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Chapter 'makes good' on pledge to raise funds for GWOT monument

OPINION by Editor Don Gersh

As USA continues military operations in its 16th year in what many service members refer to as “our longest war,” clearly one-third of the Cape Fear Chapter membership recently showed its support to the memory of the fallen by donating to the Chapter’s Global War on Terrorism Monument Fund.

President Juan Chavez presented the final installment check to Don Talbot during the Chapter’s board of directors meeting on July 5 at Fort Bragg’s Iron Mike Conference Center. Don represented the Freedom Memorial Park Fund of Cumberland Community Foundation, Inc.

Mr. Talbot is considered the driving force in recognizing local citizens’ military contributions with the establishment of Freedom Memorial Park (located at corner of Hay Street and Bragg Blvd., across from the Airborne and Special Operations Museum).

The park honors the fallen from past wars, declared and undeclared. The Global War on Terrorism deserves to be included in Freedom Memorial Park.

If you wish to contribute, send your check to CFC MOAA, POB 53621, Fayetteville, NC 28305 and I will forward it to Cumberland Community Foundation. More donations will be needed to pay for installation.



Don Talbot (right) receives last GWOT donation from President Chavez.

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President's Report

By COL (Ret) Juan I. Chavez, USA

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GWOT, scholarship, golf & McKellar's

Hope all of you had a great time observing our nation's birthday by taking in some of the several concerts, parades, fireworks displays and other celebratory events in the area, or on television during the 4th of July weekend. It is so uplifting to see our fellow Americans display their patriotism and love of country so openly and enthusiastically.

At the monthly Board of Directors' meeting on the 5th of July we departed from our usual protocol to present our final donation of \$3,203 to Don Talbot, Chairman of the Freedom Memorial Park Steering Committee, to go toward the purchase of the Global War on Terrorism Memorial.

This final donation fulfilled our pledge of \$25,000, the estimated cost of the monument. The entire amount was raised in 6 months through personal donations from our chapter members. Once again I want to thank all who contributed so generously to this noble endeavor. A list of all chapter contributors appears later in this issue.

Following the meeting we presented a \$1,000 Senior ROTC Scholarship to Cadet Joseph R. Musiol, son of chapter members Colonel & Mrs. Michael J. Musiol, before he had to return to school after the summer break. Cadet Musiol is an undergraduate at the University of Georgia and one of our 2016 ROTC scholarship winners. His father, Col. Musiol, currently assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, was present at the ceremony.

Switching gears, I want to remind everyone that our annual fundraising golf tournament for our ROTC Scholarship and Awards Program is just two and a half months away. This year's tournament will be held once again at Baywood Golf Course on Saturday, the 17th of September 2016. Tammy Beshlin will be serving as our Tournament Director again, and is already busily engaged in preparations; she deserves all the help we can provide her.

We'll soon start our solicitation campaign for sponsors and supporters of this year's golf tournament. I have high hopes that all our chapter members will get personally involved this year. There are several ways each of us can participate, e.g., as a golf tournament committee volunteer, a player, a sponsor, a donor, etc. I feel confident that this year's tournament will be as successful as last years' if not more so.

Finally, our last summer meeting/social will be at McKellar's Lodge on the 29th of July, please add it to your calendar and plan to attend. We extended an open invitation to all National MOAA members in our area who are not members of our chapter, with the hope of recruiting some of them up. The event will be a very casual and informal one with the focus on meeting new people, socializing, and just enjoying each other. See you at the lodge.

