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



Greetings!
This will be my last address to you as our Chapter President. **Col Iggi-Husar** has graciously agreed to step up as the new President if approved by the membership. Care of my 89 year-old Mother in Wisconsin will take most of my time in the near future. As the immediate past president I will remain an active member of the Board of Directors.

Please review the slate of Officers/Board members included in this newsletter as you will be asked to vote on approval of the slate at the December 15th Toys for Tots luncheon. Please plan on attending the luncheon at the Taberna Golf and Country Club. There will be a soup and sandwich line as well as a salad and fresh fruit similar to last year. Remember to bring your Toy gift and place it under the Christmas tree, not in the Toys for Tots box by the

door.

LtCol Keith Thompson and **Major John Murphy** will co-chair a motorcycle/classic car Poker Run to benefit our scholarship fund. Motorcycle and classic car enthusiasts please stay tuned for more information in an upcoming newsletter.

Our chapter has partnered with other local military organizations to cover our local National Cemetery with Wreaths on December 16th. To date our chapter has raised funds to sponsor 76 wreaths. This program is known as Wreaths Across America. Our own **COL Malcolm Roberts USA (Ret.)** will be the Chaplain for the Dec 16th ceremony. Please come out and attend this moving ceremony and stay to assist placing over 2500 wreaths on the gravesites. The latest date to donate is Nov 22. You may contact either **Maj Dan Walczak** or myself at 252-637-6378 for sponsor forms at **\$15/wreath**.

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Costs are rising for hard copy mailings of the newsletter. Some of them of the newsletter to call our Auxiliary Liaison **LTC Mary Roberts USA** at 637-3998 if you need to receive a hard copy. If you have been getting returned to our mailbox after the cost of assembly and mailing. I would ask everyone who receives a hard copy are comfortable with e-mail and would like to receive an electronic newsletter let Mary know that as well. If you prefer a hard copy we may partner you with another member who lives close to you who could print off an extra newsletter and

drop it by your home instead of paying a third party to copy, collate and mail the hard copy newsletter.

It has been my distinct pleasure to serve you these past six years as your President. I know you will give the in-coming Officers and Board members your support. I will continue on the Board as the immediate Past President. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and remember or to complete your RSVP form the December luncheon.

2018 Slate of Officers

Officers

*President:	COL Iggi Husar USA (Ret)
1 st Vice President:	Major John Murphy USMC (Ret)
*2 nd Vice President:	COL Malcolm Roberts USA (Ret)
*Treasurer:	Maj Dan Walczak USMC (Ret)
Secretary:	Mrs. Dee Culler

Board Members

- *CAPT Marie Senzig USN (Ret)
- *Col Mike Kennedy USMC (Ret)
- *LtCol Keith Thompson USMC (Ret)
- *Capt James Dargan USMC (Ret)
- Capt Curtis Bare USMC (Ret.)
- Mrs. Gail Bateman

