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A Five-Star Chapter

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“Brunch is served” at The Mash House Friday, July 14

Phil Harris, Executive Director, Sandhills Chapter of the American Red Cross, Eastern North Carolina Region is our guest speaker

General Membership Meeting
Brunch

The Mash House Restaurant
4150 Sycamore Dairy Rd.

1000 hours, Friday, July 14

Cost: \$22 Per Person
(Tax & Gratuity Included)

Attire: Casual

RSVP NOW!

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

George Blanc
3490 Thamesford Rd.
Fayetteville, NC 28311

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President's Report

By COL (Ret) Juan I. Chavez, USA

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Communications awards earned

The month of June was relatively quiet for the chapter, but a welcome respite following a hectic May. Even so, I have a couple of tidbits to report.

First, we received the welcome news that the chapter repeated as winner of two 2016 Colonel Marvin J. Harris Communications Awards, a 5-star award for our website (www.cfmoaa.org), and a 4-star award for our electronic newsletter (*A Gram of Info*).

This is the 4th year in a row that we have earned this double distinction. Congratulations are in order all the way around.

Secondly, the chapter was recognized for its USO volunteer program in the July issue of *Military Officer* magazine (page 41). Unfortunately, despite our persistent efforts this year to increase the size of our USO volunteer force, the results have been dismal. We are still in dire need of new volunteers to augment/ replace those who have served since the program started in 2011.

This is an excellent opportunity to actively support our military and their families, while promoting chapter cohesion and sense of purpose. Moreover, it's light and enjoyable work -- meaningful, self-satisfying, and healthy! Please step-up to the plate, we need you!

FORE!

Our annual fundraising golf tournament for our ROTC Scholarship Program is just around the corner. This year's tournament will be on the September 16. Tammy Beshlin our Tournament Director is already engaged in preparations; she'll need our help and support.

We'll soon launch our solicitation campaign for sponsors and supporters. I have high expectations that a higher percentage of our chapter members will get personally involved in our main fundraising event of the year. There are several ways each of us can contribute, e.g., as a golf tournament committee volunteer, a player, a sponsor, a donor, etc. Stay tuned for more information on this in the coming weeks.

Finally, our last summer meeting/social will be a **brunch** at The Mash House Restaurant on Friday the 14th of July starting at 1000 hours. This is our first attempt at a brunch, please add it to your calendar, and make your reservations **NLT 11 July**. The event will be a very casual and informal one with the focus on socializing, and just enjoying each other; looking forward to "brunching" with you soon.

Juan



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

Membership

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

Membership Update

By COL (Ret) Stan Dodson, USA

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One new member joined our ranks during June, bringing our total to 11 new members for the year.

We're off to a slow start, so remember "each member recruits ne new member." It is a pleasure to introduce our newest members:

LTC (Ret) Karl Ivey, USA

...and left out of June's edition,

Mayor Nat Robertson

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. To review, the **eligibility criteria** for membership are:

Any commissioned or warrant officer – active duty, retired, former, Guard or Reserve, in any of the seven uniformed Services.

RENEW 2017 MEMBERSHIP online

If you haven't sent your \$20 check and membership form yet, you can renew online and pay by credit card. Go to:
<http://www.moaa.org/OnlineChapterDuesPayment/>.
phone at (910) 624-4597.

If you are not sure of your status or have any questions, please call Don Gersh at (910) 484-4545 or cell phone (910) 624-4597.



The Cape Fear Chapter



Military Officers Association of America

2017 R.O.T.C. Scholarships Awards Program Fund Raising Golf Tournament

Baywood Golf Course
Saturday
September 16, 2017

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
Swag 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

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910.483.4330

KEY DATES & TIMES

Registration deadline is September 14, 2017

Check-In time is 0800 hours, September 16,
2017

Shotgun Start 1000 hours, September 16,
2017





Chaplain's Thoughts

By Chap (LTC) Timothy Atkinson, USA
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Freedom; Hope for America

“For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.” (Galatians 5:13)

As we celebrate the 241st birthday of our nation let's reflect on the concept of freedom. Years ago one of our American submarines sank off the eastern coast. Divers attempted to rescue the crew. When they went down, they could hear the survivors tapping on the side of that submarine in Morse Code. They were tapping a question: "Is there any hope? Is there any hope?" And that same question is being asked today across America: "Is there any hope for America?"

