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Greetings! I hope everyone found a Thanksgiving meal somewhere and shared it with family or friends.

I returned from Orlando, FL with our 2014 Level of Excellence 4-Star streamer that we will attach to our banner at the January meeting.

Remember our upcoming Toys for Tots luncheon on **Friday Dec 11th from 1100-1300** at the Taberna Country Club.

Sport that holiday attire! **Capt James Dargan USMC (Ret.)** has arranged for the Marine Reserves to attend the luncheon and collect our toys.

We will also be collecting stuffed shoeboxes, canteen items and 2016 calendars for the Kinston Veterans Home. Please see the lists in this newsletter. Major items for shoeboxes include hotel-type toiletries with ingredients listed on the containers (lotion, shampoo, shaving cream, toothpaste, etc), handkerchiefs, socks, tissues, large print puzzle books, pencils, and pens.

No food items in the shoeboxes. Please see the list for canteen donations if you wish to give food or beverages. Anyone interested in visiting the Veterans Home is welcome. We will be leaving directly from the Taberna luncheon. Nurses and Corpsmen from NHCCP will be accompanying us.

Our Chapter will be participating in the Wreaths Across America program at the New Bern National Cemetery on December 12th at 1200. All interested members are invited to attend/participate.

If any of our members are Purple Heart recipients please contact me on my cell phone at **(910) 548-3230** or one of the Board members. There is a recognition dinner in the planning stages for August 2016 in New Bern.

Please take a moment to review the slate of officers/directors on page 3 as you will be asked to approve the slate or nominate from the floor at the December luncheon.

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Next Event

Toys-for-Tots Luncheon at Taberna on **Friday, 11 December, 1100-1300.**

No reservations required — this will be a pay as you go event. We will elect officers/directors for 2016.

The President's Message (continued from page 1)

That will be the only business conducted at the holiday party.

Please assist our treasurer, **Maj Dan Walczak** by paying your dues promptly when the notice arrives as it prevents the notice from getting buried, forgotten or lost.

There is an even better deal this year for multiple year memberships.

I will be up north for Christmas so I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and healthy and prosperous 2016.

In Memoriam



LTC James R. Cooper USAR (Ret.)

LTC Jim Cooper, 92, passed away on 4 November with his family by his side. He was raised on his family's farm in Paris, IL

During World War II, he left his studies at the University of Illinois to enlist in the Army and attended Officer Candidate School at Camp Davis in Holly Ridge, NC. While on leave in New Bern in 1944, he met **Virginia Daugherty** and they were married later that year at Fort Benning, GA.

Posted to France after D-Day he commanded a heavy truck maintenance company with the famed Red Ball Express. At the war's end he was assigned to the military government in U.S. occupied Bad Kissingen, Bavaria, Germany where their son, **Brian** was born in 1946.

Returning stateside briefly to New Bern, the Coopers moved to New York City where Jim pursued graduate work in international trade/finance at Columbia University and NYU and jobs with AT&T, Chemical Corn Exchange Bank and the Ford Motor Co in Dearborn, MI.

The Coopers moved to the New Bern area in 1988 living first on the river in Oriental, then downtown New Bern, Greenbrier and finally at the Courtyards. Jim is survived by his wife of 71 years, **Virginia**, a son, daughter and two grandchildren.



CAPT Jeanne G. Rubin NC USNR (Ret.)

17 Apr 1918 - 5 Nov 2015

CAPT Jeanne Rubin, 97, passed away suddenly on 5 November. She was believed to be our oldest member. Even at her age Jeanne attended almost all of our Chapter dinners including our Oktoberfest event on 21 October.

Jeanne was born in Stirling, NJ, the daughter of Polish immigrants. She served as a Navy nurse in the Pacific during World War II. After the war, she remained in the Naval Reserve and was Assistant Director of Nursing at Bellevue Hospital in New York City and also worked with the VA Hospital system. She was very accomplished in the nursing field having taught at nursing schools and serving as a nurse.

Jeanne was preceded in death by two husbands. She was a world traveler having been to every continent in the world. She moved to New Bern from Florida a couple of years ago to be near nephew, **Michael Grushinski** and wife **Deanna** and sister-in-law **Jennie B. "Jean" Grushinski**.

A celebration of her life was held at Pollock Best Funeral Home in New Bern on 8 November with military honors by the MCAS Cherry Point Naval Health Clinic followed by a private burial in Croatan Community Cemetery.

Slate of Officers and Directors for 2016

We will elect our 2016 Chapter Officers and Directors at our Toys-for-Tots Luncheon on 11 December. The nominees are as follows:

President - CAPT Marie Senzig NC USN (Ret.)	1st VP - Capt Curtis Bare USMC (Ret.)
2d VP - Maj John Murphy USMC (Ret.)	Secretary - Maj Bill Culler USMC (Ret.)
Treasurer - Maj Dan Walczak USMC (Ret.)	
Directors - Col Mike Kennedy USMC (Ret.)	COL Malcolm Roberts USA (Ret.)
LtCol Keith Thompson USMCR (Ret.)	Capt Alva Windham USMC (Ret.)



