

## Grand Strand Chapter

### Military Officers Association of America



# The Coastal Tide

December 2019

[www.grandstrandmoaa.org](http://www.grandstrandmoaa.org)

### President's Message by Randy Dymond



As the end of 2019 approaches, I am about to complete my year-long term as your Chapter President. For personal reasons, I have decided to not pursue a second year as President and, therefore, will step aside as an elected officer. I will remain on the board as Program Chair. It has been my sincere

honor and privilege to serve you and to work with the board in carrying out our mission of supporting our local veterans, JROTC students and CCU cadets. The compassion, commitment and generosity of our members and community partners have been truly inspiring during this very successful year. At our annual December Holiday Dinner Meeting, we recognized and thanked Jessi Leeson from Gordon Biersch and Peggy Davis from Grande Dunes for their fundraising efforts on our behalf. We also elected our new officers who will be installed at our January 2020 Dinner Meeting. Congratulations to the new Executive Team! The evening was capped by a wonderful array of holiday music performed by the Carolina Forest High School String Orchestra in what has become a very enjoyable tradition and end to our program year. Happy Holidays and Best Wishes to all in the New Year!



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## Mark Your Calendar

December 23 — Hanukkah

December 25 — Christmas

January 1 — New Years Day

January 14— Chapter Dinner meeting, installation of 2020 officers; Pine Lakes Country Club; 5:30 Social Hour; 6 p.m. dinner. Speaker: Bill Koehler, 2nd Vice-President, South Carolina MOAA Council of Chapters.

January 20 — Dr. Martin Luther King Day

February 2 — Groundhog Day

February 11 — Chapter Dinner meeting; details TBA

February 14 — Valentine's Day

February 17 Presidents Day

February 21-22: First Major League Baseball spring training games scheduled



## Carolina Forest High School String Orchestra Provided Holiday Music



For the third year in a row, the Carolina Forest High School String Orchestra provided an assortment of pre- and post-dinner holiday music at the Chapter's December meeting. Led by their teacher and director Stephen Williams, 20 violinists, cellists, and bass musicians delighted attending members with a variety of seasonal favorites. These talented young musicians put on a professional level concert to entertain us all. Bravo, Carolina Forest High School String Orchestra!!!

## 2020 Officers To Be Installed at January Meeting

Chapter officers for the 2020 calendar year will be installed at the January dinner meeting. The election of these officers was completed at the December meeting. The slate of officers for 2020 is as follows:

President — Jim Albert

1st Vice-president (Outreach) — Truman Parmelee

2nd Vice-President (Membership) — Peggy DeVivo

Secretary — David Townsend

Treasurer — Tony Prince

There are additional opportunities on the Board of Directors for member involvement for anyone interested. Contact Jim Albert or another Board member if you want to be more involved in the Chapter's activities.

## Grand Dunes Supports Grande Strand Chapter



Earlier this year, Grande Dunes designated Grand Strand MOAA as a beneficiary of its fund raising efforts. Consequently, its representative Peggy Davis and her husband Joe attended our December meeting to present the Chapter with a check for \$1,089. Thanks to benefactors like Grande Dunes, our Chapter is able to continue and even enhance its support for veterans, and ROTC/JROTC students.

## Eggs Up Grill Fundraising Provides Holiday Food Cards for Veterans Families

Through the generosity of the Eggs up Grill restaurants in the Grand Strand, our Chapter raised \$3,550 during our November 8 "Breakfast with a Vet" event. These funds purchased food cards to give to needy veteran families throughout the Grand Strand.



The 27 families of veterans in Myrtle Beach and 11 families of veterans in Georgetown who received the cards were identified and vetted by the Myrtle Beach Vets Center and the Low Country Veterans Association. The funds are made available through our partnership with the Eggs Up Grill restaurants. Their generous support has allowed us to raise over \$13,000 in the past three years. Eighteen Chapter members participated in this Veterans Day weekend event.

## Annual Gordon Biersch Fundraiser Expected to Net \$1000

President Randy Dymond presented Jessi Leeson of Gordon Biersch Brewery Restaurant a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of her restaurant's efforts to raise funds to support our Chapter's mission. Proceeds from this year's Keg Tapping night is expected to total about \$1000. Gordon Biersch generously donates a percentage of sales from the evening to benefit Grand Strand MOAA and the veterans and students it supports.



