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Fayetteville Mayor Mitch Colvin is guest speaker at chapter's annual meeting on Sat., Nov. 16

Cape Fear Chapter President Ira Watkins will preside over his first Annual General Membership Meeting on Nov. 16 at Fort Bragg's Iron Mike Conference Center.

The chapter's business meeting will include setting next year's dues structure. At the Nov. 5 board meeting, the officers and staff members unanimously passed a motion to again recommend to the general membership keeping the current dues rate for 2020.

Cape Fear Chapter regular members pay \$20 per year and Surviving Spouses pay \$10.

Fayetteville Mayor Mitch Colvin will present the keynote address.

Reservations are due to 2nd Vice President Rich Underwood by Nov. 12. The flier is on page 6.



Fayetteville Mayor Mitch Colvin will address chapter members at the Annual Membership Meeting. In keeping with the chapter's tradition, the mayors of Fayetteville and Sparing Lake are extended Honorary Membership when they attend their first chapter meeting.

(Contributed photo)

Tentative 2020 General Membership Meetings

January 25: *State of the Chapter Report*, McKellar's Lodge, 1100 hours

March 14: Awards & Recognition, including DeMeter Service Award, Iron Mike Conference Center, 1100 hours

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Charging into the Last Month of Fall

As we charge into November, the last month of fall, and historically the month that signals the start of winter, there are several activities to get excited about and to look forward to.

This also is the month that we will be adjusting to the ending of Daylight-Saving Time. Outlined below are some of the significant activities to be aware of during this last month of fall.

Fayetteville Veterans Day Parade, Nov. 9, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The parade begins at the intersection of Hay Street where Bragg Boulevard and Robeson Street meet, proceeds down Hay Street around Market House, and ends on Cool Spring Street. Hope many of you will be able to put this event on your calendars and can come out and support this event sponsored by the local Veterans Council, the Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks and Recreations, and the City of Fayetteville.

Heroes Homecoming, Nov. 9, noon to 4:00 p.m. The Fayetteville Woodpeckers welcome veterans, their families and the

Fayetteville community to Segra Stadium following the Veterans Day Parade. This Fall Festival is free to attend and will include activities geared for everyone, including cornhole, pumpkin painting, kids' zone, face painting, hayrides, batting practice in the Woodpeckers batting cages and special discounts in the team store, the Birds Nest. This is excellent opportunity to connect and experience comradery with other veterans within the community.

United States Marine Corps Birthday Nov. 10. Congratulations in advance to members of the United States Marine Corps as they will celebrate their 244th birthday this month. From their inception, to Belleau Woods, to Iwo Jima, to the first American to orbit the earth, to the battle for Fallujah, Iraq, Marines have given our nation much to be appreciative of, and to reflect on during the celebration of their birthday.

Annual Membership Meeting Nov 16, 2019, 5:00 p.m. Our annual membership meeting is fast approaching. I hope most

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of you have already made your reservation with payment for this event. It promises to be a great time for all. Mayor Mitch Colvin of the city of Fayetteville is our guest speaker. A jazz combo from the 82nd Airborne Division Band will provide us with the kind of music that *soothes the soul and lifts your spirits*. The location for the event is the Iron Mike Conference Center, Fort Bragg.

Let's fill the room and not miss this opportunity to have a good time as members of the Cape Fear Chapter.

Thanksgiving, Nov. 28. In closing, I want to wish all of you a very happy Thanksgiving, safe travels during the Thanksgiving holiday period, and much patience and success in finding that great purchase on Black Friday. Do not forget to visit our web page, like us on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter. Have a great November, and "Never Stop Serving."

