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Chapter prepares for annual golf tournament, *Observer* military editor is honorary member

The July 29 general membership meeting at McKellar's Lodge was attended by more than seventy members and guests.

President Juan Chavez welcomed new members Bill and Anie Dooner and Chris and Lauren Zimmer. To ensure an informal evening, no guest speaker was scheduled. However, Juan had several items he wanted to bring to the attention of the membership, including establishing a nominating committee for upcoming Chapter elections; designating support to the USO as our Chapter's project; MOAA's Action Alert program, and the annual golf tournament that will be held Sept. 17 at Baywood Golf Club.

Golf Director Tammy Beshlin said more volunteers were needed to help collect prizes. Volunteers are also needed to help set up and run the tournament. Sponsorships for Fort Bragg soldiers are needed as well. [See flier on page 4.]

The Cape Fear Chapter conferred honorary membership upon Drew Brooks, Military Editor of the *Fayetteville Observer*. Drew was honored for his sustained outstanding support of the Chapter for the past three years.

President Chavez presented Drew with a Honorary Membership Certificate, plus an engraved chapter coin mounted on a coin lock as a token of appreciation.

The next general membership event will be the annual meeting scheduled for Nov. 18 at the Fort Bragg Iron Mike Conference Center. Nominations for Chapter officers for the 2017-2018 term will be announced by the Nominations Committee chairperson. Members in good standing may also run for office if they wish.



Pres. Juan Chavez. welcomes Drew Brooks to Chapter

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President's Report

By COL (Ret) Juan I. Chavez, USA

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Everyone's help needed this year

It is a well-known fact that the largest source of officer procurement for all of our services is our college Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) programs. The Cape Fear Chapter is committed to do everything we can to seek out and feed the system with the best talent our high school and university ROTC programs can produce. We do this through our ROTC scholarship and leadership awards program.

Since 1998 we have awarded academic scholarships to the most outstanding cadets enrolled in the junior and senior ROTC programs of the 26 high schools and four universities we support.

So far this year we have awarded 11 scholarships totaling \$12,000 to qualified applicants, bringing our total to \$116,500 in awards made since the program's inception. This is a phenomenal undertaking for a chapter of our size, and one that all of us should feel good about.

The major fund raiser in support of our ROTC scholarship awards program is our annual golf tournament which will be held this year on Saturday the 17th of September at Baywood Golf Course.

We have been fortunate to have experienced a string of successful golf tournaments for the past four years, each one being

more successful than the last; we are going to try to keep that string going. In addition to encouraging member participation in this fundraising event, we'll be soliciting the support of patriots, businesses and civic organizations in our surrounding communities. We'll need everyone's help to make this another record-busting event.



Golf Director Tammy Beshlin sets up for the 2014 tournament (File photo)

Let us all keep in mind that our collective efforts and contributions will ultimately enable us to help our best and brightest to complete a college degree program, earn a commission in one of our Armed Services, and serve in the military for a minimum of four years' active duty to perhaps as long as a 30-year career; a tremendous investment in our country.

Juan

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<http://www.moaa.org/takeaction/>

Membership

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

Chapter Notes:

Membership

RECRUITING

Two new members joined our ranks during July bringing our total to 18 new members for the year. It is a pleasure to introduce our latest additions:

MAJ Christopher W. Zimmer, USA
Mr. Drew Brooks, Military Editor, *Fayetteville Observer* (Honorary Member)

Remember that our goal is to bring our membership up to 325 by the end of the year; we're still way short of that. Please keep beating the bushes and bring in at least one new member by the end of the year. MOAA National tells us there are over 3,800 MOAA members in our area that are not members of our chapter – we need to smoke them out and sign them up!