Juan



General Membership Meeting

Mid-Summer Bar-B-Q

*McKellar's Lodge
Fort Bragg*

1700 hours, Friday, July 29, 2016

Cost: \$20.00 Per Person

(Tax & Gratuity Included)

Attire: Casual

Buffet Menu

Baked Chicken, Pulled Pork,

Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy,

Baked Beans, Green Beans

Salad Bar, Coleslaw, Potato Salad

Corn Bread & Butter

Endless Beverage Station

Apple Cobbler & Coffee

(No Host Bar)

RSVP NLT July 26, 2016

*Send reservations and check
(payable to CFC MOAA) to:
George Blanc, 3490 Thamesford Rd. Fayetteville,
NC 28311*

Reservations Request

Name _____

Number of Reservations ___ X \$20 = _____

Name of Guests



McKellar's Lodge circa 1918

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Membership

Commissioned and warrant officers (former, current, retired) of all uniformed services

Chapter Notes:

Membership

RECRUITING June was a slow recruiting month with only 1 new member joining. That brings our total to 16 new members for the year. It is a pleasure to introduce our newest addition:

CW3 (Ret) Richard C. Easingwood Sr., USA

Please keep the string going by filling your quota of **ONE** new member this year. There are eligible prospects all around us, just ask.

To review, the **eligibility criteria** for membership are: ***any commissioned or warrant officer – active duty, retired, former, Reserve or National Guard, in any of the seven uniformed services.***

RETENTION For the very few who did not respond to our renewal notices, your membership can still be reinstated if you reapply.

If you are one of the delinquents, please mail in your requests using the form on the back page of the *Infogram*. You can also renew online and pay by credit card by going to [http://www.moaa.org/ OnlineChapterDuesPayment/](http://www.moaa.org/OnlineChapterDuesPayment/).

If you're not sure of your status or have any questions, please call Don Gersh at (910) 484-4545.



Cadet Joey Musiol from The University of Georgia received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Chapter.

Joey is the son of Mike and Leigh Ann Musiol of Fort Bragg.

He received his scholarship early in order to return to campus.

The Cape Fear Chapter



Military Officers Association of America

2016 R.O.T.C. Scholarships Awards Program Fund Raising Golf Tournament

**Baywood Golf Course
Saturday
September 17, 2016**

ENTRY FEE

\$70.00 per player
(Sponsor an active duty soldier to play
by paying his/her entry fee.)

ENTRY FEE INCLUDES

Green/cart fees and range balls
Goodie bag
On course beverages
Catered dinner after play
Many prizes and giveaways

Entry fees are considered donations and
Will not be refunded to "no shows."

PAYOFFS & PRIZES

1st Place Team (gross & net)
2nd Place Team (gross & net)
Closest to the pin on par 3's
Blind draw for 50+ door prizes

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM (Individual or Team)

Fill out, detach and return with entry fee.

Player #1 _____ *Hcp _____

Player #2 _____ *Hcp _____

Player #3 _____ *Hcp _____

Player #4 _____ *Hcp _____

POC Phone # _____

Email Address _____

*Enter USGA handicap index or average
score for 18 holes.

SEND PAYMENT

Make checks payable to: **CFC, MOAA**
Mail to, or drop off at:

Baywood Golf Course

or

CFC, MOAA

ATTN: Tournament Director

P.O. Box 53621

Fayetteville, NC 28305

CONTACT INFORMATION

Tammy Beshlin
Tournament Director

910.213.2065

Email: beshlin_4@msn.com
Baywood Golf Club Pro Shop
910.483.4330

KEY DATES & TIMES

Registration deadline is September 15, 2016.

Check-In time is 0800 hours, September 17,
2016

Shotgun Start 1000 hours, September 17,
2016



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Time soon for Nominating Committee

I don't lay awake at night because I worry about the future of the Chapter. I've been an insomniac as long as I can remember. Many a time I was the only one awake in the bay of an Air Force or Marine Corps transport, and I never sleep on commercial aircraft either.

But I am concerned about not having volunteers to lead the Chapter next year. I've enjoyed the past three and a half years as secretary. It's been a pleasure to serve on the board and meet many of the members.

I also admire those who have served in the past. I taught Sunday school for 20 years and my wife, Debbie, and I coached soccer and were Cub and Boy Scout leaders. But that was because our

sons were involved in those activities and there were never enough volunteers.

