

MARCH 2020 INFOGRAM

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CHAPTER (NC-01)



DeMeter Chapter Service Award to be presented

Awards and recognition at March luncheon

You want to know who will receive the coveted Robert F. DeMeter Chapter Service Award?

Well, the quickest way to learn who earned the award for 2019 is to attend the General Membership Awards Luncheon at The Mash House on Friday, March 13 at 11:30 am.

Reservations are due Wednesday, March 11. The reservation flier is on page 7.



Chapter to award scholarships worth \$14,100 to eight top college-bound JROTC cadets

3rd Vice President Marty Williams presented the results of his scholarship committee to the board of directors at its March 3 monthly meeting.

Eleven applications were submitted by JROTC cadets, all of whom are college-bound.

The committee evaluated the applications and prepared an order of merit list. Eight scholarships will be awarded this year.

The top cadet earned the U.S. Army Lieut. Col. William Dadek Memorial Scholarship. The list of recipients is on page 6.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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MARCH AWARENESS AND RECOGNITION

One of the first thing that I want to bring awareness and recognition of during this March report is the outstanding effort put forth by Marty Williams, our 3rd Vice President, for all the work he puts into coordinating applicants for our scholarship program. Our school year 2019-2020 scholarship window opened in December 2019 and closed on March 1.

There were 11 applicants, and eight of whom were awarded scholarships. The monetary award value for each scholarship was as follows: one \$2,200.00 scholarship and seven \$1,700.00 scholarships for a grand total of \$14,100 in scholarship funding.

All scholarship applications were reviewed by a board that was coordinated and assembled by Marty. Many thanks to the members who volunteered to serve on the board and review the application packets. Lastly, thanks to all the members who made donations to our scholarship fund and contributed to our golf fund raiser.

Remember, we will celebrate the scholarship winners at our May 8th luncheon at The

Mash House. Look for the flier on this event and come out and support the recognition of these young cadets as they receive their scholarship awards from the Chapter.

March is not only the month that we select our scholarship winner, but it is also the month that we present our most prestigious chapter award, The DeMeter Award, to a deserving member, and we celebrate our 59th year as a MOAA chapter during our March 13th meeting. Hope to see many you there for this meeting to honor the awardee and to celebrate our anniversary.

Other important events and activities to be aware of and get excited about in March are the arrival of daylight-saving time on the 8th, St. Patrick's Day on the 17th, Spring's arrival on the 19th, and National Vietnam War Veterans Day on the 29th. Remember, this day is an observance to thank and honor all of our Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifices.

In addition to the above activities, remember the entire

month of March is Women's History Month. I hope each member will take the time this month to reflect on the contributions of women, and their contributions to the defense of the nation.

Women have contributed immeasurably to the success of our military force from the beginning of the country. They were there in the Revolutionary War where Margaret Corbin ("Molley Pitcher") became the first women in the U.S. to receive a military pension as a result of her service in the war.

They were there in the Civil War where Dr. Mary Edwards Walker received the Medal of Honor. They too were there in both world wars, and in WWII more than 400,000 served in nearly all continents, oceans and seas. They are serving in Afghanistan and Iraq with women like Army 1st Lieutenants Ashley White and Jennifer Moreno who paid the ultimate price during combat, and women like Army Chief Warrant Officer 3 Lori Hill showing extraordinary courage while under fire.



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Brigadier Paula Lodi are serving in the highest level of leadership in all branches of the military.

As we honor the historical contributions of women this month, I ask that women who are members of the chapter to set aside a little time this month to reflect on volunteering to serve on one of the chapter committees or in a leadership position when the opportunities arise. I also ask that all members make a special effort this month to reach out to any women who are eligible to be a member of our chapter, and are not currently a member, to urge them to join our chapter. This includes surviving spouses.

I conclude this month *President's Report* by urging you to reserve time to participate in our general membership meetings, honor and reflect on the selfless service of women during Women's History Month, and as always, stay focus on your health and well-being, "NEVER STOP SERVING."



Ira



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CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHTS

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MARCH GLADNESS

*For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime!
Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning.
PSALMS 30:5*



THE COLD WINTER HAS PASSED AND NOW COMES SPRING.

THE SUN IS BRIGHT AND LITTLE CHERRY BLOSSOMS ARE IN BLOOM.

EVERYONE IS PLAYFUL; THEY ARE NOT HAVING ANYONE'S FRIGHT.

I COULD SEE THE NEWLY HATCHED BABY BIRDS SWAYING THEIR WINGS.

I COULD SMELL THE SWEET PERFUME OF FLOWERS IN THE SURROUNDINGS.

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THE SOFT BREEZE PASSES THROUGH THE TALL TREES.

