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PRESIDENT'S NOTES by Juan Chavez,
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If you look carefully at the left side of this page the word “vacant” has disappeared from the box. Yes, for the first time this year we have a full board of directors and *more*.

First of all I want to thank Art Rodriguez for accepting the position of 1st Vice President, there is no one better qualified. Over the years Art has served this Chapter in just about every capacity, including President (twice), and he still continues to step up when called upon. Thanks Art, you have once again shown why you are an indispensable asset to our organization.

My thanks are also extended to George Blanc, Carol Ivey, Andrea Candlish and Joe Vonnegut for stepping up to the plate. It is going to be a pleasure working with all of them and I cannot help but feel hopeful that together, we are going to move the Chapter forward to bigger and better things.

The “*more*” of it is the newly created position of *legal advisor* which Joe Vonnegut has so graciously agreed to fill. Joe is a former JAG officer and currently a practicing attorney whose expertise will be essential to us as we explore some new initiatives.

Another bit of good news to share with you, our Chapter was selected a 2012 Levels of Excellence Award winner by MOAA. The Chapter will be presented with a 4-Star Streamer at the MOAA's Annual Meeting and Levels of Excellence Awards Dinner to be held in Colorado Springs, Colorado, on November 15, 2013. Special thanks and congratulations go to Arlie Smith whose extraordinary leadership during his final year as Chapter President made this possible. During his four years at the helm, Arlie led the Chapter to two 5-Star and two 4-Star awards, a remarkable run – way to go Arlie!

Now for our main event this month – the golf tournament on the 21st of September. Tammy Beshlin, our Tournament Director, is going like gang busters, but she can't do it all by herself all of us need to help out.

Thanks to members and supporters who have already mailed in their hole and soldier sponsorships. For those

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

03	CFC Executive Board Meeting	Fort Bragg Club	1100
09	Ladies of MOAA Board Meeting	Fort Bragg Club	1000
21	CFC Golf Tournament	Baywood Golf Course	1100
26	Ladies of MOAA Luncheon	Fort Bragg Club	1045

OCTOBER

01	CFC Executive Board Meeting	Fort Bragg Club	1000
07	Ladies of MOAA Board Meeting	Fort Bragg Club	1000
24	Ladies of MOAA Champagne Brunch	Fort Bragg Club	1000

NOVEMBER

04	Ladies of MOAA Board Meeting	Fort Bragg Club	1000
05	CFC Executive Board Meeting	Fort Bragg Club	1100
15	Annual Membership Meeting	TBA	TBA
21	Ladies of MOAA Luncheon	Fort Bragg Club	1045

of you, who have not; please do not put it off any longer. The tournament is only three weeks away and we have a long we to go to meet our goals. Moreover, we need to get a good handle on numbers to place orders for food, expendables, prizes; and, more critical, determine the number of soldiers we can invite.

Our goal is to invite at least 50 soldiers; as of this writing we have only 23 sponsorships. If there is one way everyone can and should help, it is by treating one of our active duty warriors to enjoy a nice day of golf and camaraderie; it's an ideal way of thanking them for their service and sacrifices. So do yourself and our Chapter a favor, sponsor a soldier today!

As we transition into September, we need to go into a full-court press on hole and soldier sponsorships, Mulligan prizes and players. We need everyone to pound the pavement and get the phone lines a buzzing. Call Tammy and ask how you can help. If we work together as a team, we can make this year's fund raising event a record buster.

Hope to see many of you at Baywood Golf Course on the 21st of September. Remember, any Chapter member who sponsors a hole or a soldier is invited to have dinner with us after the tournament.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER by Chaplain (LTC) Ron Leininger, phone: 910-849-7878

In December 2005 a story of a net-entangled whale appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle. It's a story about a female humpback whale that had become entangled in a spider web of crab traps and lines. She was weighted down by hundreds of pounds of traps that caused her to struggle to stay afloat. She also had hundreds of yards of line rope wrapped around her body, her tail, her torso, and a line tugging in her mouth.

