

Grand Strand Chapter

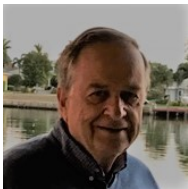
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The Coastal Tide

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President's Message

I felt very privileged to take part in our celebratory dinner April 10, honoring the eight CCU ROTC seniors who will soon receive their commissions into the regular

Army this year. We presented each cadet with a plaque, and officer's gold bars to mark the occasion. Our speaker, MG Laurie Newton, USA (NG)(Ret.), laid out a road map of challenges they will face in their future, and how they should handle them. "Take care of your soldiers and they will take care of you. Make decisions honestly and with integrity." I have heard many lectures on what it means to be a leader, but never one that caught me so emotionally. I think I and several others in the audience wanted to start our careers all over again. Thanks, General, for your inspiring words.

This month we lost one of our own, LTC Tom Middleton. Though I did not know Tom well, I have heard many stories from chapter members about his celebration of life, and his compassion for others. He was an enthusiastic participant in our chapter. Let's remember his wife Dee in our prayers and wish her well the next time you see her.

On this month's calendar, we have the planning meeting for the September Stand-down for homeless veterans. If you want to participate in September, see Norm and Jan Ward, or Mike Freeman who is our new director for Veterans Outreach.

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Major Chad Hodkins addresses the April dinner meeting. Major Hodkins heads the ROTC program at Coastal Carolina University and is a member of our chapter.

Meeting Updates by Randy Dymond



Our 2018 dinner meeting program continues on May 8 at Pine Lakes Country Club with a social time at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6 pm. The program for this evening really reflects one of our chapter’s core missions: support for JROTC programs in our area..

We will award scholarships for deserving seniors graduating from area high school JROTC programs and recognize all of the dedicated JROTC instructors throughout the area. Our speaker will be Assistant Professor Rick Kilroy, USA, LTC (Ret). Look for your invitation in your email and register on line.

One quick reminder. We will honor people and organizations that have supported our chapter at the June luncheon meeting at Kimbel’s. If you know someone deserving of recognition, put together a nominating paper summarizing why they should be honored and submit it to the Board by May 1. You must confirm their attendance as well as yours at the lunch.

“Never Stop Serving”

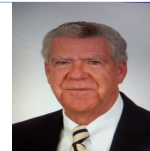
Welcome New Members

A little over 3 months into the new year and we have added 8 New Members ! Our five newest members are:

- Ronald Booth, 1st LT, USA
- Wilfred Garcia, Col., USA (Ret.)
- James Albert, LTC., USAF (Ret.)
- Paul Hill, LT, USN
- Paul Ring, Cdr, USN (Ret.)



Membership by John Bradley



After adding our new members and subtracting those who have passed or moved away our Membership looks like this :

Annual members	106
Honorary members	9
Surviving Spouse	13
Three Year members	22
TOTAL	150

Of the 128 dues-paying Chapter members, 17 of us have yet to pay the 2018 dues. They were all invoiced recently, so if you have forgotten to pay for 2018, please drop a check in the mail or, better yet, join us for dinner on May 8th at Pine Lakes.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

After polling our membership and receiving no negative input, the Membership Directory will go live prior to our next Dinner Meeting in May. I will send you all an email, explaining how to access the Directory through our website, how to upload a picture and write a short biography. The Directory will be visible only to Chapter Members and will have the enhanced ability for intra-member email. Please be on the lookout for my email and have fun with the Directory.

EVERY MEMBER...BRING AN ELIGIBLE MEMBER TO DINNER...IT'S FREE !

ARE YOU READY?

Ready or not, the MOAA Grand Strand Chapter Golf Tournament to be held at the Heritage Golf Club in Pauley's Island is fast approaching. The Golf Tournament



See you on the links!

Committee is addressing many of the last-minute items that make a successful tournament. Now is the time to register! The deadline is May 10th, but we have had waiting lists the past two years. Many of the later registrants come from a blast message that Legend's Group sends out to 15,000+ email addresses, which should be out next week. So, don't miss out! For the nongolfers, you can participate in our major fundraiser by volunteering your time at the registration line, selling Super Tickets, distributing lottery prizes, overseeing the silent auction, etc., There is plenty to do and we can use your help. Contact Dave Townsend if you are interested in joining this important event.

Get Your Foursome Together!!!!
MOAA Golf Tournament
Thursday May 24, 2018

President's Message *(continued from page 1)*

On April 24th, the Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual dinner meeting where our chapter is nominated for the "Non-profit of the Year" award. For those that do not know, our chapter is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and any member can go to events sponsored by the Chamber. Talk to Jerry Terwilliger if you have any questions about our involvement. We are almost one month away from our golf tournament which will be held on May 24th. The committee is working very hard as we approach the finish line to this event. We are looking for volunteers to help us the day of the event. This is a call to non-golfers who want to participate in our major fundraiser. Please let me know if you are interested.