The Cape Fear Chapter of MOAA needs volunteers too. Soon Juan will establish a committee to seek officers to serve 2017-2018. Currently serving board members are prohibited from membership on the nominating committee. We will need five members to serve, and one of whom will be the committee chairperson. If you are willing to be on the nominating committee, please let me know before the end of July.

And lastly, if you've never attended a general membership meeting/dinner, please join us at McKellar's Lodge on July 29. It will be fun, informal, no guest speaker ... and a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones.

Our heartfelt thanks are extended to the following chapter members who so generously contributed to the Global War on Terrorism Memorial fund drive. The chapter was successful in raising \$25,000 in 6 months from personal donations, thus fulfilling its pledge to help fund a long-overdue and much deserved memorial to our military men and women who have sacrificed so much in the war against global terrorism since 9/11.

Contributors: Al Alvarez, Tim Atkinson, Rudy Baker, Eli Ballard, Matt Barker, Larry Bass, Ron Bean, Bill Bell, Dave & Tammy Beshlin, George Blanc, George Bond, Mark Boyatt, Bobby Breece, Charlie Brindel, Bruce Brown, Bob & Elizabeth Bunce, Steve Byrnes, Juan Chavez, Ken Chavis, Dave Cheney, Dan Connelly, Maria Cory, Jerry Croll, Tad Davis, Tom Delahunty, Stan Dodson, Tom Donnelly, George Dudley, Clark Ecklund, Ron Elrod, Carl Flanagan, Dennis Franken, Bill Freccia, Bob Garman, Don Gersh, George Glann, Tom Glockzin, Jeri Graham, Chris Grates, Mark Hayden, John Hazlett, Mac Healy, Sam Higdon, Ralph Hinrichs, Alex Hodges, Al Howe, Ike & Pat Isaacson, Carol Ivey, Frank Jaks, Tom King, Earl Klinck, Hank Larsen, Art Maccaltao, Steve Mannell, Steve McDavid, Dan McNeill, Dot Miller, Joe Nagel, Tim Newton, Ron O'Brien, Chester Oehme, Charles Pimble, Rick Porter, George Quigley, Deogracia Quinones, Art Rodriguez, Al Rose, Dean Russell, Brian Scott, Ed Seemer, Jon & Casey Sheets, Tom Shipp, Henry Simpson, Arlie & Ingrid Smith, Bob Smoot, Phyllis Streit, Barry Swift, John Szoka, Harold Thacker, Earl Thieme, Ed Thomas, Robert Tiffany, James Volkmann, Dave Vroom, Bob White, Jim Wilde, Marty Williams, Emilie Williams, and Drew Ziegler.

He Guided A Garrison, Now He Leads A Growing Municipality

By Sara VanderClute, Special Correspondent

Tad Davis has a long list of accomplishments, military and civilian, to his credit, achieved in his US Army career and subsequently in the private sector and in public administration. Interviewed recently at his office in the Spring Lake Town Hall, where he serves as Town Manager, he spoke of his familial ties to the military, and how his Army career was the perfect preparation for the job he does now.

Like many members of the Cape Fear MOAA chapter, Davis' childhood was spent as an Army brat, moving from post to post. He first saw Fort Bragg as a child. His grandfather and father before him, Davis is a 3d generation veteran of the 82d Airborne Division.

"I wanted to be a soldier like my father," he says. That motivation is evidently a part of his DNA, as he speaks with pride of the many military connections within his family. His father was a Citadel graduate, Davis himself went to West Point. He was, for a brief period, pondering the Navy as a career, having received an appointment to Annapolis before learning of the West Point opportunity. Davis' family ties to the military are very close to home – his wife, Diane, was among the Army's very first female aviators. They met at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah and were married in the Main Post Chapel at Fort Bragg. The Davis' consider Fayetteville/Fort

Bragg home. Their two adult daughters live in Boston and Denver, which makes for some attractive family reunion possibilities.