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

2016 ROTC Scholarship Awards Program

Fund Raising Golf Tournament

How to be an active participant

This is the time of year that we ask our members to donate their time, talents and/or treasure in support of our primary philanthropic endeavor – our ROTC Scholarship Awards Program. We are asking all chapter members to participate in one way or another. Last year we set a goal of 50% participation, but the best we could do was 28%. This year we are going to take another stab at that 50% goal and see if we can reach it, I'm confident that we can. Support can be in form of entering as a player, sponsoring a hole, sponsoring a soldier or wounded warrior to play, donating merchandise or gift certificates/cards suitable for a prize, helping in some capacity on tournament day, or a combination of the aforementioned.

Hole Sponsorships. A donation of \$125 will sponsor a hole. You can sponsor a hole in your name, or in memory of a loved one. If you know of any business, civic or church group, or friend that would be willing to support a noble program ask them to sponsor a hole. Sponsorship entitles the sponsor to a professionally fabricated sign with the inscription, "This Hole Sponsored by", followed by the sponsor's name and/or other desired designation, prominently displayed on one of the tee boxes during the tournament. The names of all sponsors are widely publicized in all tournament literature, our chapter newsletter, and our website.

Active Duty Soldiers Sponsorships: Our program to sponsor our active duty soldiers and wounded warriors to play in our golf tournament as our guests is a popular one. Our soldiers have a great time and our sponsors get a great sense of satisfaction in treating them. Our goal this year is to sponsor at least 60 active duty soldiers; the cost will be \$70 per soldier (the player entry fee). The benefits of this program are several, but suffice it to say that it presents us with an opportunity to thank our active duty soldiers for their service by treating them to a great golf outing; and, it presents them an opportunity to interact with us.

Donations. A popular feature of our tournament is the drawing for prizes by players who purchase "Mulligan" chances. A ticket is issued for each "Mulligan" purchased and these tickets are used to draw for prizes. Prizes consist of golf related merchandise or accessories, or gift certificates/cards from restaurants and other commercial enterprises. Donations of such items are welcome and encouraged.

To make a donation or to volunteer to help on tournament day please call Tammy Beshlin, Tournament Director at (910) 213-2065, or email her at beshlin_4@msn.com.

To sponsor a hole or a soldier use the sponsorship submission form on page 7.

To enter as a player or team use the entry form in tournament flyer on page 5.

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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USO volunteer initiative

As our nation observes the USO's 75th anniversary of service to our nation's military this year, it presents an opportunity for our Chapter to rededicate our efforts in support of USO activities here in Fayetteville and Fort Bragg.

The CFC Board of Directors has been exploring ways of getting more of our chapter members actively involved in service projects in support of our military and their families here at Fort Bragg with the goal of promoting chapter cohesion, esprit de corps, and a sense of purpose and self-fulfillment.

The only chapter members who are actively engaged in chapter activities on a regular basis are a small number who serve on the board of directors and special staff, plus a dozen or so USO volunteers. We have not had much success in encouraging the other 95% of our members to get involved other than attending an occasional meeting now and then. Other MOAA chapters have undertaken projects such as adopting a VA health facility or nursing home, a military museum, and the like, to get their members actively engaged in a chapter-sponsored endeavor.

USO volunteerism is by no means new to our chapter, since the USO center at the Fayetteville Regional Airport opened in November 2011 a small number of our chapter members (11 to 14) have volunteered their services as USO stewards at the airport

lounge. The number has remained relatively constant, with only 12 currently serving. We would like to inject new energy into this program by perhaps increasing that number to 50 or more; not unrealistic when one considers that we have close to 300 members, plus approximately 250 spouses. (Approximately 50% of our current volunteers are husband-wife teams.)

The Fayetteville Airport USO Center is behind security on the second floor of the airport. The center is 100% operated by volunteers who have gone through the badging process and are dedicated to keeping the center open, available and a comfortable center for our traveling military and their families. At this time, the USO needs dependable volunteers who are willing to commit to at least 8 hours per month serving in the center. There is also a dire need for volunteers to work at the Fort Bragg USO Center located in the Soldier Support Center at Fort Bragg.

If you are interested, please complete the initial steps at www.volunteers.uso.org and then, email Beverly Jackson at bjackson@uso-nc.org to get your application process moving forward. Please let Beverly know that you are a member of the Cape Fear Chapter, MOAA.

