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PRESIDENT'S NOTES by Juan Chavez,
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November is shaping up to be a very hectic month for some of us. We begin with resetting our clocks back an hour on the 3rd as daylight savings time comes to an end. Our board of directors meet on the 5th, the Veterans Day parade in Fayetteville takes place on the 9th, our USMC comrades celebrate their 238th birthday on the 10th, Veterans Day is on the 11th, our annual membership meeting is on the 15th, and we'll all give thanks on Thanksgiving Day on the 28th as we begin our transition into the Christmas-New Year holiday season. Phew!

Let me elaborate on a couple of these events. The Chapter will have a unit in the Veterans Day Parade again this year in a continuing effort to increase our visibility within the community. If this year's parade is anything like last year's, it is going to be another spectacular patriotic event. If you have not partaken of one lately you need to do so, it is very impressive. The entire Fayetteville-Fort Bragg-Pope Field community turns out to pay tribute to our active military and veterans; it's an emotional experience to say the least. This year's parade commemorates the 60th anniversary of the Korean War and will pay tribute to all Korean War veterans. Rudy Hernandez, Medal of Honor recipient, is the Grand Marshal.

Our annual meeting on November 15, 2013 will be held in conjunction with a luncheon at The Mash House Restaurant & Brewery, Fayetteville starting at 11:30 hours. Included in the agenda is approval of the revised chapter constitution and bylaws which includes a change to the dues structure, amends our meeting schedule, and codifies the process of appointing chapter officers between election cycles among other changes. I encourage all of you to attend and participate in this important process. Reservations need to be made NLT the 8th of November, don't procrastinate any longer mail in your request today.

Delivering the invocation and benediction at our luncheon will be our new Chapter Chaplain (Major) Ron Webb. Ron and his wife Lynette recently returned

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

04	Ladies of MOAA Board Meeting	Fort Bragg Club	1000
05	CFC Board of Directors Meeting	Fort Bragg Club	1100
15	Annual Membership Meeting /Luncheon	The Mash House	1130
21	Ladies of MOAA Luncheon	Fort Bragg Club	1045

DECEMBER

02	Ladies of MOAA Board Meeting	Fort Bragg Club	1000
02	CFC Board of Directors Meeting	Fort Bragg Club	1100
06	Myrtle Beach Christmas Show	Myrtle Beach, SC	0830
13	Ladies Club Christmas Dinner-Dance	Gates Four G&CC	1800

JANUARY

06	Ladies of MOAA Board Meeting	Fort Bragg Club	1000
07	CFC Board of Directors Meeting	Fort Bragg Club	1100
23	Ladies of MOAA Luncheon	Fort Bragg Club	1045
24	CFC General Membership Meeting/Social	TBD	TBD

to Fort Bragg from an assignment in Germany; Ron will be serving as the Chaplain to the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade. We welcome the Webb's to our Chapter and thank them for taking on this added responsibility.

The annual fund raising golf tournament held at Baywood Golf Course on the 21st of September was more successful than we originally reported. After all donations were in and all bills paid, we netted a little over \$14,000 for the scholarship fund. Thanks again to all who contributed, and kudos to Tammy Beshlin our Tournament Director for a job well done. God willing and the creek don't rise; Tammy will do it again next year.

I want to wish all of you a very joyous and blessed Thanksgiving Day. If you are traveling to spend the holiday with love ones, remember that Thanksgiving is one of the most traveled holidays of the year; take your time, drive defensively and return home safely.

In conclusion, I thank all of you on behalf of a grateful nation for your many years of distinguished military service, and wish you the best of prosperity and good health as we observe Veterans Day 2013. To those of you who served in the US Marine Corps, special greetings on the 238th anniversary of the Corps, *Semper Fidelis!*

MEMBERSHIP - RECRUITING AND RETENTION

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

RECRUITING

The MOAA National campaign, "Chapter Recruiting 2013," closed the 3rd quarter of 2013 with 1150 new members recruited nationwide since the first of the year. Our recruiting efforts continue to produce some gains, but at a woeful rate. We had a spectacular recruiting month in January to kick off the campaign then quickly tapered off to mediocrity.

