

Grand Strand Chapter

Military Officers Association of America



The Coastal Tide

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President's Message

by Randy Dymond



As I assume the reins as your chapter president, I want to take this opportunity to thank Past Presidents Dave Townsend, Greg Youngman and Roger Pilcher for their hard work in establishing, growing and maintaining such a solid chapter in the Grand Strand. I also want to thank our current Executive

Team and Board of Directors for their guidance, support and astute judgment in helping navigate this ship along such a steady course. Indeed, you have all set the bar very high and I am humbled and honored to carry out your legacy.

With that said, I would now like to share with you my priorities and vision for 2019. In keeping with tradition, the major emphasis in the coming year will be in supporting our JROTC scholarships and veterans outreach efforts through our continued reliance on past successful fundraising activities such as the annual golf tournament, Eggs Up Grill Breakfast with a Vet, Gordon Biersch and MOAA/H4H Grants. In addition, I would like to bring some focus to the life-blood of our organization, our membership, and join our national partner in bolstering recruitment and retention. To that end, I am proposing two initiatives: "Mobilizing Our Members" and "Taking Care of Our Members," dedicated to getting members more involved in key roles and activities as well as meeting the needs of our own as we cope with life's inevitable challenges and transitions.

This brings me now to my vision: To sustain a vibrant veterans organization which supports the needs of those who have served as well as those of future leaders who may serve. I hope you will all join me in turning this vision into reality as we move forward in the coming year.

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Grand Strand MOAA Leaders Receive National Awards

Colonel Mike Turner, National MOAA's Vice-President for Development, presented National Leadership Awards to three Chapter member who have made extraordinary contributions to the Chapter activities and organization. Pictured receiving their awards from Colonel Turner, below from top to bottom, are Past President Dave Townsend, Chapter Chaplain Greg Hill, and former Chapter Veterans Outreach Chair Rufus Manning.



Meeting Updates by Randy Dymond

We have started the new year with excellent dinner meetings and speakers and more will follow. In January, Colonel Mike Turner from National MOAA gave us a "headquarters" briefing on what is going on in the nation's capital. In February, Dr. LeMesha Craft gave us an insightful look at the challenges she faced during her 20 year Army career.

Our March Dinner Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 12 March, also at the Pine Lakes Country Club. The social hour begins at 1730 with dinner and the meeting at 1800. Our Speaker this month will be one of our own!!!

Yes, Lt. Gen. Mike Davison, Jr. will be speaking at our March meeting where he will learn about his stellar

career and insights relevant to today. Mike's bio will be available soon.

Green Sea Floyds High School AFROTC directed by CW4 Michael Burgos will present the colors.

In April, we will recognize the ROTC cadets from CCU who will be commissioned this spring. We are working on a speaker for this annual event and look forward to another evening honoring these dedicated young cadets, soon-to-be second lieutenants.

Please RSVP for these events either on the Website, via the invitation message, or, if you prefer, directly to CDR John Bradley, USN, (Ret.): jebradjr46@gmail.com.



Never Stop Serving

Membership by John Bradley

As the new year begins, our Chapter has 154 dues paying members and there are four prospective members considering accepting our invitation to join. Even more promising is the fact that 120 of our members have already paid their 2019 dues or have taken advantage of the discounted three year membership. Regrettably, I am afraid that we are losing eight members who have not paid their 2018 dues.

Congratulations to all of the members of our Grand Strand Chapter for their efforts to recruit friends and neighbors. It is through your individual efforts that we can maintain a strong membership roster. Secondly, I want to encourage any members who are not already members of national MOAA to go online and join. The basic membership is free and offers you the opportunity to stay abreast of national developments that affect you, our great service members, and veterans.



