

Grand Strand Chapter

Military Officers Association of America

The Coastal Tide

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President's Message by Jim Albert



This year is certainly shaping up to be one we won't forget anytime soon, if ever. As the world around us suffers through enormous stress and change, we have stepped up our efforts to support the needs of distressed veterans and future leader cadets across our region - and have been recognized by several national and regional organizations for these significant efforts.

As the needs of area veterans and their families have grown due to rising unemployment, mental health issues, family conflict and disruptions in transportation, housing, food and more, our chapter has been granted almost twice the amount of funding it has received in recent years by several grant agencies. As such, we have increased our outreach efforts up and down the coast and are making plans to take our support on the road to some of the inland counties in our region. We are also partnering with the Hilton Head MOAA Chapter to purchase a 2-person wheelchair bicycle for the Victory Veterans Home in Walterboro, SC that will allow wheelchair-bound veterans be taken out on bike rides by nursing home staff.

As a result of these and many more efforts and programs, our chapter was, again, selected for the top 5-star MOAA awards for our website, newsletters and overall programs and operations. We are the only MOAA chapter in the state to receive the top award in all these categories, and one of only a few chapters across the country to do so. This is testament to everything we do together to leverage our skills and resources to support each other and needy vets in our area.



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Mark Your Calendar

EDITORS NOTE: Unanticipated schedule changes will be announced via email and Grand Strand MOAA website. Locations of chapter dinner/lunch meetings may change due to pandemic restrictions.

- Sept 10 – Annual MOAA Golf Tournament, Noon, Heritage Golf Course, Pawleys Island
- Sept 15 – Chapter Dinner Meeting, 5:30PM, Location TBD,
- Sept 18 - USAF Birthday
- Sept 24 -Stand Down Preparations
- Sep 25 – Annual Stand Down for Homeless and Needy Veterans, 10 am, Reserve Center, Market Common, Myrtle Beach
- Oct 13 –Ribbon Cutting for Chapter Memorial Monument and Chapter 60th Anniversary, 3PM, Warbird Park, Market Common, Myrtle Beach
- Oct 13 – Chapter Dinner Meeting, 5:30PM, Location TBD,
- Oct 13 - US Navy Birthday
- Nov 3 - Election Day
- Nov 9 – Chapter Lunch Meeting and Missing Man Ceremony, Noon, Maggie D’s Restaurant,
- Nov 10 - USMC Birthday
- Nov 11 - Veterans Day
- Nov 26 - Thanksgiving Day
- Dec 8 – Chapter Dinner Meeting and Holiday Concert, 5:30PM, try Club,
- Dec 20 - US Space Force Birthday



Chaplain’s Corner by Greg Hill



Clarence Herbert Woolston (1856-1927) wrote the lyrics to the Sunday School song, “Jesus Loves the Little Children”. Many of you may have sung this song when you were kids. Surprisingly, at least to me, is that the tune is to an 1864 Civil War tune by George Frederick Root entitled “Tramp! Tramp! Tramp!” Woolston’s song was written to give hope to Union POWs.

The lyrics I remember most from my childhood are alternative lyrics to the original song:

Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world.
Red and yellow, black, and white,
They are precious in his sight.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

During this time in our nation’s turbulent history, those lyrics from my childhood bring me comfort. God loves us all!

See you at our next Chapter meeting in September!

President’s Message (continued from page 1)

As Summer comes to a close and Fall begins, we have several events coming up. Our Fundraising Golf Tournament will take place on Sept 10th, the next chapter dinner will be on Sept 15th, our Veterans Stand Down for homeless veterans is on Sept 25th and our new Memorial Monument dedication at Warbird Park and monthly dinner will be on Oct 13th. I hope you can attend some or all of these. If you need a ride, let me know.

In the meantime, please stay safe and enjoy the rest of your summer.



Financial Report by Tony Prince

Over the summer months, checks for \$8000 from our operating account were written to the schools being attended in the fall by our scholarship winners. In addition we spent \$7,975.46 for the final payment on the Chapter memorial that was delivered and installed at Warbird Park. We should expect to see revenue pick up in September as a result of the golf tournament. At the end of July, the balances in our three bank accounts are as follows:

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| Operating Account | \$17,385.92 |
| Memorial Account | \$ 421.21 |
| Reserve Account | \$15, 039.85 |

The Golf Tournament Needs You by Dave Townsend

With less than a month to go before our golf tournament is held on Thursday, September 10th, it is “ALL HANDS ON DECK.” The Golf Committee met last week using ZOOM to make final preparations. The presence of the COVID-19 virus forces us to make modifications to the way we have conducted our tournament in past years. For instance, all pre-play events such as the silent auction, raffle events, etc., will be held outside. For volunteers who are manning the tables for registration, 50/50, Super Ticket... we will give them face masks and face shields for protection. All players will be provided a face mask to be worn while inside the club house, and if among large gatherings of players outside. Instead of the usual buffet, box lunches will be furnished to each player. Table and chairs will be available outside. A 30' x 10' tent will house the silent auction. Bottles of hand sanitizer will be strategically placed throughout.



