



## Grand Strand Chapter



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### Who are We?

We are one of 12 chapters in South Carolina welcoming all officers and their families to the Carolinas. MOAA Membership is open to active duty, retired, former officers (Reserve, National Guard, and State Guard) and warrant officers of the seven uniformed services: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Public Health Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Auxiliary memberships also are available.

The mission of the The Grand Strand Chapter of MOAA is to benefit the members of the uniformed services, their families and survivors, and to advocate for a strong national defense, while providing needed support to the community and its members. To quote a former Chapter President. There is so much good we can do!

Membership in the Grand Strand Chapter of MOAA provides an opportunity for continued service to country and community, as well expanding member's social and professional relationships.

**We remember those who died on "9/11"  
not as victims but heroes.**

**We remember all those who have fought  
since, Airmen, Sailors, Soldiers, Marines,  
as protectors of the dream that is  
known as America.**



**Who are We? Inquiring minds want to know.  
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## **TAPS**

It is with a heavy heart and profound sadness that we report the death of COL (retired) Gordon Stone, a long time, loyal member of our Chapter. His passing on August 28<sup>th</sup> leaves a hole in our Chapter that cannot be replaced.

Colonel Stone began his Army career in 1949 with the Tennessee Army National Guard, being promoted to First Sergeant. In 1956 he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant as an Armor Officer assigned to Fort Hood, TX. From there he transferred to Germany as a Cavalry Scout Platoon Leader. Promoted to Captain, he assumed command of a Tank Company. Transferred to Air Cavalry he transitioned into Aviation and became a helicopter pilot.

He was deployed to Vietnam in 1964-1965 and again in 1967-1968 as Commander, A Troop, 1/9<sup>th</sup> Air Cav, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division. After promotion to Lieutenant Colonel he commanded the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Cavalry. Colonel Stone attended the National War College as well as the NATO Defense College. He was promoted to Colonel and moved to NATO AFSOUTH Headquarters, Naples, Italy as Chief of Special Weapons, Europe. He retired in 1986.

Throughout his career he received many awards and decorations, including: The Silver Star, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Legion of Merit, 42 Air Medals, and the Purple Heart.

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## **Welcome to our new 2016 members who have arrived since the Spring!**

Gerald Eubank, COL (retired), US Army  
Vincent Mannella, COL (retired), USMCR  
James Davis, LTC (retired), US Army  
Charles Dirienzo, CDR (retired), US Coast Guard  
Edward Morris, CDR (retired), US Navy  
Kelly Sharbel, LTC (retired), US Army  
Melvin Mathias, CPT (former), US Army  
Buddy Gore, 1LT (former), US Army  
Clifford Rudd, 1LT (former), US Army  
Adam Kennedy, WO1, SC State Guard, Army

It is time once again for the Chapter's leadership to review our commitments and those organizations, activities, and individuals that contribute to our successes. Our Chapter prides itself on our members' commitments to serving and assisting our fellow brethren in uniform. That commitment continues to be our guiding principle while we provide monetary and volunteer support for the Chapter's new and long standing initiatives.

Our chapter meetings were well attended this Spring, due to the varied nature of our programs. We held our annual Gold Bar and ROTC Recognition Night; awarded JROTC Scholarships and honored area JROTC cadre; held our annual Military Appreciation Days activities and the third annual Golf Tournament fund-raiser; and finally, recognized the many individuals, organizations and businesses that supported us in accomplishing our missions this year. This year, we partnered with the Quilts for Valor organization to present quilts to five of our most valued and honored officers. Those officers recognized served in combat operational areas during their military careers and serve (or recently served) in leadership positions within the Chapter.

In April, we hosted our second annual presentation of Gold Bar Awards and Certificates to four outstanding cadets from the ROTC program at Coastal Carolina University. The three cadets receiving Gold Bar awards were: ***Derek Ferreira-USA Ordnance, Eric S. Rietman, USA Infantry, and Jecquea M. Brown, USA (branch designation after summer camp)***. The cadets received their commission at a special service following graduation on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. In addition, Gold Bars and the MOAA Leadership Award were presented to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Gabriel Cazaras, a mid-year graduate.

