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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

As we move through spring into summer, it may be understandable that our minds drift toward vacation, beach time, dinner on the patio. However, our Chapter's mission remains constant. So far this spring we have honored the graduating CCU ROTC cadets at our April meeting, a Dinner that will remain memorable not only because of the thoughtful, sometime amusing, remarks made by the soon-to-be Army officers but also due to the inspiring remarks by Paige Sawyer, our dinner speaker. The \$3000 Bob Hawkins Leadership Award went to Cadet Scott Boster who was, without a doubt, totally deserving of the honor.



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May's Dinner will be a continuation of mission essential when the JROTC professors and the Scholarship award winners are announced and honored.

I am happy to announce that the Chapter has gained 7 new members since the beginning of the year and almost all will be attending the Board's very first June New Member luncheon with the hope that the new members will take our mission seriously and become active in both service and leadership roles. ***The increase in Membership is directly linked to your active recruiting; please do not stop your effort because the future of our Chapter depends on it.*** My final thought is a reminder: our June luncheon will be at Pine Lakes on the third Tuesday, 18 June ! Our long-anticipated speaker will be Russell Fry, our local US Representative, who will speak on the happenings in our nation's Capital. Hope to see you there.

Thanks for all your support.



Never Stop Serving!



John Bradley, CDR, USN (Ret,)

President

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



May 29 is Almost Here! If you have not already, get involved by signing up a foursome, honoring a loved one with a tee sign or volunteering to help the day of the tournament. Spread the word by telling golfers you know. Tournament information is included on the attached flyer. **Contact Jim Albert at 203-509-8555 to participate.**

FUTURE EVENTS

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 MG Laurie Newton, SC Army National Guard*

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.*

September 10 – Chapter Dinner Meeting, Pine Lakes Country Club: 5:30 Social Hour; 6 PM Dinner. *Speaker: Lee Brockington*

NEW MEMBER

Captain Larry Ballantine, USA



Larry Ballantine and his wife, Lynn, are both retired and have recently moved to Myrtle Beach from Spring Hill, TN (Nashville Area) and now live in Del Webb Grande Dunes. Larry

transferred to Nashville because of corporate moves 40 plus years ago and Lynn is a native of Franklin, TN. They have been interested in moving to a beach community for a few years. Myrtle Beach is a convenient location, being only about two hours away from children and grandkids in Charleston. Larry is a US Army Veteran having served a total of 7 years; 3 years Active Duty and 4 years in the Reserves / National Guard. While on active duty he graduated from OCS at Ft. Eustis and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Transportation Corps. He completed his service as a Captain and served in various assignments as a Company Grade Officer: Platoon Leader, Supply Officer, Property Book Officer, Paymaster, Executive Officer, and Staff Officer. He was a member of the MTC MOAA in the Nashville area. Larry graduated from the University of Alabama with a business degree majoring in Finance and an MBA from the University of Miami. During his 40 + years' career he collaborated with several large corporations and retired from Caterpillar, Inc. Lynn also collaborated with large corporations as a Human Resources Manager. Both enjoy traveling and have been on several European River Cruises and trips to European destinations on their never ending 'Bucket List.' Since Golf is a favorite pastime of Larry's, Myrtle Beach Is an ideal location. Larry and Lynn enjoy cards and playing board games.

DID YOU KNOW?



How many American Presidents served in the US Army?

Thirty American Presidents served in the Army, 24 during time at war. Of the 30, two became five-star generals – George Washington and Dwight Eisenhower. Teddy Roosevelt was awarded the Medal of Honor.

JROTC PROGRAMS



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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Gale Fellowes



On April 30, our checking account balance was \$40,362 (includes grant balance of \$8,135). These numbers are about the same as last month.

A few highlights:

- Our budgeted Hawkins Leadership Award was bestowed to Cadet Scott Boster at our April meeting.
- Golf tournament deposits in April totaled \$3,360. Including all deposits to date (as of 5/2/24) our total golf income is up to \$18,125 with a net of \$17,429.



SPEAKER:

**Major General (Ret)
H. Laurie Newton,
USA**

He will speak on the leadership and citizenship responsibilities that our JROTC Scholarship Recipients will need to shoulder as they move forward to the next phase of their careers.