**The Cape Fear Chapter
Military Officers Association of America
2016 ROTC Scholarship Awards Program
Annual Fund Raising Golf Tournament
September 17, 2016**

Sponsorship

Businesses, civic groups or individuals can support the ROTC Scholarship Awards Program by sponsoring a hole with a donation of \$125.

Sponsorship includes a professionally fabricated sign with the inscription, "This Hole Sponsored By", followed by the sponsor's name and/or other desired designation, prominently posted on one of the tee boxes during the tournament. Moreover, a list of all sponsors is included in the tournament brochure provided to all participants as well as in the October 2016 issue of the "Infogram", the Chapter's monthly newsletter; and, the Chapter's web site at www.cfmoaa.org.

Most importantly, it rewards the sponsor with the knowledge that the donation will help one of our nation's finest complete college, earn a commission as an officer in one of our Armed services, and serve in our military for a minimum of eight years, possibly more.

Tammy Beshlin
TAMMY BESH LIN
Tournament Director
910-213-2065
beshlin_4@msn.com



TO: Tournament Director

- ☐ Enclosed is a check for \$125 for a hole sponsorship.
- ☐ I want to treat _____ soldiers/airmen to play @\$70 each = _____ as a way of saying thanks for their service and sacrifices.

Name of sponsor: _____

Name of business: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email address: _____

Telephone number: _____

NOTE: Please make checks payable to "CFC, MOAA" and return this form with check to either:
(1) The Tournament Committee Member who gave it to you, or (2) The Baywood Golf Course Pro Shop, or (3) CFC, MOAA, ATTN: Tournament Director, P.O. Box 53621 Fayetteville, NC 28305

Distinguished Military Service Is Prologue To A Whole New Career

By Sara VanderClute, Special Correspondent

Dave Baggett (Colonel, US Army, Retired) has the appearance and bearing of a military officer, and indeed he is that. But his long Army service (30 years, counting his four years at West Point) do not entirely define him. Don't misunderstand – he is proud of his Army career and has many happy memories of it.

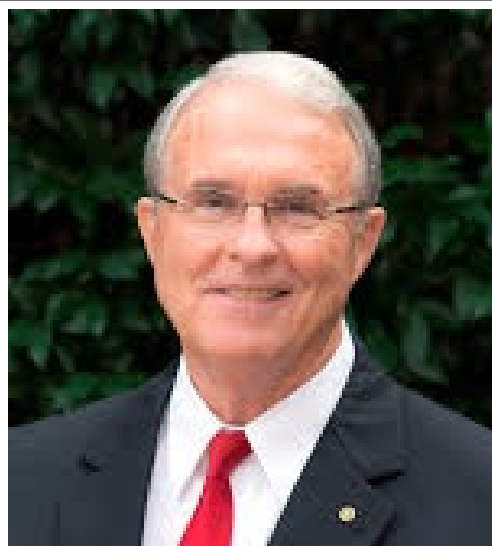
Baggett was born in California but grew up in a small town in Oklahoma, working on the family farm. When he was appointed to West Point, he did not have a family tradition to fulfill.

He simply switched his aim from the University of Oklahoma, which he'd planned to attend, and set off for the US Military Academy, determined to become the best Army officer that he could be.

"I never had a bad day in the Army," he says. "It was wonderful to live and work within a

culture that valued trust and integrity." When that career came to a close, after such satisfying achievements as attaining the rank of O6, commanding a battalion in the 82d Airborne Division,

and serving as the IG in USAREUR, Baggett was living in Germany. He initially transitioned into a defense contractor job for a year that compensated him well but made no extraordinary demands on his time or expertise. By that time, the Baggett family had been living in Europe for six years and they thought it was time to come home – and to them, like so many Army veterans, that



Dave Baggett

meant the Fort Bragg area.