In May, we hosted the second annual recognition of JROTC instructors in concert with our annual Scholarship dinner. We successfully honored seven instructors and their wives, while presenting \$2000 scholarships to three outstanding JROTC graduating cadets. Scholarships are a cornerstone of MOAA Chapters. Our scholarship awards far exceed the scholarships awarded by other Chapters throughout South Carolina. This year's scholarship winners and their high schools are: ***Justin Christopher Faulk- North Myrtle Beach HS; Nicole M. Hardwick-Carolina Forest HS; and Tyree M. McDonald-Marlboro County HS***. Our three scholarship winners were honored Chapter guests in the annual Military Appreciation Days parade on May 28<sup>th</sup> held at Market Commons.

Our annual Golf Tournament fundraiser was held at Heritage Golf Course in Pawleys Island on May 26<sup>th</sup> under the direction of John Short and the Golf Committee. Thanks to their hard work and your continued support, we netted over \$16,000 that will be used to fund initiatives with veteran-centered projects and organizations throughout the Grand Strand, as well as our annual scholarship awards.

Finally in June, we hosted our second annual Recognition Luncheon at the Dunes Golf and Beach Club. The Chapter recognized ten individuals, organizations and businesses for their outstanding diligence, commitment to their fellow human beings, and their generosity in supporting Veteran outreach services in our community. Those recognized were: ***Joan and Jim Wobbleton-Quilts for Valor; Chris Aranda- VA Veterans Outreach Services; Linda Tucker-Blue Star Mothers; Lou and Rhonda Mascherino- Veterans Café; Doris Gleason- AARP Homeless Veterans Stand-down organizer; and Angelo Antonucci- Angelo's Steak and Pasta***. In addition the Chapter coordinated with the Quilts for Valor organization to present quilts to Chapter members ***COL Hans Duerr -USA (RET); COL Robert Hawkins, USA (RET); LTC Roger Pilcher-USMC (RET), MAJ Thomas Satterfield-USAF (RET); and to our special guest speaker, LT Clebe McClary, USMC (Medically RET)***. It was a memorable and emotional event for the individuals honored, their families in attendance, and our Chapter

In closing, the Chapter's Board of Directors participated in our second Leadership Planning Conference on August 18<sup>th</sup>. The objectives of this important coordination meeting were to review our major programs and to hear from the individuals and committees that lead them. We will collectively evaluate our progress and determine our Chapter priorities for the next year.

Thank you for supporting our MOAA Chapter over the past year with your enthusiasm, participation, volunteerism, and financial assistance! Our Chapter's fall season kicks off on **Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**, with our annual afternoon golf outing and dinner meeting at Pine Lakes Country Club.

## *Who We Are .....*

By Bill Warner, Chapter Historian

This issue, we talk about the lives and careers – in and out of uniform – of our top Chapter leadership, President Greg Youngman, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Treasurer Tony Prince, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Bob Hawkins.

Greg enlisted in the Army ahead of being drafted in 1971, became a helicopter pilot at Ft. Rucker Alabama, and trained as an Infantry Airborne Ranger at Ft. Benning, Georgia and at the Armor Basic Course at Ft. Knox. As a 2<sup>nd</sup> LT, he was assigned for five years as a TAC helicopter pilot in Alaska specializing in combat supply and cold-weather operations. He left Alaska and went back to Ft. Rucker as an instructor pilot, then to West Point where he served for three years as a Captain with the Plans and Operations [S-3] division.

Greg left the Army after 11 years for graduate school at Columbia where he got his advanced degree in education, following which he served as principal in three high schools in New Jersey before retiring to Myrtle Beach.

Greg is in his second year as Chapter President. His goals for the Chapter, and the focus of his leadership has been on bringing in young members, connecting with other local veterans' organizations, and bringing Chapter finances to the level where it can help meaningfully with the needs of not only the military community, but also the broader Grand Strand Community. Greg notes that the Chapter leadership team has taken on projects incrementally, emphasizing maximum member involvement in a team effort. (# 1 See picture on page 1)

Tony, a native of Greenville, South Carolina, graduated from Berry College in Rome Georgia with a degree in urban planning in 1976, and was accepted at the U.S. Navy Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island – only the second time he had been above the Mason-Dixon line, he says – and after graduating there and from the Navy Supply Corps School in Athens, Georgia. His first assignment as Navy Supply Officer aboard the USS Ashtabula, a Pacific Fleet oiler based in Hawaii. In 1980, he returned to Athens for more training and as an instructor, and then went back to sea on one of the Navy's brand new Guided Missile Frigates, then to the Navy International Support Office at the Navy Base in Philadelphia where he worked with assisting and facilitating arms sales to allies.