Hopefully, summer is right around the corner. I am tired of the cool, windy weather. I want to go to the beach! See you at the next dinner meeting where we will recognize our JROTC scholarship winners.

Treasurer's Report

By Tony Prince

As planning and preparation for the annual MOAA Golf Tournament picks up steam, our Chapter financial report reflects additional income and additional expenses in support of that event. During the month of March, our bank accounts reflected that reality. As a result, our monthly report is as follows:

Revenues	\$ 1,480.00
Expenses	\$ 2,213.15
Balance	\$19,840.20

The balance reflects funds available in our accounts at South State Bank and CresCom Bank. We will continue to consolidate those two accounts until all Grand Strand Chapter funds are in one account at CresCom Bank.



Did You Know?

Each year, May is designated as National Military Appreciation Month. Days throughout the month are designated for specific patriotic and military observances. They include:

- May 1: Loyalty Day
- May 1: Silver Star Service Banner Day
- May 3: National Day of Prayer
- May 8: V-E Day
- May 11: Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- May 13: Children of Fallen Patriots Day
- May 13: Mother's Day
- May 20: Armed Forces Day



President Dave Townsend and Major Chad Hodkins presented Junior CCU ROTC Cadet Joshua Westerhaus the 2018 MOAA Leadership Award.

Military Appreciation Days Planning Underway

The City of Myrtle Beach, PGBA, and the Chamber of Commerce have begun scheduling events for the Military Appreciation Days in May. This annual event is held in conjunction with National Military Appreciation Month. The local events held throughout the month honors active duty and reserve personnel as well as veterans who have served in the armed forces.

This year's events start with the Wings Over Myrtle Beach Air Show April 28-29. It continues with the JROTC Drill Meet, Military Family Members Social and Lunch with Blue Star Mothers on May 5 at Pelicans Stadium. On May 12, the Myrtle Beach Pelicans will honor veterans at their game on May 12 at 7:05 p.m. Our own MOAA Golf Tournament will take place on May 24 followed by the Military Appreciation Days Parade and Family Picnic on May 26. A Veterans March will start at 9 a.m. on March 28 and will culminate in a Memorial Day Ceremony at the Convention Center at 11 a.m. Mark your calendars and plan to attend as many of these events as possible.



Eight CCU graduating senior ROTC cadets will receive their commissions in May. Our Chapter honored them and their instructor Major Chad Hodkins at our April Dinner Meeting.

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In Memoriam by Bob Hawkins



Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Clinton Middleton Jr., 77, of North Myrtle Beach, SC passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on March 17, 2018.

He graduated from Presbyterian College with a bachelor's degree. He earned his master's degree in criminal justice from the University of Baltimore and was selected to attend the FBI national academy.

LTC Tom Middleton proudly served his country in the U.S. Army Military Intelligence Branch. He retired from the Army as a lieutenant colonel in 1984. In 1991, he was recalled to active duty and served in the U.S. Army Escort Detachment at Ft. Meade. He was involved in the Green Beret incident which is written about in the book "A Murder in Wartime" by Jeff Stein. Tom was known for his Wednesday night Happy Hours which he and his wife hosted up and down the Grand Strand for 23 years. Tom was a very active member and supporter of the Grand Strand MOAA Chapter for several years. A celebration of life will be held at: Whiskey Beach Bar & Grill, Gallaria Shopping Center, 9668 Kings Highway, from 2-5PM, on April 21st.



Legislative Affairs by Jimmy Jacobs

Federal Legislation

On March 27, the President signed into law the Adult Day Health Care Improvement Act of 2017 introduced by Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah. The new law provides disabled veterans having with a 70 percent or more service-connected disability with enhanced access to the adult day medical care model, allowing them to receive up to eight hours each day of comprehensive medical care.

That means that veterans can remain in their homes and still receive the same care as living in a veterans' home. The measure will also offer respite for the families of veterans who regularly provide care.

South Carolina Legislative Initiatives

Take a look at our website's legislative tab with the link to SC Military Base Task Force Legislative Initiatives. It contains 10 items of interest to the

membership and some with direct impact depending upon your personal status, including:

SC Giving Back to Our Veterans Act....income tax reduction.
In-state tuition for Veterans
County Veterans Affairs Officers
Tuition Rates for Veterans

These 4 have a direct impact on veterans and the other 6 are of interest to all military, especially those on active duty in the state.



MG Newton Inspires New-Lieutenants to-Be

MG Laurie Newton, US Army National Guard (Ret) and a Grand Strand Chapter Member offered practical and valuable advice to the CCU senior cadets in attendance at our April meeting. MG Newton described the war in which our nation is engaged as a conflict of philosophies and urged the soon-to-be 2LTs to arm themselves with values and principles that are the foundation of military leadership as well



as the necessary physical gear and equipment necessary for success in this “different kind of war”. MG Newton noted that those values and principles of leadership included loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage. He described leadership as the ability to guide and demand and urged the cadets to practice it just as they practice using their weapons. And finally, he directed them to take care of the men and women they lead.