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Volunteers needed for USO Lounge at Fayetteville Airport

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CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHTS

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Anchored As a Mighty Warrior

*Blessed be the Lord, my rock, Who trains my hands for war,
And my finger for battle; My lovingkindness and my fortress,
My stronghold and my deliverer, My shield and He in whom
I take refuge. - Psalm 144:1-2 (David)*

Caleb in the *Bible* was a man who remembered history. He also had extraordinary vision. “And, boy, did he see,” Caleb got it. He remembered who he was, who his people were, and he remembered who God is and what He’d promised. Caleb actively remembered for 45 years! (Stu Weber “The Warrior’s Soul”, p. 92)

Stu Weber, an Army Vietnam Veteran and a retired Green Beret, says: A settled memory is like an anchor to the warrior soul. Have you ever seen an aircraft carrier? Multiple stories high. A flight deck measured in acres. A crew of thousands. The thing is a floating city. And it is the most powerful, destructive force in the world, carrying guns, planes, and tons of armaments. But even for all its sophistication, it can never forget the basics--such as an anchor. In fact it has two anchors. For what purpose? To keep that big ship from drifting! The most advanced weapons technology in the world can’t get away from an anchor. If a carrier at anchor even drift through a harbor, believe me, you don’t want to be in

the way. An anchor is meant for one thing--to hold steady. And that’s the role of a settled memory in the soul of a warrior.” (Weber, *ibid*, p. 93)

David, like Caleb, was also a warrior. In our theme verse he remembers God’s lovingkindness and how God was the one who delivered, trained, and protected him. We are approaching the season of Thanksgiving, and like our forefathers and so many military have done through the years, let us remember to give thanks to the Lord, remembering history. The history of his dealings with humanity, our nation, and own own experience with Him. God is the one who has shielded us from so many dangers and brought us to this place today to make a difference and like a lion roar at the things that are not right in our world.

Pat and Karen Schatzline, in their book *Restore the Roar*, asks, “Have you ever heard a lion roar? Its roar can be so loud that it is deafening, causing fear and confusion. Satan’s goal is to bring vicious

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attacks against your mind and heart so long and loud that his accusations fill your mind to the point you can't hear anything but his lies. If you continually listen to the lie that there is no hope for the future, then our faith has been so attacked that there are cracks in our foundation. It's time to fix those cracks so that we can stand firm." (p.155-156)

The Lord wants to restore our roar so that we can face our enemy and with faith in the Lord's finished work stand as a warrior for Him (see Ephesians 6:10f). As we stand in His armor against evil, God will use us to make a huge difference.

My prayer this Veterans Day and upcoming Thanksgiving season is that we will remember God, His promises, and have faith and roar, knowing our soul is anchored.

I hope to see you at our annual meeting. "This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God's inner sanctuary." (Hebrews 6:19)

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CHAPTER NEWS

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May 8: JROTC Scholarship Awards, location to be announced, 1100 hours

July: date to be announced, Fayetteville Woodpecker Baseball at Segra Stadium. It will be a night game (1900 hours) and Rich Underwood will work hard to get all of us in an airconditioned box! More information will be available in June.

September 19: Scholarship golf tournament at Baywood Golf Club. Volunteers will be

needed, so plan now "to schedule it in!"

November 14: Annual meeting & officers election. There's plenty of time to decide which position you would like to hold for the 2021-2022 term. It will be held at the Iron Mike Conference Center, beginning at 1700.

Questions should be directed to 2nd Vice President Rich Underwood. His address is listed on the flier on the following page. His email address is 2vp@cfmoaa.org



**CAPE FEAR CHAPTER
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION *of* AMERICA**

Annual Membership Meeting/Dinner

Saturday, November 16, 2019, 1700 hours

Lafayette Room, Iron Mike Conference Center, Fort Bragg

Guest Speaker

Honorable Mitch Colvin, Mayor of Fayetteville, North Carolina

Entertainment

82nd Airborne Division Jazz Combo

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 12, 2019

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

Richard Underwood, 293 Wedgeview Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28306

Name: _____

Name of Guest(s): _____

Number of Reservations _____ x \$30.00 = _____ Choice of Entrée/Number of

IN MEMORIAM

Retired Army LTC Dean F. Russell

Nov. 18, 1932 – Sept. 29, 2019



It is with deep regret that we announce Retired Army LTC Dean F. Russell, a regular member, passed away on Sept. 29.

