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91 Players enjoy perfect weather

Annual ROTC Scholarship Golf Tournament delayed twice



BAYWOOD GOLF CLUB, N.C. Despite a mid-September assault by Hurricane Florence causing the annual fund raising tournament to be rescheduled from its planned Sept. 15 tee off, almost all of the registered golfers were able to play on Saturday, Sept. 29.

Chapter president Juan Chavez said 28 active duty soldiers played but others who were expected to play were unable to join us due to the delay and their units' training events.

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NC Rep. Billy Richardson to address annual meeting

State Rep. Billy Richardson (Dem.-District 44) will be the keynote speaker at the annual business meeting at Fort Bragg's Iron Mike Conference Center on Friday, Nov. 16. SEE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN FOR MORE INFORMATION



Myrtle Beach trip, Dec. 7

Once again, Art Rodriguez has planned a wonderful holiday event! SEE FLIER ON PAGE 9

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Editorial

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2019 TRDP transition is around the corner

The TRDP will end on Dec. 31, 2018. Retirees currently enrolled in the TRDP will have the option to secure dental coverage through the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP). FEDVIP offers a choice of dental carriers. For information, go to www.trdp.org/ or www.tricare.benefeds.com

See MOAA Update on pages 10-11

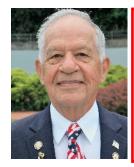
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

I have written several editorials on what I consider important topics for this issue and deleted them all.

Let me focus on next month's annual membership meeting. It is our chapter's single most important meeting of the year. It not only is our business meeting, it is our future.

For about half a year, I've mentioned the need, the requirement, for a nominating committee. Sadly, only one member answered the call. Yes, we do have one formed (see page 7), but we are not giving the members sufficient time to develop a slate of officers.

I wish to thank the committee members and wish them success. If you are asked by a nominations committee member to run for office, please consider accepting. Our chapter's future really depends on it!



President's Report

By COL (Ret) Juan I. Chavez, USA Phone (910)797-5419, email: President@cfmoaa.org

Tournament dedicated to Flanagans

ur annual fundraising golf tournament originally scheduled for Sept. 15 was, as usual, programmed as the main event for the month. However, Mother Nature had a different agenda. Hurricane Florence made landfall in Wilmington, N.C. on Sept. 14 wreaking havoc across the Carolinas for three days.

Sadly, two of the 50 deaths so far attributed to the storm were Cape Fear Chapter members. Carl "Pat" Flanagan and his wife Trish tragically perished in a house fire the night of Sept. 14. It was determined that the cause of the fire was candles the Flanagans were using as lighting due to the loss of electrical power.

Because of Florence and its immediate aftermath, we had to postpone the tournament, not once but twice, thereby causing undue turmoil.

Despite all the adversity, we managed to get the tournament in on the 29th and it was an incredible success. As a tribute to the Flanagans, the tournament was dedicated to their memory.

Credit for the tournament's success goes to Tammy Beshlin, our Tournament Director, and her Golf Tournament Committee volunteers: Tim and Peggy Atkinson, Maria Chavez, Maureen Dadek, Stan Dodson, Dennis Franken, Bob and Nancy Garman, Don Gersh, Ralph Hinrichs, Carol Ivey, Art

and Argie Rodriguez, Claudie Wallen, Caitlin Wallen, Marty Williams; and, the Meinhardt's – Mary, Katrina, Hans & Susan; another stellar performance by a top-notch team.

Our annual membership meeting on Nov. 16 is our next chapter event and the last for 2018. It will be a plate dinner held in the Lafayette Room of the Iron Mike Conference Center starting with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 1700 hours.

The business part of the agenda will include presentation of a slate of candidates for election to chapter president and five other elective positions on the executive board for the 2-year term starting January 2019; a vote on the dues structure for 2019; and, addition of another 5-star medallion to our colors. This is a very important meeting that all members should endeavor to attend.

