

# The Coastal Tide

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**May/June 2022**



## Grand Strand Chapter Military Officers Association



Grand Strand Chapter.

### President's Letter

May was filled with activities associated with military recognition and appreciation thanks to the hard work of our dedicated Military Appreciation Committee headed by Mark Kruea, Public Information Officer for the City of Myrtle Beach and an honorary member of our MOAA

Roger Pilcher and Jerry Terwilliger represent our Chapter on the committee and spend countless hours planning this annual event. Thanks Roger and Jerry for all you do to honor the military, veterans, surviving spouses, and family members.

Our chapter members were active during May and participated in many of the events celebrated throughout the month such as the Myrtle Beach Pelicans Military Appreciation Game on May 14, Military Appreciation Days Parade and Family Picnic on May 28, Jack Platt Veterans' March and Remembrance Ceremony held on Monday, May 30. The City of Myrtle Beach and other organizations and businesses care deeply for our military members and "go all out" to salute and honor us, not just during the month of May but, year-round.

Our May dinner meeting was a huge success as we recognized and honored the JROTC Instructors and awarded \$2,000.00 scholarships to five outstanding JROTC cadets. Captain Kevin Boyle USN, (retired), and MOAA Grand Strand member, provided an interesting, humorous and highly entertaining presentation on leadership as he directed his speech to the JROTC cadets in attendance. I appreciate the hard work of Dean Brown who works closely with all 17 schools. He is dedicated to the mission the JROTC program delivers and expertly handles every detail of the recognition dinner. Thanks Dean!

Finally, we held our June luncheon meeting at the Dunes Golf and Beach Club on Tuesday, June 14 which also was the US Army's 247th birthday and National Flag Day. All in attendance seemed to enjoy the buffet luncheon and the presentation delivered by our guest speaker, Claude Schmid COL, USA (ret) and founder of Veterans Last Patrol. His work in this organization is inspiring. You may check out Veterans Last Patrol at <https://www.veteranslastpatrol.org>. Thanks to Mike Davison LTG, USA (ret) for arranging this month's luncheon at one of the most picturesque locations along the Grand Strand. Enjoy your summer and remember

**Never Stop Serving!**

*Tony Prince*

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## Mark Your Calendar

WHILE CHAPTER ACTIVITIES ARE REDUCED DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS, YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE AT WORK ON THE DETAILS OF EVENTS COMING UP IN THE FALL. CHANGES AND/OR ADDITIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED VIA E-MAIL AND THE CHAPTER WEBSITE.

July 4 — Independence Day

Sept 3 — CCU vs. Army Football Game. Brooks Field, CCU. Time TBD. See article on page 6 for ticket info.

Sept 5 — Labor Day

Sept 10 — Grand Strand Chapter Annual Golf Tournament, Wild Wing Golf Club, 8 am Breakfast, 9:30 Shot Gun Start.

Sept 13 — Grand Strand Chapter dinner meeting, Pine Lakes Country Club, 5 p.m. Social Hour. Guest speaker TBD.

Sept 17 — Constitution Day

Sept TBD — Stand Down

Oct 4 — Yom Kippur

Oct 10 — Columbus Day

Oct 11 — Grand Strand Chapter Dinner Meeting. Details: TBD

Nov 8 — Election Day  
— Chapter Dinner Meeting.  
Details: TBD

Nov 11 — Veterans Day

Nov 24 — Thanksgiving Day

Dec 13 — Chapter Dinner Meeting.  
Details: TBD



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



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

## Chaplain's Corner

As military officers, we have been accustomed to periods of stress, grief and loss as part of the nature of our careers. However, the past two years have been challenging in a different way. We have navigated the unknowns of a pandemic. We have lost friends and loved ones to this same unknown. We have been unsure how to strategize or plan for victory over this strange enemy, and we have watched in dismay as the ripple effects alter our country's financial, economic and health care stability. It seems that every conversation turns immediately or eventually to the topic of COVID.

Yet amidst the chaos and uncertainty, the Grand Strand chapter has been blessed with success in carrying out our MOAA mission through Stand Downs for veterans in need, scholarships for worthy JROTC cadets and instructors (which is our way of helping to build tomorrow's military leaders,) and continuing to meet to plan future service and to encourage one another.

Though many of us have been retired for some time, we all share the common call to serve God and Country – a purpose greater than our own interests. Our endeavors reflect John 15:13, the passage spoken during military funerals: "Greater love has no one than this, that one should lay down his life for his friends."

May our Chapter continue our honorable mission as we persevere in fighting for the care and benefits of our military servicemembers past and present, their families, and those who are the future of the military. May God bless and multiply our efforts, and may we remember Him as the one who holds that future in His loving and capable hands.



## **Financial Report**

**by Gale Fellowes, Treasurer**

In May, we began to see early revenue from the golf tournament as well as the receipt of a \$5,000 grant from MOAA come into our coffers. We also awarded our five scholarships to senior JROTC students, though the checks for those scholarships will be mailed to the students' respective schools later. It was a pleasure to have three of the five scholarship winners participate with us in our Memorial Day parade entry.

