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Grand Strand Chapter Military Officers Association of America



CHAPTER MISSION/PURPOSE

To foster communications and mutual support among retired, active, reserve, National Guard, Public Health service, NOAA, and former officers of the uniformed services. Assist community organizations that support service member, patriotic and veteran organizations and their families; provide scholarship opportunities for area high school senior JROTC cadets; conduct fundraising events to support other service members and veterans' programs; conduct annual awards banquet and awards ceremony honoring local area's leading JROTC/ROTC cadets, senior JROTC Scholarship Recipients, and their guests; maintain a proactive chapter affairs program that supports members; promote the aims and objectives of The Military Officers Association of America; and the aims and objectives of the South Carolina Council of Chapters.

President's Message

I have been at the helm now for three months and, probably to most of you, I am sounding like a broken record, but I accepted this honor with the outspoken *goal of increasing our membership multifold*. To date, however, we have recruited only four new members, all of whom, I am certain, will be important contributors to our mission. *However, we must, and can, do better!* Your Board is strongly behind our effort; they plan to sponsor a new member luncheon, have assigned a mentor to each of the new members and, as a separate effort, have personally called members whom we have not seen at dinner in a long time, urging them to re-join us. But here is my challenge to you! As you make your rounds in your community, whether it be church, work, social circle or just a gathering of friends, be mindful of meeting fellow military officers. Explain to them our dual mission of assisting local but needy veterans and helping JROTC students with their college tuition. Invite them to our next dinner with you and share



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their email address with us so that I can personally continue the recruiting effort. The important part here is that **the Chapter needs your help!** Without it, not only will we not succeed in our charitable community efforts but also, we will cease to exist as a viable MOAA Chapter. Broken record or not, I am counting on you all to recruit at least one new member before our summer break!



Never Stop Serving!



John Bradley, CDR, USN (Ret,)

President

JOIN US ON May 29th! COL Frank Esposito Memorial Golf Tournament



Be part of our major fundraiser! You have several options to help. **1- Form a foursome with your golf friends.** Applying the veterans discount to a foursome, your entry only costs \$85 per veteran golfer. **2- Purchase a Tee Sign** for \$100 for the first sign and \$75 for each additional sign. These signs are 18" x 24" and are displayed at one of the 18 Tee boxes. Signs can range from advertising your company with logo, to honoring your service, branch of service, or a loved one.

3 - Be a volunteer the day of the tournament. We need to have members positioned at registration, the mulligan table, selling lottery tickets, selling 50/50 tickets, setting up first thing in the morning and cleaning up at the end of the tournament. There is much to do, and the golf committee needs your help. You can register on the golf flyer at the end of the Newsletter, or **call Jim Albert at (203) 509-8555.**

FUTURE EVENTS

April 5 – Opening Day Myrtle Beach Pelicans

April 9 – Chapter Dinner Meeting, Pine Lakes Country Club: 5:30 Social Hour; 6 PM Dinner. CCU ROTC Recognition Night. Speaker Paige Sawyer.

MAY IS VETERANS' APPRECIATION MONTH

May 14 – Chapter Dinner Meeting, Pine Lakes Country Club: 5:30 Social Hour; 6 PM Dinner. JROTC Recognition and Scholarship Awards. Speaker TBD

May 18 – Armed Forces Day

May 25 – Veterans Appreciation Month Parade at 1000 in Market Common. Chapter Memorial Ceremony at Warbird Park 1600. A social will follow at Coastal Vino.

May 29 – MOAA Golf Tournament at Blackmoor Golf Club in Murrells Inlet. Shotgun Start at 0830.

June 18 – Sponsor Recognition Luncheon at Pine Lakes Country Club. 11:30 Social Hour; 12 Noon Luncheon. Speaker: Congressman Russell Fry.

NEW MEMBER

CWO Claude A. Poirier, USCG (Ret.)