He was then assigned to the strategically critical U.S. Navy/NATO Base at Keflavik, Iceland working in aviation support in connection with the intense surveillance of the Soviet large submarine fleet – armed with SLBM's [sea launched ballistic missiles which operated in the Atlantic during the Cold War. While there, he had – literally – front row seat

for the 1986 Reagan – Gorbachev Summit meeting in Reykjavik as a key member of the logistics and security support team for that historic event.

After Keflavik, Tony got an MBA back in Georgia, served as Supply Officer on the newly commissioned aircraft carrier John C. Stennis, and after a tour in Washington with the Secretary of the Navy and the Defense Logistics Agency, retired in 1992 as a Captain, and took up a second career for 11 years as a Defense Consultant to IBM, then retiring to Myrtle Beach. (# 2 See picture on page 1)

Bob Hawkins, a native of Indiana, graduated from the Indiana University School of Business in 1966, and worked briefly for TWA in Chicago before accepting a direct commission in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps. After training at Ft. Sam Houston in Texas, he did a one-year tour of duty in Vietnam at an Army Evacuation Hospital.

After returning from Vietnam, Bob got a graduate degree in hospital administration from Baylor University and spent the remainder of his Army career in hospital administration, retiring as a full Colonel. He then went back to Indiana as head of the Indiana State Veterans' Home for 11 years before retiring to Myrtle Beach.

Remembering the negative – even hostile – reception of returning Vietnam veterans in the 1960's, Bob is determined to never see that again, and works through MOAA, the Red Cross, and various military appreciation initiatives to make sure that returning veterans today come back to recognition and gratitude for their service. (# 3 See picture on page 1)

Editor's Note: This is the first of a continuing series of articles to be included in the NEWSLETTER to introduce members to each other and to share a bit of our stories.

## Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Greg Hill

As I write you the Republican National Convention and the Democrat National Convention are over. Major choices face our nation this fall. Please remember to vote and encourage others to be informed voters as well.

When we think of summertime, we may think of family vacations, sending kids to church and scout camps, and enjoying the richness of our Grand Strand attractions. We think about recreation. Yet, many in our area take their vacation time to serve others. Salkahatchie Summer Service, a United Methodist sponsored mission program, unites adult volunteers and youth with poor families across our state as these volunteers make major repairs to homes. Supervised youth replace roofs, rip up and replace floors, replace bathrooms, tear down and put up dry wall. Some will replace porches or steps.

Through this service over self, youth learn about the value of service, the extent of poverty in our state and receive much from the love of the families they serve. They are transformed!

This fall, as a MOAA chapter, we will have many opportunities to be in service as well. Once again we will participate in the Myrtle Beach Stand Down, and will collect new or gently used coats and sweatshirts for those in need and food for our local food banks.

**Thank you for your service!**

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### Officer Christian Fellowship (OCF)

For those of you who participated in the Protestant services at chapel during your time on active or reserve component duty, you may remember OCF. During Chaplain Hill's time on active duty, OCF was particularly strong at Ft Leavenworth, as a sponsor of neighborhood Bible studies for CGSC students.

OCF was born from an identified need for Christian active duty military personnel to be able to come together in a small group setting for the purpose of Bible study, prayer and study of pertinent topics related to challenges facing them in their military duties. For 2016, OCF has identified these areas for study: Identity, Connection, Leadership, Renewal, Transition, Family, Freedom, Prayer, Uncertainty, Service, Gratitude, and Fellowship. OCF has expanded to allow for military personnel of all ranks, active, reserve and retired as well as for First Responders to gather together to support one another.

Would you be interested in participating in an OCF group in our area? The frequency would be monthly, but, other details, such as the time, date and place are to be determined.

If you are interested in joining or have questions about OCF please contact Rick Koethe, telephone 843-360-3070 or at [rkoethe@bellsouth.net](mailto:rkoethe@bellsouth.net) or Chaplain Greg Hill at [ghill54808@aol.com](mailto:ghill54808@aol.com).

Note: While being published as part of the Grand Strand MOAA Chapter Newsletter, this does not in itself constitute official endorsement of OCF by either the National or Local MOAA Chapter.

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### Communicating Needs

If you or a family member or friend are facing one of life's challenges concerning health or other significant events and would like to notify the Grand Strand MOAA of this, please contact Chaplain Greg Hill, [ghill54808@aol.com](mailto:ghill54808@aol.com).



