

The Coastal Tide

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Grand Strand Chapter Military Officers Association

President's Letter



We celebrated National Volunteer Month in April. As members of MOAA, you serve in a volunteer role that supports local veterans and their families, 17 JROTC units and the Coastal Carolina University ROTC program. I, along with your Board of Directors, thank you for your service and participation in these worthy and much needed causes.

Our Veterans' Outreach Program under the outstanding leadership of Truman Parmele has reached hundreds of needy veterans and their families. Our support of veterans and Native American Tribes is widely recognized among various Veteran Support Organizations (VSO) as serving a real need throughout the Grand Strand. Under Bill Stewart's leadership, we have greatly expanded our Veteran Education and Training Assistance Program (ETAP), working with the Veterans Administration (VA), Palmetto Goodwill, and Horry Georgetown Technical College (HGTC) to expand free job training and employment placement services to over a dozen homeless and unemployed veterans. To date, our ETAP has successfully entered nineteen veterans into HGTC and found 13 veterans employment in aircraft mechanics, LPNs, etc. This is quite an accomplishment and provides further evidence that our chapter cares and supports the needs of veterans and their families along the Grand Strand. I can't say enough about the great work performed by Greg Youngman and Dean Brown in leading our ROTC and JROTC programs. It takes an incredible amount of time and effort to coordinate and execute these programs.

These are just a few examples of how our MOAA members "Never Stop Serving." If you are looking for volunteer opportunities, please consider joining our fundraising team, Social Committee, Membership Committee, Golf Committee, Veterans Outreach Committee, or any of our other teams that are working hard each day to look out for the welfare of those in need.

I appreciate everything all of you are doing as volunteers in MOAA along with the other important volunteer activities in our area, such as Meals on Wheels and the Myrtle Beach Military Appreciation Committee, among others. As a good friend of mine always says, "we live to serve".

Never Stop Serving!

Tony Prince

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Mark Your Calendar

MAY IS MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

- May 7 — 9 a.m. JROTC Drill Meet,
Pelicans Stadium,
— Noon Military Family
Members Social Pelicans
Stadium
- May 10 — 5 p.m. Chapter dinner
meeting, Pine Lakes
Country Club; JROTC
Instructor Recognition
Night and presentation of
scholarship winners;
Guest Speaker: Capt.
Kevin Boyle (USN, Ret)
- May 14 — Armed Forces Day
- May 28 — 10:30 a.m. Military
Appreciation Days
Parade, Market
Common
— 11:30 a.m. Picnic and
Exhibits, Valor Memorial
Park, Market Common,
- May 30 — Memorial Day
— 9 a.m. Veterans March,
Ocean Blvd.
— 9:30 a.m. Battlefield
Cross Ceremony
Burroughs and Chapin
Pavilion
11 a.m. Remembrance
Ceremony, Myrtle Beach
Convention Center
- June 14 — Birthday of the US Army
— 11 a.m. Chapter
luncheon meeting; The
Dunes Club, Speaker:
Claude Schmid,
Veteran's Last Patrol



5-star Harris Communications Award Winner*
*6th Award



5-star Levels of Excellence Award Winner*
*10th Award

Chaplain's Corner

By Len Kircher

Chaplain, 101st Airborne Division, (Air Assault), (retired).

“When I was a young boy, I had a great grandfather who came from the old country: Germany. I didn’t know him but he had some unusual ways about him which he passed to my grandfather who I did know. Some would call it superstition; others would call it common sense, but his ways are practiced by many these days. One was planting. Every year he planted his flowers on Good Friday, rain or shine. He said what’s put in the ground on this Friday will certainly blossom to new life in the future. What a great tradition that was passed down! So much like Holy Week culminating on Easter Sunday. Easter was the beginning of hope for all! That hope continues on today and in the future. An empty tomb can fill the world with grace. It takes faith to believe in the empty tomb: that He who was buried on Friday rose to life again on Easter Morning. That’s the promise each of us have with faith in our Savior Jesus Christ. May your faith blossom in the future, and you rise again on that glorious day.”