Claude was born in New Brunswick, Canada and moved to the United States with his family in 1961 settling in Waltham, Massachusetts. He later moved to Ayer

and graduated from Ayer High School in 1973. In 1975 he enlisted in **the U.S. Coast Guard** and served at USCG Base Boston, Nantucket Lightship-Station Nantucket Shoals, Small Boat Station in Newburyport, MA, USCG Academy New London, CT, USCG Air Station Clearwater, FL, USCG Cutter Steadfast, St. Petersburg, FL, Drug Interdiction Task Forces and Migrant interdiction Operations Caribbean Ocean, Activities Europe LORAN Support Group, Atlantic Area HQs, New York, NY. **CWO Poirier and his wife Jo-Anne (Forest) Poirier** returned to Boston for Claude's last tour of duty serving as Supply Officer on board USCG Cutter Spencer. After 21 years of active duty, in 1996 **Claude and Jo-Anne** retired from the Coast Guard and settled in Lunenburg, MA with their newborn son, Marc. (Marc was a beneficiary of MOAA scholarships and is now a family medicine doctor in Savannah, GA.) During his career, CWO Poirier was the recipient of the following awards: USCG Commendation Medal (w/Operations "O" Device), 4 USCG Achievement Medals (w/Operations "O" Device), 2 Humanitarian Medals, 8 Unit Commendation Medals, Permanent Centerman's Insignia, and 4 Good Conduct Medals. For 15 years Claude was a Licensed Funeral Director serving many communities in the New England area. He later became the manager for the two state veterans' cemeteries in Agawam and Winchendon, Massachusetts, retiring in 2022. Claude is a member of the American Legion Post 186 Little River, Military Officers Association (MOAA) Life Member, USCG Chief Petty Officer's Assoc., USCG Chief Warrant Officer Assoc., Knights-of-Columbus Council 14439, Leominster Lodge of Elks #1237, Ayer Gun and Sportsmen's Club, Ayer. Claude and Jo-Anne moved to South Carolina in 2022 and are enjoying retirement in Little River while spending summers in New England.

NEW MEMBER

Col. Randy Rotte, US Army (Ret.)



My 26-year Army career started when I graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1985 and branched Aviation and went to flight school. Initially my primary aircraft was UH-60 Blackhawks but ended

up also flying Hueys and Chinook in operational units throughout my time. My career was filled with assignments that included both command in tactical units as well as key strategic-level staff positions. I twice commanded units during combat operations – as the commander of an aviation company in 1990-91 during Operation Desert Storm and subsequently as the commander of an aviation battalion in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004-2005. In between these command assignments, I was a professor of mathematics at the U.S. Military Academy, worked in the U.S. Senate as a Congressional Fellow for Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas, and served as a senior fellow in a Washington, D.C.-based think tank; the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. Included in our 14 duty assignments was time spent in Germany during the cold war and a tour in Korea near the DMZ. My career culminated in a four-year tenure in the Pentagon that was marked by key assignments within the aviation community as both the deputy director of Army Aviation in the Army G-3 and the chief of the Aviation Division within the Army G-8.

I was fortunate enough to have the Army send me to graduate school where I was awarded two master's degrees (in applied math and in operations research) from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. I also taught at night as an adjunct professor in the Mount St. Mary's college in their MBA program.

After retiring from the Army in 2011, I was fortunate enough to get hired by Boeing and have been there since. I started in our government operations division in Washington, DC and was then asked to lead the Business Development team for the CH-47 helicopter and Future Vertical Lift

programs in Philadelphia. I am now the Regional Senior Director for Asia/Pacific leading our Business Development teams for all Boeing Defense Programs in the region. I have proudly shared this journey with **my wife Lisa** and our three adult children...one of whom is an Infantry officer in the Army.