The General's military service began in September 1969. He was commissioned as an Armor Officer in March of 1973 after graduating from the Palmetto Military Academy and the South Carolina Army National Guard Junior Officer School. During his service, he has served as the Platoon Leader, Executive Officer, and Commander of Company A, 1-263 Armor Battalion as well as Operations Officer (S3), Executive Officer and Commander of 1st Battalion, 263rd Armor and as the Brigade Operations Officer (S3) of the 218th Enhanced Separate Brigade (ESB). Major General Newton later served as the Commander of the 218th ESB,

Newberry, South Carolina, Commander, 59th Troop Command, Columbia, South Carolina, as well as the Deputy Adjutant General, South Carolina Army National Guard. Major General Newton's final duty position prior to retirement was Commander, 263d AAMDC, a position that he assumed on 30 September 2007.

MG Newton's educational credentials include a BS in Science from Liberty University and an MA in Strategic Studies from the US Army War College. His numerous awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (2 Awards), the South Carolina Meritorious Service Medal (2 Awards), and the South Carolina Exceptional Service Award.



APRIL DINNER PROGRAM



Paige Sawyer spoke to us about patriotism and how it is currently out of favor with much of our population. What better representation of our patriotism than the United States flag. He gave many examples where citizens have stood up for the principles of our country in war, in poetry, essays, etc. (Star Spangled Banner). To desecrate our flag and what it represents is an affront to those who have given their lives fighting for our freedom. He looked with disfavor at the flag burning, use of the flag in clothing,

improper display of the flag, taking a knee in front of the flag at sporting events, etc. These are all indications that we have lost our way, and he hopes for a return to more respect for our country and the freedoms it provides. He thanked all service members for their unselfish service to our country.

Coastal Carolina University Army ROTC 2024 Commission Cadets Recognition Night



WOW! What an evening! The place was packed!



Awards were given to the 12 cadets who will graduate and be commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army

Each cadet was awarded gold bars, a certificate, and a Chapter Challenge Coin. After receiving these mementos, they each gave a one-minute explanation of why they chose the Army and where they were heading.

A \$3000 Check was presented to the winner of the Colonel Robert T. Hawkins Leadership Award



After graduation, Cadet Scott Boster will be a 2nd Lieutenant in the Military Intelligence Branch. He is scheduled to attend the Officer Basic Course at Ft. Huachuca in Arizona. Cadet Boster demonstrated exemplary leadership while a cadet in the ROTC Unit at CCU. Cadet was selected unanimously by the Chapter's selection committee and emulates the leadership qualities of Colonel Hawkins.

Some Notes on Colonel Robert T. Hawkins.....



Colonel Robert T. Hawkins, USA (Ret) 11 Apr 1942 - 6 Sep 2018. Retired Army Colonel and former Director of the Indiana Veterans Home, Robert T. (Bob) Hawkins, born on April 11, 1942, in Indianapolis, IN passed away on Sunday, September 2, 2018.

He was an active member of his community, volunteering in numerous organizations to promote the needs of veterans. He received the Volunteer of the Year Award for the city of Myrtle Beach as well as the Strom Thurmond Distinguished Public Service Award from the American Legion. During his twenty eight years of service in the Army, he received numerous commendations including: The Bronze Star for service in Vietnam, The Legion of Merit (with 2 Oak Leaf clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf clusters), and Order of Military Medical Merit. Bob was a resolute member of our Chapter, serving as Vice President and Membership Chair. He touched the lives of many individuals and is missed.



Member in the ***SPOTLIGHT***

Captain Hans Polzer, USAR



Hans Polzer was born in Staffelstein, Germany in 1947 and came to the US in 1953 when his parents emigrated from Germany to the US. His grandfather, Rudolf Polzer, had left Austria in 1938 when Hitler took over and spent his WWII years in London. Hans's father, Robert, was left behind in Austria and spent the war years with the German Wehrmacht on the Russian Front. After the war, Rudolf moved to New York City and, after getting his US citizenship, sponsored Hans' parents immigration to the US. Hans grew up in the NYC area, attending public and parochial schools and graduated from Fordham Preparatory School in the Bronx in 1965. He attended MIT and received a BS in Physics in 1969. He went to graduate school at Rutgers University in Physics and received an MS degree in 1971 after getting his draft notice earlier that year. He did a delayed enlistment in the Army in April of that year to

complete his Master's degree requirements and applied for Army OCS.