If we are to succeed in achieving the goal of doubling the size of our chapter in 2 years (set in January 2013 when our regular membership was 171), we must accept the premise that every member is a recruiter with the mission of recruiting one new member. We need to recruit 39 new members by the end of the year to get back on track – a tall order indeed, but it can be done.

Rosters of potential members provided by MOAA HQ indicate that there are approximately 3,500 MOAA members within our catchment area who are not members of a local chapter, many because they may not be aware there is a chapter here. Besides this demographic, there are several thousand eligible members within the immediate military community of ours, one of the

largest in the nation.

I enjoin all of you to vigorously pursue your recruiting goal of **ONE**; it is not that difficult! Perhaps this is a good time to review the **eligibility criteria** for membership, i.e., **any commissioned or warrant officer – active duty, retired, former, Reserve or National Guard, in any of the seven uniformed services is eligible.**

If you need application forms, you can go to our web site at www.cfmoaa.org and download them, or just call me and I'll mail them to you.

That said, we are still gaining ground, albeit at a crawl. We gained two new members during the month of October and it is my pleasure to welcome:

LTC Ed Pethan, USA and CPT Bryan G. Miller, ARNG

The running scoreboard of chapter gains: January – 23; February – 6; March – 4; April – 2; May – 2; June 2; July – 2; August – 1; September – 3; October – 2; for a total of 47 year-to-date. **RETENTION** We start our membership renewal campaign for 2014 this month; please mail in your renewals using the form on the back page of the Infogram. Our retention goal is you got it – **100%!**

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/LUNCHEON – 15 NOVEMBER 2013

The Chapter's annual meeting will be held at The Mash House Restaurant & Brewery on Sycamore Dairy Road, Fayetteville on 15 November 2013. Regrettably, our originally scheduled guest speaker, Major Kent Solheim of the US Army Special Forces Command, will not be available to speak due to operational exigencies. However, we have two equally exciting speakers lined up to enlighten us, and we are extremely grateful to these two gentlemen for accepting the invitation on such a short notice.

BG Hugh Van Roosen, Deputy Commanding General, US Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne), and Director at US Army JFK Special Warfare Center and School, Institute for Military Support to Governance will team up with Captain Matt Holden, 91st Civil Affairs Battalion to present "Civil Affairs Officers on Deployment - Two Perspectives."

BG Van Roosen recently returned from an assignment to the United Nations Mission in Liberia where he served as the Chief of Staff from June 2012 to September 2013 based in Monrovia, Liberia.

Captain Matt Holden, a Cape Fear Chapter member, just returned from a deployment to Afghanistan where he served as Team Leader of Civil Affairs Team 142, Delta Company, 91st Civil Affairs Battalion.

You do not want to miss this; for reservations and other details see event flyer in this newsletter.

REVISION OF CHAPTER CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

The chapter constitution and bylaws, last revised 10 years ago, underwent a complete review by the board of directors during the past two months. The recommended changes to bring them up to date with current policies and practices will be voted upon by the general membership present at the 15 November 2013 annual meeting. The recommended changes were listed in the October 2013 *Infogram* (still available in the chapter web site www.cfmoaa.org) for the perusal of the general membership in advance of the annual meeting. It is requested that all voting members review the changes and be prepared to vote on them at the annual meeting.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep regret that we announce that LTC (Ret) Frank G. Everett, Jr. one of our regular members passed away on October 3, 2013. Frank was a loyal and active member of the chapter for many years. Our heartfelt condolences are extended to his wife Mary and all of the Everett family during their bereavement.