After returning Stateside, however, a vague restlessness prompted Baggett to ponder the possibilities of an entirely new career, one that he had considered as a young man and dismissed as he turned his attention to excelling in

the Army. Having once considered medical school, he found himself signing up for the Physician Assistant program at Methodist College. He graduated in 2000, and has built himself a whole new resume in the years since that beginning, having developed a particular interest in cardiology.

He is currently the Methodist University Campus Physician Assistant, having practiced since his graduation with several local practices, including Fayetteville Gastroenterology Associates and others. He is focused on the specialty of cardiology, including two years as a surgical first assistant in cardiovascular and thoracic surgery.

Baggett's wife, Magda, is retired from Methodist University, where she served in several Director positions and ultimately as an assistant dean. The Baggetts have four sons, scattered across the globe from Stuttgart to Singapore, and have seven grand-children.

Married for more than four decades, the Baggetts share a commitment to service as Rotarians. On that score Baggett's interest in medicine shines through when he says, "It's Rotarians who are going to eliminate polio!"

As for MOAA, Baggett says he's happy to support them – nationally and locally.

"I'm a lifetime member," he points out. But he acknowledges the challenge to attract new members and sustained leadership.

"They'll have to come to understand the millennial mindset," he says. "They're different. MOAA will have to ultimately give them something to coalesce around."

This interview is the most recent in a series intended to acquaint Cape Fear MOAA members with one another, and to illustrate the



Kevin Knapp

MOAA Veterans Service Officer

Kevin Knapp will be in town **Aug. 30-31 and Sept. 1** 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
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Sacred Scriptures Brings Freedom

If you continue in my word you, you are truly my disciples, and you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free." -John 8:31-32 (NIV)

As you know this past July the USA celebrates 240 years of freedom, I enjoyed seeing the troops on the Main Post Parade Field at Fort Bragg. As each of our state and provinces' flags were posted and the nation's flag we heard the artillery fire (the sound of freedom). The fireworks were so beautiful and such a fitting expression of celebrating our freedom. I am truly thankful to live in a free land and pray that as long as the Lord carries that we can remain free and prosperous. May God bless America. Summer is going to soon be over and we are about to enter into some cooler weather for Fall. Falls in North Carolina are so very nice. We can enjoy this state and all of the states, because:

Our founding fathers brought forth our nation on the belief that each person has inalienable rights and are created equal. Our laws are not given to us by a king but by God. This was a revolutionary idea as we all know and the world has never been the same. I was studying, moreover, about the time before the revolution that prepared us for such a huge undertaking and was inspired by the phenomenon of the Great Awakening, which began in 1734 and

lasted throughout the 1770s. In Nathan Hatch book "The Democratization of American Christianity," he argues that the evangelical movement of the 1740s played a key role in the development of democratic thought; as well as the belief of the free press and the belief that information should be shared and completely unbiased and uncontrolled. He states that these concepts ushered in the period of the American Revolution. These revival preachers like Jonathan Edwards, George Whitfield, and Gilbert Tennent preached the sacred scriptures in a way that caught the attention of the colonist. Church attendance went up from 10 percent to 50 percent during this period of American history just before the revolution.

As the chaplain of the Military Officers Association Cape Fear I want to encourage you to look to the Lord for personal revival. It is my goal to live in revival and let the holy scriptures bring me progressive freedom in every area of my life. As the colonist found revival in the preaching of God's word, we too can let the Lord work in our lives to draw close to him and live an inspired life of service. God can revive America again.

In conclusion, let's read our Bibles and get inspired to make a difference. I hope to see many of you at the upcoming golf tournament. Know you are in Peg and my thoughts and prayers. Much love, Chaplain Tim Atkinson



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2 Aug - CFC Board of Directors Meeting at Iron Mike Conference Center, 1100 hours
30-31 Aug - 1 Sep **Kevin Knapp, MOAA VSO, Green Beret Foundation offices (appointment needed)**

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

18 Nov - CFC MOAA Annual General Membership Meeting at Iron Mike Conference Center, 1800 hours