Dean was a Vietnam War veteran and served for 20 years on active duty. He was a loyal and active member of our chapter for many years, and served as Coordinator of the Chapter Honor Guard for four years.

Dean's unselfish service to the chapter was exemplary; his loss will be keenly felt by all of us.

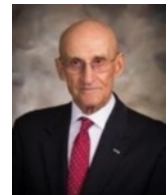
Our heartfelt condolences are extended to his wife of 64 years, Ginny, and the entire Russell family during their bereavement.

Retired Army LTC George Quigley

March 31, 1936 – Oct., 26, 2019

It is with deep regret that we announce that LTC George Quigley, US Army, Retired, one of our regular members, died on October 26.

George was a member of the chapter for several years and his reputation as a volunteer extraordinaire was well known; he served in several military-fraternal, church and local community organizations for many years, his loss will be keenly felt by many.



George's 36 years of exemplary military service included two combat tours in Vietnam where he earned the Silver Star, six Bronze Stars, two Purple Hearts, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to Paula, his wife of 62 years, and the extended Quigley family during their bereavement.

MOAA NEWS

MOAA President's Message:

Our Veterans, Young and Old, Make a Positive Difference in Our World

By: Dana Atkins

As we approach Veterans Day, I'd like to take a moment to thank every one of our members – and everyone in our broader support network – for your commitment to our motto, Never Stop Serving.

We honor service in many ways at the Military Officers Association of America. In *Military Officer* magazine this month, we highlight ten servicemembers you should know. From an amputee who returned to combat, to a trailblazing female Marine and a cyber sailor-turned-officer, they offer a diverse view of today's uniformed services. You can read their stories and more in our special November report.

And we also share stories of our many veterans, who continue to make a difference and raise up our next generation. These veterans include 87-year-old Lt. Col. Wallace Ward, retired Army, who is still trudging up and down hills at West Point (with cadets nearly 70 years his junior).

And MOAA members like you are banding together to support military and veteran advocacy on the state level. Featured in a recent MOAA newsletter, were the efforts of Col. Tom Robillard and Lt. Col. Don Wolfinger, leaders of MOAA's new State Legislative Consortium.

This Veterans Day, we salute all of these men and women, these unsung heroes making a true difference for the military community.

As you celebrate this holiday, we encourage everyone to attend a local event and find ways to thank veterans for their service.

We are honored to have our Vice President of Government Relations Col. Dan Merry, USAF (Ret), lead participation for MOAA in the National Veterans Day Observance at Arlington National, where chapter members will lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Your organization is a founding member of the national committee coordinating these events, and it's a special way to participate in the national moment.

And as we approach the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II, consider the nearly 450,000 WWII veterans still with us from the 16 million who served during the war. Some of these members of the "Greatest Generation" made pilgrimages to the shores of Normandy this year.

This Veterans Day, appreciate and include them in community celebrations and events. Their dedication to their country is not forgotten.



MOAA Members, Guests Attend Ribbon-Cutting, Tour Renovated Headquarters

By: Amanda Dolasinski

NOVEMBER 5, 2019



Adm. Walter Doran, USN (Ret), chairman of MOAA's board of directors, addresses attendees at a Nov. 5 ribbon-cutting ceremony unveiling improvements to the association's Alexandria, Va., headquarters. (John Harman/MOAA Staff)

Dozens of MOAA members and special guests strolled through the association's renovated headquarters just outside of Washington, D.C., on Nov. 5, capping off a morning that included the annual membership meeting and a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The modernized building in Alexandria, Va. keeps MOAA close to decision-makers at the Pentagon and on Capitol Hill, while providing staff with the technological infrastructure to collaborate and engage with lawmakers and members.

"Our continuing presence here on Washington Street is a reminder for thousands of currently serving military, veterans, spouses and families that the Military Officers Association of America is on watch to defend their

interests and support a strong national defense," said MOAA President and CEO Lt. Gen. Dana T. Atkins, USAF (Ret).