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

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/LUNCHEON

The Mash House Restaurant & Brewery Fayetteville, NC

1130 HOURS, FRIDAY, 15 November 2013

COST: \$18.00 PER PERSON (Tax & Gratuity Included)

DRESS: CASUAL

Menu

**Braised Short Ribs & Cheddar Grits, Baked Marinated Chicken,
Penne alla Vodka, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Southern Style Green
Beans, Mixed Greens Salad, and "The Mash House Sundae" or NY
Style Cheesecake
Bottomless Soft Drinks, Tea and Coffee.**

RSVP NLT 8, November 2013

Send reservations and check (payable to CFC MOAA) to:

George Blanc, 3490 Thamesford Rd., Fayetteville, NC 28311

NAME _____

NAME OF GUEST(S) _____

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS _____ x \$18.00 = _____

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS (USMC) CELEBRATES 238TH BIRTHDAY

The **United States Marine Corps (USMC)** is a branch of the United States Armed Forces responsible for providing power projection from the sea, using the mobility of the United States Navy to rapidly deliver combined-arms task forces. It is one of seven uniformed services of the United States. Created in 1775, the Marine Corps has been a component of the United States Department of the Navy since 1834, often working closely with naval forces for training, transportation, and logistics.

The United States Marine Corps traces its institutional roots to the Continental Marines of the American Revolutionary War, formed by Captain Samuel Nicholas by a resolution of the Second Continental Congress on 10 November 1775, to raise 2 battalions of Continental Marines in Philadelphia as naval infantry. That date is regarded and celebrated as the date of the Marine Corps' birthday.

VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day is an official United States holiday which honors people who have served in armed services also known as veterans. It is a federal holiday that is observed on November 11. It coincides with other holidays such as Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which are celebrated in other parts of the world and also mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day; Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who *died* while serving.

ALL-AUXILIARY LIAISON'S LINES by Carol Ivey, phone: (910) 868-3213, email: auxlo@cfmooa.org

Those who are enrolled at military hospitals and clinics can now download a summary of their personal health data. This includes lab results, medications you are taking, allergies and other test results from TRICARE ONLINE (TOL). The continuity of care document (CCD) is available via TOL Blue Button at www.tricareonline.com.

ANNUAL TRIP TO MYRTLE BEACH - 6 DECEMBER 2013

The annual trip to Myrtle Beach, SC is on Friday, 6 December 2013. The bus will depart from the Fort Bragg Club at 0845 hours and we'll stop for lunch (on your own) at the K & W Cafeteria in North Myrtle Beach. The Christmas show will be at the Carolina Opry Theater at 1300 hours and dinner at the Chestnut Hill Restaurant at 1715 hours. We'll have over an hour to browse at the Tanger Outlet Center after the show. We should be back at the Bragg Club around 2115 hours. The cost is \$75 per person which includes round-trip transportation, show tickets, and dinner (including gratuity).

Please mail your reservations request together with a check payable to "CFC MOAA" to Art Rodriguez, 3406 Sugar Cane Circle, Fayetteville, NC 28303. We can only take a maximum of 55 people so mark your calendars and please make your reservations early for you, family members and friends NLT 28 November 2013. It's a fun and relaxing outing and a great way of getting into the holiday spirit, so don't miss it. Use the form below to send in your reservations:

MYRTLE BEACH CHRISTMAS TRIP RESERVATION

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone Nr.: _____

Number of persons: _____ X \$75 = \$ _____

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER by Ch (MAJ) Ron Webb, phone: (910) 635-8308, email: chaplain@cfmoaa.org

Whew! October flew by and we are in November of 2013! I am personally happy about that, because November is a particularly remarkable month. It is a month dedicated to visiting families, a month when we remember our Veterans, a month in which United States Marines remember their beginning and celebrate their birthday, and a month in which on Thanksgiving Day we give glory and gratitude to our sovereign God.