NEW MEMBER

Craig H. Campbell, US Army (fmr)



I am a native of Atlanta Georgia. My father was an Army officer, so I grew up in Maryland, France, Japan (twice), and graduated from high school in Hawaii. I graduated from Penn State, focusing on political science and economics. I joined the

Army ROTC program and was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in 1971. I attended the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Airborne School and the Mortar Platoon Officers Course at Fort Benning, GA. In June of 1972 I was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 23d Infantry Regiment, part of the 172d Arctic Light Infantry Brigade, Fort Richardson, AK. While there I served as a Rifle Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, and Battalion Service Platoon Leader. In November 1975 I was promoted to CPT and was assigned to attend the Infantry Officers Advanced Course, at Fort Benning Georgia. Upon completion of the Advanced Course, I was assigned as Company Commander, D Co., 1st Battalion of the 3rd Basic Combat Training Brigade at Fort Dix, NJ in June of 1976. I served in that role until I resigned from the Army in November of 1977 after 6 years of service. Awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, The National Defense Service Medal, the Expert Infantryman Badge, and the Parachutist Badge. After my service, I worked in the transportation and logistics industry for 22 years, most of that time with Schneider National and with APL (American President Lines). In December of 2000 I



started a printing business with my son, in Richmond, VA. I sold the business, retired, and moved to Myrtle Beach in April 2020. I live **with my wife, Mary**. I have three children, four grandchildren and a Jack Russell/Rat Terrier mix, Sammie.

JROTC PROGRAMS



DID YOU KNOW?



What is the origin of the term "Son of a Gun?"

Well, back in the day of Navy wooden ships and iron men, unfortunately, women were not permitted on board. However, when in homeport, married sailors were permitted to string their hammocks between the overboard barrels of the ship's cannons. Wives were invited to their hammock and possibly, nine months later, there may very well be a ...well, you can figure the rest out!!

What does the JROTC program do?

- Promotes Patriotism
- Develops informed and responsible citizens
- Develops respect for constructed authority
- Develops leadership potential
- Promotes high school completion
- Promotes higher education
- Promotes community service
- Develops a high degree of personal honor, self-reliance, individual discipline and leadership
- Promotes an understanding of the basic elements and need for national security
- Provides information on the military services as a possible career
- Provides an alternative to gangs
- Provides incentive to live healthy and drug free

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Gale Fellowes

We ended the month with a checking account balance of \$40,355 (includes grant balance of \$8,685). This is an increase of \$4,685 from last month.

A few highlights:

- Our Chapter donated \$500 to the Myrtle Beach Veterans Center to support the new Veterans Garden Project. We look forward to receiving photos and updates from our contact Chris Aranda, as the project evolves.
- Golf tournament deposits are up to \$9,956 with expenses of \$626 for a net of \$9,329.

Our May Dinner Meeting is JROTC Instructor recognition night. In addition, we will award \$3000 college scholarships to deserving senior cadets. Please come and honor these future leaders.



MARCH DINNER PROGRAM



We were once again fortunate to have one of our members, Captain Norm Henslee, USCG (Ret.) to speak about one of the lesser-known military services that serve our country. Incorporated in his presentation were unique historical facts, duties/responsibilities of the Coast Guard, and then some sea stories based on his firsthand experiences. In his case, upon graduation from high school, Norm was accepted into the US Naval Academy and the Guard Academy, but chose the latter because he felt it would be more rewarding to immediately help others rather than spending most of his time training to perform future wartime duties, if such an event occurred. Besides, during wartime, the US Coast Guard becomes part of the

Department of the Navy. During peacetime, the Coast Guard used to be a member of the Commerce and Treasury Departments, but now resides in the Department of Homeland Security. Here are some of the interesting facts covered in his presentation.

The duties of the Coast Guard include:

- Search and rescue!
- Law enforcement
- Safety of vessels
- Maintenance of seamarks
- Border control!
- Saving lives and assisting people in distress
- Protecting public property
- Launching small boat and aircraft missions



Here are some interesting facts about the history of the US Coast Guard:

- The Coast Guard was founded on August 4, 1790, after Congress commissioned the construction of 10 ships to help enforce federal tariffs and prevent smuggling.
- The Coast Guard is the longest continuous serving military maritime force.
- The Coast Guard has served valiantly in 17 wars and conflicts in US history.
- The Coast Guard icebreaker Eastwind became the first cutter to ever sail around Antarctica in 1967.
- Coast Guard officers train aboard a captured Nazi sailing ship.



