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From the President CAPT MARIE SENZIG NC USN (RET.)



Greetings!
I hope everyone had a pleasant Easter while enjoying the beautiful day.

Congratulations to **Mrs. Dee Culler**, our newsletter editor and Website Manager. Our chapter won 4 Star Awards for our newsletter and Website. Way to go **Dee!**

I spent Wednesday April 26th in Raleigh where I accompanied **COL Iggi Husar USA (Ret.)**, our legislative liaison, as we "stormed" the state legislature. (See **Iggi's** article). We were joined by our State Council President **CAPT Doug Ehrhardt USN (Ret.)**, other MOAA members from around the state as well as representatives from numerous [other veteran organizations](#). [Visits were made to several state legislators.](#)

Our next chapter event will be our annual Scholarship Dinner on **May 25th** at The Flame.

Social Hour begins at **1730 (5:30)** with dinner at **1830 (6:30)**. Please join us to help recognize these outstanding young scholars. If anyone is interested in funding the meal for a student or their family member please enclose the extra money with a note on your RSVP form. Pay extra attention to the RSVP form as you must make a selection between beef or fish. If any of our auxiliary or regular members would like to attend and don't care to drive please call me at **637-6378** and I will arrange transportation.

You may notice there are six recipients this year. There were only six applicants and no way to separate the top five from the top six. Two individuals stepped up with funds for a 6th scholarship to ensure the final deserving applicant was not disappointed. Thank You to these two individuals who wish to remain anonymous.

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President Message from Page 1

Thank You to our chapter members who responded to my last newsletter with donations. We received two cash donations and a member funded all seven JROTC Medals. Your chapter support is greatly appreciated!

We have some upcoming community events such as the Traveling Vietnam Wall at Glad Tidings Church in Morehead City over Memorial Day weekend.

The opening Ceremony is **May 26th** at **1100**. Our chapter will be laying a wreath. Please join us at the opening ceremony or visit the Wall over the weekend. It will be open **24** hours a day. The National Cemetery in New Bern will be holding its annual Memorial Day ceremony on Monday **May 29th** at **1100** where our chapter will also lay a wreath. Please attend and step forward to our wreath when our organization is called.

The Purple Heart Dinner will be held **August 5th** at a venue TBD.

The Craven County Veterans Stand Down will be held **September 8th** at the National Guard Armory. Our annual Pig Pickin will be held at Moore's BBQ **September 21st**. As always chapter members are encouraged to participate in these events.

Thank You to **COL Malcolm** and **LTC Mary Roberts USA (Ret.)** for attending the March **MOAA** State Council meeting in Goldsboro in my stead. I will be heading north to Wisconsin for the summer but know the chapter will be in good hands with my 1st Vice **Major John Murphy USMC (Ret.)** in charge. I will be back in September. Have a great summer.

Thank You!

THANK YOU!

LCDR Billy J. Sanders USN (Ret.) funded seven (7) JROTC Medals.
Dee Culler (In memory of **Major Wm. S. Culler USMC (Ret.)**) cash donation,
Major Buck Allen, USMC (Ret.) cash donation.

With our declining membership due to age or geographic moves we have less operating capital to meet chapter obligations.

- Pay for an extra meal(s) for the scholarship dinner (recipient or/and 2 guests)
- Purchase (4) \$25.00 Wal-Mart gift Card, for annual Craven County Veterans Stand Down.
- Donate to our Chapter Scholarship Fund.

We would appreciate any help with subsidizing any of the above expenses. If you are unable to assist financially, recruiting new members will also increase operating capital.

So lets get out there and get some new members!!

WREATHS across AMERICA



Many of the area military organizations are going to partner this year in an attempt to place a wreath at each of the 7500 headstones at the New Bern National Cemetery. **American Legion Post 539** has spearheaded this effort in recent years but is looking to enlist more organizations to increase the number of headstones covered with a wreath for the holidays. Last year **AL Post 539** laid over 800 wreaths. We are registered on the website and awaiting further paper work. We have requested (2) two dates to sell wreaths at MCAS Cherry Point and are awaiting approval from Base Commander. More to follow in the summer newsletter.

Welcome Aboard

We would like welcome our new members.
Col John Bateman USMCR and his wife **Gail Bateman**
CAPT Philip Pritulsky USN and his wife **Adelaide (Taffy)**

Storming the Legislature



The attached photo taken today at the Veterans Legislative Day at the NC Legislature.