We ended May with financial balances as follows:

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| Operating Balance | \$ 9,458.65 |
| Grants Balance    | \$ 9,001.00 |
| Reserve Account   | \$15,081.48 |
| Total Balance     | \$33,541.13 |

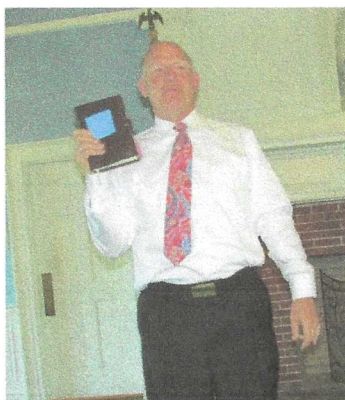
# DINNER PROGRAMS

## May 2022 DINNER

### **Pine Lakes Country Club, Myrtle Beach**

Program: Recognition of JROTC Instructors and presentation of winners of the Chapter JROTC Scholarships

Guest Speaker: Captain Kevin Boyle (USN, Retired)



Supporting JROTC is one of the pillars of the Chapter mission statement, so recognizing the dedication of JROTC instructors in our area and presenting five senior JROTC students with individual scholarships is among the most significant programs of the year. As always this evening was filled with pride in the achievement of our scholarship winners and the extraordinary devotion of their JROTC instructors to teaching them. Capt. Boyle's remarks about the values he emphasizes in his instruction as well the lessons he learns from his cadets epitomized the dedication these instructors bring to the classroom as well as the guidance they impart to the young men and women in their care. Congratulations, scholars, and our deepest appreciation to the instructors that mold them. For additional photo coverage of the night's activities turn to the next page.

## June 2022 Luncheon

### **The Dunes Beach and Golf Club, Myrtle Beach**

Program: Col. Claude Schmid, (USA, Retired), Founder of the Veterans Last Patrol organization

Our last meeting of the summer was held at the beautiful Dunes Beach and Golf Club. Chapter member LTG Michael Davison, Jr. (USA, Retired) arranged for our meeting there, which is one of the most scenic venues on the Grand Strand. This luncheon meeting on Tuesday, June 14 coincided with the US Army's 247th birthday and National Flag Day. All in attendance seemed to enjoy the buffet luncheon and the presentation delivered by our guest speaker, Col. Claude Schmid (USA, Retired), founder of Veterans Last Patrol. Begun in Spartanburg, SC, his organization is rapidly spreading across the country providing companionship and friendship to veterans on their "last patrol" in hospice care. These veterans served in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. His organization's work is truly inspiring. You can obtain additional information on Veterans Last Patrol at <https://www.veteranslastpatrol.org>. They are always looking for additional volunteers and funding.



## Upcoming September Dinner September 13

### **Pine Lakes Country Club, Myrtle Beach**



The Grand Strand Chapter's next dinner meeting will be held September 13 at the Pine Lakes Country Club. As is our custom, the social hour will begin at 5 p.m. with dinner shortly after. Our program for the evening is not yet firm but stayed tuned for future announcements on our website, Facebook page, and by email. Until then, have a safe and enjoyable summer .

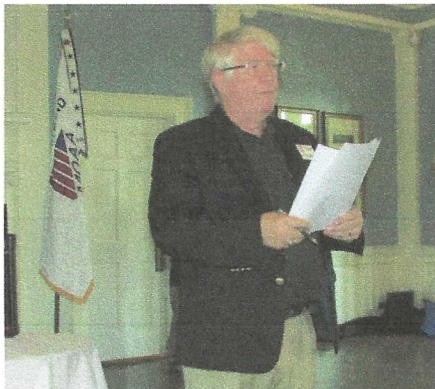
# JROTC INSTRUCTOR RECOGNITION AND SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION NIGHT AT GRAND STRAND CHAPTER



Scholarship recipients and their family members posed for a group picture at the end of the evening.



Our evening speaker, JROTC instructor, and Chapter member Capt. Kevin Boyle (USN, Retired) receives a Chapter challenge coin from Chapter President Tony



Dean Brown introduces the scholarship recipients. .

## Meet the Scholarship Recipients Pictured with Chapter President Tony Prince



Marielena E. Godinez  
Navy JROTC  
North Myrtle Beach High School



Jaden A. Goodrum  
Army JROTC  
Green Sea Floyds High School



Savannah L. Jaquays- Hurley  
Army JROTC  
St. James High School



James A. Kelley  
Navy JROTC  
Georgetown High School



Richard W. Lander  
Army JROTC  
St. James High School

# MILITARY APPRECIATION DAYS MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION



The Grand Strand MOAA float in the Memorial Day Parade



Miss Myrtle Beach Brooke Vu visits with Roger Pilcher at the MOAA tent at the Valor Park



(l to r) Chaplain Bernie Calaway, Peggy DeVivo, President Tony Prince, Hans Duerr (seated), Greg Youngman, Rufus Manning, Gerry Terwilliger, and Roger Pilcher gathered at Warbird Park to lay a wreath at MOAA monument in memory of fallen chapter members.



(l to r) Chaplain Bernie Calaway, Rufus Manning, David Townsend, Roger Pilcher, Jim Albert staff the MOAA tent at the Valor Park picnic.