This notion of Thanksgiving was recognized early in our country's history. It was proclaimed when we were still a colony of England by Governor William Bradford. Most of us are probably aware that it was declared a holiday by Presidents George Washington and later Abraham Lincoln. However, many may not be aware that it also has a military origin being established during our War of Independence from England. On November 1st, 1777 the Continental Congress proclaimed:

FORASMUCH as it is the indispensable Duty of all Men to adore the superintending Providence of Almighty God; to acknowledge with Gratitude their Obligation to him for benefits received, and to implore such farther Blessings as they stand in Need of; And it having pleased him in his abundant Mercy not only to continue to us the innumerable Bounties of his common Providence, but also to smile upon us in the Prosecution of a just and necessary War, for the Defence and Establishment of our unalienable Rights and Liberties; particularly in that he hath been pleased in so great a Measure to prosper the Means used for the Support of our Troops and to crown our Arms with most signal success: It is therefore recommended to the legislative or executive powers of these United States, to set apart THURSDAY, the eighteenth Day of December next, for Solemn Thanksgiving and Praise...

The day of Thanksgiving of course has changed months and days; however, the principle still exists--that is honoring God for His benefits and keeping Him central to our cause. It is clear from this proclamation that our forefathers considered that as "means used for the support of our Troops." They still need our support and His support! And the beautiful thing is that we have Him!

It is a great honor to be a new member and a Chaplain for the Cape Fear Chapter Military Officers Association of America. I am most thankful for your service. May God bless you this November and give you a renewed spirit of Thanksgiving! ***Pro Deo Et Patria Ron Webb***

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

Greetings to the CFC MOAA Ladies Club members! It is hard to believe that our year is drawing to a close. The Champagne Brunch is over and we are looking forward to our Christmas Gala. The brunch was well attended and I hope all enjoyed it. The entertainment by the Stars and Stripes Singers was wonderful! Thank you, ladies! It is a tradition of our club to host the Champagne Brunch. Originally it was to thank the gentlemen who helped and supported us with the formals. Years ago there were four dances each year. Sadly we are now down to one formal a year. Please plan to come, bring guests, and support your club. See flyer for more details.

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Laura Davies who passed away the 14th of October. She actively participated in our organization as long as she was able and was a caller for a long time. We extend our sympathy to LTG and Mrs. Dan Allyn upon the death of Debbie's father. Debbie Allyn is one of our members. A card was sent to COL and Mrs. Leonard Hawkins upon the untimely death of their son. Please let the Sunshine Chair, Helene Kugelmann, or me know of any illnesses or deaths in our membership.

Our next regular luncheon will be held on Thursday, 21 November at the Fort Bragg Club at 1045 hours in the main dining room. The menu will be petit filet mignon, baked potatoes with sour cream and butter, toasted seasonal veggies blend, dinner rolls with real butter and layered chocolate cake. The planned entertainment sounds like fun!

Best wishes to all for a blessed and happy Thanksgiving.

Holly-Day In Gala

Ladies of MOAA Annual Dinner-Dance
Military Officers Association of America

Friday, December 13, 2013
6:00 - 10:30 pm

Gates Four Golf and Country Club

6775 Irongate Drive, Fayetteville, NC
\$125 per couple - \$62.50 single ticket

Bring your family and friends to this fabulous event
hosted by the Ladies of MOAA!

Dance to music by the North Carolina Revelers!
18-piece orchestra and 2 vocalists

Cocktails at 6PM (cash bar). Buffet at 6:45PM.
Dancing begins at 7:30PM.
"After Five" Attire.

Reservation and Tickets Request

All mail requests must be received no later than December 7, 2013 to ensure tickets are returned in a timely manner.

Detach and return with payment to: Annette Smith 6852 Thames Drive, Fayetteville NC 28306

Contact Annette Smith at (910) 323-1998 or via e-mail at miminet605@gmail.com

Checks should be made payable to: CFC Ladies of MOAA

_____ # of tickets requested - \$ _____ total amount enclosed.

Request to be seated with _____

Seating request is not guaranteed. Committee will do its best to fulfill all seating requests.

Tell us where to send your tickets.

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