2015-6 CC/MOA Scholarship Raffle Winners to Date



1 Nov Leigh Wilkinson, New Bern
8 Nov Susan Tussey, Petersburg, PA

15 Nov Robin Snyder, Cary
21 Nov Claire Bonheim, West Point, NY

Shoebox and Canteen Items for the NC State Veterans Home in Kinston

Shoebox Items

DVD's (Western, action, comedy, sports)
Music CD's (50's, 60's, Big Band, Country)
Crayons, markers, acrylic paint, paint brushes)
Wooden non-painted cars, airplanes, etc.
Tissue boxes or packets
Lotions (must have ingredients listed on label)
Deodorant (ingredients listed on label)
Lip balm (ingredients listed on label)
Bar soap (ingredients listed on label)
Shower gel (ingredients listed on label)
Socks (all sizes, men's and women's)
Toothbrushes/toothpaste (ingredients on label)
Pajamas (all sizes, men's and women's)
Baseball caps (all sizes and types)
Small holiday decorations for room/trinkets
Inexpensive watches
Inexpensive wallets
Large print puzzle books, pens, pencils

Canteen Items

(All items need to be individually wrapped and store bought)
Potato chips (all flavors)
Cheese Doodles and Crunchy Doodles
Candy Bars (Kit-Kat, M&M Plain, Milky Way, Twix, Butterfinger, Pay Day, Snickers, Hershey's Bars plain and with almonds, Cookies & Cream, Nestle's Crunch, Reese's Cups)
Nabs-peanut butter crackers, plain cheese and peanut butter
Fig Newtons, oatmeal cakes, white powdered donuts
Candy (lollipops, Hershey Kisses, York Peppermint Patties, Sugar-free gum)
Bottled water (standard size bottles)
Fruit cups (peaches, pears, pineapples)
Sugar-free cookies (preferably soft and individually wrapped)
Soda cans and small bottles (diet & regular)

Photos from Recent Events



Our Oktoberfest event on 21 October at Taberna was a combined effort with the Coastal Carolina Council of the Navy League.

Pictured here are Navy League President **Bob Gillham** and CC/MOA President **CAPT Marie Senzig USN (Ret.)**

Our guest speaker at the Oktoberfest event was recently retired Marine **LtGen Mark Faulkner** pictured at the far left. Next to him is his wife, **Janet, Robin Schoolfield**, guest of the Thompsons at the right, Board of Directors member **LtCol Keith Thompson USMCR (Ret.)** and wife **Margi Thompson**.



The head table enjoys some terrific German cuisine at the Oktoberfest event at Taberna.

Pictured here (l-r) are Navy League President **Bob Gillham**, Navy League Treasurer **Malcolm Taylor**, CC/MOA 1stVP **Capt Curtis Bare USMC (Ret.)**, guest speaker **LtGen Mark Faulkner USMC (Ret.)** and **Janet Faulkner**.



Recently retired Marine **LtGen Mark Faulkner** briefed attendees at the Oktoberfest about recent developments in the Marine Corps. LtGen Faulkner's last assignment was Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics at Headquarters Marine Corps. LtGen Faulkner was born aboard MCAS Cherry Point and is a graduate of Havelock High School and ECU. He and his wife, **Janet**, are both children of retired Marine Corps Colonels living in the local area.





TABERNA
COUNTRY CLUB

You are cordially invited to our Toys-for-Tots Luncheon at the Taberna Country Club on **Friday, 11 December, from 1100-1300 Attire: Dressy Holiday Casual (coat & tie not required).**

Menu will be a luncheon buffet
Cost is only \$8.00 per person
All Taxes & Gratuities Included; Cash Bar

Please contact 2dVP Maj John Murphy either by telephone or E-Mail by **Wednesday, 9 December** so he can let the Club know how many to expect for lunch. This will be a pay-as-you go event.

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Program(s)

We will elect Chapter officers/directors for 2016. The slate can found on page 3 in this issue.

We are asking everyone to bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to the Marine Reserves Toys-for-Tots program. Representatives from the Marine Reserve Support Unit at Camp Lejeune will be on hand to collect the toys.

Everyone is asked to bring a shoe box filled with warm socks, handkerchiefs, large print puzzle books, pencils pens hotel-type toiletries, 2016 calendars and canteen items, etc. to be delivered to the North Carolina State Veterans Home in Kinston. A complete list of the requested items is on page 3 in this issue. Following the luncheon, we will be joined by some of the nurses and Corpsmen from the MCAS Cherry Point Naval Health Clinic to deliver the shoe boxes and canteen items to the Veterans Home. Everyone is welcome to go.



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

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2015-16		

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Uniform</u>
Friday, 11 Dec	1100-1300	Toys for Tots Luncheon at Taberna. We will elect officers/directors for 2016. Attendees are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to the Marine Reserves program. We will also Collect shoe boxes of comfort and toiletry items to transport to the NC State Veterans Home in Kinston immediately after the lunch.	Holiday Casual
Saturday, 12 Dec	1200	Wreath laying at New Bern National Cemetery .	Dressy Casual
Friday/Saturday, 8-9 Jan 2016	1800 & 0830	4th Quarter NC State Council of Chapters meeting at the SpringHill by Marriott Suites in Charlotte (Ballantyne area close of I-485), hosted by the Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter.	Coat & Tie Dressy Casual
Thursday, 21 Jan 2016	1730	Chapter Installation Dinner, New Bern Golf and Country Club.	Coat and Tie