The USCGC Eagle began its life in 1936 in Nazi Germany as the [SSS Horst Wessel](#). Christened by Adolf Hitler, the Horst Wessel was intended to serve as a training ship for the German Kriegsmarine. It served the Germans for three years, but when World War II kicked off, it was sidelined. The ship later became the training ship for the US Coast Guard Academy.



WHAT IS MOAA?

MOAA is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association of officers from America's uniformed military services and the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service and National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration. We are active duty, retired, former, and National Guard and Reserve officers, and surviving spouses, supporting all ranks and branches who serve or have served, as well as family members. MOAA advocates with Congress, DoD, the VA, and other departments to preserve and protect commitments made on behalf of a grateful nation to those who have served and those who continue to serve our country, fulfilling MOAA's promise to "Never Stop Serving."

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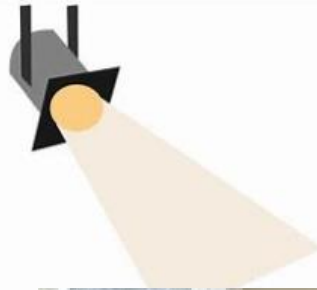


Bugs

"Mom, are bugs good to eat?" asked the boy. "Let's not talk about such things at the dinner table, son," his mother replied. After dinner, the mother inquired, "Now, baby, what did you want to ask me?" "Oh, nothing," the boy said. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone." When You Don't Feel Like It We all struggle with spiritual discouragement and lethargy. Some days our circumstances threaten to overwhelm us, and we struggle just to pray. Many times, we just don't feel like doing the things we know we should. For one reason or another, God sometimes seems far off and unreachable. David faced times like these in his life. The Psalms are filled with verses that express his despair and feeling of abandonment. Yet the Psalms also give us the key to living victoriously during the dark periods of life. Let's take a quick look at Psalm 119:89-95*.

"Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven. Your faithfulness continues throughout all generations; You established the earth, and it stands. They stand this day according to Your ordinances..." My circumstances or feelings have not changed God. He is the same God today as He was when He hung the stars in the sky, led the Israelites through the Red Sea, and fed the five thousand. "If Your law had not been my delight, Then I would have perished in my affliction. I will never forget Your precepts, For by them You have revived me. I am Yours, save me; For I have sought Your precepts. The wicked wait for me to destroy me; I shall diligently consider Your testimonies." Recalling God's faithfulness and control over everything that touches us gives us strength to walk with God even when we feel like giving up in despair. After all, our feelings and circumstances have not changed God. He is perfectly capable of sustaining us if we will only let Him. We simply need to choose to delight in and diligently consider God's precepts (His principles and character) despite how we feel. Choosing to delight in God might not be easy. It might even involve hard work. But only God can revive and save our soul from spiritual lethargy.

Chaplain Len Kircher, U.S. Army



Member in the ***SPOTLIGHT***

CAPT John Short, USPHS (RET)



John was born in San Francisco, CA in 1943. When he was 5 years old, his family moved to Campbell, CA, a suburb of San Jose. In his youth, John played Little League baseball, bowled a lot, and went fishing and hunting with his father. Upon graduating from Campbell High School (1961), John chose to pursue a BS degree in pharmacy at the University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA. In those five years, John matured greatly, culminating in a degree in pharmacy (1966) and being president of the local chapter of the Phi Delta Chi pharmacy fraternity in his senior year. John then chose to join the US Public Health Service (one of two non-military Uniformed Services in the US – the other being NOAA). In a time of war, medical officers