### **Veterans Benefits**

Veterans benefits will match the Social Security cost-of-living increase in 2017, thanks to a measure finalized by Congress in July.

But veterans groups hoping for a more permanent answer to the annual legislative hand-wringing over their benefits boost will have to wait longer for that solution.

Under law, annual cost-of-living increases are automatic for Social Security benefits, determined by the executive branch without intervention from Congress. But veteran's benefits fall into a different category, one that requires lawmakers to vote on an adjustment every year.

In the last few decades, veterans have seen their annual adjustment differ from the Social Security COLA only one time (in 2000, as a result of a minor rounding difference between the two rates.)

But outside groups have stated that having the two increases dealt with separately are confusing at best and potentially ripe for abuse or mistakes.

The measure finalized by the Senate this week — it passed without opposition on July 13th — links the veteran's benefits boost to Social Security rates for 2017 alone.

Legislation to permanently tie veteran's payouts to the Social Security cost-of-living calculations was passed by the House in February, but has languished in the Senate since then. Bill sponsor Rep. Ralph Abraham, R-La., said he is still hopeful that measure can advance through Congress later this year.

### **Parents of Deceased or Disabled Veterans Get Veterans' Preference**

The Office of Personnel Management has issued new guidance detailing how the parents of deceased or disabled veterans can now claim veterans' preference.

The guidance coincides with the Gold Star Fathers Act of 2015, a law that went into effect on January 7, 2016.

The law—sponsored by Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore.—amends the veteran preference statute to include both parents of deceased or permanently disabled veterans instead of the previous version of the law, which extended preference only to the mother of a veteran.

Veterans' preference promotes eligible veterans for civil service jobs over other applicants based on their military service. While not a guarantee of federal employment, the practice does ensure that hiring managers do consider qualified veterans for positions in government before other applicants.

Agencies only remove the veterans from the applicant pool after showing evidence of a sustainable objection to the examining office that selected the pool.

The new guidance allows the parent of a deceased or permanently disabled veteran to claim their preference if:

- the spouse of that parent is permanently disabled
- the parent is unmarried or legally separated when the preference is claimed

A July 14 memo from acting OPM Director Beth Cobert said the agency was currently updating the "Delegated Examining Operations Handbook; the Vet Guide; chapter 211 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations; the SF-15, Application for 10-Point Veteran's Preference; and relevant website pages" to accommodate the new changes.

### **Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA)**

A number of you supported our previous "Call to Action" request to send the MOAA a preformatted email to our elected officials fix this for our widows. • If you did not (or even if you did, do it again), please consider going to the MOAA website-Legislative Affairs tab and send your comments to our South Carolina elected officials. • Thank you.

## Myrtle Beach Stand Down 2016

Rufus Manning

Hope everyone is having a safe and enjoyable season . • As we all look forward to the end of the "Dog Days" of Summer, and turn our attention to the Fall, the Myrtle Beach Stand Down 2016 committee is soliciting individual "volunteers" to help with this year's event.

Event: Stand Down For Homeless and Near-Homeless Veterans,  
Grand Strand area

Date: •September 23, 2016; (8am to 2pm)  
••••• Set-Up on September 22, 2016; (10 am to 2pm)

Location: •US Army Reserve Center  
•••••••• 3392 Phyllis Blvd  
•••••••• (Market Common), Myrtle Beach, SC 29577



Due to facility space being limited on the day of the event (Fri., Sept 23), we are accepting a smaller number of volunteers on a "First come - First served" basis.

Please let us know of your availability to support the following areas and shifts:

**7:30am - 11:00am**

**11:00 AM – 3 PM (includes clean up)**

Registration Table:	OWH & CVMA; 4 per shift Escort
Duty/Exit:	Low Country Vets: 5 per shift
Kitchen Duty:	AARP, S Lead + 3 add'l per shift
Greeter Duty:	• 2 per shift
Parishable Goods:	AARP, Conway Lead + 3 per shift
Army Surplus Goods + MOAA + blankets/shoes:	MOAA & MB VA; 4 per shift

For Set-Up day (Thurs., Sept 22), we encourage all who are available to come out to assist with table/chair set up, hanging banners and posters, stuffing items into Army surplus bags, unloading storage containers, kitchen set-up, outside tents, and cooking grill preparations.