Len Kircher



Financial Report

by Gale Fellowes, Treasurer

March was noteworthy for a wonderful social outing to Brookgreen Gardens, a glorious day that also netted a little over \$200 to further our charitable works. Administratively, we successfully renewed our annual South Carolina registration as a charitable organization. Interestingly, this designation has no impact on our club’s requirement to pay sales taxes on items we buy (medals for cadets, a tent for the golf tournament, etc.), but crucially it allows entities that donate funds to us to claim a charitable deduction for their organization, giving them that much more incentive to continue supporting Grand Strand MOAA.

In April we awarded our annual two thousand dollar CCU ROTC Leadership Award in honor of our late friend, Bob Hawkins, COL, Army (ret). It was a great ceremony and a lot of fun to meet all the CCU cadets. Another example of how our chapter financially supports the education of young people who dream of military service. We ended March with financial balances as follows:

Operating Balance	\$11,802.28
Grants Balance	\$ 4,076.00
Reserve Account	\$15,077.70
Total Balance	\$30,955.98

DINNER PROGRAMS

March 2022 DINNER

Pine Lakes Country Club, Myrtle Beach

Program: Tom Herron, Founder/Host, "Up With America" Radio Hour

Mr. Herron, host of the Up With America Radio Hour, provided the Chapter with a audio visual presentation about his organizations goals and principles. He founded the non-profit organization Up With America, for which his radio program is named, to inform, inspire & celebrate the very best of America. His organization seeks to turn back to our country's founding documents by seeking "Smart Solutions" for America's pressing problems, focusing on three basic areas: society/culture; government; and the economy.

Mr. Herron's weekly radio program "Up with America" can be heard locally at 12 noon on WKRN 94.5 or thru the internet at

TALK945.com. You can find additional information and more detailed description of the organization's work, on website <https://upwithamerica.org>.



The color guard for the dinner was provided by the Carolina Forest High School Navy JROTC unit.

April 2022

Pine Lakes Country Club, Myrtle Beach

Program: Recognition of CCU ROTC Cadets being commissioned in May and awarding of the Hawkins Leadership Award.

Guest Speaker: Colonel Elisabeth Litvin (USA, Retired)

In keeping with Chapter tradition, the April meeting was dedicated to recognizing Coastal Carolina University students graduating in 2022 and being commissioned as second lieutenants through the ROTC program. Each cadet was recognized and presented with a certificate and set of gold bars. The Chapter recognized 12 cadets at our dinner meeting as well expressing our gratitude to Captain Zack Currie who has worked closely with us during his tenure at CCU.

In addition, the Chapter presented its annual Hawkins Leadership Award to graduating senior Cadet Aaron Kanagy of Reedsville, Pennsylvania. The award includes a \$2,000 stipend, certificate, and plaque. Cadet Kanagy was chosen from among his peers and will be serving the US Army as an Armor officer.

Finally, the Chapter awarded its MOAA Leadership Award to junior Curtis McDonell. Cadet McDonell was chosen by a committee headed by Captain Currie for his outstanding leadership in the ROTC unit. He was presented with a certificate and leadership ribbon.

Pictures and information about this gala event be found on page 4.

Upcoming May Dinner May 10 — Pine Lakes Country Club, Myrtle Beach

Program: Recognition of JROTC Instructors in the Grand Strand and Pee Dee area and presentation of winners of the Chapter JROTC Scholarships

Guest Speaker: Captain Kevin Boyle (USN, Retired)

This is one of the most significant programs of the year as it is the occasion on which we recognize the educators that are critical to the success of JROTC in our area, and we recognize those students whose exemplary academic achievements earned them a Chapter scholarship. A great deal of the Chapter's energy goes into the fund raising needed to make these scholarships available. It is at once a celebration of the dedication of the JROTC instructors in our midst, the achievement of these high school seniors, and the determination of our Chapter to support them. Don't miss this opportunity to participate in a great evening of celebration and appreciation.

CCU ROTC NIGHT AT THE GRAND STRAND CHAPTER



Greg Youngman (left) and President Tony Prince (right) pose with the CCU ROTC and soon to be new second lieutenants.

