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CCMOAA-Who Are We?

MOAA is the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers. It is an independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organization.

The Coastal Carolina Chapter serves Craven, Carteret, Jones, Pamlico, and Beaufort counties. Our chapter includes members from every branch of service. Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, NOAA and Public Health Service - including active duty, Reserve, retired, former officers, and their families. We are a powerful force speaking for a strong national defense and representing the interests of military officers at every stage of their careers.

Our highest priority is providing first-class service to our members. As a veterans organization, we are the leading voice on compensation and benefit matters for all members of the military community. We provide expert advice and guidance

to our member.

While our organization does advocate a strong national defense, it does not, as an association, become involved in matters pertaining to military strategy or individual weapons systems of the various services.

We play an active role in military personnel matters and take part in proposed legislation affecting the career force, the retired community, and veterans of the uniformed services.

While our organization is permitted by law to lobby - and does so actively - its status as a tax-exempt veterans organization precludes it from participating in political activities, which are defined as intervening directly or indirectly in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Stated briefly, our association may advocate issues, but it may not advocate the election or defeat of particular candidates or political parties.

One of my highest priorities as Chapter President is to emphasize spirit and to offer activities that promote collegiality.

I want to hear your ideas on how to improve on what our chapter offers. Please call me at 252 676-0088 or send me an email to iggihusar@outlook.com

Personal Biography of our President

I have one older sister, **Oksana Bokalo**. I am married to **Barbara A. Husar** (Nee **Barbara Covey**) since 15 October 1994. **Barbara** was born and lived in the Buffalo, NY area until 1993. I fathered six children by first marriage (4 girls and 2 boys-**Jennifer, Rachel, Matthew, Elizabeth, Katherine, and Timothy**). All are married with children (**Jennifer-2 boys; Rachel 2 boys, 1 girl; Matthew-1 boy, twin girls; Elizabeth-2 boys; Katherine-2 boys, 1 girl; Timothy-1 boy**). Two married stepsons (**Scott-2 boys; Jonathan-1 girl, 1 boy**). Our extended family count is 8 children and 17 grandchildren. I am Ukrainian by nationality. My family fled Ukraine in 1943. I was born in Germany on 6 September 1945. My family and I lived in a refugee camp, operated by the US Army in Mittenwald, Germany from 1945-1949. Through American sponsorship, we emigrated to American in 1949. We lived in Jersey City, NJ from 1949-1954.

After my mother died in 1955, we moved to Metuchen, NJ, where my sister and I attended grammar school and high school. My sister lives in the Metuchen area to this day. I attended and graduated from Rider University, Lawrenceville, NJ in 1967.

I taught high school at Lawrence Town-

ship, NJ high school for one academic year before receiving my draft notice in April 1968. I was inducted into the US Army in July 1968 and completed my basic and AIT at Ft. Dix, NJ. I am a graduate of Army Engineer OCS, Ft. Belvoir, VA. I was commissioned in Army Military Intelligence Branch on 13 June 1969. I did my tour in Vietnam from January 1970-71. I ended my Active duty in the rank of **Captain** in April 1972.

I then joined the **Army Reserves** in June 1972, ending my Army career after 30 years commissioned service in June 1999. I had a federal service career from 1972-2004, the last 24 years with the Federal Emergency Management Agency doing disaster relief and emergency management work. I then worked for URS Corporation, a global engineering firm, from 2004-2012 in their Maryland office. Barbara and I lived in New Jersey and Maryland before moving to North Carolina. We now live in Trent Woods, NC.

I retired from full-time work in 2012. I am a life-time member of MOAA, American Legion, and VFW. I served as military co-chairman for the 2017 Purple Heart Dinner at the New Bern, Downtown Convention Center.

Legislative updates and links

<https://www.moaa.org/Content/Take-Action/Top-Issues/Currently-Serving/Here-s-Why-No-New-TRICARE-Fee-Increases-Are-Only-A-Small-Consolation.aspx>

<https://www.moaa.org/Content/Publications-and-Media/MOAA-Blog/Update-on-VA-Appeals-Modernization-Act.aspx>

<https://www.moaa.org/Content/Take-Action/Top-Issues/Currently-Serving/President-Touts-Bigger-VA-Budget,-Better-VA-Services.aspx>

2018 Healthcare Trends: Impacts On Military Beneficiaries

As we begin 2018, we take a look at the past few years to predict some of the trends we might see in the health care environment this year.