Hans went to Basic Training at Ft Jackson, SC in July and was notified of acceptance to OCS towards the end of basic training. He attended Infantry OCS at Ft. Benning from October to April of 1972, and was commissioned as a USAR 2nd Lieutenant. Hans went to Signal Officer Basic at Ft Gordon, and graduated 1st in his class. He went on to the Army ADP School at Ft Benjamin Harrison and then went back to Ft. Benning for Airborne School. His last Army School was the SATCOM Officer's course at Ft. Monmouth before finally being sent to his duty assignment at the US European Command in Stuttgart,



Germany in December of 1972.

Hans was assigned as an ADP plans and operations officer on the general staff at the US European Command HQ. Although primarily supporting intelligence data processing, this work covered diverse technical areas such as full-text message analysis, data base applications, map graphics processing and display, distributed systems implementation, and nuclear targeting and damage assessment models. He was instrumental in providing intelligence updates to the maps in the HQ Command Center during the 1973 Arab-Israeli War and supporting nuclear targeting during NATO command post exercises. Hans also supported information system technical coordination with USEUCOM component commands in London, Ramstein AFB, and Campbell Barracks in Heidelberg, and between SAC, NORAD, and USEUCOM for the SIOP during his tour of duty. Hans met Audrey, who was the J-5's secretary at USEUCOM, and they were married in 1975. Hans left active service with the Army as a Captain in December 1976.



Upon separation, Hans worked in large scale C2 and intelligence systems development. Hans and Audrey moved to Falls Church, VA and raised a family of three children. Hans went on to be the Chief Engineer and Program Manager on several large intelligence information processing programs for DIA at the Pentagon and NAVINTCOM. In 1989, Hans was named the Program Director for Unisys Defense Systems on the DARPA STARS program (Boeing and IBM were co-contractors), doing pioneering work in domain-specific, architecture-driven, software reuse, process representation and enactment, and software tool integration frameworks. This collaborative work with contractors, DoD organizations, and the SEI influenced the SEI CMM and the DoD's TAFIM and JTA evolution later in the 1990's.

In late 1995 Hans was named the Director of Engineering and Delivery 1 manager on the Global Transportation Network (GTN) program. In 1998 Hans ran the Joint Logistics Advanced Concept Technology Demonstration (JL-ACTD) Program with DARPA, followed by the Joint Theater Logistics (JTL) ACTD in 2000, both requiring integration across multiple co-contractors and government systems. Also in 2000, Hans was named the Program Manager for the Lockheed Martin Rainbow interoperability initiative, responsible for developing and demonstrating an integrated war fighting scenario among 14 different C4ISR and related systems developed by Lockheed Martin and third-party companies.

In 2004 Hans was selected as a Lockheed Martin Fellow to work in the Advanced Concepts group within Lockheed Martin's Corporate Engineering and Technology organization, where he worked on the F-22 and F-35 programs. Lockheed Martin assigned Hans to represent the company with the newly formed Net Centric Operations Interoperability Consortium (NCOIC) in 2004. In that capacity he was elected Vice Chair of the NCOIC Services and Information Interoperability Working Group in 2005, leading the development and approval of the SCOPE model. Hans was elected and served as the Chair of the NCOIC Network Centric Attributes Functional Team in 2009.

Hans retired from Lockheed Martin in April of 2011, but continued to participate in NCOIC on a volunteer basis to the present day, including giving presentations on interoperability at conferences and workshops and improving training material for SCOPE model practitioners. Hans and Audrey moved to Loris, SC in January 2015 and joined the Grand Strand Chapter in 2018.



DO YOU WANT TO BE PART OF MOAA'S ADVOCACY PROGRAM?

There is no shortage of work for MOAA's advocacy team as the start of the new fiscal year looms. From ensuring a budget solution protects the earned benefits of those who serve and have served to securing the passage of a strong defense authorization bill, there is much to be done in little time. If you have not already, please join our [Legislative Action Center](#) so you can reach out to your lawmakers in support of these priorities. Go to www.moaa.org and in the search box, write "Legislative Action Center." Many opportunities will be revealed.



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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Geraldine Goose: On Cleaning Up Society's Mess by Chaplain Bernie Calaway, USN (ret.)