serve with the **Navy (see picture of John and Betty with Surgeon General C. Everett Coop. See if you can differentiate the PHS uniform from the Navy's)**. He spent his entire PHS career (21 ½ years) working in the D.C. area for the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA). During this time, he worked for the Bureau of Drugs in various Divisions, ending up in the Division that approves metabolic drugs – the most notable being the “statins”, which today almost everyone consumes to lower their blood cholesterol levels. John ended his career in the PHS with the rank of Captain (O-6). Having learned how prescription drugs are approved by the FDA, it seemed only logical to jump to the drug-development industry. In 1996 he went to work for Sankyo Pharmaceutical Company, a Japanese drug company who developed the first “statin” drug approved by the FDA for US marketing by Parke-Davis. In the five years he worked there, he was Director of Regulatory Affairs – to interface with the FDA. On a personal note, while living in the Washington, D.C., he met Betty Frankenfield (from Easton, PA), and they married in 1969. They have two children, Julie and David, and have three grandchildren – who live far away in Chappaqua, NY. John and Betty have traveled extensively around



the US with RV's from truck camper to travel trailer to 5 th wheeler to motor home – all of which came to a halt two years ago with advancing age. In 2001 (two months before 9/11), John and Betty retired to Myrtle Beach, after vacationing here for 20 years. **John has been involved in the MOAA golf tournaments since their inception – running the tournament in 2016.** His activities now include golfing, fishing, vegetable gardening, visiting grandchildren, and attending Coastal Carolina University baseball and football games – GO CHANTS! And, most recently, he volunteered to work on the Tiny Homes in Myrtle Beach (see photo). **John was the first USPHS retiree to**



join the Grand Strand Chapter of MOAA.

Surviving Spouse Corner

Resources for Surviving Spouses



**SUPPORT
MILITARY
SPOUSES**



As a surviving spouse and a member of MOAA, you have access to a host of people who are there to guide you through any difficulties or questions you might have. MOAA exists to protect military benefits and to offer you resources which cannot be found elsewhere.

MOAA membership is 350,000 strong, of which 16% are surviving spouses. Experts in the Washington, D.C., area advocate for legislation benefiting our community; they are equally vigilant when fighting legislation that would harm our benefits.

You are encouraged to visit MOAA.org, where you can sign up to receive The MOAA Newsletter and choose areas of most interest to you, such health care and earned benefits, finance, and spouse and family.

On the homepage when you see the prompt “I AM A,” scroll down and click on ”Surviving Spouse,” which will lead you to the Surviving Spouse Page. This site provides information relevant to our community.

MOAA has a Surviving Spouse Advisory Council (SSAC) consisting of eight surviving spouses advocating for issues and concerns of interest to our community. Email SSACouncil@moaa.org with any questions or concerns you may have.

MOAA’s Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter meets once a month and is open to all MOAA surviving spouses and surviving spouse liaisons. Speakers cover important information regarding issues and concerns one month and the next is an open forum meeting taking questions and hearing concerns of attendees. Learn more about the chapter, including how to join.

Chaplain Len Kircher-Grand Strand Surviving Spouse Coordinator



ADVOCACY FOR RETIREE ISSUES

MOAA NEVER STOPS SERVING TO HONOR THEIR SERVICE AND HELP THEM RETIRE THE WAY THEY ENVISIONED.

With more than 350,000 members from every branch of service - including Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve, retired, former officers, and their families - MOAA is a powerful force speaking for a strong national defense and representing the interests of military officers at every stage of their careers. Retirees and their dependents deserve the full earned pay and benefits their decades of service and sacrifice entitle them to.

For more than 90 years, MOAA has engaged with Congress to protect pay and benefits from budget-driven threats, continued access to quality medical care, and countless other areas of concern to retirees, those currently serving, and the wider uniformed services community. MOAA will also continue to inform Congress of the importance of protecting and expanding benefits for those who have served, and of preserving earned benefits such as COLA increases for retirees and survivors and the commissary benefit that frequently become targets for cost cutting.