In 2016, health care comprised 17.9 percent of the nation's GDP (up from 17.7 percent in 2015). Consumers continue to bear more of the costs of their care, which are passed on to them from their employers. According to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, U.S. households finance a little over 28 percent of the costs of health care and the rise in these costs increased an average of 4.3 percent in 2016 over the prior year. (A continued good-news story for military beneficiaries is that the percentage of health care costs in DoD's budget has remained stable or even decreased.) Controlling costs will continue to be important, and organizations and health plans will manage this in a variety of ways.

Here are four trend areas that will shape health care in 2018:

Greater emphasis and reliance on technology: The use of various technologies will become even more pronounced as they become essential enablers in the expansion of access to care. The electronic health record (EHR) systems are proliferating in all practice environments. This will facilitate large amounts of health care data, "big data," to be aggregated for better patient management and population health management and will enable tracking of care of individuals and groups. With DoD and the VA agreeing to use the same EHR, called Genesis, they now will be able to track servicemembers health outcomes longitudinally over time.

The use of mobile technologies will expand rapidly. Both providers and consumers con-

tinue to find new uses for digital health technology, such as fitness trackers, heart monitors, diabetic sugar monitors, and smartphone applications. Clinical research supports that consumers can experience better outcomes when they can track results and are better informed about health.

Collaboration and convergence of different health care industry sectors and players: Companies and organizations within the industry are discovering they alone cannot address large challenges such as cost containment, the opioid crisis, medical crises arising from natural disasters, etcetera. These challenges are best addressed by forming collaborative partnerships, alliances, and, sometimes, large mergers and acquisitions. Eliminating redundancies, improving return on capital, and providing efficient services for consumers are key objectives. For example, consider what industry dynamics will change because of the recent merger of CVS Pharmacy and the large health care insurer Aetna.

Continued shift from volume to value: The goal in health care continues to be value over the volume of care. New models are being used and tested to provide better clinical outcomes for patients. There are increasing incentives under these new models; providers take on more risk, and with more risk and better outcomes come potentially higher payments. Couple the trend of value-based payments with improved clinical outcome transparency to others (competitors), and you could have some real game changers. DoD, in partnership with TRICARE contractors, has a few value-based pilot projects, and MOAA intends to follow these closely

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Rise of the consumer in health care: The market for health care will continue to become more competitive, which gives rise to the need for organizations, providers, and health plans to improve the patient experience. Again, mergers such as CVS and Aetna

will have a great chance at this by establishing a more retail convenience experience for customers. This aspect has grown in importance, as consumers have more access to and choice of health care than ever before. Making appointments and communicating with providers is becoming more commonplace through online and mobile platforms, including TRICARE Online and RelayHealth for military beneficiaries. All generations are using these mechanisms, and communication and education through these platforms is essential.

Organizations and health systems already are competing for patients and are learning patients are educated and knowledgeable. What patients value - and MOAA surveys confirm - is easy access, a pleasant experience, and quality health care at a price that reflects their service and sacrifice to the nation.

**From the 1st Vice President
John Murphy (252) 571-5710**

I am starting a standing membership committee and I am looking for volunteers. Our President *Iggi Husar* would like to see an increase of 5 % in membership this next year. I can not do this with out your support. Contact John Murphy at 1murfnc@gmail.com if interested. Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

NC COC Legislative Affairs

What's Happening?

REVIEW Process of Bill Lookup-up to Obtain Bill Status– READ HB103, H8813, SB153.

1. Getting into the North Carolina General Assembly website:
 - a. www.nc.gov
 - b. Branch of Government (LEGISLATIVE)
 - c. NC General Assembly
 - d. Legislation/Bills
 - e. Bill look-up by Bill #
2. Chambered Session Laws to date
 - a. HB57 NG Enact Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.
 - b. HB120 NG National Guard can purchase from CE
 - c. HB486 NG Education Assistance Changes
 - d. HB487 NG Employment Rights/Definitions
 - e. SB62 VAC/Strategic Plan
 - f. SB63 MAC/Strategic Plan
 - g. SB578 Veteran Owned Small Business Annual Report

