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Annual ROTC Scholarship Golf Tournament Sequence of Events for Saturday, Sept. 16

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President's Report

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Purple Heart recipients honored

I, together with other chapter members, had the privilege of attending the Sandhills Purple Heart Dinner held at the Expo Center here in Fayetteville on the 19th of August where 161 Purple Heart recipients from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq were honored.

Among the honorees were five Cape Fear Chapter members: LTC (Ret) Clark Ecklund, LTC (Ret) Art Macalao, MAJ (Ret) Steve Sosa, MAJ (Ret) Frank Till, and CW4 (Ret) George Weininger, all for wounds incurred during the Vietnam War. It was a proud moment for us when each of these gentlemen was introduced and walked through an arch of sabers, which by the way, were held by our Army JROTC cadets. Overall, it was a solemn yet celebratory event; extremely well done and certainly well deserved.

More pleasant news, MOAA National recently announced the Levels of Excellence Award winners for 2017 and the Cape Fear Chapter was selected as a Five Star Chapter again. This is the highest accolade a chapter can receive annually, and this makes four in a row for us.

Many factors go into judging a chapter, e.g., membership, recruiting and retention, frequency of meetings and events, attendance, charitable programs, community support, ROTC support, scholarship programs, to name a few. We do well in all these categories only because of your participation and generous support in terms of time, talents and treasure. We may all be justifiably proud; this achievement would

simply be impossible without a total team effort.

As a non-profit organization, everything we do is entirely dependent on revenue from member dues, newsletter ad sponsors, limited incentive awards from MOAA National that we earn, and more significantly, donations from our members and chapter supporters. Our annual golf tournament generates 75% of all our annual income.

Our golf tournament this year is just around the corner, Saturday, 16 September 2017. So again, I appeal to all members to sponsor a hole and at least one soldier; this is the only fund-raising activity of the year and the only time we actively solicit your financial support.

Thanks to all who have already done their part. As of this writing only 22% of our members have responded against our goal of 50% participation. We have invited 80 active duty soldiers to play and we do not intend to turn down any of them. So, let's get on it, please mail in your sponsorship submissions and player entries without further delay.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at Baywood Golf Course on the 16th of September. If you're not a golfer, come out anyway and enjoy a beverage, a bite to eat, and lots of camaraderie.

Juan



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Membership Update

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Stan Dodson

We are just about holding our own on new memberships, or are we. The active member numbers are fluctuating so we still, as usual, need to keep looking for new members.

The Board Of Directors has been "scrubbing" our current member roster to identify members who, for one reason or another, have not been active as of late. This scrub has resulted in some members being dropped from our roster. But, this gives us a truer picture of our Chapter status.

This means we must, once again, seek new members. The Chapter Golf Tournament is approaching and this should be an excellent event to sign up new members. Talk it up, the Golf Tournament and membership.

Two new members joined our ranks during August, bringing our total to 13 new members for the year. It is a pleasure to introduce our newest members:

COL (Ret) James Wanovich, USA

LTC Steven Hayden, USA

We're way off the mark for a successful recruiting year. However, we can recover if each of us recruits a new member.

Remember that our goal is to bring our membership up to 325 by the end of the Year. 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, and their surviving spouses

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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.



Editorial

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*Coming soon, my second round
of golf this millennium*



(Left) My practice swings and misses at the Baywood Golf Club's driving range last year. If I hit the ball at all, it sliced towards the club house and slowly rolled towards it; it was fun! (Photo by Art Rodriguez)

In about two weeks, I'll swing my of my "still new" golf clubs for my second round of golf since the 1990's ended. It's not that I don't enjoy playing golf (I hope I just didn't offend anyone by calling it "playing."), but rather I have not been able to swing a club for decades due to my physical condition.

I cannot complain about my orthopedic challenges, neurological quirks and arthritis from my toes to my nose. (OK, I know a nose cannot be arthritic, but "toes to neck" doesn't rhyme. And as my wife reminds me, I did all of this damage to myself voluntarily. She's right of course.

As a kid in Baltimore, I'd shag practice and real golf balls while wearing my outfielder's unpadded glove while my dad prepared for Sunday's game. He grew up in Brooklyn as a first-generation citizen and learned life on a golf course instead of

in a classroom. Later he shared what he learned with me in the same manner. I inherited his hickory-shaft clubs when he was able to afford metal ones in the 70's.

I gave up golf after Infantry basic. I played in a few tournaments when I was working at Pembroke State University. It was fun but it hurt, so I quit again. My favorite nephew gave me a set of brand new irons a few years ago. Then last year I realized I could just pitch and putt and return to the second sport I ever played.