In addition, we need volunteers to support with clean up efforts at the end of the event on Fri, Sept 23, 2016. •(Tear down of tables and banners, trash removal, tent removal, return of facility to original setting).

Please notify the Following POC's to volunteer for the above positions:

- •Rufus T. Manning, MOAA, Grand Strand Chapter..... •703.501.4045•(M); Email: ( [2saltlife4me@gmail.com](mailto:2saltlife4me@gmail.com)••)
- •Adele Wise, AARP, Horry County Chapter..... •267.872.2669•(M) ••" ••: ( [adelewise@live.com](mailto:adelewise@live.com)••••)
- •Doris Gleason, AARP, SC (Vendor Registration)..... •803.873.2266•(M) ••" ••: ( [DGleason@aarp.org](mailto:DGleason@aarp.org)••••)

While only 8% of Americans can claim veteran status, 17% of our homeless population is made up of veterans. In 2010, the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) estimated that on any given night there were 76,000 homeless veterans sleeping on American streets.

The problem of homelessness among veterans is a big one. The VA served more than 92,000 homeless veterans in 2009. **With an estimated 500,000 veterans homeless at some time during the year, the VA reaches 20% of those in need, leaving 400,000 veterans without supportive services.**

# MOAA 2016 Golf Tournament

## John Short

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual MOAA Golf Tournament was a tremendous success! It was held at the Heritage Golf Course in Pawleys Island on Thursday, May 26, 2016. The weather was beautiful and supported all of our efforts in making this golf outing a superb event, not only for the full field of 145 registered golfers but also in ensuring that the Grand Strand Chapter brought in funds that will allow us to support our full range of efforts and programs that we have planned for the upcoming year. The tournament would not have been possible if it were not for the superb work performed by the 20 Volunteers who graciously gave of their time and labor to to very willingly. The Golf Committee members through hard work and dedication were able to obtain hole sponsors as well as numerous contributions from area retailers - which as always are the source of our financial success in the golf tournament each and every year. The buffet lunch served by Heritage for all golfers and volunteers was excellent. After the tournament was over, barbeque sliders were served by OE's Original of Pawleys Island followed up by ice cream from Cold Stone Creamery of Market Common. Each of them generously provided food as a donation to the Grand Strand Chapter and is greatly appreciated.

Opening Remarks were made by Chapter President Greg Youngman as part of opening festivities with the assistance of the South Carolina State Guard for presentation of the colors and the playing of taps. We had three Platinum Sponsors who each made a \$600 donation: Harrah's Cherokee Resort Casino, Angelo's Steak and Pasta, and Brigadoons Discount Golf. The Chapter ended up netting over \$16,000, which should allow for an increase next year in the number of \$2,000 scholarships awarded to local JROTC Seniors. Thanks to all who helped, played and enjoyed. We look forward to seeing you next year and having even greater success!

### May Dinner Meeting (Scholarship Awards and JROTC Instructor Recognition)

In May, the chapter hosted its second annual recognition of JROTC instructors in concert with our annual annual Scholarship Dinner. Seven JROTC instructors were recognized for their extensive contributions to the success of the seven JROTC school programs they represented. These contributions to the schools and to the communities they serve are numerous and valuable, and their presence at the dinner added notably to the success of the annual JROTC Scholarship Night award presentations. The Grand Strand Chapter has been awarding scholarships annually since 2007 - among the 18 area high schools we support . The intent is to encourage service to our country and help young men and women achieve their desired goals. Students must demonstrate academic excellence, leadership in their unit's school, have extracurricular interests, work experience and community service or other related achievements.

Col (retired) Hans Duerr, our Chapter Scholarship Chairman, has established one of the best selection processes in the State and students selected are clearly among the very best of their outstanding peers. This year's highly deserving scholarship winners and their high schools are: **Justin Christopher Faulk** - North Myrtle Beach HS; **Nicole M. Hardwick** – Carolina Forest HS; **Tyree M. McDonald** – Marlboro County HS. Each recipient received a \$2000 scholarship to the college of their choice. They were also honored guests in the annual Military Appreciation Days parade held at Market Common on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Colonel Steve Celluci, AFJROTC Program Senior Instructor at St. James HS, was our special guest speaker. Having been selected as the 2015 National JROTC Instructor of the Year as well as the Outstanding Civilian Service Award (3<sup>rd</sup> highest within the Department of the Army), his presentation reflected commitment to students and his exemplary performance and experiences, both in military and instructor expertise. Clearly, his presentation was an inspiration for everyone in attendance.



