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PRESIDENT'S NOTES by Juan Chavez,

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The March 2013 bi-monthly general membership meeting and dinner held Friday the 22nd at the Fort Bragg Club went well despite the technical problems we experienced with the audio-visual system. This seems to be a nagging and embarrassing problem where ever we meet. It would be nice to have our own portable system so as not to be placed in situations beyond our control. I will entertain any suggestions as to how we can raise funds to buy our own system. Back to the meeting, sorry I went off on a tangent.

First of all I want to thank all of you who attended the event; the final headcount was 66; good, but optimistically speaking, I think we can do better. All the feedback I received was positive, e.g., a productive and informative meeting, an enjoyable social evening, an interesting and educational guest speaker, quality of food was excellent, etc. Not everything went off perfectly of course, we had some minor snags and glitches, but deplorably that's the essence of Murphy's Law.

Some of the highlights of the evening included the wonderful music of Eugene McLeod on the keyboards during the social hour; the beautiful singing of the national anthem by Miss Laura Zaetz, daughter of our



CALENDAR

APRIL

25	Ladies of MOAA Luncheon	Fort Bragg	1045
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MAY

06	Ladies of MOAA Board Meeting	Fort Bragg Club	1000
07	CFC Executive Board Meeting	Fort Bragg Club	1100
17	CFC General Membership Meeting/Luncheon	TBA	1130
23	Ladies of MOAA Luncheon	Fort Bragg Club	1045

JUNE

03	Ladies of MOAA Board Meeting	Fort Bragg Club	1000
04	CFC Executive Board Meeting	Fort Bragg Club	1100
27	Ladies of MOAA Luncheon	Fort Bragg Club	1045



guest speaker Mr. Gary Zaetz; an interesting and educational presentation by Mr. Gary Zaetz on the subject of MIA recovery expeditions in the Himalayas; announcement of the 2012 recipient of the DeMeter Chapter Service Award and presentation of the trophy; and drawing for the gift basket “Bushel of Cough Syrup” donated by Gerry Croll which brought in \$185 for our ROTC Scholarship Fund.

The lower than expected attendance was due in part to the late publication of the *INFOGRAM* and I accept responsibility for that. While we posted the announcement

of the event on the web site on the 5th of March, and we sent out “*A Gram of Info*” e-newsletters to complement that, the hard copy *INFOGRAM* didn’t get to subscribers until the 18th, four days before the event. We will try to do better in the future, but again, if you have an email account and we don’t have your email address on record, please provide it to us. You’ll hear news of upcoming events much, much earlier through the electronic media.

Finally I want to thank all who played a major part in making the event a success, but particularly R.B. Goforth our Programs Chairman who was overall responsible. This was R.B.’s first event and he acquitted himself like a pro, thanks R.B.



Jack Cox wins “gift” basket

MEMBERSHIP - RECRUITING AND RETENTION

by Juan Chavez, President, phone (910) 797-5419; email President @cfmoaa.org.

The MOAA National campaign, "Chapter Recruiting 2013," continues to gain momentum. The potential member's rosters (rosters of National MOAA members who are not members of a local chapter) were received in March. We will soon be contacting those individuals in our catchment area. Our recruiting and retention efforts thus far continue to show a positive trend; here is this month's report ...

RETENTION We completed "scrubbing" our membership rolls and can report with a fair degree of confidence that we achieved 100% renewal.

RECRUITING The month-by-month tally of new members joining the chapter is as follows: January – 23; February – 6; March – 4. I am delighted to welcome the latest new members to our chapter:

Chap (COL) Michael D. Charles. USA (active duty)

COL Ronald P. Elrod, USA (active duty)

LTC (Ret) Melody Charles, USA

1LT Jason R. Trudell, USA (active duty)

I appreciate everyone's efforts in recruiting new members, continue the good work. Just call or email any member of the Executive Board if you need membership application forms, or go to our web site at www.cfmoaa.org to download them.

