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From the Presidents
MARIE SENZIG NC, USN (RET)



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Summer is just around the corner and that means High School and our Scholarship dinner. Please join us Tuesday May 21st at the Taberna Country Club. If you don't drive after dark please contact our Chaplain Malcolm Roberts COL USA (Ret) at 252-259-7841 and he will arrange transportation.

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The Board of Directors is short two members. I am looking for two of our members who are willing to come to a Board meeting 4-5 times a year. We meet about 4-6 weeks before our dinner meetings. Please contact me at 910-548-3230 if you are able to help us plan the direction of our chapter.

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Our 1st Vice President COL Mike Kennedy USMC (Ret) will have the reins while I am in WI for the summer. It has been a rough few months for my family as my mother has lost her two eldest daughters within 2 ½ months of each other. She will need lots of TLC this summer! Please give COL Kennedy your support.

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If you have not completed your survey from our website please do so. Click membership on the side menu and you will see the survey listed. If you have questions please call me as your opinion matters! We will tally the results so the Board will know which direction to take from our membership.

If you have a hankering for a beach weekend come join the NC Council of Chapters for our state convention in Atlantic Beach October 18-20, 2019. The details will follow as the specifics are cemented. Look for the reservation form later this summer either on our website or in the next newsletter. It promises to be a relaxing weekend at a reasonable cost. I am excited about it and anticipate many of our chapter members will attend.

I look forward to seeing you at our Scholarship Dinner, on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at the Taberna Country Club, 401 Taberna Way, New Bern NC 28562



Last month, I had the pleasure of being invited to Pamlico High School's Cadet Awards ceremony.

The recipient was Cadet Macy Tyson, Pamlico Hurricane's; nominee for the MOAA NJROTC Award.

She is the CO of the NJROTC Unit, very active in a number of high school programs, runs cross country and wrestles for the school. Only a junior, she plans to apply for both the Naval Academy and an NROTC scholarship.



1st Vice President's Report-Mike Kennedy

Membership -

As this is my first newsletter as your First Vice President, I would like to introduce myself (again). Sue and I have three grown children and three grandchildren. I volunteer with several organizations in addition to CC MOAA. I look forward to helping our chapter achieve its goals for this year and increasing our membership.

My primary responsibility is membership. I am happy to report that I recently met Capt. Randy Bogle (at Pickleball) ... he is new to New Bern, a MOAA Life Member, a 1968 US Naval Academy Graduate, Frog (H-46) and Huey (H-1) pilot, and plans to join our chapter. I invited Randy and wife (Joanie) to our Scholarship Dinner ... they accepted. He has a great background and he will be a wonderful addition to our chapter. Our membership forms are on the website or they can contact us directly requesting one.

As part of my duties, I have also undertaken the task of corresponding and meeting all the leadership of the [JROTC Units](#) in our catchment area. The response has been enthusiastic and we have a full schedule this year. As in past, we will provide MOAA's Leadership Award to Cadets at ECU's Army and Air Force ROTC units, and to JROTC units at Jones Senior, Havelock, New Bern, Washington, West Carretet, West Craven, and Pamlico High Schools. **All the cadets selected by their units are inspiring. Our country is in good hands with these young All Stars!**

2nd Vice President's Report Randal Ramian

Everyone, as way of introduction, I affiliated with the Coastal Carolina Chapter last December and am honored to serve as your Second Vice President. My wife Mary and I relocated from California to the New Bern area last October. Our son is continuing with his college studies in California.

Our annual Membership Dinner and installation of officers was held at Miller's Landing Club & Conference Center (MCCS) at MCAS Cherry Point—it is a lovely venue and the meal was excellent. To the delight of many, the no-host bar was open and for business.



After the swearing in, we had a talk by Admiral Jay DeLoach on the American Revolution and the contributions of the nascent American Navy. Jay's talk was very informative and gave everyone an insight into the American Revolution that only careful scholarship could provide

I have been busy ensuring preparations are in place for our Scholarship dinner on the 21st, the RSVP form is included at the end of this newsletter — see you there.

2nd Vice President's Report (cont.)

Randal Ramian



When we recently needed a member to present awards, I was happy to raise my hand. I had the honor to represent our Chapter at the East Carolina University Army and Air Force ROTC Award ceremonies on March 10th and April 10th respectively. Several very deserving student ROTC cadets were awarded MOAA and ROA medals for their academic and military leadership achievements.

L to R— Capt. Randall Ramian, and Air Force ROTC Cadet Awardee Christiana Gordon.