## April Dinner Meeting

At the April Dinner meeting at Pine Lakes, the Chapter held its second annual presentation of MOAA's ROTC Gold Bar Awards and Certificates of Merit for commissioning cadets from Coastal Carolina University. Three cadets were recognized in the presentation ceremony along with a mid-year graduate who had previously received his commission in December of 2015. The following cadets received their Gold Bar awards in honor of their commissioning ceremony to be held after graduation services at CCU on May 15th, 2016: Derek Ferreira-USA Ordnance, Eric S. Rietman, USA Infantry, and Jecquea M. Brown, USA (branch designation after summer camp). In addition, the MOAA Leadership Award was presented to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Gabriel Cazaras, a mid-year December graduate.

Maj Chad Hodkins (USA) the APMS at Coastal Carolina University was in attendance and reviewed the ROTC program. He spoke of the many rigorous academic and physical readiness requirements that had to be successfully met by all cadets in order to be considered for commissioning in the United States Army. Emphasizing that cadets had to maintain not only high standards of physical readiness and leadership, while maintaining academic requirements within the ROTC program in addition to successfully balancing and achieving a minimum GPA of 3.0 in a cadets' college major. Prior to being commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant, cadets have a choice to enter either active duty, serve as a Reserve Officer, or be assigned to a National Guard unit. Only potential female officers have the option of waiting until they complete their summer training in their senior year, prior to choosing a commissioning branch in the USA.

In addition to awarding of the Gold Bars and Certificates the program also included COL Wheeler Baker, USMC (RET) as our guest speaker. He gave an excellent presentation by sharing his own personal leadership experiences from his command and combat experiences while in uniform. Additionally, as the President of Hargrave Military Academy in Virginia, he also shared his many successes in the personal development of his former students. Besides attending the many command and general staff schools and the Naval War College while in the military, Wheeler also possess a PhD from the University of New Mexico. It was an excellent presentation from a highly decorated and successful member of our extended military community. The presentation was well received by those in attendance.



2LT Cazares      Cadet Brown

Jerry Terwilliger      Rufus Manning



Cadet Ferriera      Cadet Reitman

Greg Hill      Jimmy Jacobs





## Military Appreciation Month (May, 2016)

Bob Hawkins

For the 8th consecutive year, the Grand Strand Chapter's impressive exhibit at the Family Picnic, following the Military Appreciation Days parade, stood with 27 other displays representing Coastal area Veterans organizations. Exhibits and displays were placed in Valor Memorial Garden; and the exhibits and parade were held on the Market Common (old MB Air Force Base) on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Six Chapter volunteers (Hans and Barbara Duerr, Fred and Bonnie Welch, and Jim and Mimi Burns) staffed the display and informed visitors about the Chapter's mission and expanded community activities.

In addition, Jimmy Jacobs, Roger Pilcher, Jerry Terwilliger, Tom Middleton, and Bob Hawkins served on the City's Military Appreciation Month planning committee – and assisted with numerous activities on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Roger was responsible for events PR, obtaining the convertible for scholarship winners, and for coordinating the wounded service member breakfast. Jerry also coordinated the support of the Low Country Choir and of the State Guard. Tom further assisted with ticket sales for the Dinner Dance and coordinated events with the MB Pelicans. In addition, Tom Satterfield facilitated the provision of 2 floats (sponsored by his son, Buddy, and business associate Danny Isaac), for the wounded service members in the parade. Rufus Manning assisted with the wounded service member breakfast and at the parade staging area; and he and Bill Walsh were our official event photographers. President Greg Youngman represented the Chapter at the Remembrance ceremony on May 30<sup>th</sup> and participated in several other important events throughout the month. We truly appreciated the contributions made by these dedicated Chapter members, and all others who contributed, in any way, to another very successful Myrtle Beach/coastal communities Military Appreciation Days and Month.