Our Chapter is proud to count among its ranks Major General Newton and the many talented and accomplished members who have completed distinguished military service and continue to serve our chapter and our community.

Stand Down 2018 Planning Underway

As President Townsend mentioned in his monthly message, planning for Stand Down 2018 has begun. This annual one day event to assist needy veterans is scheduled this year for September 21.

The Grand Strand Chapter’s new Veterans and Community Outreach Chairman Michael Freeman and stalwart members Norm and Jan Ward are participating in the planning committee’s activities. Doris Gleason of the local AARP office is again chairing the Stand Down event.

Additional volunteers are always welcome. If you are interested in actively supporting this worthy effort, contact Mike or Norm and Jan. There will be a need for volunteers for the actual day of the event. We will keep you informed.



MidCon: North Myrtle Beach Defense Contractor

Charles Wheeler, the CEO of local defense contractor MidCon provided Grand Strand Chapter

members a glimpse into the important work that the North Myrtle Beach company does to support our nation’s military forces . Mr. Wheeler presented an informative and illuminating talk and slides about the wire harnesses and cables his company manufactures for various DOD weapons systems and platforms. Who knew that we had a significant and growing contractor presence on the Grand Strand?



Military Officers Association of America

**“Grand Strand Chapter”
Golf Tournament**

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Heritage Golf Club – Pawleys Island, SC

Honorary Sponsor: Myrtle Beach Military Appreciation Days

Registration & Lunch: 12pm - 2pm | Shotgun Start @ 2pm



Proceeds Support:

College Scholarships for
JROTC H.S. Seniors,
Wounded Service Member Visits
and Outreach Programs for
Veterans and Families

Captain’s Choice

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

Four Person Teams

\$90/Person \$320/Team
\$5 Discount for Veterans
Lunch and Refreshments included

Sponsorship Opportunities

Major Sponsors
Platinum, Gold and Silver Levels
Hole Sponsorship - \$100

RESERVATION DEADLINE: MAY 10, 2018

Contact: Dave Townsend *davemoaa@gmail.com* 843-907-1763

or John Short *jshort1020@aol.com* 843-251-4051

Mailing Address: MOAA, c/o Dave Townsend, 9253 Venezia Circle, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

More information at: grandstrandmoaa.com

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PLAYER REGISTRATION

\$90 per person*, \$320 per team*. To sign up, please complete this form and submit with a check payable to "Grand Strand MOAA." Mail to: MOAA, c/o Dave Townsend, 9253 Venezia Circle, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579. Questions, call Dave Townsend at (843) 907-1763. *(Please print)*

Team Captain _____ Phone _____ Email _____ PD _____

Player #2 _____ Phone _____ Email _____ PD _____

Player #3 _____ Phone _____ Email _____ PD _____

Player #4 _____ Phone _____ Email _____ PD _____

***\$5 discount for veterans!**

Deadline – May 10, 2018

HOLE SPONSORSHIP

Sponsor a hole! Your customized 18" x 24" sign will be located on the tee box of each hole you sponsor. Hole sponsorships are \$100 each and \$75 for each additional hole. Sponsors will be recognized at the Tournament.

Please complete the following and mail your check payable to "Grand Strand MOAA" to MOAA, c/o Dave Townsend, 9253 Venezia Circle, Myrtle Beach SC 29579. Questions? Call Dave Townsend at (843) 907-1763. *(Please print)*

Sponsor _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

Sign to Read _____

DONATIONS

Charitable donations of major sponsorships, auction and raffle prizes, checks, and gift certificates go far in assisting wounded service members, college scholarships for JROTC high school seniors and outreach programs for veterans in Horry and Georgetown counties supported by the Grand Strand Chapter. Major donations will be recognized in the Tournament Brochure.

Please complete the following and forward checks (payable to *Grand Strand MOAA*), prizes or gift certificates to MOAA, c/o Dave Townsend, 9253 Venezia Circle, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579. Questions? Contact Dave Townsend at davemoaa@gmail.com or (843) 907-1763.

Company _____ Phone _____ Email _____

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Application Form

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Grand Strand Chapter MOAA: ___ Membership Application ___ Change of address /contact info
Chapter dues: \$20.00 a year for regular membership or \$50 For 3 year membership. Multiple year dues are encouraged to reduce costs. Make check payable to: "Grand Strand MOAA". Mail to: MOAA Grand Strand Chapter, P.O. Box 15842, Surfside Beach, SC 29587.

Last name _____ First name _____ MI _____

DOB _____ Rank _____ Service _____ Spouse's name _____

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.

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