THE GREEN LEAVES ARE DANCING FEARLESSLY IN THE AIR.

THE BUSY HONEY BEES FLY & BUZZ ALL DAY FROM FLOWER TO FLOWER.

AND WHEN THE PLAYFUL SQUIRRELS RUN, THEY SEEM THAT

THEY ARE HAVING SO MUCH FUN.

THE SMALL KIDS ARE SWINGING HIGH, BUT LETS WAIT

FOR THE BUTTERFLIES WHO KEEP ON FLYING IN THE ENDLESS SKIES.

OH SPRING! YOU ARE THE MAGICAL TIME; AS YOU BRINGS ALONG SO MUCH FUN.

BY SAKSHI PRIYA

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We have hope in the hard times for better days ahead. Weeping endures for the night but joy comes in the morning. The Spring buds are

here, the days are getting longer and hope is in the air for the cycle of God's creation to give us warmer weather and the beauty of new life coming forth.

I remember the contrast from being in the desert of Iraq for 18 months to going back to beautiful Germany, and it was like going from death to life.

As we were there after a long flight from the desert, the deployment hardships were over, our families awaited us in the hangar just a short march away. Remember this verse when facing difficulties. God will give us the needed relief. After Jesus was sorely tempted in the desert by the devil for 40 days and nights, the Word tells us that the angels comforted Him. God will help us and joy will come.

We all go through difficult times but just around the corner is the

breakthrough. How do I know this? Because the verse in the *Bible* tells us that even though weeping endures for the night we can find joy in the morning. Paul the apostle tells us that God will not allow us to suffer beyond what we are able to handle with God's great strength. (See 1 Cor. 10:13)

Often the March Madness basketball playoffs were what we enjoyed talking about during deployments. Well, remember the March gladness of the Lord to keep you encouraged. God is our help and strength, His joy will spur us on to a new day with praises and a glorious finish. Don't give up or give in for the *Bible* says we will reap a harvest of righteousness if we do not faint.

We look forward to seeing you at our next event. I pray for you and thank God for you. You are such a wonderful group of patriots and friends.

Tim

CHAPTER NEWS

2020 Cape Fear Chapter Scholarship Recipients



Marty Williams presents MOAA Award to NRJOTC cadets at Cape Fear High School (contributed photo)

**By 3rd Vice President
Marty Williams**

First I'd like to thank the senior instructors from the JROTC programs whom I've identified below for their support in encouraging their college-bound cadets to apply for the Cape Fear Chapter scholarships.

And though President Watkins also thanked them and our membership, I too would like to thank our members and their families for their contributions, both time and money, to make this program successful.

And second, I know we are all proud of these outstanding young Americans and we wish them much success in their college and military careers.

I am proud to announce the recipients:

U.S. Army Lieut. Col. William Dadek Memorial Scholarship, worth \$2,200, is awarded to Javier J. Fuentes, Terry Sanford High School. Javier lives at Fort Bragg. His

Senior Aerospace Science Instructor is Retired Air Force Capt. Timothy K. Peedin.

Recipients of the Cape Fear Chapter MOAA's Scholarships, valued at \$1,700, are:

E. E. Smith High School, Senior Aerospace Science Instructor is Retired Air Force Lt. Col. Thomas E. Glockzin: Jessica Alvarez from Fort Bragg.

Fayetteville Terry Sanford High School: Maria F. Colon De La Cruz from Fayetteville, Jackson J. Rogers from Fort Bragg and Frida Salas Caldera from Fayetteville.

Hoke County High School, Senior Army Instructor is Retired Army Chief Warrant Officer 4 Harold A. Thacker, Jr.: Colby W. Rainey from Raeford.

Lumberton High School, Senior Army Instructor is Retired Army Chaplain (Col.) Gregory K. Williamson: Larkin C. Summerour from Fairmont.

Union High School, Senior Army Instructor is Retired Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Dwain Courtright: Carlos J. Gutierrez from Garland.

