Saint James HS (Army), and Socastee HS (Air Force). This winter and spring many interactions with our sponsored Units will occur including:

- ♦ **Scholarship Opportunities:** Since our founding, our Chapter has worked hard to increase our merit-based scholarship awards to college bound graduating JROTC cadets from a single \$1,000 annual scholarship to three or even four \$2,000 scholarships each year. These scholarships are among the most generous scholarships from Grand Strand charitable organizations. Scholarship applications are ongoing now for selection in April. The Scholarship Awardees and their immediate families will be recognized as our honored guests at our 8 May dinner meeting. They later ride in the Myrtle Beach Military Appreciation Days parade.
- ♦ **MOAA ROTC/JROTC Leadership Medal/Certificate annual awards:** Although it is only February, the end of the academic year quickly approaches. Our Chapter presents a MOAA Leadership Medal and Certificate to an outstanding junior or sophomore cadet at CCU AROTC and all 18 of the supported JROTC Units. We also try to provide a chapter member as presenter at the annual awards ceremonies held by each Units. Presenters will be scheduled at our April and May meetings, so members are asked to bring their calendars to those meetings to sign up if possible. Last year we provided medals and presenters to CCU ROTC as well medals to all 18 JROTC Units and were able to schedule chapter presenters at 13 of the 15 Units who held ceremonies.
- ♦ **CCU ROTC Commissioning Recognition Night and Color Guard presentation:** At our April 10th dinner meeting, our MOAA chapter will recognize the CCU Army ROTC graduating cadets who will be commissioned as 2LTs at the end of this semester. We will present each prospective 2LT with a set of dress uniform gold insignia bars, a cloth patch insignia for their BDUs and a congratulatory certificate. The CCU Army ROTC Unit will provide the color guard for the opening of this dinner meeting. We also provide a year's complimentary membership to our chapter and the national MOAA organization.
- ♦ **JROTC Senior Instructor/Spouse Recognition Night:** For the last several years and again this year, coincidental with our May JROTC Scholarship Award night, JROTC Unit senior instructors and their spouses will be our guests at our April 10 dinner meeting to recognize their valuable and demanding roles as mentors for the youth of our communities. We will also use this opportunity to have the JROTC instructors update our membership on the purpose and policies encompassing the JROTC program.

JROTC Color Guard participation add a welcome element of a military ceremony to our dinner meetings by performing as color guards to open our monthly meetings. The Carolina Forest HS Navy JROTC will perform this role at our March meeting. In May the color guard from Aynor HS Army JROTC will assist us. We greatly appreciate the efforts of all these units.

The MOAA Grand Strand Chapter is committed to supporting our CCU ROTC Unit and all our eighteen JROTC Units as fully as possible to the mutual benefit of the units, their cadets, and our membership.



Military Officers Association of America
"Grand Strand Chapter"
Golf Tournament

Thursday, May 24, 2018
Heritage Golf Club - Pawleys Island, SC

Honorary Sponsor: Myrtle Beach Military Appreciation Days

Registration & Lunch: 12pm - 2pm | Shotgun Start @ 2pm



Proceeds Support:

College Scholarships for
JROTC H.S. Seniors,
Wounded Service Member Visits
and Outreach Programs for
Veterans and Families

Captain's Choice

Team Low Score(Top 3)
Longest Drive - Men & Women
Hole-in-One Contests

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\$90/Person \$320/Team
\$5 Discount for Veterans
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RESERVATION DEADLINE: MAY 10, 2018

Contact: Dave Townsend *davemoaa@gmail.com* 843-907-1763

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More information at: grandstrandmoaa.com

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PLAYER REGISTRATION

\$90 per person*, \$320 per team*. To sign up, please complete this form and submit with a check payable to "Grand Strand MOAA." Mail to: MOAA, c/o Dave Townsend, 9253 Venezia Circle, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579. Questions, call Dave Townsend at (843) 907-1763. (Please print)

Team Captain _____ Phone _____ Email _____ PD _____

Player #2 _____ Phone _____ Email _____ PD _____

Player #3 _____ Phone _____ Email _____ PD _____

Player #4 _____ Phone _____ Email _____ PD _____

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Deadline – May 10, 2018

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Sign to Read _____

DONATIONS

Charitable donations of major sponsorships, auction and raffle prizes, checks, and gift certificates go far in assisting wounded service members, college scholarships for JROTC high school seniors and outreach programs for veterans in Horry and Georgetown counties supported by the Grand Strand Chapter. Major donations will be recognized in the Tournament Brochure.

Please complete the following and forward checks (payable to *Grand Strand MOAA*), prizes or gift certificates to MOAA, c/o Dave Townsend, 9253 Venezia Circle, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579. Questions? Contact Dave Townsend at davemoaa@gmail.com or (843) 907-1763.

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DOB _____ Rank _____ Service _____ Spouse's name _____
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Email address (please print clearly) _____

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{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) _____

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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 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.

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