Secretary's Desk

Mark T. Sandvigen

One of our own: As part of the negotiations North Korea's Kim Jong Un, President Donald Trump was able to have secure the release of service men killed in action and have them returned to the United States for internment. Cpl Stephen Nemec, 1st Cav US Army, was KIA in North Korea on 2 November 1950. On July 2, 2019 at 10 AM, he will be buried with full military honors in New Bern National Cemetery, 1711 National Ave, New Bern, NC. The US Army is in charge of arrangements. I will be contacting the National Cemetery and will find out how the veteran's community in Craven County can honor Cpl. Nemec. I will publish my findings in our electronic newsletter and Website.

Korean War Veterans Dinner: NBNC Elks Lodge 764 Veterans' Committee is planning to host a dinner at the Elks Lodge for Korean Veterans and their spouses. They need a list of any Korean War Veterans from the various organizations for planning purposes. For more information contact June Kent at (252) 639-1951 or email junebugge@suddenlink.net.

Is this You? We are looking for a few good Men or Women to fill important slots in our organization. The time commitment is small, but the impact is large. If you see yourself in any one of these positions, please give Mike Kennedy a call.

- **Public Affairs Officer:** The duties would include working with both New Bern Sun Journal and Channels 10 and 12 to get our organization's messages out in a timely manner.
- **Photographer:** We are looking for someone who has significant skill with a camera to take pictures at our awards, scholarship, and membership events. We are looking to move beyond cell phone snaps to capture our events and membership.
- **Historian:** CCMOAA needs someone to help with archiving our materials, and help with submittals of our award packages once a year. If you have a desire to write and catalog, we have a place for you.
- **Web Manager:** If you would like to put your IT skills to use, consider working with MOAA to maintain our WWW presence. It is easy and fun and takes less than a couple of hours per week.

Survey: The [survey](#) is easy to fill out form included on the CCMOAA website. Please return to Mr. Mike Kennedy, 3607 Cranberry Lane, New Bern, NC 28562-8432 or at kennedymj16@hotmail.com. It is important we get your feedback as it will influence the direction the Chapter goes in 2019.

Cola Watch: The final FY 2018 COLA, which took effect Jan. 1, 2019, is 2.8 percent, comparing favorably to the [Consumer Price Index](#) (CPI).

Tricare: MOAA has posted a exceptional Webinar on [Healthcare 101 at Retirement & Age 65](#). This Webinar covers two distinct periods—Retirement and transition from the Military and turning 65.



Treasurer's Report Dan Walczak

Scholarships - We reached our scholarship funding goals this year. There is still time to make an additional donation to our Scholarship Fund if you so desire as it will count towards next year's efforts. We will be awarding five \$1,000 scholarships at our dinner on 21 May 2019 at Taberna Country Club. If you have already made a donation, thank you.

If you are unsure you may contact me at 252-288-5541 or by email at danimal@suddenlink.net to verify your status. Donations made after 1 June 2019 will be credited toward the 2020 scholarship fund. Thank you.



Gail Bateman Scholarship Chairman

Thanks to everyone who donated for our scholarship fund. MOAA is now on the scholastic map regarding places young people go to apply. We were again able to fully fund scholarships for five deserving and impressive recipients. It was very difficult making the selection, as we had nine very qualified applicants. We are looking forward to awarding these scholarships during our Scholarship Dinner at the Taberna Country Club, which will be held on Tuesday, 21 May, starting at 1730.

Scholarships of \$1,000 each are offered to dependents of active duty and retired military personnel residing in Beaufort, Carteret, Craven, Jones and Pamlico counties. Our recipients are bound for either a four-year university or community college. This is a significant investment in all of our futures.

For next year, if you know of a deserving family member of an active or retired military member who has graduating seniors or students already attending college please refer them to Ms. Gail Bateman, (252) 631-4103, or gail.bateman@comcast.net. Application forms are available on our CC MOAA website, and will also be disseminated to local high schools and community colleges in the above 5-county region.

Members wishing to donate directly to the scholarship fund can send their donations to Dan Walczak P.O. Box 373, Havelock, NC 28532



Keith Thompson Programs Coordinator

For the scholarship Dinner we are indeed fortunate to have the awardees speak with us.



Legislative Chairman's Report Mark T. Sandvigen

VOTE, you have more than earned the right! The office of Walter B. Jones still serves us through the Clerk of the House of Representatives—our Website has been updated to reflect this.