Well, on the birthday of America I want to state emphatically there is hope for America. President George Washington said, "It would be impossible to govern rightly without God and the Bible." President John Adams said, "It would be impossible to govern without God and the Ten Commandments." The Pilgrim Charter of 1620 states that its purpose was "to advance the enlargement of the Christian religion to the glory of God Almighty." Before the Pilgrims arrived on our shores they gathered below the deck of the Mayflower and signed the Mayflower Compact which revealed their intent: "for the glory of God." In 1632 when Maryland was chartered as a colony, they wrote, "We are motivated with the pious zeal for extending the Christian religion." Andrew Jackson the 7th President said, "The Bible is the rock upon which our Republic rest (Sic)." The last sentence of the Declaration of Independence signed 228 years ago today says, "For the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance upon the protection of the Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

MOAA helps to keep our nation strong as it lobbies for the interests of our nation and military-those patriots who defend our Constitution and keep our nation free. And this idea called freedom is more than just not being oppressed or ruled by government or another nation. On the Liberty Bell is inscribed, "Proclaim liberty throughout the land, unto all the inhabitants thereof (Leviticus 25:10)." Liberty is having true freedom of spirit; mind, as well as body. When a man or woman enjoys the freedom that comes from walking with God and serving others, then he or she is truly free; free to serve others with a pure heart as a banner verse says. Also see John 8:31-32.

Good officers set the stage of success for their NCOs and soldiers to succeed. At MOAA, officers and their spouses have a voice to help our nation to succeed in those areas that will help us to remain free and to enjoy that quality of life that is second to none. They serve America in making a difference and use their influence to lead so others can have a better life. Thomas Jefferson said, "The price of freedom is eternal vigilance." I trust we will all be vigilant and faithful in doing our part in this "land of the free and home of the brave." Amen? Love for God and love for our neighbor, this will help us to keep freedom's hope alive as our founding fathers and forefathers did who came before us. Peg and I are so proud of you and love you, happy 4th of July! God bless America.



IN MEMORIAM

**MAJ (Ret) Angel L. Carrion, USA
(Aug 11, 1928 – Jun 17, 2017)**



It is with deep regret that we announce that Major Angel L. Carrion, US Army, Retired one of our regular members died on 17 June 2017 as a result of an unfortunate accident.

Angel was a Korean War and Vietnam War veteran and served over 20 years on active duty. He was a loyal and supportive member of the chapter for several years and a regular at chapter meetings. His loss will be keenly felt by all of us.

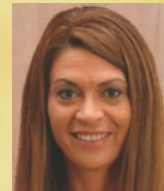
Our heartfelt condolences are extended to his wife of 65 years, Beddy, and the extended Carrion family during their bereavement.

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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 will consider joining.

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

If a new applicant, how did you learn about the Cape Fear Chapter of MOAA? _____

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:

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Calendar of Events:

4 Jul - Independence Day

5 Jul - Cape Fear Chapter Board of Directors Meeting at Iron Mike
Conference Center, 1000 hours

**11-14 Jul - Kevin Knapp, Veterans Services Officer, will be here to assist
MOAA members file VA claims. Appointment necessary, phone
(252) 916-6631**

14 Jul - General Membership Brunch at The Mash House, 1000 hours

1 Aug - Cape Fear Chapter Board of Directors Meeting at Iron
Mike Conference Center, 1000 hours

5 Sep - Cape Fear Chapter Board of Directors Meeting at Iron
Mike Conference Center, 1000 hours

75TH ANNIVERSARY

Volunteer & Support



North Carolina