I had my 14th ortho surgery in May and completed physical therapy. I have not picked up a club yet, but my doctor said I was cleared to have fun with my dad's hickory-shaft niblick and putter. And Juan told me I didn't have to carry the rest of those heavy clubs on Sept. 16.

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(1st Floor, Soldier Support Center)
Or \$25 online at:
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Golf Tournament

A primer for members and friends on 'How to Support'

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, or support this fund raiser in one way or another.

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 inscription, 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.

Player: If you are a golfer, put your own team together and enter as a team; or, enter as an individual player and we'll pair you off.

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 beshlin4@msn.com.

To sponsor a hole or a soldier use the sponsorship submission form on page 6.

To enter as a player or team use the entry form in tournament flyer on page 7.

The Cape Fear Chapter
Military Officers Association of America
2017 ROTC Scholarship Awards Program
Annual Fund Raising Golf Tournament
September 16, 2017

Sponsorship

Businesses, civic groups or individuals can support the ROTC Scholarship Awards Program by sponsoring a hole with a donation of \$125, and/or an active duty soldier-player for \$70 each.

Hole 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 2017 issue of the "Infogram", the Chapter's monthly newsletter; and, the Chapter's web site at www.cfmoaa.org.

Each year we invite 50-60 active duty soldiers from Fort Bragg and Pope Field to play in our tournament at no expense to them. Their entry fees of \$70 each are paid by sponsors who wish to treat a soldier(s) as a way of saying thanks for their service and sacrifices.

Tammy Beshlin
TAMMY BESHLIN
Tournament Director
910-213-2065
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TO: Tournament Director

- ☐ I want to sponsor a hole for \$125, and/or,
- ☐ I want to treat _____ active duty soldiers to play @\$70 each = _____ as a gesture of my appreciation for their service and sacrifices.

Name of sponsor: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email address: _____ Telephone number: _____

Designation or inscription desired on sign (please print):

NOTE: Please make check for the total amount, i.e., hole sponsorship, plus active duty soldier-player sponsorships, payable to "CFC, MOAA" and return this form with check to either:

- (1) The Cape Fear Chapter member who gave it to you, or
- (2) CFC, MOAA, ATTN: Golf, P.O. Box 53621 Fayetteville, NC 28305, or,
- (3) The Baywood Golf Course Pro Shop

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

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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



Chapter Notes:

Spring Lake manager gets Pentagon position

By Drew Brooks, Military editor

SPRING LAKE — The town manager of Spring Lake has been nominated for a job in the Pentagon.

Tad Davis, a retired Army officer who previously served as garrison commander of Fort Bragg, will serve as the principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for energy, installations and environment, according to the Department of Defense.

Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis announced the appointment of Davis on Tuesday. Davis will start his new job in Washington on Sept. 5, town officials said. He will provide budgetary, policy and management oversight of the U.S. military's real property portfolio, which is valued at a trillion dollars and is spread across 500 installations. Davis had been town manager in Spring Lake for more than two years. Officials credited him with assisting the Board of Aldermen in reestablishing sound financial management procedures, improving the town's preparation for and response to natural disasters and fostering relations between the town, businesses, Fort Bragg and other groups.

"Tad Davis has been an extraordinary public servant, totally dedicated to the citizens of our great city, who led by example and daily exuded a level of energy and focus rarely seen in local governments" said Mayor Chris Rey. "Tad's departure is a great loss for our town, but a greater gain for our nation. We wish him and his family all the best!"

Davis has previously worked as chief executive officer for the U.S. Army Reserve and served as

deputy assistant secretary of the Army for environment, safety, and occupational health during the President Bush administration. He is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, and Harvard University.



Tad Davis will remain a chapter member.

(Observer photo)

"I depart Spring Lake with deep admiration for our citizens and a tremendous amount of pride in our collective efforts as a community to make life just a little better for everyone each and every day," Davis said. "Looking ahead, I am truly humbled by the opportunity to return to Washington and to serve the men and women of our Armed Forces and their families both at home and abroad."

The Board of Alderman are slated to discuss options for Davis' replacement when they meet Monday evening, Davis said.

He said he had somewhat mixed emotions in accepting the Pentagon position.

Davis said the town had made great progress in recent years and that it was difficult to leave those efforts behind.

"But an opportunity like this doesn't come along very often," he said.

Davis said Spring Lake and the larger Fort Bragg area would always hold a special place in his heart. He said he plans to eventually move back to the area.

"For the Davis family, this is home," he said. Military editor Drew Brooks can be reached at dbrooks@fayobserver.com or 486-3567.

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Drew Brooks is an Honorary Member of the Chapter. Tad Davis is a Regular Member.



Chaplain's Thoughts

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Relief from God's People; Praying for Texas

‘And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19 ESV).’