A fisherman spotted her just east of the Farallon Islands (outside the Golden Gate) and radioed an environmental group for help. Within a few hours, the rescue team arrived and determined that she was so bad off, the only way to save her was to dive in and untangle her. They worked for hours with curved knives and eventually freed her. When she was free, the divers say she swam in what seemed like joyous circles. She then came back to each and every diver, one at a time, and nudged them, pushed them gently around as she was thanking them. Some said it was the most incredibly beautiful experience of their lives. The guy who cut the rope out of her mouth said her eyes were following him the whole time, and he will never be the same.

With this, my last “Chappy Thot” to you before my PCS, I want to say thanks for being part of the team. It has been my distinct pleasure to serve you in word and deed during my two years or so with you. God will provide another military chaplain for you soon. May you, and all those you love, be so blessed and fortunate to be surrounded by people who will help you get untangled from the things that are binding you. And, may you always know the joy of giving and receiving gratitude. I pass this on to you in the same spirit.

CAPE FEAR CHAPTER, MOAA “MEINHARDT” ROTC SCHOLARSHIP

The “Meinhardt” ROTC Scholarship was presented to a senior ROTC cadet at a ceremony

presided by Colonel (Retired) Juan Chavez, President of the Cape Fear Chapter, MOAA on 6 August 2013 at the Fort Bragg Club. The \$1,000 scholarship was funded by a donation from the seven children of Cape Fear Chapter members, Colonel (Retired) and Mrs. Harry P. Meinhardt to commemorate their parents’ sixty-fifth wedding anniversary. The recipient of the scholarship was Tyler Elrod, a student at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He was accompanied by his parents, Colonel and Mrs. Ronald P. Elrod of Fort Bragg, also members of the Cape Fear Chapter. The check and accompanying certificate were presented by Colonel Meinhardt. Witnessing the presentation was Mrs. Meinhardt and one of the Meinhardt’s daughters, Mrs. Katrina Tiffany representing all of her siblings.



From left to right, COL (Ret) Harry Meinhardt, Katrina Tiffany, Mary Meinhardt, Kittie Elrod, Tyler Elrod, COL Ronald P. Elrod and COL(Ret) Juan Chavez

SENIOR ROTC SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

On 29 August at Fayetteville State University Air Force Senior ROTC Cadet Kathiusca Alexandra Leon was presented with a Cape Fear Chapter \$1,000 ROTC Scholarship by Chapter President Juan Chavez.

The presentation took place at the end of a leadership class given by Lt Col Allen Gradnigo, Jr., USAF, Commander, AFROTC Detachment 607 and Chair and Professor, Department of Aerospace Studies at Fayetteville State University. The assembled cadets were given an overview of MOAA by President Chavez and 3rd Vice President Bill Dadek.



MEMBERSHIP - RECRUITING AND RETENTION

by Juan Chavez, President, phone: (910)797-5419, email: President @cfmoaa.org.

The MOAA National campaign, "Chapter Recruiting 2013," closed the first month of the third quarter of CY 2013 with MOAA National reporting 1003 new members recruited nationwide since the first of the year. Our recruiting efforts continue to show steady but small gains. With the size of the market here in the Fort Bragg area, we should be breaking records.

RETENTION No change.

RECRUITING

We gained one new member during the month of August. It is a pleasure to welcome the latest new member to our chapter:

Major (Ret) Claudie J. Wallen, USA

The monthly scoreboard of new members is as follows: January – 23; February – 6; March – 4; April – 2; May – 2; June 2; July – 2; August – 1 for a total of 42 year-to-date.

Thanks to all of you who are out there actively recruiting, continue the good work. For those of you who have yet to recruit a new member, you need to go out and just do it. There are literally thousands of eligible members in our catchment area, many in your own social circle or neighborhood. If you need application forms, go to our web site at www.cfmoaa.org and download them, or just call me and I'll mail them to you.

IN MEMORIAM It is with deep regret that we announce that Rose Henner Parsek, a former auxiliary member, passed away on August 7, 2013. Rose was also a charter member of the Ladies of MOAA organization. Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the Parsek family during their bereavement.

LTG (RET) RUSSEL HONORÉ TO SPEAK AT LAFAYETTE LEADERSHIP SERIES

One of our chapter members, Dr. Andrew Ziegler, Chair, Department of Government Studies at Methodist University as well as Director of the Tally Center for Leadership Development has extended a personal invitation to all chapter members to attend The Lafayette Leadership Speaker Series featuring guest lecturer, LTG Russel Honoré, US Army, Retired. LTG Honoré was dispatched by the President to lead New Orleans out of the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Also known as the "Category 5 General," he is a nationally renowned speaker on the preparedness and leadership that is needed in the 21st century, as society faces a multitude of threats to its security every day. The event is scheduled for 11:00 AM; September 6, 2013 in Reeves Auditorium, Methodist University and admission is free.

NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD OCS GRADUATION By Bill Dadek

The North Carolina National Guard Military Academy located on Fort Bragg, held its graduation for Officer Candidate Class 55 and Accelerated Officer Candidate Class 24 on August 24, 2013. Nineteen new second lieutenants assigned to units of the North Carolina National Guard graduated.

The guest speaker was Brigadier General Kenneth A. Beard, Assistant State Adjutant General – Sustainment. The day prior at their graduation rehearsal, Art Rodriguez, 1st Vice President and Bill Dadek, 3rd Vice President of the chapter, spoke to the graduates about MOAA. They presented the new officers with a set of gold bars and a one year membership to MOAA. After the graduation, Bill Dadek was able to share information with BG Beard about MOAA's initiative to recognize the new officers of the National Guard.

DFAS PASSWORD POLICY CHALLENGED

The Defense Finance and Accounting Services (DFAS) announced earlier this summer that it would implement a new password security system for its myPay online pay program.

The new password must:

- be 15 to 30 characters in length

- contain at least two UPPERCASE letters (A-Z)

- contain at least two lowercase letters(a-z)

- contain at least two numbers (0-9)

- contain at least two of the following special characters: # @ \$ ^ ! * + = _ %

- change at least four characters from the previous password.

Additionally, passwords must be changed every 60 days.

MOAA heard from many members that this new password process was far too complicated, and the 60 day window too short.

In response, MOAA President Vice Adm. Norb Ryan wrote Theresa McKay, Director of DFAS to raise the concern. We've asked DFAS to consider reviewing its new requirements to ensure that myPay remains both secure and user friendly. The new requirements threaten to disenfranchise beneficiaries from using this important financial resource.

We'll report any changes to this new policy as they become

(Source: MOAA Legislative Update, 30 August 2013)

MOAA LADIES NOTES by Nancy Garman, President, LOM, phone: (910) 485-7648

Greetings! The youngsters are back in school and fall is in the air. The August luncheon was a fun affair with a game of Trivial Pursuit as the program thanks to Nancy Arauz. The decorations were outstanding complete with a head piece for all to wear. A big thank you to Elda Thacker, Veria Green and Simone Freeman!

You will come and bring friends, articles to sell and money to spend. Catherine Earle, our chair person, tells me that quite a lot has been promised but there is always a need for more. You are most welcome to bring items that you have not signed up to bring. The sign up was primarily a means for us to know how many tables were needed, etc. Please put a price on the items that you bring to sell and a starting price on the items that are to be auctioned. Suggestions of items to bring are: baked goods, plants, hand made items, gift baskets, perhaps a nearly new item that no longer fits your décor, a special piece of jewelry, etc. Let's make it a profitable and fun day for all! The menu chair, Bunny Foster, has chosen a menu of London broil steak with Bordelaise Sauce, country mashed potatoes, roasted seasonal vegetables, dinner rolls with real butter, tea, water and coffee and chocolate brownies. Socializing with friends, taking home good things from the fundraiser, eating a scrupulous meal, and all of that for only \$15.00; what a deal!

We are sorry to report that we lost another of our charter members, Rose Parsek, who died 7 August 2013 at age 91. Her life was quite an adventure growing up in Germany, being persecuted by the Nazis, the family being separated, escaping to China, and the family getting back together. She met and married an American military officer who was stationed in China and as a result she came to live in the USA.

The Dining Out group will be meeting on the 24th of September at Luigi's. Contact Maria Cory for reservations. The Ladies Club of CFC MOAA has purchased a brick paver at the Freedom Memorial Park. We give to numerous charitable organizations and hopefully, have fun along the way. Please come out and join us. Don't forget about our upcoming events. Our annual Champagne Brunch will be held on October the 24th. The November luncheon will be on the 21st, a week earlier than our usual date of the fourth Thursday because of Thanksgiving. The year will end for us on December the 13th at our formal dinner dance at Gates Four Country Club. Get your dancing shoes ready and plan to be there and bring a guest! If you don't dance, the orchestra and being out with friends will make it worthwhile.