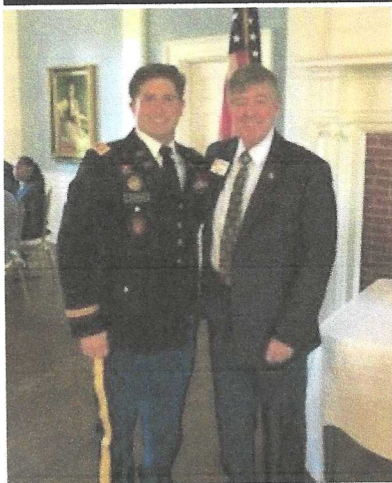


President Tony Prince presents a Chapter challenge coin to Col. Elisabeth "Liz" Litvin (USA, Ret). Col. Litvin was the evening's guest speaker.



Dean Brown and his wife Robin (center) and Truman Parmele (right) hosted a group of graduating cadets at their table.

Junior ROTC Cadet Curtis McDonell receives the MOAA Leadership Award medal and ribbon



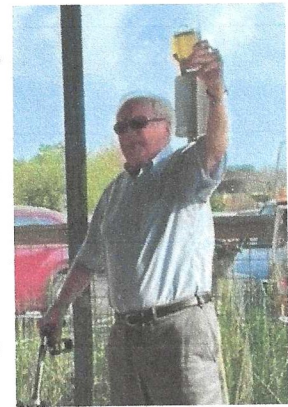
CCU's ROTC leader Capt. Zack Currie was recognized for his support for the Chapter's work with ROTC.

Cadet Aaron Kanagy received the Chapter's Colonel Robert T. Hawkins Leadership Award. Upon graduating and commissioning, Cadet Kanagy will serve in the US Army Armor Branch.



HONORING OUR OWN

For the past 17 years, Hans Duerr has been the leader of the Chapter Scholarship program. He has run the 50-50 raffle at Chapter dinner meetings, informed local JROTC programs of the scholarships existence and application procedures, and led the committee selecting the scholarship recipients. We recognized Hans' extraordinary contributions to the Chapter's mission statement at our March dinner meeting and again two weeks later at an informal social at the Tidal Creek Brewhouse in Market Common. Thanks again, Hans, you have been an exceptional part of our Chapter. Your work leading our scholarship endeavors has touched the lives of untold number of young people.



Surviving Spouse Update

By Peggy DeVivo, Surviving Spouse Liaison and Social Chair

Thank you to all those who attended the tour of Brookgreen Gardens in March. We were blessed with a glorious day, had wonderful, knowledgeable guides, and were educated in the history of the Low Country and Brookgreen. This event set the bar very high for the upcoming social events. What a treat it was! I hope that those of you who do not have a Brookgreen membership will get one and visit often. As they say, "Ever changing, Simply amazing".

Our next get-together is a visit to the Burroughs and Chapin Art Museum on Thursday, April 28. We will be doing a 'self-guided' tour of the museum and going for lunch afterward. We will meet at the museum at 10 am. The docents will be assisting the Art Guild in judging the entrants to the Waccamaw Arts and Crafts Guild show that day. We may be able to eavesdrop on their conversations. Please look at the GS MOAA website for more information. During Military Appreciation month, military veterans will be honored at the Myrtle Beach Pelicans game at 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 14. You are encouraged to wear a military-inspired jersey. Military personnel and first responders save \$3.00

Among other excursion being considered to offer Chapter members later this year are:

- Swamp Fox tours of Georgetown, SC, with an optional visit to the Kaminski House for the Commanders Tour, and lunch at Roots.
- Fall 2022 A visit to the "Yawkey Wildlife Center" in Georgetown.
- Sandy Island Tour, which includes an in-depth history of the Gullah people and a tour visit of the old Mt. Rena cemetery, Sandy Island's schoolhouse, its volunteer fire department, its villages, as well as a stop at Pyatt's General store. Upon request, experience a taste of Sandy Island cuisine.

If you have any ideas for other adventures, please forward them to me.

Lastly, if you know a surviving spouse in your neighborhood, church or community, please invite him or her to one of our dinner meetings to check us out. A surviving spouse of a military or uniformed service officer or warrant officer, who was or was not a chapter or national MOAA member can join our chapter in his or her own right, at no charge. For more information, contact to Peggy DeVivo or Paul Williamson,

GRAND STRAND MOAA 2022 GOLF TOURNAMENT



Planning is underway for the 2022 MOAA Golf Tournament fundraiser on **10 September 2022** at the Wild Wing Plantation Golf Club in Conway. This year's flyer with additional details is on page 8.