### Wounded Warrior Floats at the 2016 Military Appreciate Day Parade in Myrtle Beach



Wounded Warriors at Breakfast at Sheraton



Christina Shealy, Founder, Scents for Soldiers, having breakfast with wounded service members



Roger Pilcher, Bob Kaiser, Tom Middleton, Tom Satterfield having bkfst w/a Wounded Warrior



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Recognition Luncheon – June 2016 - Dunes Beach and Golf Club

The Chapter honored 8 individuals, organizations and businesses at its annual Recognition Luncheon on June 21 at the Dunes Beach and Golf Club. In addition, the Chapter partnered with the Quilts of Valor Foundation to present five “quilts” to deserving officers. The event was attended by many family members, friends, and chapter members. It was one of our largest attended events of the year.

Individuals receiving an award were honored for their many contributions to the betterment of the chapter and their support of veterans throughout the Myrtle Beach community. Each of the recipients had gone beyond the norm in supporting veteran outreach services through their diligence, commitment to their fellow human beings, and their generosity to the well-being of our veterans. The following individuals, businesses and organizations received a “Certificate of Appreciation” on behalf of the Chapter : Joan and Jim Wobbleton - Quilts of Valor Foundation in MB , Lou and Rhonda Mascherino- Vets Café , Chris Aranda-VA Center (Veterans Outreach Services) , Linda Tucker- Blue Star Mothers ( Coastal Carolina Chapter) , Doris Gleason - AARP (annual Stand Down) , Angelo Antonucci- Angelo’s Steak and Pasta .

In addition, the Chapter continued to honor our fellow officers with the presentation of a “quilt” from the Quilts of Valor Foundation. The Foundation has partnered with the Chapter to honor our fellow officers who served in a combat zone at some point in their careers. Each has also served or is serving in a major leadership role within the Chapter. The following officers were honored at the awards ceremony: COL Hans Duer –USA (RET); COL Robert Hawkins, USA (RET); LTC Roger Pilcher-USMC (RET), MAJ Thomas Satterfield-USAF (RET); and LT Clebe McClarey, USMC (Medically RET). It was an emotional and memorable ceremony for all of us in attendance.

Finally, Lt Clebe McCalrey (Medically RET) was our honored speaker and was also our guest at the Golf Tournament. He is a long time resident of Pawleys Island and serves as a motivational speaker. Clebe was a former Marine serving in Vietnam when he was severely wounded in an attack on Mar 3, 1968. After two and half years in the hospital recuperating from 38 major surgeries, he recovered to tell his story of courage, faith, and determination. Told he would never walk again, he has persevered to run marathons, mentor other wounded veterans, and participate as a celebrity at numerous golf outings and fundraising events. He is a true patriot who serves as a living reminder that wounded veterans need our support and continuous encouragement. Clebe’s message was one filled with his many experiences in life and those recovering from his war wounds. He is a highly respected wounded veteran whose powerful message of overcoming tremendous physical disabilities and loss served as motivational reminder of what it takes to persevere successfully in the face of insurmountable odds for all of us.

Bob Hawkins, Hans Duerr, Roger Pilcher, Tom Satterfield receiving Quilts of Valor

Chris Aranda, Joan Wobbleton, Doris Gleason and Linda Tucker awards for Community Service

LT Clebe McClary (USMC, Ret) receiving a Quilt of Valor at the MOAA Chapter luncheon



## JROTC Updates

### C. L. (Dean) Brown

During the month of May our Chapter members volunteered and conducted visits to 14 of the 18 area JROTC units to present the MOAA leadership medal and certificate to outstanding cadets nominated by their senior instructors. These important end of year ceremonies are greatly enhanced when organizations make the effort to present their awards in person. Believe me the cadets, instructors, Greg Youngman, and I are very appreciative of your willingness to make these presentations.

At the May monthly meeting we were able to honor and further the college education of three fine graduating JROTC cadets from three schools (Carolina Forest HS Navy JROTC, Marlboro County HS Army JROTC, and North Myrtle Beach HS Navy JROTC) with \$2,000 scholarships. Many of us are parents ourselves who know how challenging it was to fund our children's college education even with state grants and various other scholarships. It is only harder now as college costs continue to escalate at a rate well above most other expenses. I can also speak with personal experience from directing the Georgetown High School NJROTC program from 2003-2013 that our chapter MOAA scholarships mean a great deal to the recipients and their families. Our \$2,000 scholarship grants are more generous than the vast majority of grants from local organizations and our awards get the attention of parents and school administrators. This in turn helps garner the support for the JROTC programs in all these schools.

It was also gratifying at the May meeting to provide recognition to the JROTC instructors and their spouses who attended the meeting. These instructors work diligently all year long to run effective programs that instill patriotism, leadership, and a sense of community service in our youth that pays dividends to our area, state, and country throughout the lives of these students. They deserve and appreciate the support we showed them.