Tad Davis

It was during his stint as Fort Bragg' Garrison Commander (2001-2003 that Davis began to be become known by local leaders. Working with city and county leaders, as well as the highest levels of Army leadership, Davis led Fort Bragg through the abruptly-changed world following the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Subsequently, he worked with the US Army Reserve Command to move that headquarters from Atlanta to Fort Bragg during the Base Realignment and Clo-

sure process.

He's had some interesting challenges along the path of his career. Serving as the Deputy Drug Czar for Demand Reduction, he focused on the probably least recognized campaign in the drug war. Diminishing the evidently insatiable appetite for drugs among America's populace. More than advocating for "Just Say No" policy, Davis' work involved educating the public on the dangers of the rising level of THC in marijuana and the damage it could do to the still-formative brains of young people. They also recognized early the addictive properties of opioid drugs, recently acknowledged by even the medical profession as a danger to the public health.

Following his White House assignment, Tad was appointed by the President to serve as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Environment, Safety, and Occupational Health. A position he held for five years leading the Army's global environmental, safety, and sustainability programs as well as DoD's \$18B (cost to complete) Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) cleanup program.

Upon his departure from the Pentagon (for the fifth time) he became the Chief Executive Officer of the U.S. Army Reserve Command, serving as the command's senior civilian with responsibility for relocating the command from Atlanta to Fort Bragg as well as providing executive oversight for more than 1,200 Army Reserve installations and facilities worldwide.

But now, back in the place considered home, Davis balances his work as the Town Manager of Spring Lake with other interests, such as the Cape Fear Chapter of MOAA. He schedules time to attend the monthly meetings, and acknowledges the organization faces some challenges in this new century.

"MOAA has to tell its story in a convincing way to potential members," Davis says. "Other military-related organizations are facing the challenges of diminishing membership and visibility within the community." Davis acknowledges that the Army itself has changed drastically over recent years. Developing a marketing plan for any military organization that

incorporates current realities is no easy task, he says.

Public service, however manifested, is a concept that Davis values highly. In the age of the volunteer Army, he feels that the combined privilege and burden of serving in the Armed Forces is no longer shared by the younger American population. He wonders if a short public service stint following high school graduation might be a way for young people to serve their country, and become acquainted with the concept of service and suspending the youthful tendency to focus on their own personal needs and aspirations.

Still relatively young, Davis is now in a career field known for its mobility. As well-credentialed as he is, other cities could very well court him to benefit from his experience and expertise. He says that's not something he thinks about.

"I'm just happy to be in Spring Lake," he says, "I want to make Spring Lake a wonderful place to live, work, play and worship for our citizens."

To learn more about the many professional accomplishments, military and civilian, of MOAA member, Tad Davis, one can read the Town Manager's page at the website of Spring Lake, the municipality adjacent to Fort Bragg, www.spring-lake.org/town-manager. This profile is the fourth in a series designed to acquaint MOAA members with one another.



Kevin Knapp

MOAA Veterans Service Officer

Kevin Knapp will be in town **July 18** to assist MOAA members file VA claims.

Call him at (252) 916-6631 or email him at kevink@moaa.org to schedule an appointment. He will be located in the Green Beret Foundation offices at 6515 Dental Lane, Fayetteville, NC 28314.



**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE CAPE FEAR CHAPTER OF THE
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION *of* AMERICA**

Initial Application ☐ Renewal ☐ Date _____

(Last Name) (First Name) (MI) (Rank) (Branch of Service)

(Mailing Address: Number and Street) (Preferred Telephone Number)

(City) (State) (Zip) (Email Address)

Birth date _____ Spouse's name _____

Status: Retired ☐ Active Duty ☐ Former Officer ☐ Reserve ☐ National Guard ☐

Cadet/Midshipman ☐ Surviving Spouse ☐ (Please fill in the above information but show your deceased spouse's rank and branch of service)

I am ☐ a member of National MOAA; my member # is _____. I am a Life Member ☐

I am not ☐ a National MOAA member, but intend to join.