Grand Strand Receives National Acclaim

Our Grand Strand Chapter programs have garnered national recognition by National MOAA in recent weeks. First, a photo of our volunteers at Stand Down 2018 was selected to promote National MOAA's fund raising for the MOAA Foundation. National MOAA Vice-President Mike Turner explained to our chapter in January that the fund raising effort has been adopted to finance future Foundation's grants. Grand Strand Chapter has received one of those grants in each of the its first two years. In addition, MOAA asked President Randy Dymond for a quote to use to accompany the picture. Our use of the grant to assist needy veterans at Stand Down and elsewhere has set an example for other chapters to emulate, and that has been recognized by the leadership at National MOAA.

Secondly, Grand Strand Chapter's assistance to members of the US Coast Guard unit in Georgetown during the recent partial government shutdown were highlighted in National MOAA's recognition of chapters assisting military families. Because the Coast Guard is part of the Department of Homeland Security, which was one of the executive departments left unfunded during the shutdown, Coast Guard personnel could not be paid, leaving USCG personnel including unit in Georgetown in difficult financial circumstances. The Georgetown community, led by the Pawley's Island Community Church and others, rallied around the approximately 50-person Coast Guard unit stationed there to provide basic needs to these dedicated service members. Grand Strand MOAA joined that effort after Treasurer Tony Prince brought the situation to our attention. The Board of Directors expeditiously approved purchasing twenty \$50 gift cards for distribution to the Coast Guard families.

National MOAA's recognition of our Chapter's work on behalf of veterans and military personnel is a testament to our strong commitment to assist those who serve and who have served our country in uniform. Congratulations to all members who have been a part of these efforts in any way.



This picture taken at Stand Down 2018 will be used in raising funds for the MOAA Foundation.

You can be proud of what we are accomplishing together. Thank you for your participation in the Chapter's efforts to live up to the high standards adopted in our mission statement.

Treasurer's Report

By Tony Prince



Financially, January is generally a fairly slow month, and this

year was no exception. Our total revenues and expenses during the month and our bank balance at end of the month are below.

Our major expenses in January consisted of \$1180 for our monthly dinner meeting and the \$1000 we spent to assist the US Coast Guard personnel in Georgetown (see story to the left). Other expenses came from support for the annual golf tournament and administrative costs.

Revenue in January came from receipts from our dinner meeting. In addition, we received the funds raised at our annual Gordon Biersch Tap Night. This year's event raised a total of \$935, the best ever for that fundraising event.

January Receipts \$ 3000.00

January Expenses \$ 2735.92



Upcoming Activities Update

February 23 — Great Decisions Lecture, Johnson Auditorium, CCU, 10 a.m.

March 12—Chapter Dinner Meeting
Pine Lakes CC
Speaker: Lt. General Michael Davison (USA, Ret)

April 9 — Chapter Dinner Meeting
Pine Lakes CC
Coastal Carolina University Army ROTC Recognition Night

May 14 —Chapter Dinner Meeting
Pine Lakes CC
Scholarship and JROTC Recognition Night

May 18 —Armed Forces Day

May 18-27 — Myrtle Beach Military Appreciation Days

May 23 — Grand Strand MOAA Golf Tournament
Heritage Golf Club

May 27 — Memorial Day

June 11 — Chapter Dinner meeting
TBD

Golf Tournament Planning Continues

The Golf Committee has been busy attending to the hundreds of details needed for another successful Chapter fundraising golf tournament. This year's tournament is scheduled for May 23 at Heritage Golf Club, but before that date, we have to secure sponsorships from area business-



es, attract 144 golfers to play in the tournament, and recruit volunteers from the chapter to actually put on the tournament. Of course, this tournament's success is critical to financing Chapter programs. If you have time and would like to be involved in the planning and execution of the tournament, contact committee Chairman Dave Townsend. If you want to sponsor a hole or register to play fill out the form located on page 7 of this newsletter and send it in. It is not too early to setup your foursome or place a sponsorship order.

CCU's Dr. Craft Shares Her Experiences

Dr. LaMesha Craft (CW3, USA, Ret) gave an insightful and entertaining perspective of her 20 year career in the US Army at the Chapter's February 12 dinner meeting. Dr. Craft joined Coastal Carolina University in 2018 as a lecturer in its



Department of Politics after a 20 year career as an All-Source Intelligence Warrant Officer. Her after dinner remarks to the chapter focused on the challenges she faced in her military career as a female in a male-dominated career field and as a single mother.