## Chaplain's Corner by Greg Hill



Rosemary and I just returned from a Fantasy RV Culinary Christmas Tour in New Orleans. In addition to enjoying the food, drink and decorations at famous places like Emeril's Delmonico, Antoine's Restaurant, Brennan's, K-Paul's Louisiana Kitchen, and Palace Café, we visited a cemetery, a "den" where they make Mardi Gras floats, listened to Christmas music at the St. Louis Cathedral, and visited two plantations decorated for the holidays.

However, the most moving place we visited was The National World War II Museum. You may have visited it named The National D-Day Museum. It is divided into three major parts: Pacific Theater, European Theater and the Home Front.

One begins their experience by being seated on the L. W. "Pete" Kent Train Car to experience what it was like for the soldiers/sailors/marines/coasties/merchant marines who rode the trains to their training and demarcation sites. One receives a "dog tag" of a person who fought in WWII. I got Greg Boyington from the "Black Sheep Squadron". I can learn about his experiences on the DogTagExperience.org web site. If you visit New Orleans, I recommend you visit this museum.

The holidays were challenging for those who lived during WWII: the service members and their families, as well as citizens on the home front. The holidays were challenging for those who fought in Korea, Vietnam, and Desert Storm; and, they were challenging for those who have fought and are challenging for those who are fighting the current War on Terrorism. We must not forget the sacrifices of the Blue or Gold Star families of all our wars. I offer prayers for them all.

This holiday season, whether you are in New Orleans, the Myrtle Beach area, or elsewhere, be safe, enjoy memories, family, friends, food and drink in moderation, and please remember the reason for this season.

## Financial Report by Tony Prince

During the month of November, our treasury has taken in over \$10,000 from dues, dinner proceeds, Eggs Up Grill fundraiser, and donations to the memorial monument fund. We expended funds to support our mission including Wreaths Across America. Funds for the memorial monument have been kept separate from our Chapter operating account so the accounting shows revenue from donations and then depositing those donations into the memorial account. As of December 1, our balances are as follows:



Chapter Operating Account	\$12,777.10
Memorial Account	\$ 8,635.61
Reserve Account	\$15, 008.92

**Membership :** Be sure to take the time to welcome our newest member: LCDR Karl Jordan (USN, Ret).

Our Chapter is ending 2019 with 147 dues paying members. Regrettably we have had to drop 11 members from our rolls due to their failure to pay 2019 dues.

## Legislative Report by Jimmy Jacobs

At the federal level, Congress has passed and sent to the President for his signature the annual National Defense Authorization Act. This voluminous bill establishes spending levels and specific uses of funds to be appropriated for the fiscal year. Consequently, it includes numerous provisions designed to insure the military services have the capabilities to carry out their assigned missions. Of interest to MOAA members are the following:



- ◆ a 3.1% military pay raise, effective Jan. 1, 2020.
- ◆ no new TRICARE fees or pharmacy increases in 2020
- ◆ elimination of a financial penalty more than 65,000 military survivors face, known as the “widows tax.” Removal will be phased in over 3 years
- ◆ significant improvements to addressing non-combat related military medical malpractice by
- ◆ directing DoD to develop a regulation for negligent malpractice to be addressed through the military legal system
- ◆ Military families can expect to see expansions to spouse employment resources such as an increase to \$1,000 for licensure reimbursement as well as expansions to the My Career Advancement Account

At the state level, legislation is pending before the South Carolina Senate to continue the phase-in of the exemption of military retirement pay from state income taxes. The exemption would be fully implemented in 2020. This is the fourth of the five year phase-in period.