* Denotes vote required for initial election or re-election

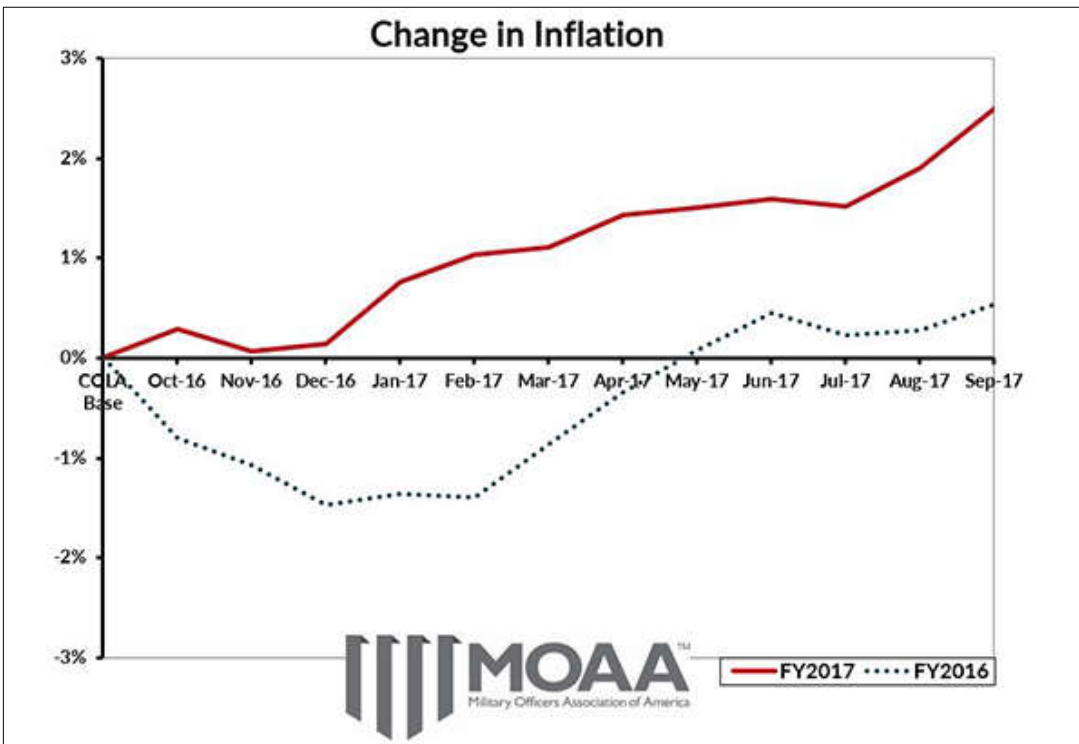
COLA

The September CPI is 240.939, 2.5 percent above the FY 2016 COLA baseline.

The CPI for October 2017, the first month of the fiscal year, is scheduled to be released on November 15, 2017.

The number that matters most for you: 2.0 percent. Our prediction of 1.8 percent fell just short because of an unexpected sharp rise in oil prices in September.

That is the final COLA for the 2017 fiscal year, meaning retired pay will be increased by 2 percent starting in January of 2018. In other words, you will see a \$20 increase for every \$1000 of retired pay received. The final COLA is determined by comparing the average CPI of the final three months of the fiscal year to the same quarter of the prior year.



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 in 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.

Photos



Our Guest Speaker was Jeff Futrell, He is the Veteran Services Director for Craven County. He was hired in May of 2016 to serve the more than 20,000 veterans and dependents of this county. Jeff served 8 years in the US Navy as a Parachute Rigger.

CCMOA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

On 15 November 2017, renewal notices were mailed to twenty-seven (27) CCMOA members whose dues will expire in December. Dues must be paid by 15 January 2018 to remain a member in good standing. Annual dues are \$25. Three (\$51) and five (\$80) year renewal options are available and members are encouraged to take advantage of the savings offered by renewing for multiple years. This will not only save YOU money but it will also reduce certain printing and mailing costs incurred by the Chapter. Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated since we are required to send an updated roster to MOAA National and to pay annual dues to the Council of Chapters based on the number of members in good standing in CCMOA.

You may include your donation to our annual scholarship fund drive with your dues. It is not necessary to write a separate check for your dues and your donation. Our goal again is to raise \$5,000 to award five (5) scholarships to eligible students in May 2018. If you have any questions concerning the renewal process; the multi-year renewal options; or the expiration of your dues, please call me at (252) 288-5541 or email danimal@suddenlink.net.