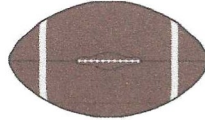


**Left:** Scholarship recipients James Kelley and Richard Lander ride in a MOAA car in the Memorial Day Parade.

**Right:** Scholarship recipient Marielena Godinez rides in a MOAA car in the Memorial Day parade.



## ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?



On September 3, the Black Knights of West Point will face off against Coastal Carolina at Brooke Stadium in Conway. It will be the 2022 season opener as well as the first meeting of the two teams. The time of the game is still to be determined due to television considerations, but Chapter member LTG Mike Davison (USA, Retired) is working with the CCU athletic department and the local West Point Society to obtain a block of tickets for MOAA members. It is expected that the tickets will be \$25 each. If you would like to attend, you should contact Mike by the end of June. When block seating tickets will go on sale after July 4, Mike will place an order for tickets so our Chapter members can sit together. Each member then will reimburse Mike by check or Venmo. A Chapter email will also go out with any additional information by the end of June.

In addition, the West Point Society will host a tailgate party from 4 to 6:30 p.m. They have graciously invited the Grand Strand Chapter to participate. Details on the price of the tickets for the tailgate party as well as information on shuttle bus service from Baxley Hall to the stadium will be forthcoming.



## GOLF TOURNAMENT SEPTEMBER 10

The annual Grand Strand MOAA golf tournament is fast upon us, and Chairman Jim Offutt and his golf committee are hard at work to make sure the 2022 tournament is the best ever. As Jim and his colleagues work on the myriad details needed to put the tournament on and obtain sponsorships, there are important ways you can support the tournament. First, if you want to play, register now before the field fills up. Second, consider volunteering on the day of the tournament. There are numerous opportunities to assist in player registration, erecting tee box signs, organizing carts, etc. Finally, please consider buying a \$100 tee box sponsorship, which allows you to submit a design for a 18"x 24" sign to honor a family member or close friend or any veteran for their service. The signs are erected on the 18 tee boxes and can be reused if you decide you want to purchase another one next year. Use the form on page 9 of this newsletter to register, volunteer, or sponsor a tee box sign. This annual tournament is the Chapter's most important fundraiser that finances the Chapter's JROTC scholarships, financial assistance to the JROTC units, and support for the ROTC cadets at CCU. Your assistance and support is needed and appreciated.

## **National MOAA Update**

(Courtesy of National MOAA)

The House Armed Services subcommittees have completed their work on the FY 2023 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) – annual legislation addressing all manner of defense-related topics, including several of MOAA’s legislative priorities. Work on the bill continues the Senate, and reconciliation in full committees of the House and Senate is pending. The subcommittee markups and hearings are good indicators of what the final NDAA likely will include. The following are some highlights from the House subcommittees:

### **End Strength**

Service chiefs have described a very challenging recruiting and retention environment where the propensity to serve is in decline and only 23% of 18-to-21-year-olds can meet the physical and mental standards for service. The markup by the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Personnel recommends the following active duty personnel authorizations for FY 2023 – all down from the previous year except for the Navy and new Space Force.

Army: 473,000, down from 485,000.  
Navy: 348,220, up from 346,920.  
Air Force: 323,400, down from 329,220.  
Marine Corps: 177,000, down from 178,500.  
Space Force: 8,600, up from 8,400.

### **Pay Raise**

The personnel subcommittee’s markup includes a 4.6% military pay raise, in line with the Employment Cost Index (ECI). This should be seen as the minimum relative to the statute; MOAA has heard concerns from both House and Senate leaders that 4.6% may not be enough. MOAA has proposed including the 2.6% pay raise residual gap from 2014 through 2016 to boost the annual pay to 7.2%. We will continue to monitor the House and Senate to see if they will do more for our eight uniformed services. The bill also requires the secretary of defense to do a thorough assessment on military pay and compensation programs.

### **Military Health Care**

As part of its continued oversight of the military health system, the personnel subcommittee recommends a three-year extension to the limitation of reductions and realignment of military medical personnel and a report on military medical workforce requirement, progress on filling persistent vacancies and the feasibility of increasing civilian positions to address shortages. The markup also includes several provisions to address mental health access challenges, including increased opportunities to grow the number of mental health professionals and expanded license portability for providers delivering nonmedical counseling, as well as requiring the Government Accountability Office to review TRICARE’s alignment with mental health parity laws.

Go to [moaa.org](http://moaa.org) to see more about more details on the FY23 National Defense Authorization Act and other MOAA National and Veteran Issues

**TAKE ACTION:** Contact our Congressional legislators (Rep. Tom Rice, Sens. Lindsay Graham and Tim Scott) to urge them to support efforts to support our men and women serving in our uniform services.





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](mailto:moagolf@yahoo.com)  
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**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](mailto: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**

501(c)(3) Receipt Available Upon Request

(check all that apply)

**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

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Chapter Annual dues: \$20.00 for regular membership or \$50 For 3 year membership.

For NEW MEMBERS: \$20 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter; \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter; \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter; \$20, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 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.