We are hoping for another sellout. Registration fees remain the same as in prior years: \$90 per golfer (\$85 for veterans)

which includes a round of golf plus breakfast, lunch, ice cream and various gifts. We will also offer a cash 50/50 raffle, prize raffle, mulligans, silent auction, and, and more. Individual GS MOAA members can support the tournament by purchasing a \$100 Tee Sign donation even if you don't play golf. It really helps!

The golf tournament is the Chapter's largest event to raise funds to support JROTC units and cadet scholarships as well as Coastal Carolina University ROTC cadets.

Let Jim Offutt know if you are interested in helping with the tournament or serve on the committee.



National MOAA Update

Changing laws on Capitol Hill is arduous work. Bills addressing critical issues can get stuck in subcommittees for a full two-year congressional session or advance through committee but still not get vote on the floor. MOAA members can move these changes forward, but only if we're all pulling in the same direction. That's where Advocacy in Action comes in.

President Dana Atkins encourages all MOAA members to take part in this campaign. Send a message to your lawmakers supporting MOAA's priorities and watch for updates and future calls to action via The MOAA Newsletter, MOAA's Advocacy News page, and MOAA.org/AiA. Our goal is to reach all 535 congressional offices with our message, and we can't do it without your support.

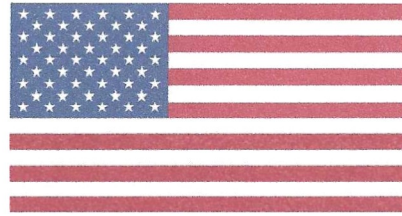
These are three of the priority issues MOAA is working hard on now in this Congressional session:

- **Concurrent Receipt for Combat-Injured Servicemembers:** H.R. 1242 and S. 344 would fix a longstanding injustice by allowing tens of thousands of combat-injured veterans to receive full retired pay and disability pay. The bills have 205 House co-sponsors, adding 54 since January, and is at a critical point as lawmakers draft the FY 2023 National Defense Authorization Act .
- **Affordable mental health for TRICARE beneficiaries.** The Stop Copay Overpay Act (H.R. 4824) would overturn the doubling of TRICARE copays for mental health care in recent years. The bipartisan bill has only four co-sponsors, but additional momentum from your efforts would improve chances of inclusion in the FY 2023 NDAA.
- **A 4.6% military pay raise.** This raise is linked by statute to the Employment Cost Index and applies to all of our uniformed services. MOAA's efforts focus on ensuring raise is not reduced to fund other programs or pay table overhauls We cannot contact every one of the 535 lawmaker offices on Capitol Hill without your help. Your legislators want to hear from you, by any method.

Go to moaa.org to see more about MOAA National and Veteran Issues

Myrtle Beach Military Appreciation Days

The 2022 Military Appreciation Days in Myrtle Beach are upon us and will commence with the annual JROTC Drill meet on May 7. Chapter member Gerry Terwilliger serves on the city's celebration planning committee. A full schedule of events throughout the month is listed below. The Grand Strand Chapter traditionally participates in the annual parade and picnic (this year on May 28). Our scholarship winners are invited to ride on MOAA vehicles in the parade, and MOAA volunteers staff our picnic tent.



- ◆ Junior ROTC Drill Meet – 9:00 a.m., Saturday, May 7, 2022, Myrtle Beach Pelicans' Stadium, 1251 21st Avenue North
- ◆ Military Family Members Social – 12:00 p.m., Saturday, May 7, 2022, Myrtle Beach Pelican's Stadium, 1251 21st Avenue North
- ◆ Myrtle Beach Pelicans' Military Appreciation Game Night – Saturday, May 14, 2022, Myrtle Beach Pelican's Stadium, 1251 21st Avenue North
- ◆ Myrtle Beach Vet Center Open House – 12:00 p.m., Friday, May 27, 2022, Myrtle Beach Vet Center, 1101 Johnson Avenue
- ◆ Military Appreciation Days Parade – 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 28, 2022, along Farrow Parkway, The Market Common
- ◆ Military Appreciation Days Picnic and Exhibits – 11:30 a.m., Saturday, May 28, 2022, Valor Memorial Garden, 1120 Farrow Parkway
- ◆ Jack Platt Veterans' March on Memorial Day – 9:00 a.m., Monday, May 30, 2022, Along Ocean Boulevard, 16th to Ninth Avenues North
- ◆ Battlefield Cross Ceremony on Memorial Day – 9:30 a.m., Monday, May 30, 2022, Burroughs & Chapin Pavilion Place, 812 North Ocean Boulevard
- ◆ Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony – 11:00 a.m., Monday, May 30, 2022, Myrtle Beach Convention Center, 2101 North Oak Street