Once upon a time [stop me if you've heard this one before] Geraldine the Goose got herself very upset on account of the pirates of Zambuamia. These awful personages, so it seemed, had taken to stealing other peoples' ships, and looting all the treasures out of them, and making decent folks walk off planks into the sea water, and brandishing big cutlasses, and sneering at everybody. It was further rumored that some of those pirate people were swearing like sailors, running mok, and drinking too much grog. Now how ghastly is that? You can plainly see, then, how offensive that sort of behavior can be. It simply must not be tolerated in civilized society. Thereby, Geraldine took up a crusade to punish the dreadful Zambuamian riffraff in order to make the world safe and decent again. Now how noble is that? And since Geraldine was a dedicated bird she soon had a plan in full swing. First, she took out 3" x 5" ads in the Hearld and Honk, plus a cheaper one in the Coastal Tide, urging all civic-minded barnyard citizens to condemn the renegades. She tried to get a resolution through the Board of Directions expressing dismay that such a thing was allowed to happen. She even formed a website that published stuff on a regular basis where you could sign up to hate pirates. No one could belong to the Privateer's International Retribution Action Committee Yearly (P.I.R.A.C.Y) until you paid a dues and promised to hate a pirate of your choice for a full hour every day. Surprising as it may seem, not many folks seemed eager to join up. Manley the Mole joined but only because he thought it was an underground newspaper. Oh yes, Willomena the speckled hen joined also but Willomena joined everything. The rest had no civic pride. They preferred to go to work on jobs they had or concentrating of raising a family and plain stuff like that. Or they'd never heard of Zambuamia. Geraldine was a certified Protester. Nothing as minor as defeat will silence a Protester. So she began to serve sour lemonade to all who'd sign up. Everyone likes sour lemonade almost as much as they hate pirates. So the organization grew and prospered. Then the members took to throwing dirt clods at Directioners and blocking everybody's way into the grain bin. Unfortunately, all that sour lemonade drinking made everyone sneer throughout



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the day. All the unseemly sneering prompted folks to swear at each other and brandish big misspelled signs saying rude things like “Phooey on Pharites” and “Stop the Pirated Protesters!” Now how annoying is that? All the brandishing and blocking and sneering and amoking set off a run on lemonade and it got to be too expensive and prices went up so you had to seal it if you wanted any. And the world was not safe and decent anymore. Now, that is totally ghastly! I’ve been watching some Protesters on TV and I’m here to tell you I don’t support Geraldine. It seems to me her methods are a shade shabby. Why destroy what you’re trying to save? Why obstruct the people you need to like you? Why throw dirt on dirty things to clean them? **I prefer to correct wrongs like MOAA members have always done: keep serving the good and be nice to cats and old ladies. In the end, that always works better. But that’s just you and me.**

Surviving Spouse Corner



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To our Surviving Spouses: Maintaining your vital records is very important. MOAA offers a website where you can store your information at a website called “Everplans.” The link to the site is included here.

When is it ever the right time to get your important documents and information in order? Most of us think about it after someone we care for has had an incident and/or has passed away.

Additionally, events such as hurricanes, fires, floods, tornadoes, and even burglary can make the actual paperwork unusable.

Through MOAA partner [Everplans](#), members have access to a platform allowing cloud-based storage of important documents and information. With controlled access to each area, we are able to share details — at a minimum, to begin the discussion about what we prefer for our health care and our final arrangements.”

[LEARN MORE: [MOAA.org/Everplans](https://www.moaa.org/everplans)]

Chaplain Len Kircher
Grand Strand MOAA Surviving Spouses Liaison

You Cannot Make This Up



Colonel Jody Dew, US Army (Retired) and Sergeant First Class Sherman Horne, US Army (Retired) are the current military instructors for the JROTC Unit at Aynor High School. We learn that this is not a typical partnership, as Jody and Sherman were high school friends and went their separate ways after graduation. Reestablishing a relationship in retirement, they have joined to

serve together. Only in America

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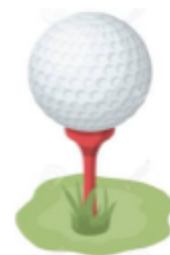
Col. Frank Esposito, USA





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COL Francis A. Esposito, USA (ret)
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Wednesday, May 29, 2024

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