During her career, Dr. Craft provided strategic and operational intelligence analysis of nation-state and non-state threats to U.S. interests, policy, data, and networks in/around Asia, Europe, the Horn of Africa, the Middle East, Southwest Asia. She has also worked overseas in Kosovo, Germany, Kuwait, and Iraq. Her comprehensive guide to applying military intelligence doctrinal processes when analyzing the cyber threat has been recognized as a "best practice" by the Center for Army Lessons Learned and has been requested by several allied nations. She also presented a lecture on Cyber Conflict and Geopolitics at CCU's 2019 Great Decisions lecture series.

Veterans Outreach by Michael Freeman



Grand Strand MOAA recently provided mail box keys for veterans housed by the Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization. Grand Strand MOAA provides administration and funding for the United States Postal Service to rekey residential mailboxes. Having a home mailing address allows these veterans to obtain identification documents,

apply for aid, permit voter and vehicle registration and assist in job hunting. This is an important chapter program supporting veterans transitioning to civilian life or getting back on their feet after an unanticipated set back in life. ECHO is one of our chapter's partners on programs assisting homeless or near homeless veterans.

National MOAA Sets 2019 Priorities

Although the calendar year is changing, you can expect to see some of the same goals from MOAA's advocacy team year over year.

MOAA supporters will work directly with members of Congress to ensure our interests are properly represented. All members should contact their Members of Congress to express their views on these issues, which are as follows:

- ◆ Ensure any TRICARE reform sustains access to top-quality care.
- ◆ Prevent disproportional TRICARE fee increases.
- ◆ The Goal: Sustain military pay comparability with the private sector.
- ◆ The Goal: Stop erosion of compensation and non-pay quality-of-life benefits.
- ◆ The Goal: End financial penalties for military survivors.
- ◆ The Goal: End concurrent receipt penalties for military retirees.

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Welcome New Members

Loman Miller, Col, USA, (Ret)

Pete Schumann, CWO3, USA (Fmr)

Fred Rankin, 1Lt, USA, (Fmr)

Chuck Sprinkle, 1Lt, USA, (Fmr)

James Neely, 1Lt, USAF (Fmr)

In Memoriam



Rear Admiral Harry Mitchell Highfill, USN (Ret), 75, passed away peacefully on September 29, 2018 in his home in Myrtle

Beach, SC. Admiral Highfill spent 33 years on active duty as a naval aviator, with tours in Vietnam, Desert Storm and Operation Provide Comfort. He Commanded two carrier aviation squadrons and two ships during his distinguished career.

LTC William T. "Sonny" Edens,



(USA, Ret), 68, passed away Monday, December 17, 2018, in Myrtle Beach, SC. After graduating from Clemson University, LTC Edens

joined the United States Army. He served in a variety of jobs on 3 continents including deployment to Desert Storm with the 101st Airborne Division. He retired as a lieutenant colonel in 2000 after 27 years of service.



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Grand Strand Chapter

6th Annual Golf Tournament

Honorary Sponsor: Myrtle Beach Military Appreciation Days



Thursday, May 23, 2019
HERITAGE GOLF CLUB - PAWLEY'S ISLAND, SC

Registration Deadline May 11, 2019

PROCEEDS SUPPORT:

- JROTC College Scholarships
- Homeless Veterans Needs
- Distressed Veteran Families

Registration & Lunch: 12pm – 2pm | Shotgun Start @ 2PM

\$90/person
\$340/Team (foursome)
\$5 Discount for Each Vet

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

Sponsorship Opportunities (see reverse)

Contact: Dave Townsend: email: davemoaa@gmail.com
cell: (843) 907-1763

More information at: grandstrandmoaa.com

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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Application Form

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___ 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.