For more information on issues MOAA is currently working on behalf of its members and active/retired service members go to

[www.http://takeaction.moaa.org](http://takeaction.moaa.org)

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## **GOLF TOURNAMENT NOTES**

**Circle the date, Thursday, May 21, 2020**

By Dave Townsend, Golf Committee Chairman

As we approach 2020, your golf tournament committee has already made some headway. Getting off to a fast start, the following has been accomplished:



- Signed the contract with the Legend's Group reserving the course at the Heritage Golf Club in May
- Met with the Heritage Club point-of-contact, Kelly McColl, to discuss a better arrangement of the facilities and identified potential sponsors who have been involved with other tournaments held at the Heritage Golf Club
- Applied to Chick-Fil-A for a donation of food at the end of the tournament. They have agreed to furnish 175 chocolate cookies
- The Bloody Mary Bar was very popular last year. Contacted the area Tito's Handmade Vodka representative who will gladly sponsor this amenity again in 2020
- Something new this year, working with Under Armour, every entrant will be provided a Jordan Spieth golf glove. Under Armour will have a canopy and representatives to make sure each glove fits properly
- For the swag bag, golf balls have been ordered and received that have the MOAA logo emblazoned on each ball.
- All flyers have been printed and received. Golf Committee members took their allotment at the kick-off planning meeting
- We have received a check from our first Platinum Sponsor, Palmetto Cheese. They will also provide a foursome for the event.

Last year we had to close out applications to the tournament three weeks before the final registration date. If you intend to play, which I hope you do, do not wait until the last minute. A copy of the flyer is attached at the end of this newsletter. Let's make our major fundraiser successful once again. More information to follow in future newsletters. Please contact Dave Townsend (843-907-1763) if you are interested in joining the golf committee.



# Memorial Monument Fund Raising Update

By Michael Davison

Deep thanks and appreciation are in order for those Chapter members who have contributed thus far to the Memorial Monument Project! As of December 18, 2019, your generous contributions, combined with those of several corporate entities, and one non-member family have brought us to 63% of our goal of \$18,000 (\$16078 for the monument, plus project expenses). During the two and a half months since kick-off of our ongoing fund raising campaign, almost 30% of our Chapter members have made a contribution. There remains opportunity for you to contribute, if you have not yet done so! Your Memorial Committee hopes to achieve a robust participation rate by our members of 60-70% during the coming three months. Wouldn't it be wonderful to hit our goal by Summer 2020, and install the Memorial Monument by early Fall 2020? Please login to the Chapter's website (<https://grandstrandmoaa.org/>) and click on Memorial News. Here you can view information about the Monument Project, current fundraising status, and how to make your donation on line. If you prefer to contribute by check, please bring yours to the monthly chapter dinners. (Payable to "MOAA Grand Strand Chapter" and enter "Monument" on the Memo line of check). Alternatively, you can mail your Monument check to: Grand Strand MOAA, PO Box 15842, Surfside Beach, SC 29587. The Monument will serve testimony to our Chapter members: past, present, and future. "Serving Country, Serving Community"



## JROTC Scholarship Info Going to High Schools

Scholarship Chairman Hans Duerr has already sent out notices to JROTC department instructors to be on the lookout for information their students will need to apply for Grand Strand MOAA scholarships. The actual application process will begin when the application procedures and forms are sent to them in January. The Chapter has budgeted \$10,000 for scholarships in 2020. Our May dinner meeting will recognize the scholarship winners and the instructors of the 17 junior ROTC units in our service area.



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## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

Honorary Sponsor: Myrtle Beach Military Appreciation Days



# Thursday, May 21, 2020

## *HERITAGE GOLF CLUB - PAWLEY'S ISLAND, SC*

*Registration Deadline May 7, 2020*

**PROCEEDS**

**SUPPORT:**

- JROTC College Scholarships
- Homeless Veterans Needs
- Distressed Veteran Families

Registration & Lunch: 12pm – 2pm | Shotgun Start @ 2PM

**\$95/person**  
**\$350/Team (foursome)**  
**\$5 Discount for Each Vet**

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

**\*Sponsorship Opportunities (see reverse)\***

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**More information at: [grandstrandmoaa.org](http://grandstrandmoaa.org)**



## **PLAYER REGISTRATION**

\$95 per person\*, \$350 per team\*. To sign up, please complete this form and submit with a check payable to "Grand Strand MOAA". Questions: call/text Dave Townsend at (843) 907-1763 or email [davemoaa@gmail.com](mailto:davemoaa@gmail.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 Dave Townsend, 9253 Venezia Circle, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

\*\$5 Discount for Each Veteran! Registration Deadline – May 7, 2020

(check all that apply)

## **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**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 Dave Townsend, 9253 Venezia Circle, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

501(c)(3) Receipt Available Upon Request



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).

You may pay by credit card on line at www.grandstrandmoaa.org

Otherwise, please 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.