ATTENTION: JUNE MEETING CHANGE

The Chapter meeting in June will be a luncheon meeting. Social hour will start at 11 a.m. The meeting will be held at The Dunes Golf and Beach Club where we have held luncheon meetings in previous years. Our guest speaker will be Claud Schmid of the Veterans Last Patrol, an organization based in Spartanburg, SC serving veterans by bringing new friendships, honor ceremonies, & emergency assistance to those veterans in hospice care.



Military Officers Association of America
Grand Strand Chapter
9th Annual Golf Tournament



Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022

WILD WING GOLF CLUB - CONWAY, SC

Registration Deadline September 1, 2022

PROCEEDS - JROTC College Scholarships
SUPPORT: - Homeless/At Risk Veterans
- 18 ROTC and JROTC Units

Registration and Breakfast: 8 – 915am

Shotgun Start @ 930AM | Lunch & Auction to follow golf

\$90/person
\$350/Team (foursome)
\$5 Discount for Each Vet

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

Sponsorship Opportunities (see reverse)

Contact: Jim Offutt: email: moagolf@yahoo.com
cell: (703) 627-8136

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

PLAYER REGISTRATION – Deadline Sept 1, 2022

\$90 per person, \$350 per team, \$5 discount for vets. To sign up, please complete this form and submit with a check payable to "Grand Strand MOAA". Questions: call/text Jim Offutt at (703) 627-8136 or email moagolf@yahoo.com

Team Capt _____ Phone _____ Email _____ PD _____

Player #2 _____ Phone _____ Email _____ PD _____

Player #3 _____ Phone _____ Email _____ PD _____

Player #4 _____ Phone _____ Email _____ PD _____

Mail to: MOAA, c/o Jim Offutt, 4803 Bucks Bluff Dr., North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

(check all that apply)

501(c)(3) Receipt Available Upon Request

- CORPORATE SPONSOR: \$1,000+**
 - One Team Foursome
 - Prominent recognition in Tournament Brochure and on Chapter website
 - Full Color Name/Logo banner at club entrance & cart sign
- PLATINUM SPONSOR: \$600**
 - Three Player Entry Fees
 - Prominent recognition in Tournament Brochure and on Chapter website
 - Full Color Name/Logo 2'x3' sign displayed at Registration & cart sign
- GOLD SPONSOR: \$400**
 - Two Player Entry Fees
 - Recognition in Tournament Brochure and on Chapter website
 - Full Color Name/Logo 2'x3' sign displayed at Registration
- HOLE SPONSOR: \$100 (EACH ADDITIONAL SIGN: \$75)**
 - Customized 18" x 24" Sign
 - Recognition in Tournament Brochure
- AUCTION SPONSOR: Donation (cash, gift card and/or item of value)**
 - Raffle Prizes, Auction Items, Checks, Cash, Gift Cards, etc.
 - Major donations will be prominently recognized in Tournament Brochure

COMPANY _____ CONTACT _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

DONATION _____

Mail to: MOAA, c/o Jim Offutt, 4803 Bucks Bluff Dr., North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582

or contact: _____



GRAND STRAND CHAPTER
OF THE
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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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 _____

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Additional amount (donation) for this year's scholarship awards: \$ _____
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Current employment (optional): _____

Professional skills (optional): _____

• If Auxiliary member or applicant, please indicate 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 & 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; and, the aims and objectives of the SC MOAA Council of Chapters. MOAA and its affiliated Chapters and Councils are non-partisan.