Graham's Picks

- **HB103 Equal Tax Treatment of Government Retirees. House Finance. If favorable goes to Pensions and Retirees. (aka Bailey Reauthorization)**
- HB223 Disabled Veterans Plate for Motorcycles. Senate Rules and Operations.**
- HB483 Veterans Post Traumatic Stress Mitigating Factors companion bill B402 _____**
- HB489 Child Abuse & Neglect/Military Affiliation. House finance? Companion bill SB403 _____**
- **HB813 Veteran Retirement Income Tax Benefit. House Finance ? (Bailey Cousin)**
- HB894 Veterans Health Care? Youth Suicide Prevention. Senate Rules and Operations**
- HB914 Enhance Suicide Prevention Awareness & Services. House Appropriations**
- **SB153 Military Retiree State Income Tax Relief. Referred to House Finance**
- SB129 Track Outcomes of Veterans Programs. Re-refer to Commerce & Insurance. If Fav. To R&O**
- SB643 Establish Veterans Treatment Court. R&O**

Legislative Initiatives. The NC Council of Chapters Legislative Affairs Committee chairperson, **Jeri Graham**, has identified the top three bills in the state legislature that all chapter members should be aware of and should be advocating with their state House and Senate legislators. These bills are as follows:

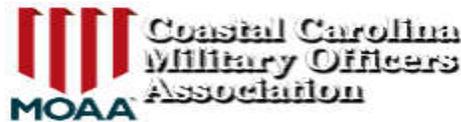
- HB103-Equal Tax Treatment of Government Retirees (aka reauthorization of Bailey amendment)**
- HB813-Veteran Income Tax Benefit (cousin to Bailey)**
- SB153-Military Retiree State Income Tax Relief**

14 April 2018

Save the Date — CCMOA Scholarship Charity Ride is planned for April 14th. We are going to start and stop at JJ Texas BBQ in Havelock. Registration is 11:00 and start time is 12:00.

Bring what you drive - Cars and Motorcycles are welcome.

Come out and enjoy a ride for charity Rain date : *28 April 2018*



Scholarship Poker Ride April 14, 2018

Come out and support our college scholarship program. The program provides scholarship monies to military and veteran dependents along with JrROTC students

Cars and motorcycles welcome



Start and Stop at JJ Texas BBQ 405 W Main St, Havelock, NC 28532

Registration starts 11 am. Kick Stands Up 12 am

riders \$20.00 passenger \$10.00

Best Hand / Worst Hand

Door Prizes and 50/50 raffle



visit our website for more information www.ccmoaa.org

Point of Contact

Keith Thompson - 252 378-4076

John Murphy - 252 571-5710



What You Can Do To Help Your Chapter

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

The Chapter has purchased 13 MOAA medal sets and 15 certificate holders to bring to totals on hand to 15 each. Any member wishing to make a donation for reimbursing our purchases, please contact Dan Walczak.

Pay for 15 extra meals for the scholarship dinner (recipient and 2 guests)

Purchase seven MOAA Leadership Medals.

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!!

Slate of Officers & Board of Directors

Officers

President: COL Ihor (Iggi) Husar USA (Ret.)

1st Vice President: Major John Murphy USMC (Ret.)

2d Vice President: COL Malcolm Roberts USA (Ret.)

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**Capt James Dargan USMC (Ret.)
Past President**

Capt Curtis Bare USMC (Ret.)

**Gail Bateman D/W Col John
Bateman USMC (Ret.)**

TRICARE Introduces Rx Pilot Program

TRICARE beneficiaries taking certain maintenance drugs for diabetes or high cholesterol are now paying lower or no copayments as part of a pilot program.

The Medication Adherence Pilot Program, launched on Feb. 1, will examine whether people are more likely to follow a medication treatment plan when those drugs are available at no-or-reduced cost. The program affects prescriptions purchased at in-network retail pharmacies and through the TRI-

CARE Pharmacy Home Delivery.

Two high-value medications were chosen for the pilot program: Lantus® Pens and Rosuvastatin, the generic version of Crestor®. Participation is automatic. The pilot program will run for up to five years.

For more details, see [this Military Advantage blog post](#). For guides on TRICARE programs, visit the [Military.com TRICARE section](#).

Welcome New Member

We Welcome **COL Timothy J. Mason USA (Ret.)** and his wife **Patti**. They reside in New Bern and we are very happy to have them.