Marty



**General Membership Meeting
Awards & Recognition Luncheon**

*The Mash House Restaurant
4150 Sycamore Dairy Rd.*

1130 hours, Friday, March 13, 2020

*Cost: \$20.00 Per Person
(Tax & Gratuity Included)*

Attire: Casual Green

RSVP NLT March 11, 2020

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

*Rich Underwood
2933 Wedgeview Dr.
Fayetteville, NC 28306*

Menu

Chopped Salad, Meat Loaf, Lemon Pepper

White Fish, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy,

Seasonal Veggies, Dinner Rolls and Butter,

Peach Cobbler

Drinks: Pepsi Products, Iced Tea, and

Coffee

(No Host Bar Opens 1130 hours)

Reservations Request

Name _____

Name of Guests

Number of Reservations _____

X \$20.00 = \$ _____





ROBERT F. DEMETER CHAPTER SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

2018 – MRS. CAROL IVEY

2017 – COL (RET) GEORGE J. BLANC, USA

2016 – LTC (RET) RALPH W. HINRICHS, USA

2015 – MRS. TAMMY BESH LIN

2014 – LTC (RET) DONEAL G. GERSH, USA

2013 – LTC (RET) WILLIAM F. DADEK, USA

2012 – LTC (RET) ARLIE R. SMITH, USA

2011 – COL (RET) HARRY P. MEINHARDT, USA

2010 – MAJ (RET) ROBERT P. IVES, USA

2009 – COL (RET) HARRY P. MEINHARDT, USA

2008 – LTC (RET) EDWARD R. THOMAS, II, USA

2007 – COL (RET) JUAN I. CHAVEZ, USA

2006 – COL (RET) ARTURO RODRIGUEZ, USA

2005 – LTC (RET) ROBERT T. GARMAN, USA

2004 – LTC (RET) JOHN W. HAZLETT, USA

2003 – COL (RET) RALPH R. SMOOT, USA

2002 – MAJ (RET) HENRY T. AVANTS, USA

2001 – COL (RET) LOUIS A. WAPLE, USA

2000 – COL (RET) TED JAKUBOWSKI, USAF

1999 – COL (RET) ROBERT P. FUQUA, USAF

1998 – LTC (RET) JERRY E. HOLSTAD, USA

Chapter donates to make barrack's soldiers comfortable for their first days back from combat

2/5/2020

SUPPORT FOR 3BCT

FROM: "SUSAN SELLERS"
<AWSSELLERSL@AOL.COM> To: IWATKINSL@NC.RR.COM
CC: BCC:
PRIORITY: NORMAL
DATE: WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 5 2020 9:20:19AM SUPPORT FOR 3BCT

DEAR MR. WATKINS,

IT WAS LOVELY SPEAKING TO YOU YESTERDAY. WE APPRECIATE THE CAPE FEAR MOAA'S INTEREST IN SUPPORTING OUR RETURNING SOLDIERS FROM DEPLOYMENT. AS WE DISCUSSED EACH BATTALION (THERE ARE 7) ARE PLANNING SOME SORT OF WELCOME HOME BASKETS FOR SINGLE SOLDIERS RETURNING TO THE BARRACKS. AS THE SOLDIERS WILL BE RETURNING TO EMPTY ROOMS AND SOME TO ROOMS NOT EVEN IN THE BRIGADE FOOTPRINT, THESE BASKETS WILL BE ESSENTIAL FOR THEIR TRANSITION BACK INTO Ft BRAGG.

SOME ITEMS THAT CAN BE FOUND IN THESE BASKETS INCLUDE TWIN SHEETS, TOWELS, WASHCLOTHS, TOILETRIES, LAUNDRY SOAP, LAUNDRY BASKET, SNACKS, AND WATER. TO PROVIDE A SOLDIER WITH THE EARLIER LISTED ITEMS WOULD COST ON AVERAGE, \$12.00. ALL THESE ITEMS WOULD BE THE SOLDIERS TO KEEP. OUR GOAL IS TO CREATE A SENSE OF HOME FOR ALL THESE HARDWORKING SOLDIERS WHO ARE NOT RETURNING TO THEIR HOMES BUT THE BARRACKS.

I HOPE THIS EMAIL GIVES YOU A CLEAR PICTURE OF OUR MISSION AND HOW ANY DONATIONS WOULD BE USED. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

ALL THE BEST,
SUSAN SELLERS



THE CHAPTER'S RESPONSE?

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 3RD BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM
505TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION
A2356 TAYLOR STREET
FORT BRAGG, NC 28310

AFVC-C

28 February 2020

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: PFRG Donation

1. On the behalf of 3rd Brigade Combat Team Paratrooper and Family Readiness Group, we would like to thank the Cape Fear Chapter of Military Officer Association of America (MOAA) for the generous donation of \$2,100. The donation will be used to make baskets that will be distributed to single soldiers returning to the barracks. Baskets include items such as toiletries, sheets, and snacks.

**NOTE FROM EDITOR: NAME AND
CONTACT INFORMATION FROM SENDER
WAS REMOVED**

MOAA NEWS



Military-Friendly Job Fair on March 27 in Arlington VA (please spread the word)

Meet your next employer on Friday, March 27th!