VALLEY FORGE FREEDOMS FOUNDATION

LTC (Ret) Andrew O. Drenkhahn, (L) a chapter member and past president of the National Sojourners, Inc. accepts a \$600 check from President Juan Chavez (R), as a chapter donation to fund attendance of a worthy high school student at the National Sojourners Spirit of America Youth Leadership Conference, Valley Forge Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, PA, July 18 – 21, 2013. This will be the 6th year the chapter has supported this patriotic educational program. Students are selected by their high school counselors and Junior ROTC Departments. Part of the selection criteria is to select students who make a difference in their community.



GOLD BAR PROGRAM from the 3RD Vice President, Bill Dadek, phone (910) 425-2987, email: 3vp@cfmoaa.org

It was a pleasure for me to attend the graduation of North Carolina National Guard Accelerated Officers Candidate Class 23 on March 16, 2013 and present a set of Gold Bars and a one year MOAA membership to each of the seven newly commissioned lieutenants on behalf of our chapter and MOAA.

The event was held at the North Carolina Military Academy located on Fort Bragg. Colonel John A. Byrd, Commander, 139th Regiment hosted the event. Major General Gregory A. Lusk, Adjutant General of North Carolina was the featured speaker and administered the oath of office to the new officers.

**MOAA MEDAL AWARD TO JROTC CADET from the 3rd Vice President, Bill Dadek,
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It was an honor for me to present the MOAA Medal to Junior ROTC Cadet Tiara Wright, South View High School at their annual JROTC Ball held March 22, 2013 at the Fort Bragg Club. Colonel Michael Johnson, Senior Army Instructor and his assistant Master Sergeant Larry Bradford provided a festive occasion for the cadets and their families/ friends.

Awards were presented to deserving cadets from many national and fraternal organizations. The evening concluded with dancing to celebrate the achievements of all the cadets in the "Tiger" Battalion.

GUEST SPEAKER'S EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE by Juan Chavez

Mr. Gary Zaetz, featured speaker at the March 22, 2013 general membership meeting/dinner and whose daughter, Laura, sang the national anthem for us, sent the following email the day following the event. I told him I would share it with all of you.

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From: Gary Zaetz To: Juan Chavez

Subject: Our Gratitude to the Cape Fear Chapter of MOAA

Dear Col. Chavez,

I'm writing, on behalf of my family and Clayton Kuhles, to thank you so much for the hospitality you and the entire Chapter showed my daughter Laura and me at yesterday's bimonthly dinner of the MOAA at the Fort Bragg Officers' Club.

It was indeed an honor to meet you, your wife, Vice President R. B. Goforth, Secretary Don Gersh, Chaplain Ron Leininger and his wife, and former President Arlie Smith, as well as all the other members I was fortunate enough to meet.

I especially appreciate your allowing me so much time to describe Clayton Kuhles' work on behalf of America's MIAs and their families.

I wanted you to know that I have posted the following on the MOAA national Facebook site (<https://www.facebook.com/OnePowerfulVoice>)

"My daughter Laura and I just returned from the March dinner meeting of the Cape Fear Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, in the Fort Bragg officers club, where I spoke as the evening's guest speaker. My presentation on Clayton Kuhles' accomplishments in locating the crash sites of America's missing in the CBI region got a very good reception. And Laura sang the national anthem at the outset of the meeting, and got what I think was the loudest applause of the evening! The MOAA Cape Fear chapter is a great bunch of folks. They couldn't have been nicer. Many, many thanks to the leaders of this Chapter - President Juan Chavez, Vice President R. B. Goforth, and Secretary Don Gersh, as well as all those who attended - for their graciousness and hospitality....Gary Zaetz, nephew of US Army Air Corps 1st Lt. Irwin Zaetz (425th Bombardment Squadron, 308th Bombardment Group, 14th Air Force), navigator of the B-24J "Hot as Hell" and missing in action over the Hump, January 25, 1944."

I certainly look forward to continued cooperation between the Cape Fear Chapter of MOAA and Clayton Kuhles' MIA Recoveries organization.

Warm regards,

Gary Zaetz

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER by Chaplain (LTC) Ron Leininger: phone (910) 907-7729, email: chaplain@cfmoaa.org.

Chappy Thought - April 2013

Hello, MOAA flock! Your circuit-riding Padre here wishing you the best as Spring struggles to get comfortable around here for us.

I'm writing this to you on April 1st...affectionately known as "April Fool's Day," or "All Fool's Day." It's not a national holiday, but it is widely recognized and celebrated as a day when people play practical jokes and hoaxes on each other. In Italy, France, and Belgium, children and adults traditionally tack paper fishes on each other's back as a trick and shout "April fish!" I've been suckered a few times on April Fools Day, as you have too I'm sure.

This whole trickery theme got me thinking about how very common it actually is throughout history. In our own profession of arms, deception in warfare is probably as old as armed conflict itself. The logic of confusing an adversary is obvious, and the rewards can be realized very quickly. Our first recorded history of war involves the Mycenaean Greek siege of Troy in the 12th century BC and also provides us with our first recorded example of deception in warfare, the famous Trojan Horse. WWII alone saw lots of examples of deception, from inflatable tanks and planes, to empty wooden "troop" buildings. We fooled the Nazis didn't we?

You know who can't be fooled? God; nor His faithful who wisely follow His teachings. A martyred US missionary to the South American Auca Indian Tribe wrote in his diary before he died at their hands, "He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." Not all believe in God, some of you might not. But many do. Others criticize me for being a God-fearer. But in this post-Passion week, I confess again, that I am God's creation, a pilgrim, just passing through from this life to the next. And THAT is no April fools joke.

God bless all of you.



LTC (Ret) Arlie Smith (L) and
COL (Ret) Juan Chavez(R)

ROBERT F. DEMETER CHAPTER SERVICE AWARD

The Robert F. DeMeter Chapter Service Award was established in 1998 to recognize a chapter member annually for extraordinary service and/or contributions to the chapter. The award is the most prestigious award the Chapter can bestow upon one of its member.

It is with a great deal of pleasure to announce that the 2012 selectee for the Robert F. DeMeter Chapter Service Award is LTC (Ret) Arlie R. Smith, US Army. Arlie was recognized for outstanding service as Chapter President for four consecutive years, an extraordinary and unprecedented achievement. Arlie was officially presented the DeMeter trophy and certificate by Juan Chavez, Chapter President at our March 22, 2013 general membership meeting. Congratulations Arlie and thanks for your dedicated service to the chapter.

For more on the DeMeter award and a list of all past recipients go to our web site at www.cfmoaa.org

MOAA LADIES NOTES by Nancy Garman, President, phone: (910) 485-7648

I hope that everyone enjoyed Easter. For many it was a time to be with family members. For many of us it was also a time to reflect on its true meaning and rejoice in what its aftermath has given to us all. I've always heard that one can expect a "cold spell" around Easter. We had it! Many, if not all of us, now look forward to warmer weather. I hear many ladies talking of being anxious to getting outside and work in the yard, garden and flower beds. Look out weeds!

The Ladies club is moving along well. Though

I'm writing this prior to our board meeting,

I think that we will have the budget for 2013

adopted in a few days. It is hoped that all enjoyed

Mr. Roger Mercer's presentation at our March

luncheon. The program for April is still being

worked out. Our program chair, Nancy Arauz,

had it all arranged but they postponed so "back

to square one". Nancy has given us numerous

excellent programs and I'm sure she will again

in April. We will be meeting in the Main Dining

Room at the Ft Bragg Club. The Club has been

most considerate of the difficulty of many of our

members in going upstairs. The Menu chair, Bunny Foster, has again chosen an excellent meal

for us that stays within our price limit. We will have: Chicken Picatta, Linguini w olive oil and

fresh bread, broccoli, homemade bread with real butter, tea and water on the table, and ice cream

with toppings. Coffee will be available upon request from your server. A special thank you to our

membership chair, Argie Rodriguez, who has gotten our 2013 Membership Directory printed and

ready for us. It is too late to get your name in the directory but it never too late to join the Ladies

Club of CFC MOAA. Come on ladies and get your friends and all other officers' wives to join us.

Let's make 2013 a great year for us! We need everyone to participate. Tell the board of any ideas

that you may have to make our organization better.

DINING OUT

Max & Moritz Bakery & Restaurant

5945 Cliffdale Road (near the
intersection of Cliffdale and Skibo)

23 April (Tuesday)

1800

Order from the Menu

RSVP to Gisela Killman, (910)867-8831

NLT Monday 22 April 2013

LEGISLATIVE BRIEF

On Thursday, 21 March 2013, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel hosted the start of a two-day series of meetings between top Defense and Service officials and leaders of selected military and veterans organizations, including MOAA President Vice Adm. Norbert R. Ryan Jr., USN (Ret).

Hagel said he made it an early priority to meet with association leaders because, "Your organizations are the last bridge between the all-volunteer force and the rest of society."

"I want to meet regularly with you and look forward to engaging more with you than maybe has been done in the past," Hagel said. "I'll be direct and honest with you, and hope you will be with me."

Hagel particularly highlighted and expressed appreciation for Ryan's open letter to him on personnel and healthcare costs (cited in last week's legislative update).

Later in the day, senior DoD officials provided updates on a variety of programs and initiatives, with emphasis on sequestration, suicides, and veteran unemployment.

The newly passed continuing resolution still poses a \$43 billion sequester, but provides DoD

new flexibility to avoid some of the worst-case scenarios. Assessing how to best use this new flexibility is getting priority focus. Senior defense officials reiterated sequestration will not affect ongoing operations in Afghanistan.

In his turn, Admiral Ryan urged Secretary Hagel to seek new opportunities to generate savings through joint delivery of healthcare (rather than higher beneficiary fees) and continue working with VA Secretary Shinseki to ease transition and claims problems.

MOAA is pleased at Secretary Hagel's initiative in convening this meeting and his engaging, open dialogue with association leaders. At this first meeting, the new Secretary gave every indication he "gets it."

(Source: MOAA Legislative Update, 22 March 2013)

TRICARE FOR LIFE OVERSEAS

A previous blog post of How TRICARE for Life is Funded surfaced a number of misconceptions about the benefit structure for overseas' beneficiaries. This post seeks to clarify the Tricare for Life (TFL) overseas benefit.

TFL acts as a wrap-around to Medicare. Medicare pays the first 80% with TFL paying the remaining 20% for covered services. In order to use your TFL benefit, three conditions must be met:

- A valid Military ID Card,

- An entitlement to Medicare Part-A (Hospitalization) by meeting the 40-quarter requirement to entitle you to receive Social Security, and

- Purchased Medicare Part-B (Health care)

Given the above, should you choose not to fulfill these conditions your TFL is suspended until such time that you meet them.

Next, Medicare is a U.S. based program and is available in U.S. territories as well (Guam, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands). If you reside within the geographic locations of the plan, you are entitled to care. Should you reside elsewhere, you're on your own.

Purchasing Medicare is required in order to use your TFL benefit. For those residing outside the Medicare coverage area, Medicare pays nothing but Tricare pays 75% of billed charges for inpatient and 75% of allowable charges for outpatient Tricare covered benefits. You are responsible for the remaining 25%. The 75% Tricare coverage reflects a 55% increase in Tricare covered costs for overseas beneficiaries. One might say this is a richer Tricare benefit than offered to your stateside contemporaries.

For folks living overseas to mitigate your out-of-pocket costs which are limited to the catastrophic cap of \$3000/family per fiscal year for Tricare covered benefits, we recommend TFL overseas beneficiaries consider a Tricare Supplement.

For those traveling overseas, you may want to pick up a travel insurance policy to mitigate your costs. Group travel offers this as a small additional fee or for independent travel check with our travel partner for options.

(Source: MOAA Legislative Update, 22 March 2013)

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