The featured speaker for the evening will be North Carolina Representative William "Billy" O. Richardson, District 44; the 82nd Airborne Division "All American Chorus" will perform for our entertainment pleasure. It promises to be an enjoyable and memorable affair; save the date.





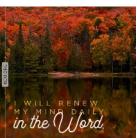


Chaplain's Thoughts

By Chap (LTC) Timothy Atkinson, USA phone (910) 978-3541 Chaplain@cfmoaa.org

Thought-life can prosper

Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners,



Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

Psalms 1:1-3

remember as a young man making a quality decision that I would read the *Bible* every day, and how that changed and is still changing my life for the better. The Psalmist talks about not letting the things of this world influence him, but how his delight and meditation in the law of the Lord caused him to be like a *tree by the rivers of water*. God will make our thought-life prosperous if we let His Word renew our minds to think the thoughts that would make us successful.

The power of scriptures to help us to have faith and fight fear and worry is a remedy for so much. When we memorize the scriptures that can help us in trouble then when the tough times come, and they will, then we will have the ability to focus on the things that will help us to overcome rather than be dragged along by defeatist thinking. It does not matter how young or old we are, our minds are so important as to how we approach life.

I remember a rocket barrage during Operation Iraqi Freedom I. At that time, there were no hardened facilities so we were lying in the safest place possible. The soldiers were complaining about their leaders and were so negative about life. I thought how it was good for me to be there with them, because not only was I bonding with them, I was also getting to know how they really thought about life and their leadership.

Jesus said in his teachings that whatever is inside will come out of our mouths. There is a computer term: garbage in garbage out. Bad programming produces bad output. It is the same with us and our thought-life. We must have good things going in our minds and hearts. Please read *Romans 12:1-2* talks about renewing our minds.

I want to encourage you, as well as myself, to constantly "get a good input of the positive Word of God" to keep us full of faith and thinking straight. One of my favorite verses (Phil.4:8) says, Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Everything in this verse is positive.

Once when I was sick and mentally and emotionally drained, I purposely only thought about things in this verse and nothing negative.

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The result was I was able to get my energies back and get well again. God helped me and He will help you. He loves us and has spoken to us through the scriptures in order to give us a victorious way to live.

And lastly, I so enjoyed the golf tournament fundraiser and thank all who participated and also donated to this big event. Peg and I got to volunteer that day and enjoyed seeing how successful it was. We look forward to seeing you at the next social event. Please come out and let's enjoy the fellowship, food and camaraderie. Blessings and let's always renew our minds.



IN MEMORIAM

Pat and Trish Flanagan September 14, 2018



It is with the deepest sympathy that we announce that LTC Carl "Pat" Flanagan, Jr., US Army, Retired and his wife of 66 years, Patricia (Trish) Flanagan both perished in a house fire on September 14, 2018 during Hurricane Florence. Both will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery at a date to be announced.

Pat served on active duty for over 20 years including combat service in Vietnam. He and Trish were loyal members of the chapter for several years

and their loss will be keenly felt by all of us.

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the entire Flanagan family for their loss.

Chapter News...

Golf Tournament

Chapter president Juan Chavez welcomed 91 tournament participants, especially the 28 active duty soldiers who were treated by chapter members to play in the tournament.



THE NOVEMBER ISSUE OF THE INFOGRAM WILL INCLUDE A COMPLETE REPORT AND MORE PHOTOGRAPHS



Juan thanked them for their service and sacrifices. He explained that due to Hurricane Florence, the tournament was postponed twice (originally scheduled for Sept. 15) because of the extensive flooding and damage to the golf course.

Juan announced that two members of the chapter (LTC (Ret) Carl "Pat" Flanagan, Jr., USA and his wife Trish) perished in a house fire the night of the hurricane. To honor their memory President Chavez announced that this year's tournament was dedicated to them. Chaplain Atkinson led the group in a memorial prayer at the practice putting green.

President Chavez thanked and praised the staff of Baywood Golf Course for their hard work over two weeks to restore the golf course to playable condition.