The great success of the Golf Tournament so ably organized by John Short and executed with the support and efforts of many members resulted in unprecedented fund raising. In combination with the 50/50 fund raising at our monthly meetings and the direct donations to the scholarship funds that many of you make during the year, the golf tournament will enable us to continue and indeed, expand the scholarship support we provide to graduating cadets in May 2017.

The Grand Strand Chapter of MOAA is proud of our association with the JROTC programs that exist in so many of our area high schools, and we look forward to continuing our relationship with these units and developing even closer ties with each school. Thank you for your support in this important outreach program.

Greg Youngman, Justin Faulk,  
Nicole Hardwick, Tyree  
McDonald, Tony Prince

Nicole Hardwick  
Tony Prince

Justin Faulk  
Tony Prince

Tyree McDonald  
Tony Prince



## Upcoming Events

### Tony Prince

**Welcome Back!** We look forward to seeing you all again as our MOAA Grand Strand Chapter returns from our summer break and resumes our monthly dinner meetings. • Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 13 September at the Pine Lakes Country Club. Our social will begin at 5:30 pm and we will kick-off our dinner meeting at approximately 6:00 pm. Don't forget dinners are still reasonably priced at \$25.00 per person. A cash bar will be available. See you in September!

**Mark Your Calendars!** Festbier Tapping party and 2016 Officer's call/membership event. Our first 2016 Officer's Call will be held on September 14th, at the Gordon Birsch Brewery and Restaurant, at the Market Common (3060 Howard Avdne), from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is only \$5.00, which includes a DJ, Hors D'oeuvres, and comaraderie for all. In addition to this being a Chapter social event and fund-raiser, we have invited potential members who are currently National members (but not chapter); and we anticipate that we will gain some more new outstanding Grand Strand Chapter members.

## Grand Strand Chapter Membership

### Bob Hawkins

2015 was an outstanding year; we added a total of 27 new members – ending the year with 152 members. 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 received a \$200 incentive payment from National.

Our 2016 membership kick-off drive on January 12th, at the luncheon at Kimbel's restaurant, Wachesaw Plantation, was both enjoyable and productive. MG (retired) James Livingston, SC, Medal of Honor recipient, was our special keynote speaker at the luncheon; and nineteen (19) new members have joined our 5-star Chapter, thus far in 2016.

There are 2 known 2017 challenges: (1) June was the deadline for payment of 2017 dues; however, we still have 26 members who have not renewed yet. Reminder notices have been sent. (2) Most Chapter members are National members; however, an increasing number are not yet. Our Chapter needs to maintain at least 95% National membership to compete for the coveted Levels of Excellence (5-star) recognition. If you are not a National member, please contact our President, or Membership Chairman, for additional information or assistance.

### **Fair Winds and Following Seas**

Grand Strand Chapter bids a fond farewell to our past Secretary, membership chairperson, and long time webmaster, Peggy DeVivo. THANKS again for ALL you have done for the Grand Strand Chapter (and its members) throughout the entire time you have served with us!! God speed !!! Please do plan to come see us when you are back at the Grand Strand.

Peggy DeVivo & Greg Youngman      Joan Perry, Judy Spjut, Suzie Albright & Peggy DeVivo



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## Let There Be .....Levity

### THE FINER POINT OF DRIVING

By now you all know my affinity for driving my BMW roadster the way it is meant to be driven. Recently I did just that! When I found myself boxed in behind some brute SUVs, I did a quick accelerating and lane-change maneuver to get free and move out. And wouldn't you know it there was the flashing light of a police car right behind me. After I stopped, I inquired from the officer what infraction I had committed, noting that I had neither been speeding nor run a red light. “Sir”, he said, “you were driving reckless.” It occurred to me that he should have said “recklessly,” and replied: “I was not driving recklessly, I was driving sportily!”

Upon this the officer said with a chuckle: “I never heard that one before,” and, noticing my eagle decal on the windshield, continued: “You got a beautiful car here, Colonel, don't overdo it.” And with that, I had dodged another bullet.

Hans Duerr

# Chapter Application

ONE POWERFUL VOICE



Grand Strand Chapter MOAA: \_\_\_ Membership Application \_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_

Change of address Check one.

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.

Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Service \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_



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- 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);



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