Scholarship

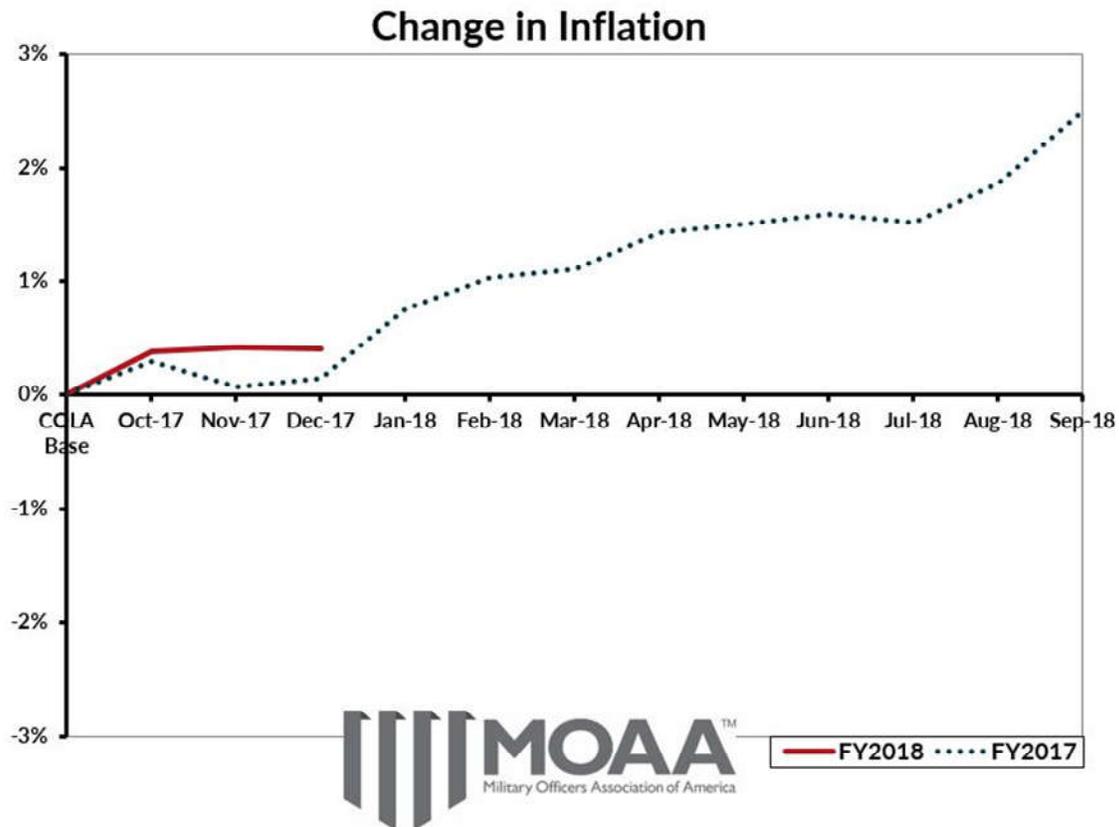


The State Council makes the decision which counties encompass CCMOA Chapter. As far back as anyone can remember, the Chapter has awarded five \$1,000 scholarships from member donations to family members of active and retired military personnel who are graduating seniors or students already attending college. Many recipients have been repeat winners. In 2013, the Chapter

began a Scholarship Raffle program to help raise funds for our scholarship program. Our scholarship recipients have attended a broad range of colleges and universities including East Carolina University, UNC-Wilmington, UNC-Chapel Hill, NC State University, Appalachian State University, Wake Forest University, Indiana University, St. Andrews University, Davidson College, UNC-Charlotte, UNC –Greensboro, Campbell University and Elon University.

COLA Watch

The December CPI is 240.526, 0.4 percent above the FY 2018 COLA baseline.
The CPI for January, 2018 is scheduled to be released on February 14th, 2018.



The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers from around the country for a market basket of consumer goods and services. The market basket includes the prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' dentists' services, drugs, and other things people buy for day-to-day living. Prices are collected from about 50,000 housing units and approximately 23,000 retail establishments - department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included the index. Prices of most goods and services are obtained by personal visits or telephone calls of the Bureau of Labor and Statistics' (BLS) trained representatives. Collectively, the CPI is also used to adjust annuities for other federal retirees, survivors, and Social Security recipients.