In the picture, L to R are: Marie Senzig, State Senator Wesley A. Meredith, 19th District, and El-ree T. Smith, Vice Chairman of the North Carolina Veterans Commission, Past Department Commander, Department of NC VFW.

Veterans Day at North Carolina Legislature



On April 26, 2016 over 50 veterans representing over 12 veterans organizations “stormed” the North Carolina Legislature to promote legislative bills needed to provide relief and need supporting services to military veterans and their families. The only MOAA Chapter represented at the Legislative Day was the **Coastal Carolina Chapter**. Left to right in the photo above are: **CAPT Douglas Ehrhardt (USN-Ret)**, **COL Iggi Husar (USAR-Ret)**, **COL Harley Ellinger (USA-Ret)**, **COL Jeri Graham (USA-Ret)**, **CAPT Marie Senzig (USN-Ret)**, and **COL Vern Pike (USA-Ret)**.

CAPT Ehrhardt is President of the MOAA North Carolina Council of Chapters; **COL Iggi Husar** is CCMOAA 2nd Vice President; **COL Harley Ellinger** is 2nd Vice President, MOAA North Carolina Council of Chapters; **COL Jeri Graham** is Vice Commander and Chairman of the North Carolina Veterans Council Legislative Committee; **CAPT Marie Senzig** is CCMOAA President. **COL Vern Pike** is past President, MOAA North Carolina Council of

Chapters.

At 1000 hours, **COL Husar**, accompanied by **COL Pike** visited with **Representative Michael Speciale**, District 3 (Beaufort, Craven, Pamlico). **Representative Speciale**, a retired Marine, is very supportive of veterans issues. He is the primary sponsor of House Bill 66 “Veterans Plates/Vehicle Weight Restriction. This bill: 1) increases eligible vehicle weight restriction for certain military special registration plates from 6,000 to 17,000 pounds. 2) Relieves a burden on adaptive vehicle use; heavier vans or trucks, greatly appreciated by disabled veterans. 3) Adds weight limits from special equipment or attached carts.

At 1030 hours, **COL Husar** and **COL Pike** visited **Senator Norman W. Sanderson**, District 3 (Carteret, Craven, Pamlico). **Senator Sanderson** is also very supportive of veterans issues. He supports equal tax treatment of government retirees. He believes that if it comes to the Senate next year for consideration, he will support it’s passage.

Photos Installation Banquet



Heavy Lifter Award 2017
 Was awarded to Dee Culler for her work as: Secretary, Newsletter Editor and Website Manager.
 Was presented by Last years recipients John and Sandy Murphy

**North Carolina Council President
 CAPT Douglas Ehrhardt USN (Ret.)
 Addressed the chapter on
 Upcoming Council and Chapter
 Events.**

**CAPT Ehrhardt was the installation
 Officer.**



**Installation of Officers and
 Board of Directors:**

1st Vice - Maj John Murphy USMC (Ret.)

2d Vice - COL Iggi Husar USA (Ret.)

Secretary - Dee Culler

Directors:

Capt Curtis Bare USMC (Ret.)

Capt James Dargan USMC (Ret.)

LtCol Keith Thompson USMC (Ret.)

Mid-Term:

Pres - CAPT Marie Senzig USN (Ret.)

Treas - Maj Dan Walczak USMC (Ret.)

Col Mike Kennedy - USMC (Ret.)



Vietnam Traveling Wall



THE VIETNAM TRAVELING MEMORIAL WALL ®

May 26 - May 30, 2017
Glad Tidings Church
4621 Country Club Road
Morehead City, NC
(Across from High School)
Sponsored By: **Otway Burns Chapter of DAR**



SAVE THE DATE:

**The Purple Heart
Recognition Dinner
August 5, 2017**

Venue TBD.

**This dinner is to honor and
recognize all local Purple Heart
Recipients.**

If you know of a Purple Heart recipient please contact
COL Iggi Husar at:

iggihusar@outlook.com or (252) 676- 0088

2017 North Carolina MOAA State Convention



**Williamsburg Lodge, Williamsburg, VA
September 7-10, 2017**

<p>Price: \$1570/couple; \$1270/single (All inclusive – No Surprises!)</p>	<p>Deposit: \$350/person + optional cancellation insurance</p>
<p>Total due: July 14, 2017</p>	<p>Deposit Due: May 31, 2017</p>
<p>Activities (Complete lodging/services/meals): 3 nights lodging at Colonial Williamsburg Lodge Unlimited access to all Colonial Williamsburg Attractions Complimentary Guest Parking Complimentary Wi-Fi Unlimited Shuttle services around the Revolutionary City</p> <p>Meals: September 7th - Welcome Reception w/ open bar and Plated Dinner September 8th - Breakfast and Plated Dinner at a Historic Tavern of your choice September 9th - Breakfast and Plated Dinner with open bar September 10th - Breakfast</p> <p>Special entertainment: Briefing by Williamsburg Guides Complimentary Bicycle Rental (2 hours) Free Tennis (1 hour court time) Free Golf Clinic (30 minutes) Access to spa, fitness center, group exercise classes and resort pools</p>	<p>Special rates for additional family members and guests 10% Purchase Discounts at official Colonial Williamsburg Stores Special rates for Travel and Cancellation Insurance Travel and Cancellation Insurance (Trip cancellation, emergency medical): \$61/person (under age 60) \$95/person (under age 75) \$128 per person (76+)</p> <p>Cancellation Fee: (without travel insurance protection): After May 15, 2017 - 75% of payments made After June 19, 2017 - 100% of payments made</p>
<p>Complete reservation form and send to: Lt Col George Brudzinski, USMC, Ret., NCCOC Treasurer <i>Mailing address:</i> P.O. Box 3753, Boone, NC 28607 • <i>E-mail:</i> 17george@bellsouth.net</p>	

Registration Form:

Name:	
DOB (mmddyear) *	
Rank/Service/Status:	
Spouse/Guest Name:	
DOB (mmddyear) *	
NCCOC Chapter:	
Address:	
Special Room, Dietary, Other needs	
Telephone:	()
E-mail:	
* <i>DOB required for Optional Insurance</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I would like to insure my trip against unforeseen emergencies or medical issues <input type="checkbox"/> No, I will travel without insurance

Payment Invoice *(cash or check only, credit payments not accepted)*

A. Total cost - \$1570 (Couple) / \$1270 (single):	\$
B. Deposit - \$350/person (due NLT May 31, 2017):	\$
C. Optional Insurance - \$61.00/person (60 and under):	\$
\$95.00/person (60 to 75):	\$
\$128.00/person (76 and older):	\$
D. No insurance elected:	\$0.00
E. Total amount remitted (A + C):	\$
F. Balance (A – B) (due NLT July 14, 2017):	\$

Need more information? CAPT Doug Ehrhardt, USN (Ret.), NCCOC President, info@newrivermoaa.org, (240) 672-8496

Please send completed form with payment to: George Brudzinski, PO Box 3753, Boone, NC 28607



You are cordially invited to our Scholarship Dinner
at the

The Flame Catering and Banquet
2301 Neuse Blvd
New Bern, NC 28560

Attire for this event: Business

Cocktail Social at 1730

Dinner Served at 1830

Menu

Farmer's Market Garden Salad

Please select beef or fish:

Boneless Beef Short Ribs with Plum Glaze _____

or

Grilled Salmon with Lemon Beurre Blanc Sauce _____

Accompaniments: Roasted Squash, Zucchini, Red Peppers and Onion Drizzled with Balsamic Vinaigrette Herb Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes, Dessert, Strawberry Shortcake Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Icing Beverages Sweet and Unsweetened Iced Tea, Water Regular & Decaffeinated Coffee

Reservations to: Iggi Husar

(252) 676-0088, Email: iggihusar@outlook.com

Name(s) of members and guests _____

Telephone No. _____

E-Mail Address _____

Check enclosed for _____ (\$30.00 per person). Make checks payable to CC/MOA.

Mail to: COL Iggi Husar
305 W. Wilson Creek Dr
Trent Woods, NC 28562

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*A 4 Star Level of Excellence
Chapter for 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016*

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Uniform</u>
May 25, 2017	1730	Scholarship Dinner The Flame, New Bern, NC	Coat & Tie
May 26, 2017	1100	Opening Ceremony Vietnam Traveling Wall	Patriotic
May 26 - 29, 2017	24 hours	Vietnam Traveling Wall	Casual
May 29, 2017	1100	New Bern National Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony	Patriotic
August 5, 2017	TBD	Purple Heart Dinner	TBD
September 8, 2017	TBD	Craven County Veterans Stand Down National Guard Armory, New Bern, NC	Chapter Shirt
September 21, 2017	1730	Pig Pickin—Moore's BBQ, New Bern, NC	Casual