Though our funding is doing well, the COVID-19 has prevented some of our traditional donors from contributing this year. One way this can be compensated is for additional chapter members to step up and sponsor a hole sign placed at one of the tee boxes. Their cost is \$100 and is a good way to support our annual fundraiser by celebrating a loved one, supporting a cause, thanking veterans, etc. Please contact Dave Townsend (davemoaa@gmail.com) to order your sign.

The Golf Committee appreciates the involvement of the members of our chapter who are playing, donating, or volunteering to support this annual event. We look forward to seeing many of you at the Heritage Golf Club on September 10th!

Stand Down 2020 Is September 24-25 by Truman Parmele

The Annual Myrtle Beach Veteran's Stand Down will be completely different this year due to COVID 19 requirements and will be held September 25, 2020 at the Army Reserve Center located at Market Common from 10AM - 12 PM. The Stand Down will be a complete drive thru concept due to the COVID 19 requirements imposed by the SC Department of Health and Regional Veterans Affairs Office. Veterans will remain in their cars, and undergo a brief registration by VA Personnel, then drive to the first stop where they will receive a backpack that contains blanket and cold weather kit (Provided by Grand Strand MOAA Chapter) and other materials referring to medical, dental, and legal vouchers for referrals and or appointments as required. The last stop will be where box lunches will be placed in the car with the veterans. Volunteers will be provided full PPE equipment (Gloves, Goggles, Face Masks, and Face Shields, and PPE Gowns) to maximize security and protection. The number of volunteers will be reduced but will be asked to attend one of two sessions: (1) Sept 24 from 9-11AM for stuffing backpacks at the Reserve Center or (2) Sept 25 from 8-10AM for setup and then 10AM- 12PM (noon) for helping distribute backpacks to Veterans. Contact Truman Parmele to participate. The GS MOAA Chapter and the Myrtle Beach Regional VA office is also planning additional Stand Downs for Georgetown for the Low Country Veteran Group, and in Aynor for the Native American Veterans, along with Florence SC for the New Veterans Home in the coming months. Stay tuned

Memorial Monument Delivered and Installed

The Chapter's effort to memorialize its deceased members took another step forward in July with the delivery and installation of the memorial monument in Warbird Park. The City of Myrtle Beach poured the concrete pad and walkway leading up to monument and had it ready for installation of the monument. Landscaping and installation of a bench remains to be done. This project could not have been completed without the support of the members of the Chapter. Your generous contributions were the basis for the fund-raising needed to have this memorial erected. A formal unveiling and dedication of the memorial is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, at 3 p.m. The dedication will be followed that evening by our monthly dinner meeting at which time we will also celebrate the Chapter's 60th Anniversary. In the meantime, take a walk through Warbird Park and remember the many past Chapter members whose legacy of service the monument commemorates.



L to R: Board members Hans Duerr, Greg Youngman, Mike Davison, Jim Albert, Greg Hill, Dean Brown, and Jerry Terwilliger.

Chapter Receives Its Third Homes For Heroes Grant

The Homes for Heroes Foundation has again awarded the Grand Strand Chapter a \$5,000 grant to assist veterans in need of housing or housing related assistance. In the past, we have been able to use these funds to help veterans make repairs to their homes, assist with rent payments, and receive assistance in finding employment. This grant is particularly important during this difficult time as the coronavirus pandemic has exacerbated the financial difficulties experienced by many veterans throughout our area. Thanks to Chapter Chaplain Greg Hill we have been able to obtain these funds to support veterans in our area. On August 12, local realtor and Homes for Heroes partner Joanne Paskewich presented a \$5,000 check to Chapter President Jim Albert for this grant. The presentation was made at the memorial monument in Warbird Park.



Pictured left to right: Kim Pike of the Eastern Carolina Housing Organization (ECHO), Nathaniel Moultrie of the Low Country Veterans Group, Rev. Franklin Rutledge of the Low Country Veterans Group, Grand Strand MOAA Chapter President Jim Albert, Roger Pilcher of the Grand Strand MOAA Chapter, Joanne Paskewich of Shoreline Realty and Homes for Heroes partner, Scott Perez of the US Department of Veterans Affairs. Back row left to right are Grand Strand Chapter 1st Vice-President Truman Parmele, Grand Strand Chapter Chaplain Greg Hill, Grand Strand Chapter Board Member Jerry Terwilliger, and Chris Aranda of the Myrtle Beach Veterans Center.



Military Officers Association of America
Grand Strand Chapter

7th Annual Golf Tournament

Honorary Sponsor: Myrtle Beach Military Appreciation Days



Thursday, Sept 10, 2020

HERITAGE GOLF CLUB - PAWLEY'S ISLAND, SC

Registration Deadline Aug 22, 2020

PROCEEDS

SUPPORT:

- JROTC College Scholarships

- Homeless Veterans Needs

- Distressed Veteran Families

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

\$95/person
\$350/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.org

PLAYER REGISTRATION

\$95 per person*, \$350 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 7, 2020**

(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 _____

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

501(c)(3) Receipt Available Upon Request



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).

You may pay by credit card on line at www.grandstrandmoaa.org

Otherwise, please 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.