Junior ROTC

Annual recognition season is upon us. The Chapter has purchased 13 MOAA medal sets and 15 certificate holders to bring to totals on hand to 15 each. Any member wishing to make a donation for reimbursing our purchases, please contact Dan Walczak. I have made direct contact with the seven NJROTC programs in our Chapter area. It is my goal to have myself, John Murphy as JROTC Coordinator, Malcom Roberts, or a Board of Directors member make the MOAA medal presen-

tations at each high school's award ceremony. So far, I have confirmation that Pamlico High School will have their annual awards ceremony on April 18th at their school, starting 6pm. New Bern High School will have their annual awards ceremony banquet on May 24th at the New Bern Downtown Convention Center, at 6pm. Banquet ticket price is \$15.00 (limit 2 tickets per member). All members are invited to attend.

ROTC

David Lee, NC Council of Chapters President, has given me authorization in establishing our Chapter as a supporter of the ROTC program at East Carolina University (ECU) in Greenville. This is a first for our chapter. Accordingly, I have spoken with both the Army and Air Force ROTC unit leadership and acquainted them with MOAA and our Chapter.

Result: I have been invited to make MOAA ROTC medal presentations at the ECU annual joint awards ceremony on April 18th, starting at 3pm. Chapter members are welcome to witness the event. I also see our new relationship with ECU as an attractive target for recruiting new members.



TAPS



Robert R (Buck) Allen, Major USMC (Ret.), 80, of Havelock, died peacefully on Sunday, August 13, 2017 at home, after an extended illness, surrounded by family members. **Major Allen** spent 22 years in the Marine Corps, a veteran of the Vietnam conflict. As a pilot, he flew many models, the C-130 being the most loved. Many duty stations were seen throughout his career, the most interesting by far being two tours on the continent of Antarctica.

Installation of Officers and Board Directors



You are cordially invited to our **March Dinner Meeting**
On
Thursday, 15 March 2018
At

The *Emerald*
5000 Clubhouse Drive
New Bern, NC 28562
(252) 633-4440

Attire for this event: Evening attire

Social Hour (No Host Bar) at 1730-1830

Dinner Served at 1830

Dinner Menu

Please select one:

Chateaubriand, Red Skin Mashed Potatoes, Asparagus with Hollandaise Sauce.

Or

Salmon, Couscous, Asparagus with Hollandaise Sauce

Desert

Chocolate Lava Cake

Cost is \$26.00 per person. All Taxes & Gratuities Included;

Reservations for this event are requested by Friday, 9 March 2018

Contact **COL Malcolm Roberts** with cancellations NLT 48 hours prior to 15 March 2018

(252) 250-7841

mroberts65@gmail.com

Name(s) of members and guests _____

Telephone No. _____

E-Mail Address _____

Check enclosed for _____ (\$26.00 per person). Make checks payable to CC/MOA.

Mail to: COL Malcolm Roberts
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New Bern, NC 28562
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*A 4 Star Level of Excellence
Chapter for 2012, 2013,
2014, 2015, 2016*

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2018

Date	Event	Location
15 March	Chapter Dinner	The Emerald, Greenbriar Golf Club
14 April	CCMOA Scholarship Charity Ride	Start at Texas BBQ in Havelock
18 April	Pamlico High School JROTC Event	Pamlico High School, Bayboro, NC
18 April	East Carolina University ROTC Event	ECU, Greenville, NC
4-6 May	MCAS Air Show	MCAS Cherry Point, NC
17 May	Scholarship Dinner	TBD
24 May	New Bern High School JROTC Event	New Bern Downtown Convention Center
31 May	Memorial Day Ceremony	New Bern National Cemetery
15-16 June	NC Council of Chapters Meeting	Charlotte, NC
July	Dinner Cruise (Tentative)	Leaving Beaufort, NC. Bus departing from New Bern Convention Center
7-8 September	Regional MOAA Meeting	Columbia, SC
13 September	Fall Dinner	TBD
19-20 October	NC Council of Chapters Meeting	Wilmington, NC
10 November	Veterans Day Parade	Morehead City, NC
6 December	Toys for Tots Luncheon	TBD
15 December	Wreaths Across America Ceremony	New Bern National Cemetery