Our hearts and prayers go out to our Texas neighbors and others affected by hurricane Harvey, now a tropical storm. I'm so proud of the Texas National Guard and all the wonderful Americans who have been conducting rescues. During times of crisis, we come together to help each other as the Lord would have us do. I remember deploying in support of Katrina and was so proud of being able to help my countrymen and women. I am not going to this flood zone yet; but last night I told my pastor Al Brice that I am willing to, if his plans to get a team going that way works out. Peg and I plan to give to one of the charitable ministries that will help those in crisis either way, and I encourage you to do the same. This is the worst natural disaster that has happened during my lifetime, and anything we can do to help is very important; all doing our part.

The verse above says God will meet our needs in abundant fashion: "according to God's riches in glory in Christ Jesus." This is a glorious promise to claim for the crisis in Houston and other affected cities as well, and also one to claim for our own lives and families. God will indeed meet every need. At times in my life when I have suffered loss, I have looked to the God of restoration and have claimed His promises that say He will restore, heal and work all things together

for good. He has truly done that for me and is no respecter of persons, and will do the same for you. This is my prayer for America during this trial and whatever trial you may be facing. God is a God of great hope and love and will help us as we seek Him and pray.

The Fayetteville Observer shared that the XVIII Airborne Corps headquarters will be deploying in order to assist. Our prayers are for all those who deploy in this good effort. My faith is that God will help them and all of us to do our part. I believe God will help each and everyone who has suffered loss. Many have lost loved ones, and may God bring great comfort to family and friends.

I imagine officers who are members of MOAA who are deployed right now are making a difference in Texas. As we combine together in support of MOAA, be reminded our voice is heard in congress in support of the our benefits and for a strong military; one that the US deserves and stands ready to defend our freedoms. Let's continue to pay our dues, support the upcoming golf tournament and pray for America to recover and be blessed in great abundance like our promise above says. May God richly bless and keep you and yours always, love Peg and Tim.



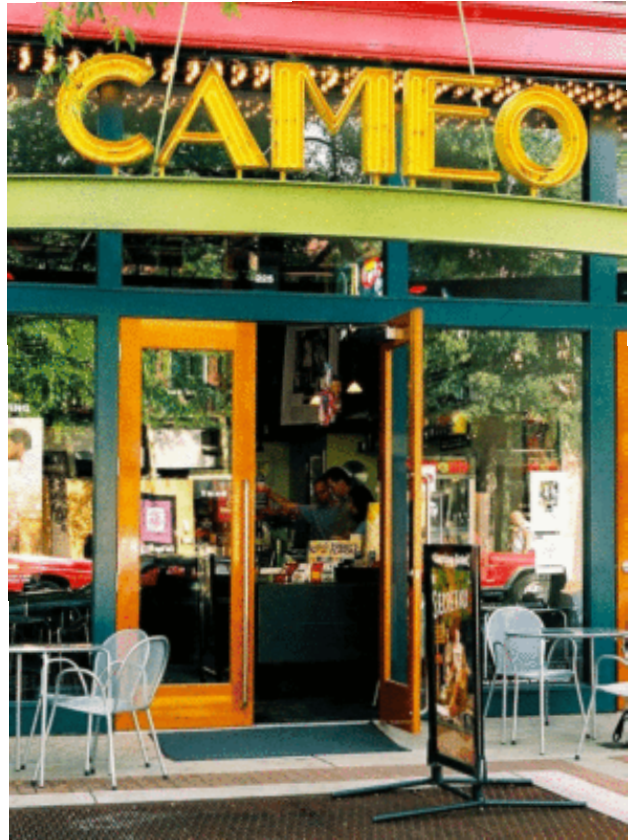
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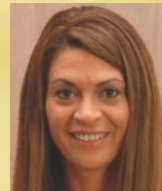


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(City) (State) (Zip) (Email Address)

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**

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TOP STORY
Annual Golf Tournament
2017

Calendar of Events:

- 5 Sep - Cape Fear Chapter Board of Directors Meeting at Iron Mike Conference Center, 1000 hours
- 7-10 Sep - North Carolina Council of Chapters, MOAA, biennial state convention, Historic Williamsburg Lodge, Williamsburg, VA
- 11 Sep - Patriot Day
- 16 Sep - Annual Golf Tournament, Baywood Golf Club, Check-in at 0800; Shotgun Start at 1000**
- 18 Sep - US Air Force 70th birthday
- 26-27 Sep - **Kevin Knapp, Veterans Services Officer, will be here to assist MOAA members file VA claims. Appointment necessary, phone (252) 916-6631**
- 3 Oct - Cape Fear Chapter Board of Directors Meeting at Iron Mike Conference Center, 1000 hours
- 7 Nov - Cape Fear Chapter Board of Directors Meeting at Iron Mike Conference Center, 1000 hours
- 7 Nov - Election Day

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