**CAPE FEAR CHAPTER, MOAA
2013 ROTC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM
FUND RAISING GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Baywood Golf Course
Fayetteville, NC
(910) 483-4330

Saturday, September 21, 2013
Check in 11:00 AM – Shotgun start 1:00 PM

Four Person Scramble (Captain's Choice)

Individual entrants will be formed into teams by the Committee based on handicap. Every effort will be made to include at least one active duty soldier or spouse in each team.

**Entry Fee
\$70 per player**

Includes green/cart fees, range balls, box lunch, on course beverages, and dinner.

Prizes include top two place teams (gross & net) and other proximities prizes.

(You can sponsor an active duty soldier to play by paying his/her entry fee; call for details.)

Individual/Corporate Hole Sponsorships
\$125 per hole

Deadline for Entry
Wednesday, September 18, 2013

Tournament Director
Tammy Beshlin • 910-213-2065/beshlin_4@msn.com

**You may drop off entry form and check at Baywood GC Pro Shop, or mail to:
CFC, MOAA, ATTN: Tournament Director, P.O.Box 53621, Fayetteville, NC 28305
(make checks payable to: "CFC, MOAA")**

Player Entry Form

2013 MOAA ROTC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM GOLF TOURNAMENT

Name: _____ **Telephone number:** _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Handicap index or average 18 holes score: _____

NET PROCEEDS GO TO ROTC SCHOLARSHIPS. All entry fees are considered donations and will not be refunded to last minute cancellations or no-shows.

2013 ROTC Scholarship Awards Program Fund Raising Golf Tournament

Hole Sponsorships. A donation of \$125 will sponsor a hole (*checks payable to Cape Fear Chapter, MOAA*). If you know of any business, civic or church group, or friend that would be willing to support a noble program they can do so by sponsoring 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 designation, prominently displayed on one of the tee boxes during the tournament. Additionally, a list of all sponsors is included in the information brochure provided to all participants on tournament day. If each Chapter member can secure one hole sponsorship, we can raise a substantial amount of money for a very important and worthwhile cause. If you want to sponsor a hole, fill out the slip below and mail it to me together with your check. **Tammy Beshlin, Tournament Director, (910) 213-2065.**

To: Tournament Director

I would like to sponsor a hole in support of our 2013 ROTC Scholarship Awards Program Fund Raising Golf Tournament, enclosed is a check for \$125 payable to "**CFC, MOAA**". Please include the following name or inscription on my sign:

_____.

_____ Name

Mail to: CFC, MOAA, ATTN: Tournament Director, P.O. Box 53621 Fayetteville, NC 28305

Active Duty Soldiers Sponsorships: Our program to sponsor our active duty soldiers and wounded warriors to play in our golf tournament has proven very successful in the past. 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 50 active duty soldiers; the cost will be \$70 per soldier (the player entry fee). The benefits of this program are: it presents a means of expressing our gratitude to our active duty soldiers for their service by treating them to a great golf outing; it exposes our young military men and women to MOAA by providing them an opportunity to socialize with their retired counterparts; and, it increases the number of players, ergo, more funds for ROTC scholarships. So open up your hearts and your checkbooks and treat a soldier or two to a great day of golf and camaraderie; just fill out the slip below and mail it to me together with your check. **Tammy Beshlin, Tournament Director, (910) 213-2065.**

To: Tournament Director

I want to sponsor _____ soldiers/airmen @ \$70 each = \$ _____ to play in our 2013 ROTC Scholarship Awards Program Fund Raising Golf Tournament.

Enclosed is a check payable to "**CFC, MOAA.**"

_____ Name

Mail to: CFC, MOAA, ATTN: Tournament Director, P.O. Box 53621 Fayetteville, NC 28305

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NAME: _____ SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

RANK: ____ SERVICE: _____ Active Duty ____ Retired ____ Veteran ____

ADDRESS: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

NATIONAL MOAA MEMBER? Yes ____ Membership # _____; No ____

I would like to receive my Infogram by: ____ Regular Mail ____ E-mail

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PO Box 53621, Fayetteville, NC 28305

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