Plans to renovate the building, which was built in 1964, began about two years ago. Walls were torn down to construct new offices, collaborative workspaces, and an innovative audio and video production studio. MOAA staff worked out of temporary offices a few blocks away during construction with the goal of providing seamless support for members.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 John Glenn, USMC (Ret), a MOAA Life Member and President of Missouri Council of Chapters, traveled to Virginia to attend the Annual Meeting and open house. He said the building renovations offered improved aesthetics for staff members, while ensuring MOAA holds its presence near lawmakers. He said that access will benefit MOAA in the coming years.

"I think it's important to continue to ratchet up engagement with federal and state legislators to push our priorities all the way up," Glenn said.

Adm. Walter Doran, USN (Ret), the chairman of MOAA's board of directors, said the building location and renovation position MOAA to be a force in military advocacy.

"MOAA's strategic location provides a number of powerful advantages for the association," he said. "The visible location on Washington Street is an enduring symbol of strength for thousands of members, potential members and other members of the military community who pass by it every day."



Rushed Commissary and Exchange Merger Could Hurt Troops and Their Families

By: Cory Titus

Major changes to the commissary and exchange system are closer than ever. Without action by Congress, a four-way merger will occur between the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) and the three military exchanges: the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES), the Navy Exchange (NEX), and the Marine Corps Exchange (MCX).

If the commissaries and exchanges are merged without the necessary protections for patrons and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) funds, the results could be devastating for these programs and the businesses that are a core part of the military base community.

The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2019 prohibits using the fiscal year's funds for consolidation, but on Oct. 1, that ban is lifted. MOAA is following the proposed merger closely, and our concern has grown as the funding ban looms and we learn more about the DoD's desired path.

TAKE ACTION: Tell Congress to Protect the Commissaries and Exchanges

The Defense Department commissioned a business case study to be conducted on the four-way merger last year. The Enterprise Management Task Force recommended moving forward with consolidation earlier this year. DoD reaffirmed their support last month with the public release of the report to Congress and accompanying memo, signed by Deputy Secretary of Defense David Norquist, approving consolidation.

The report to Congress outlines the DoD's support from the business case analysis conducted in 2018 by Boston Consulting Group. However, the analysis overview leaves many unanswered questions as to why a merger is necessary and how it will protect the servicemember and family benefits.

It is unclear why a large-scale merger is the only course being considered to increase efficiencies. For a change of this magnitude, analysis for alternative courses of action should be weighed — and we don't know whether DoD conducted any analysis on this scale.

Additionally, it is unclear what impact any consolidation efforts may have on MWR funds.

It is important to note that the exchanges are fully funded by revenue generated from sales while Commissaries are funded using appropriated defense funding.

If DeCA is merged with the exchanges, DoD could use exchange profits to offset commissary appropriations. If this occurs, MWR funds would be reduced as well, hurting servicemembers and families. Reductions in MWR could have unintended consequences on readiness, as these support services are critical to military operations.





**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

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

NOV

- 5 - CAPE FEAR CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AT
IRON MIKE CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 HOURS
- 5 - ELECTION DAY
- 9 - FAYETTEVILLE VETERANS DAY PARADE
- 10 - U.S. MARINE CORPS ESTABLISHED, 1775
- 11 - VETERANS DAY
- 16 - ANNUAL CHAPTER MEETING, IRON MIKE CONFERENCE
CENTER, 1700 HOURS**
- 28 - THANKSGIVING DAY

DEC

- 3 - CAPE FEAR CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AT
IRON MIKE CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 HOURS
- 13 - NATIONAL GUARD ESTABLISHED, 1636
- 15 - BILL OF RIGHTS DAY
- 22 - CHANUKAH BEGINS AT SUNDOWN
- 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY
- 26 - KWANZAA BEGINS
- 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

JAN 2020

- 7 - CAPE FEAR CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AT
IRON MIKE CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 HOURS
- 25 - ANNUAL STATE OF THE CHAPTER REPORT, MCKELLAR'S
LODGE, 1100 HOURS