I hope you all had a chance to vote in the April 30th elections. Two Super PAC funded physicians advanced Tuesday to a Republican runoff occurring on July 9, 2019. The runoff winner between medical doctors Greg Murphy, or Joan Perry will take on ex-Greenville Mayor Allen Thomas in the general election on September 10.

NC House Bill 213

The N.C. House unveiled the bulk of its state budget proposal for the next two years on April 26. Their budget did NOT include The 4thBranch's and MOAA's objective to eliminate the unfair state income tax on the hard-earned retirement benefits of ALL veteran and public-service employees.

If the 4thBranch tax proposal is not included in the House budget, it will make it harder to pass House Bill 213. The House budget proposal is not yet final, however.

Take time NOW to email your representative in the state House to ask him or her to eliminate the unfair state income tax on public-employee retirement benefits today! Ask them to include the contents of House Bill 213 in their state budget proposal this year. Tell them hundreds of thousands of public services employees are counting on them, including veterans, local firefighters and police officers, state correctional officers and transportation employees, employees of federal prisons and veterans hospitals, and more!

Click the link below to log in and send your message:

<https://www.votervoice.net/FOURTHBRANCH/Campaigns/65804/Respond>

Remember, you can find the weekly legislative reports under our [Legislative Tab](#) on our CCMOAA website..

Scholarship Dinner RSVP



MOAA SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

You are cordially invited to our May 2019 Dinner Meeting

On

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

At

At Taberna Country Club

401 Taberna Way, New Bern NC 28562

(252) 634-1000

Attire: Business

Social Hour (No Host Bar) at: 1730-1830

Dinner Served at: 1830

Dinner Menu

Please Select One:

___ Grilled Marinated Flank Steak with Mushrooms and Red wine demi-glace, Rice Pilaf, Vegetables, Garden Salad / Ranch, Desert – Vanilla Cheesecake with Berry Compote

Or

___ Grilled Salmon with Lemon Dill Sauce, Rice Pilaf, Vegetables, Garden Salad / Ranch
Desert – Vanilla Cheesecake with Berry Compote

Cost is \$32.00 per person. All Taxes & Gratuities Included.

Reservations for this event are requested by Monday, 13 May 2019.

Contact Randall Ramian (650) 235-6350 / rjramian@aol.com with questions. Cancellations will not be allowed after 13 May 2019.

Name(s) of Members and Guests: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Check Enclosed for: _____ (\$32 / person). Mail checks payable to: CC/MOA.

Mail To: Randall Ramian, 4502 Gloucester Drive, Trent Woods, NC 28562 (650) 235-6350

*Colonel Malcolm Roberts (252) 259-7841 / mroberts65@gmail.com has offered transportation to anyone who may need a ride to and from the dinner.

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Date	Event	Location
Apr-May	JROTC Awards Ceremonies	West Carteret, Havelock, Jones, Pineville, Washington, & West Craven High Schools
10 Apr	ECU ROTC Awards Ceremony	AFROTC ECU, Greenville, NC
9 May	JROTC Awards Ceremonies	Dinner at 1730, Awards at 1800 at Glad Tidings Church, Morehead City, NC
14 May	JROTC Awards Ceremonies	Dinner at 1730, Awards at 1800 at Glad Tidings Church, Morehead City, NC
17 May	JROTC Awards Ceremonies	Location TBD
17-18 May	2 nd Qtr Council of Chapters Meeting	Flat Rock, NC
21 May	CCMOAA Scholarship Dinner	Taberna County Club, New Bern, NC
23 May	JROTC Awards Ceremonies	Havelock HS
27 May	Memorial Day	*Activity TBD
31 May	NBHS NJROTC Annual Awards Banquet	1800; The Flame, New Bern, NC
4 Jul	Independence Day	Activity TBD
18 July	2 nd Annual CCMOAA Dinner Cruise	*(TBD) Depart Beaufort, NC
3 rd Qtr	3 rd Qtr Council of Chapters Meeting	TBD
Aug-Nov	WAA Fundraising	TBD
Sep	Veterans Stand Down	New Bern, NC
4 th Qtr	Council of Chapters Convention	TBD
19 Sep	CCMOAA Fall Dinner	*Tentative- Annual Moore's BBQ, New Bern, NC
1 Nov	Veterans Day Luncheon	Tentative-New Bern National Guard Armory
2 Nov	Veterans Day Parade (Tentative)	Morehead City, NC
14 Dec	National Wreaths Across America Day	New Bern National Cemetery
12 Dec	Toys for Tots Luncheon	Taberna Country Club, New Bern, NC

* Survey results dependent