Dan Walczak
Treasurer, CCMOA

Status of Bills After 8 May 2017

H 2	Provides Certain Property Tax Relief	Passed House; Referred to Committee
H 11	Handicap Parking Priv. Certification	Passed House; Referred to Committee
H 57	Enact PT Licensure Compact	Signed by Governor 6/8/17
H103	Equal Tax Treatment of Government Retirees	House-Referred to Committee on Finance and Personnel
H120	NG Can Purchase From Correction Enterprises	Signed by Governor 7/21/17
H 223	Disabled Veteran Plate for Motorcycles	Passed House; Referred to Committee on Appropriations 3/21/17
H247	Limit Soldiers' Community College Tuition	House-Referred to Committee on Finance and Personnel
H 300	Partially Disabled Veteran/Free Plate	House-Referred to Committee on Appropriations
H326	Military College Plates Reduce Application	House-Referred to Committee on Appropriations
H483	Vet Posttraumatic Stress/Mitigation Factor	Passed House; Senate-Referred to Rules and Operations Committee 4/26/17
H 484	Servicemembers Civil Relief Act	House-Referred to Committee on Judiciary 4/27/17
H 485	UNC & CC Credit/National GD on SAD	Passed House; Senate-Referred to Education/Higher Education, then to Senate Committee on Rules and Operations 5/22/17
H 486	National Dd. Tuition Assistance Program	Signed by Governor 7/21/17
H 487	National Guard Reemployment Rights/Definitions	Signed by Governor 7/21/17
H 488	Early Rental Termination by Military Members	House-Referred to Committee on Transportation 3/23/17
H 489	Child Abuse & Neglect /Military Affiliation	Passed House; Senate-referred to Committee on Rules and Operations 4/27/17
S 8	Ease Occ. Lic. Burdens on Military Families	Signed by Governor 7/12/17
S 12	Veterans Memorial Funds	Senate-Referred to Appropriations/Budget. If favorable, referred to Rules and Operations Committee 2/2/17
S 62	VA Commission Strategic Plan	Signed by Governor 6/8/17
S 63	MA Commission Strategic Plan	Signed by Governor 6/28/17
S 64	Veterans History Awareness Month	Signed by Governor 6/28/17
S 125	Children of Wartime Vets Modifications	Passed by Senate 3/22/17; House-Referred to Committee on Rules 6/21/17
S 130	Provide Funding/NC MilBusCenter	Senate-Referred to Appropriations/Budget. If favorable, referred to Rules and Operations Committee 2/2/17
S 153	Military State Income Tax Relief	Passed by Senate 6/28/17; House-Referred to Committee on Finance 6/28/17
S 578	Veteran-Owned Small Business/Annual Report	Signed by Governor 6/30/17

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Bills Under Going Continued Processing

H 66	Veterans Plates/Vehicle Weight Restrictions	House-Referred to Committee on Transportation. If favorable, refer to Committee on Finance
H 118	Army Special Forces Registration Plate	Passed by House 6/15/17; Senate-Referred to Rules and Operations Committee
H 180	Nat. Guard Reemployment Rights Arbitration	House-Referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Military and Military Affairs
S 106	Nat. Guard Reemployment Rights Arbitration	Senate-Referred to Judiciary 2/22/17. If favorable, refer to Rules and Operations Committee
S 129	Track Outcomes of Veterans Programs	Senate-Referre3d to Insurance Committee. If favorable, refer to Rules and Operations Committee
S 643	Establish Veterans Treatment Court for 4th and 8th Judicial District	Senate-Refer to Committee on Rules and Operations 4/5/17
S 526	National Guard/Adjutant General's Staff	Senate-Refer to Committee on Rules and Operations 3/30/17

Toys for Tots Luncheon



TABERNA
COUNTRY CLUB

You are cordially invited to our **Toys for Tots Luncheon** at the
 Taberna Country Club, New Bern, NC
Friday, 15 December 2017.
Attire for this event: Causal

Social Hour (No alcohol permitted) at 1100

Dinner Served at 1130

Soup and Deli Buffet

Chef Made Soup, Tossed Salad with Dressing, Fresh Fruit Bowl, BLT Wraps, Turkey & Cranberry Sandwiches, Mini Chicken Salad Wraps, Taberna Chips and Dips, Chocolate Chip Cookies and Iced Tea, (Sweet and Unsweet), Water & Coffee

Cost is \$15.00 per person. All Taxes & Gratuities Included;

Reservations for this event are requested by Friday, 15 September.

Contact **COL Iggi Husar** with cancellations NLT 48 hours prior to 15 December 2017

(252) 676-0088

iggihusar@outlook.com

Name(s) of members and guests _____

Telephone No. _____

E-Mail Address _____

Check enclosed for _____ (\$15.00 per person). Make checks payable to CC/MOA.

Mail to: COL Iggi Husar
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Trent Woods Dr. 28562

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Uniform</u>
December 15, 2017	1200	Toys for Tots Luncheon Taberna Golf and Country Club	Festive