Finally, President Chavez recognized and thanked Tammy Beshlin the Tournament Director and all the Tournament Committee volunteers for their hard work that made the event possible and successful.





NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Pursuant to the CFC constitution and bylaws, a Nominating Committee was appointed to compile a slate of candidates for election to Chapter President and five other elective positions on the Chapter Executive Board for service during the 2-year term beginning on January 1, 2019.

The Nominating Committee is composed of Chairman COL (Ret) Willie Wright, and members LTC (Ret) David Beshlin, LTC (Ret) Mark Hayden, MAJ (Ret) Ron O'Brien and Mrs. Maureen Dadek.

Members of the Nominating Committee are now accepting nominations for the elective positions. Nominations may be submitted to any member of the committee between now and November 12.

Members are advised to first contact the person being nominated to ascertain that they will accept and agree to serve if elected.

Elective positions are President, 1st Vice President (Membership Chair), 2nd Vice President (Programs Chair), 3rd Vice President (ROTC Chair), Secretary and Treasurer.

Hurricane Florence Relief



Ralph Hinrichs (right), representing the Cape Fear Chapter, presents a donation of \$1,000 on behalf of the chapter to Mr. Phil Harris, Executive Director, Highlands Chapter of the American Red Cross, in support of disaster relief in the wake of Hurricane Florence. (Contributed photo)

NEVER STOP SERVING

"This is our most important meeting of the year." Juan Chavez



CAPE FEAR CHAPTER MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION of AMERICA

Annual Membership Meeting/Dinner

Friday, November 16, 2018, 1700 hours

Lafayette Room, Iron Mike Conference Center, Fort Bragg

Guest Speaker NC Representative William "Billy" O. Richardson, District 44

> Entertainment 82nd Airborne Division "All American Chorus"

Menu

Choice of London Broil or Chicken Cordon Bleu Herb Roasted Baby Red Potatoes; Green Beans w/Almond & Thyme; Mixed Green Salad w/Dressings Fresh Baked Dinner Rolls w/Butter Coffee Chocolate Layered Cake or Lemmon Cream Layered Cake Iced Tea, Water and Coffee

Cost: \$30.00 per person (Tax & Gratuity Included)

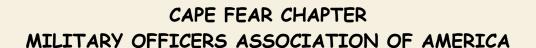
Dress: Coat & Tie for Gentlemen; Comparable Attire for Ladies

RSVP NLT November 13, 2018

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

Art Rodriguez, 3406 Sugar Cane Circle, Fayetteville, NC 28303

Name:		
Name of Guest(s	s):	
Number of Reservations	x \$30.00 =	Choice of Entrée/Number of
	Reef Chicken	



ANNUAL TRIP TO MYRTLE BEACH, SC

FRIDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2018

COST: \$85.00 per person

(Includes bus fare, show tickets, dinner and gratuity.)

<u>PROGRAM</u>: Motor coach will depart from the new Fort Bragg Iron Mike Conference Center parking lot at 8:30 AM on Friday, 7 December 2018. Group will stop for lunch (Dutch Treat) at the K&W Cafeteria in Myrtle Beach. The Christmas Show at the Alabama Theater is at 1:45 PM, and dinner at the Chestnut Hill Restaurant at 5:00 PM. Estimated time of return to the Fort Bragg Club parking lot is 9:15 PM.

RSVP NLT 30 November 2018

(Trip limited to 52 passengers, make reservations early.)

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

Art Rodriguez, 3406 Sugar Cane Circle, Fayetteville, NC 28303

MYRTLE BEACH TRIP RESERVATION

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MOAA Update...

Excitement Builds for the New TRICARE Retiree Dental and Vision Plan

MOAA had an exclusive preview of TRICARE's widely anticipated new dental and vision plans. This new insurance option for certain beneficiaries is set to be offered starting Jan. 1, 2019.

The newly designed option was included in the 2017 National Defense Authorization Act with the legislated start date of 2019. The later starting time is meant to allow for better planning and communication for this new plan, as it will be offered and administered through the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP).