I would like to receive my chapter newsletter via: Email ☐ USPS ☐

In addition to my dues, I have included a donation of \$_____ for the Chapter's ROTC Scholarship Fund.

Signature: _____

**Annual Chapter membership dues: \$20.00 for Regular members
\$10.00 for Surviving Spouses**

Please mail this application with your check (payable to CFC, MOAA) to:

**CAPE FEAR CHAPTER, MOAA
P.O. Box 53621
Fayetteville, NC 28305**

From MOAA , Legislative Affairs

The House and Senate have both passed their versions of the FY17 Defense Authorization Bill, and they disagree on many important issues, including TRICARE fee hikes, housing allowance cuts, the military pay raise, and force levels.

Health Care - In the wake of last year's retirement reform, Armed Services Committee leaders are now focused on overhauling the military health care system.

The Senate would apply new and higher fees to current beneficiaries.

The House would grandfather currently serving and retired members and families against the large fee hikes.

Housing Allowances - The Senate bill would cap housing allowances at current BAH rates or the servicemember's actual housing cost, whichever is less, beginning with the first PCS after Jan. 1, 2018. That could have a big effect on many military homeowners. The Senate bill also would dramatically cut housing allowances for dual-military couples and other military sharers of housing by many thousands of dollars a year.

The House bill does not make any changes to housing allowances.

Pay Raise - The House bill provides servicemembers the full pay raise allowed by law - the same 2.1 percent pay raise experienced by the

average American (as measured by the Employment Cost Index).

The Senate bill accepted the administration's proposal to cap the 2017 pay raise at 1.6 percent - which would be the fourth consecutive pay raise cutback.

Force Levels - The House bill increases force levels above the DoD budget request by 20,000 for the Army; 15,000 for Army National Guard; 10,000 for Army Reserve; 4,000 for the Air Force; and 3,000 for the Marine Corps, but reduces Navy forces by 4,500.

The Senate bill accepted all of the administration's proposals to cut force levels, including reducing the Army to 450,000, down from a wartime peak of 570,000.

See [MOAA's side-by-side comparison](#) of key House and Senate differences on these issues and more.

What's Next - Lawmakers and their staffs already have had initial meetings to start resolving differences between the two bills.

Senate Armed Services Committee chair John McCain (R-Ariz.) has said he wants to complete action on the defense bill as quickly as possible.

Your grassroots input is needed to help influence the process.

ACT NOW!

When I lost my rifle, the Army charged me \$85. That's why in the Navy, the captain goes down with the ship.

Comedian Dick Gregory

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Mary Henderson

It is with deep regret that we announce that Mrs. Mary Henderson, one of our surviving spouse members, passed away on 3 June 2016.

Mary was a loyal member of our chapter for many years.

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the Henderson family during their bereavement.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 4 Jul - Independence Day
- 5 Jul - CFC Board of Directors Meeting at Iron Mike Conference Center, 1100 hours
- 18 Jul - Kevin Knapp, MOAA VSO, Green Beret Foundation offices (appointment needed)
- 29 Jul - CFC General Membership Dinner Meeting at McKellars Lodge, 1700 hours

- 2 Aug - CFC Board of Directors Meeting at Iron Mike Conference Center, 1100 hours

- 5 Sep - Labor Day
- 6 Sep - CFC Board of Directors Meeting at Iron Mike Conference Center, 1100 hours
- 11 Sep - Patriot Day
- 17 Sep - CFC Annual ROTC Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament, Baywood Golf Club

- 4 Oct - CFC Board of Directors Meeting at Iron Mike Conference Center, 1100 hours

- 1 Nov - CFC Board of Directors Meeting at Iron Mike Conference Center, 1100 hours
- 8 Nov - Election Day
- 11 Nov - Veterans Day