Dozens of companies and government agencies will be at the Army Navy Country Club, 1700 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, Virginia, to attend one of the most professional career events in the area. These companies want to meet you:

ARServices, Accenture Federal Services, Amentum, Artlin Consulting, B3 Group, Central Intelligence Agency, David Griswold and Associates, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Edward Jones, EverWatch, Federal Acquisition Strategies, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, First Command Financial Services, Foreign Resource Development Associates, HTii, IDS International, Institute for Defense Analyses, Inter-Con Security Systems, LMI, Leidos, Lockheed Martin, Milton Hershey School, Panum Group, Preferred Systems Solutions, Prince William County Police, QED Systems, QinetiQ, SAIC, U.S. Capitol Police, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Department of State - Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Postal Service, U.S.

State Department - Bureau of Information Resource Management, University of Maryland Robert H Smith School of Business, VT Group, WR Systems, ... and more employers continue to register until the event date!

Job Fair hours are 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Come early to hear an employer panel starting at 8:00 a.m. This job fair is free and open to ALL candidates and is especially geared to members of the military community - transitioning military members, veterans, and their spouses. Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard. All services (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard), all ranks (officer and enlisted), and all occupational specialties. Civilians without military experience are welcome, but some positions may require U.S. citizenship or security clearances.

Candidate preregistration is free and highly recommended! Preregistered candidates receive the Job Fair Directory the weekend before the event, and uploaded resumes are available for companies to review prior to the Job Fair. For more information, an up-to-date list of companies, and to pre-register and upload your resume, please visit <https://www.CorporateGray.com>

For faster check-in at the event, please print out your registration form and bring it with you.

THE LARGER OUR NUMBERS, THE GREATER YOUR VOICE.

Why MOAA chapter membership matters.



MOAA AND CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM

Name _____
Rank _____ Branch of Service _____

☐ Active ☐ Retired ☐ Former ☐ Reserve ☐ National Guard ☐ Surviving Spouse

Spouse name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Date of birth _____ Telephone _____

Email _____
(To ensure deliverability of MOAA communications, please provide a personal email address.)

Are you a member of MOAA? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

MOAA Member Number (if known) _____

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to receive a BASIC Membership at no cost to you.**



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How did you hear about MOAA Chapter involvement? _____

Are you a member of any other MOAA Chapter(s)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, which one(s)? _____

To complete enrollment:

- **Fill in this form** on your computer, save it, and email it to secretary@cfmoaa.org as an attachment. Do not include credit card information, we will contact you to arrange remittance; or
- **Print it out**, fill it in by hand, and mail it with a check to: CFC MOAA, P.O. Box 53621, Fayetteville, NC 28305. Make check payable to: "CFC MOAA".
- In addition to my dues, I have included a donation of \$ _____ for the Cape Fear Chapter's ROTC Scholarship Fund.

Signature: _____

You will be opted in to receive e-communications from MOAA and your local chapter. You will be able to opt out of any further e-communications at any time. MOAA will not sell or share personal information.

Chapter Membership and Dues Information:

Chapter Annual Dues:

\$20 regular members;
\$10 surviving spouses.

Chapter Mission:

Promote the policies and objectives of MOAA; support ROTC through a Scholarships and Leadership Awards program; serve the local military community through charitable and other service programs; protect rights and interests of active military, veterans and survivors; influence NC legislation favorable to active military, reserve components, veterans and their families and survivors.

Meetings:

Bi-monthly to promote fraternal camaraderie, networking and information sharing on local, state, and national issues affecting the military community and veteran benefits.

**Visit www.cfmoaa.org for
more information on the
Cape Fear Chapter.**

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for a strong national defense, and
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every stage of their career...**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- 4 - CAPE FEAR CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AT
IRON MIKE CONFERENCE CENTER, 10 AM
- 13 - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND AWARDS AND
RECOGNITION LUNCHEON, THE MASH HOUSE, 11:30 AM
- 22 - 59TH ANNIVERSARY OF CAPE FEAR CHAPTER'S CHARTER



APRIL

- 4 - CAPE FEAR CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AT
IRON MIKE CONFERENCE CENTER, 10 AM
- 8 - PASSOVER BEGINS AT SUNDOWN
- 12 - EASTER

MAY

- 4 - CAPE FEAR CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AT
IRON MIKE CONFERENCE CENTER, 10 AM
- 8 - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ROTC SCHOLARSHIP
AWARDS LUNCHEON, THE MASH HOUSE, 11:30 AM
- 16 - ARMED FORCES DAY
- 25 - MEMORIAL DAY

JUNE

- 2 - CAPE FEAR CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AT
IRON MIKE CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 HOURS
- 14 - FLAG DAY
- 14 - ARMY'S 245TH BIRTHDAY