Here's the rundown on who is eligible for what. All TRICARE retirees and their families are eligible for both the dental insurance and the vision coverage. Active duty military families are only eligible for the vision coverage.

The FEDVIP dental program of offerings will replace the existing TRICARE Retiree Dental Plan, which is currently provided through Delta Dental. That program will sunset Dec. 31, 2018.

Here's what will be offered. The retiree dental plan and the new addition of a vision plan will allow for beneficiaries to make a selection from among several dental and vision carriers with a variety of benefit options.

For example, in 2018 the FEDVIP program lists 10 dental carriers and four vision carriers (Delta Dental is included) with comprehensive dental and vision insurance at competitive group rates.

Key facts:

Eligible beneficiaries must choose their plan during TRICARE's open season, which is scheduled to be Nov. 12 - Dec. 10, 2018.

There will be no automatic transition for those beneficiaries currently enrolled in the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program. Beneficiaries will be required to enroll for coverage.

Enrollment and plan changes can only occur during the open season with the exceptions for those beneficiaries with qualifying life events (usually anything that necessitates a change in the DEERS system).

Here's the kind of coverage TRICARE beneficiaries will get with FEDVIP (besides more choices):

no wait period for most dental services;

no annual maximum benefit for some dental plans;

regional and national dental networks;

no deductible for some vision plans;

no limit on brands for frames or contacts for some vision plans; and

discounts on LASIK offered by some vision plans.

Beneficiaries are encouraged to start getting information and pre-enrollment communications

through the website set up just for this program. The website is www.TRICARE.benefeds.com.

for your information,

DENTAL KEY FACTS:

- You must sign up during the 2018 Federal Benefits Open Season (November 12, 2018 through December 10, 2018) to have Federal dental coverage in 2019.
- Current TRDP enrollees will not be automatically enrolled in FEDVIP.
- Most military retirees and their families will have the option to enroll in self only, self plus one or self and family coverage. FEDVIP will permit one enrollment per family so the enrollee must choose the plan that best serves all of the family members' needs.
- Retirees can make direct post-tax premium payments from their retirement pay for their dental coverage. If your retirement pay does not cover your premium payments, you can pay for your dental coverage via automatic bank withdrawal. Credit card payment is not a payment option under FEDVIP.

VISION KEY FACTS:

- You or your family members must be enrolled in a TRICARE Health Plan to be eligible to enroll in a FEDVIP vision plan.
- You must take action to have a Federal vision plan in 2019. You can enroll in a FEDVIP vision plan during the 2018 Federal Benefits Open Season (November 12, 2018 through December 10, 2018). Most military families and retirees will have the option to enroll in self only, self plus one or self and family coverage for the 2019 plan year. FEDVIP will permit one enrollment per family so the enrollee must choose the plan that best serves all of the family members' needs.
- Retirees can make direct post-tax premium payments from their retirement pay for their vision coverage. If your retirement pay does not cover your premium payments, you can pay for your vision coverage via automatic bank Withdrawal.

Active duty service members can complete a payroll authorization form to have post-tax payments deducted from their paycheck. Credit card payment is not a payment option under FEDVIP.



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

Initial Application Renewal Date					
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Cadet/Midshipman	n Survi	ving Spouse		se fill in the above information but show deceased spouse's rank and branch of service)	
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				e Chapter's ROTC Scholarship Fund.	
If a new applicant, how did	you learn about the Cape	Fear Chapte	er of MOAA?_		
	Signatur	e:			

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

6 Nov - Election Day

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

10 Nov - Fayetteville Veterans Day Parade

11 Nov - Veterans Day

16 Nov - Annual Meeting, election of new officers, Iron Mike Conference Center, 1700 hours

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

7 Dec - Trip to Myrtle Beach

1 Jan - New Year's Day

25 Jan - General Membership and Installation Dinner, Lt. Gen. Dana Atkins, USAF, MOAA President and CEO, at Iron Mike Conference Center, 1700 hours