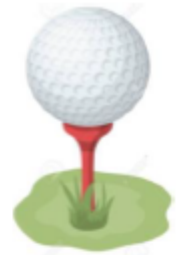
MOAA's advocacy priorities for retirees in the 118th Congress includes:

- Ensuring pay at or above Employment Cost Index, allowances, and programs necessary to recruit and retain a quality force.
- Concurrent Receipt of military retirement pay, and VA disability pay.
- Maintaining the hold on medical billet reductions until required reports clarify how any cuts will fully support both readiness and beneficiary access to care.
- Reversing the degradation of the pharmacy benefit, specifically ensure access and achieve limits to copay increases.
- Requiring DoD to establish a transparent and well-publicized problem reporting system for TRICARE beneficiaries experiencing access challenges within the direct care system of military hospitals and clinics, including an annual report to Congress on the number and types of beneficiary access problem reports by MTF and steps taken by DHA to address systemic access problems.
- Monitoring recent major legislation enacted such as the PACT Act in the areas of health care, compensation, and follow-on support for surviving spouses and families and seek statutory or policy changes as required.
- Compelling Congress and VA to accelerate caregiving and whole health care services, and modernization of VHA workforce and facility infrastructure to improve veterans access to high quality care.
- Improving congressional support for uniformed services families: enhancing programs to support spouse employment, ensuring implementation of an effective basic needs allowance, and providing accessible, affordable childcare options.
- Overcoming the lack of effective problem-reporting mechanisms and resolution systems in the Military Health System.
- Repealing the recoupment of last month's paycheck after retiree's passing, and continue to improve SGLI/VGLI updates to match inflation.
- Improving DIC baseline to align with other government entitlements' baseline of 55%.



Military Officers Association of America

Grand Strand Chapter



COL Francis A. Esposito, USA (ret)
Memorial Golf Tournament

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

BLACKMOOR GOLF CLUB - MURRELLS INLET, SC

Registration Deadline May 20, 2024

Registration & Breakfast: 7AM-8:15AM

Shotgun Start @ 8:30AM

Lunch, Auction & Awards to follow golf

★ ★ ★ - JROTC & ROTC Scholarships
PROCEEDS and Unit Support
SUPPORT: - Urgent Veteran & Family Aid

\$100/person
\$380/Team (foursome)
\$10 Discount for Vets

Low Score Team Awards
Closest to the Pin
Longest Drive (Men/Women)
Hole-in-One on Par 3 Hole

Contact Jim Albert: email: moagolf@gmail.com
cell/text: (203) 509-8555

More information at: <https://grandstrandmoaa.org>

PLAYER REGISTRATION – Deadline May 20, 2024

\$100 per person, \$380 per foursome + \$10 discount for vets. To sign up, please complete this form and submit with a check payable to "Grand Strand MOAA".

Team Capt _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Player #2 _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Player #3 _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Player #4 _____ Phone _____ Email _____

(check all that apply)

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

TOURNAMENT SPONSOR: \$2,000+

- Two Team Foursomes
- Prominent recognition in Tournament Brochure and on Chapter website
- Full Color Name/Logo banner displayed at club entrance & on cart signage

PLATINUM SPONSOR: \$1,000

- One Team Foursome
- Prominent recognition in Tournament Brochure and on Chapter website
- Name/Logo displayed at Registration & on cart signage

GOLD SPONSOR: \$750

- Three Player Entry Fees
- Prominent recognition in Tournament Brochure and on Chapter website
- Name/Logo displayed at Registration & on cart signage

SILVER SPONSOR: \$500

- Two Player Entry Fees
- Recognition in Tournament Brochure, on Chapter website and at Registration

TEE SIGN/HOLE SPONSOR: \$100 (ADDITIONAL TEE SIGNS: \$75 @)

- Customized 18" x 24" Tee Sign
- Recognition in Tournament Brochure and on Chapter website

AUCTION SPONSOR: Donation (prize, auction item, gift card, cash, etc.)

- Major donations will be recognized in Tournament Brochure and Chapter website

COMPANY _____ CONTACT _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

DONATION _____

Mail form to: GS MOAA, PO Box 15842, Surfside Beach, SC 29587

Or GS MOAA Contact: _____

Questions: contact Jim Albert: (203) 509-8555, email: moaagolf@gmail.com



GRAND STRAND CHAPTER

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



[Application Form](#)

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ONE POWERFUL VOICE

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).

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.

USE TO RENEW AND/OR SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER