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PRESIDENT'S NOTES by Juan Chavez,
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Hopefully, by the time you read this, spring is finally here to stay, but the way the weather has been lately, I wouldn't stow away the fleeces just yet.

We adjusted the production cycle of the Infogram last month and were able to get the April edition to you about a week earlier than normal. Hopefully, this May edition got to you a bit earlier than that. The electronic editions were available on our web site on the first day of each month.

On a more somber note, Charlie Brindel our Personal Affairs Officer (PAO) for the past two years tendered his resignation on April 8, 2013 citing personal reasons. As most of you are aware, Charlie's wife of 65 years recently passed away. While Charlie will remain a member of the Chapter, we will miss his contributions as our PAO. His resignation leaves us with yet another vacancy on the staff. If anyone is willing to step up to fill that void, please call me.

I want to remind you that Armed Forces Day is on the 18th of May. First observed on 20 May 1950, the day was created on 31 August 1949, to honor Americans serving in the five U.S. military branches – Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard – following the consolidation of the military services in the U.S. Department of Defense. It was intended to replace the separate Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Days, but the separate days are still observed, especially within the respective services.

Memorial Day is on the 27th of May this year. Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Formerly known as Decoration Day, it originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the Union and Confederate soldiers who died in the Civil War. By the 20th century Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who have died in all wars.

Our May general membership meeting will be held in conjunction with a luncheon on the 16th of May, looking forward to seeing all of you there.

CALENDAR

MAY

06	Ladies of MOAA Board Meeting	Fort Bragg Club	1000
07	CFC Executive Board Meeting	Fort Bragg Club	1100
16	CFC General Membership/Luncheon	Carrabba's Italian Grill	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

JULY

01	Ladies of MOAA Board Meeting	Fort Bragg Club	1000
02	CFC Executive Board Meeting	Fort Bragg Club	1100
19	CFC General Membership Meeting	TBA	TBA
25	Ladies of MOAA Luncheon	Fort Bragg Club	1045

MEMBERSHIP - RECRUITING AND RETENTION

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

The first quarter of the MOAA National campaign, "Chapter Recruiting 2013," came to a close with MOAA National proudly announcing that a total of 60 new chapter members were recruited nationwide. Our Chapter alone recruited 33! We need everyone's help to keep this going. Our recruiting efforts continue to show net gains, al beit meager in April; here is this month's report ...

RETENTION Col (Ret) Robert D. Garrison, USAF (renewal)

RECRUITING The month-by-month tally of new members joining the chapter is as follows: January – 23; February – 6; March – 4; April – 2. I am delighted to welcome the latest new members to our chapter:

COL (Ret) Earl F. Klinck, USA
Mr. Larry Bass, USAF veteran

I appreciate everyone's efforts in recruiting new members. If you are one who has not recruited your quota of 1, please do so in May. 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.

MAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/LUNCHEON by R. B. Goforth, 2nd Vice President, phone: (910)391-7378, email: 2vp@cfmoaa.org

The May 2013 CFC general membership meeting/luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 2013, 11:30 AM, at Carrabba's Italian Grill, 4209 Sycamore Dairy Road. Attendees may order any of four lunch selections from the menu.

We need a minimum of 25 attendees to meet the restaurant's requirement to accommodate us, therefore, we need to know who and how many will be attending NLT 14 May. Please RSVP by filling in the reservation form in this newsletter.

**ROTC AWARDS by Bill Dadek, 3rd Vice President, phone: (910)425-2987,
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The **St Pauls High School JROTC Military Ball** was held on 20 April at the St Pauls High School. The host for the evening was Major (Ret) Hill, the Senior Army Instructor and his assistant Master Sergeant (Ret) Stewart. I represented the Cape Fear Chapter and presented the MOAA Medal. Fourteen of the cadets will graduate this year. The event was held in the school cafeteria and the cadets did the decorations.

The **Overhills High School JROTC** held their awards ceremony on April 25, 2013. LTC (Ret) Covington, his staff and cadets decorated the central area of the school and conducted an excellent ceremony acknowledging the achievements of the cadets in the Overhills Jaguar Battalion. I presented the MOAA Medal for leadership to Cadet Victoria Borrowdale. Cadet Borrowdale also received the Academic Excellence award and the Academic Achievement award from LTC (Ret) Covington.

On 11 April the Fort Bragg club was the site for the **Fayetteville State University Air Force ROTC Spring Dining Out**. Awards were given to many of the cadets to recognize their accomplishments during the 2012/2013 school year. Eight of the cadets receiving awards will be commissioned on 3 May. I presented the MOAA Leadership Medal to Cadet Miranda A. Richardson, the cadet Commander, a senior, and to Cadet Jeremy R. Lowery, a junior. Brigadier General Norman Ham, the Commander of the 440th Airlift Wing, Pope Army Airfield was the guest speaker. The Dining Out was hosted by Lt Col Lockhart, the Air Force Professor of Military Science for Fayetteville State and UNC at Pembroke.

West Bladen High School JROTC conducted their annual awards ceremony in the school gymnasium on 17 April 2013 near Elizabethtown. LTC (Ret) William Townsend, USA, Senior Army Instructor, read the citations as each cadet was presented their award by representatives of the donating organizations. Cadet SFC Jessica Garrido was the recipient of the MOAA Medal presented by LTC (Ret) John Hazlett, USA, representing our chapter.

Jack Britt High School JROTC held their annual military ball in conjunction with their awards ceremony on 26 April 2013 at the Fort Bragg Club. Following normal military protocol, cadets moved through a receiving line to take their seats. The colors were presented and posted. All sang the national anthem, recited the Cadet Creed, and rendered the traditional toasts. Guest Speaker was Colonel Gary W. Johnston, Assistant Chief of Staff G2, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, NC.

Col (Ret) Richard Underwood, Senior Army Instructor, assisted by CSM (Ret) George Jackson, read the citation for each award. Representatives from donating organizations presented the awards to each named cadet. LTC (Ret) John Hazlett, USA, representing our chapter presented the MOAA Medal to Cadet Major Kenneth Bridges.

**THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER by Chaplain (LTC) Ron Leininger, phone: (910)907-7729,
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What can you accomplish in nine months? From the summer of 1944 to spring of 1945 General George Patton seized his moment in history and made the most of it. It was during this period of WWII that Patton hit the high point of his military career. In 1943 he used

daring assault and defense tactics to lead the 7th U.S. army to victory at the invasion of Sicily. On D-Day in 1944, when the allies invaded Normandy, President Eisenhower granted Patton command of the 3rd U.S. Army. Under Patton's leadership, the 3rd Army swept across France, capturing town after town. "Keep on advancing... whether we go over, under, or through the enemy," Patton told his troops. Nicknamed "Old Blood and Guts" due to his ruthless drive and apparent lust for battle, he wrote home to his wife, "When I'm not attacking, I get bilious." In 1945, Patton and his army managed to cross the Rhine and charge straight into the heart of Germany, capturing 10,000 miles of enemy territory along the course of the 10-day march, and taking Germany from the Nazi's in the process.

I often reflect on the leadership traits of General Patton and wonder how he would survive in today's military. Would his brashness alienate him, his aggressiveness be throttled, and his straight-up passion for victory be deemed over the top by higher? Perhaps, but Patton made the most of what he was given. Self-pity and the paralysis of analysis were not his bedfellows. Are you moving forward with what you have been given? Are you wondering if your best days are behind you, or maybe still ahead? Many of the greatest heroes of faith that the Bible describes were well into the latter part of their life. God doesn't see age as much as he sees obedience. Don't underestimate your impact on God's battlefield, friend. If you need me, call me. Your Chapter Chappy, Chappy Leininger

HELP WANTED by Juan Chavez, President, phone: (910)757-5419, email: President@cfmoaa.org

Three key positions on the Executive Board and staff remain vacant. If you are motivated toward helping your country by serving our military community (active and veterans) raise your hand. The positions are:

1st Vice President: Generally, the 1st Vice, like all other Executive Board members, must be prepared to perform the duties of the next higher office should it be vacated, either temporarily or permanently. More directly, however, the principal job of the 1st VP is to serve as the Chairman of the Membership Committee; in this capacity, he/she is responsible for retaining existing members and recruiting new ones. Although every chapter member is considered a recruiter, the membership committee should establish goals, plan and carry out membership solicitation drives, and follow up on leads concerning potential members. Any *regular* member of the chapter is eligible to fill this position.

Personal Affairs Officer: Serves as a principal staff officer on the chapter's executive board. Acts as the focal point for information concerning the serious illness, hospitalization and/or the passing of chapter members and spouses. Sends get well cards or sympathy notices as appropriate on behalf of the chapter. Acts as a source of solutions to questions or problems about issues such as military rights and privileges, survivor benefits and entitlements, etc. Coordinates directly with MOAA's Benefits Information and Financial Education Department. Any *regular* or *auxiliary* member is eligible to fill this position.

Auxiliary Liaison: Serves as the primary point of contact on legislative and benefits-information issues concerning surviving spouses. She/he is expected to work directly with the national association's Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee (AMAC). The AMAC assists chapter auxiliary liaisons by providing regular email correspondence and, upon request, publications and fact sheets relevant to surviving spouses from the MOAA's Benefits Information

and Financial Education Department. The auxiliary liaison works closely with the Chapter Personal Affairs Officer. Any *auxiliary* member may be appointed to fill this position.

The Chapter desperately needs help. If interested, call (910) 797-5419 or email president@cfmoaa.org.

LEGISLATIVE BRIEF

An April 24 hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) Personnel Subcommittee, Ranking Minority Member Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) reiterated his concern over the sustainability of TRICARE made at the previous week's SASC subcommittee hearing.

Addressing the witness panel made up of the service personnel chiefs of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and their respective Assistant Secretaries for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Graham stated that he is looking for sustainability to the TRICARE system, because maintaining the system at the current rates, he believed, is not sustainable.

Graham noted, "I'm very interested in TRICARE," noting costs have increased from \$19 billion in 2001 to \$49.4 billion for FY 14, but was the only senator on the committee to voice concerns about the sustainability of the TRICARE program.

Many of his claims and concerns were addressed in testimony given the previous week before the committee by Col. Steve Strobbridge (USAF-Ret), MOAA's Government Relations Director.

MOAA challenges the assertion that TRICARE costs are spiraling out of control in our new publication "A Bargain, Not a Liability."

The hearing was the second in a series for lawmakers on the panel to gain information and insight as they move forward on building the FY2014 Defense Authorization Bill.

Other key issues covered at the hearing were concerns and actions by the services regarding military sexual assault, support for transitioning military personnel, disability claims backlog and DoD civilian furloughs.

(Source: MOAA Legislative update, 26 April 2013)

MOAA Storms the Hill

MOAA council and chapter leaders from 50 states and Puerto Rico, accompanied by members of the national board of directors and headquarters staff, plus members of MOAA's Currently Serving Advisory Council, Currently Serving Spouse Advisory Council, and Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee swarmed Capitol Hill Wednesday, April 17 to visit nearly all 535 representatives and senators in support of key legislative priorities. This year, Hill-stormers met with their legislators to focus on two key issues: sustaining the 1.8-percent military pay raise and preventing unfair TRICARE fee increases.

On Tuesday, participants prepared for Storming the Hill at a briefing by MOAA Government Relations Director Col. Steve Strobbridge, USAF (Ret). Hill-stormers learned about the issues and had the opportunity to ask questions and meet with their storming team members during the briefing.

(Source: MOAA Legislative Update, 26 April 2013)

Don't Cut the Troops' Pay Raise

The Pentagon is proposing to cap the 2014 military pay raise at 1%, rather than the 1.8% needed to match the average American's.

Pay comparability is a fundamental pillar of the all-volunteer force. MOAA worked hard to win a 2004 law change tying military raises to private sector pay growth. When past

Administrations and Congresses started capping military raises below that standard, they didn't stop until they killed retention. We need to learn from that experience, not repeat it.

Please send your elected officials the suggested message shown in the MOAA Legislative Update, 26 April. 2013.

(Source: MOAA Legislative Update, 26 April 2013)

**CAPE FEAR CHAPTER
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**

**Chapter Meeting/Luncheon
Carrabba's Italian Grill
4209 Sycamore Dairy Road**

Thursday, 16 May 2013 1130 Hours

Order from the Menu
(Four Selections)

Send this portion or equivalent to R.B. Goforth, P.O Box 745, Fayetteville, NC 28301,
phone: (910) 391-7378 NLT than 14 May 2013.

Name: _____

Number of Guests: _____ Total number in party: _____

Name of Guests:

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

Greetings to all! We are enjoying our environment but mourn for those no longer with us. The Ladies Club lost another long time member on 13 April, Inge Thompson. We also mourn for those who lost their lives in the Boston Marathon Race and the fertilizer plant explosion in West, TX. We pray for the recovery of the injured survivors whose lives will forever be changed. Let us all be thankful for each day we are given.

The luncheon on the 25th of April was most enjoyable, the food was good as always and Nancy Arauz provided us with another outstanding program. We thank the Fayetteville City

Manager, Mr. Voorhees for taking time from his busy schedule to speak to us. Our next luncheon will be 23 May and probably upstairs in the Sink Room as the Gold Star Mothers will be meeting in the dining room. The menu is Quiche Lorraine, mixed vegetable green salad with candied pecans and raspberry vinaigrette dressing on the side, fruit salad and a cookie. Water and tea will be on the table and coffee will be available on a side table.

A time and place has been selected for The Ladies' Club's annual formal dinner-dance. It will be at the Gates Four Golf and Country Club on 6 December. Music will be provided by the North Carolina Reveler's 18 piece orchestra with 2 vocalists. More information will be forthcoming but you need to start planning now on a great evening.

As Ladies of MOAA I think you will be interested in some of the things MOAA is doing. The N C General Assembly declared 2 April as Veterans Day. All military service organizations were invited to participate. The N C State Council of Chapters had a table and several members present. Many participants had the opportunity to meet their local legislatures privately in their offices. We had the chance to sit in the galleries of both the House and the Senate and watch bills being introduced and passed. Also there was an opportunity to actually sit in the seats of the members of the House to hear a presentation.

MOAA National held the 2013 Council Presidents' Seminar in Alexandria VA 15-18 April. There were many meetings and excellent and informative speakers including VAdm Norbert Ryan, President of MOAA and Gen John Tillelli, Chairman of MOAA Board of Directors, The Honorable Tim Kaine U S Senator of Virginia, and LTG Bill Tory, Directory of the Army Staff. A reception was held in the Raeburn Building in Washington D C for the presentation of the Marix Awards. The state presidents and their MOAA staff partners were bused into the Capitol for the annual "Storming of the Hill". Each council president had made appointments to visit with as many as possible of their state legislatures on Wednesday the 18th. Each president was given packets of information to leave with their legislatures after discussing with them the needs of the military and what MOAA is trying to gain. The two key points were: Issue # 1- Sustain 1.8% Military Pay Raise and Issue # 2 Bar Unfair Tricare Fee Hikes. Each of these issues was backed up with specific data on the issues and what MOAA wants congress to do. One of the meetings that I attended was an Information Briefing of Spouses Benefits. While the council presidents "Stormed the Hill" the spouses were taken into Washington to tour the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. It is one of the ten largest Basilicas in the world today... It is so large that there are more than 70 chapels besides the Memorial Hall which we were told had held as many as 8,000 worshipers on special occasions. The Basilica is so impressive and so beautiful that I hope all of you can visit it.

Over and over we were told that MOAA makes a big difference in what happens concerning the military; active duty, retirees National Guard, Coast Guard, etc. MOAA is the biggest military officers lobbying organization. When MOAA presents something they pay attention. MOAA IS ONE POWERFUL VOICE!

It was a great experience and I wish each and every one of you could experience it.

Nancy Garman, President of the Ladies Club of CFC MOAA

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