

**WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER  
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, Inc.  
Fall 2012/November**

**President's Corner**

Fall has arrived! The leaves are a picture and we look forward to this change of seasons. The Farmer's Almanac forecasts a cold and snowy winter ahead...so we must enjoy this beautiful season now in our midst!

We had the pleasure of hosting the North Carolina Council of Chapter's meeting here in August. The Board thanks all who had a hand in the preparation and execution of the Council meeting. Our Friday evening barbeque dinner was topped only by the program presented by Joe and Cecil Clemons. What a fantastic team they are as we all enjoyed their memories of "Pork Chop Hill" in both Korea and Hollywood.

Are we in the middle of a political season or what? It seems to me we have had enough 30 second sound bites to last a lifetime. But on a serious side there are issues ahead in Washington that impact each and every one of us. The MOAA positions on these many topics are spelled out in the MOAA magazine. Our own Legislative Affairs Board member, Larry Wilson, has done the "grunt" work for each of us. Larry has spent untold hours arranging for and meeting with those who are running for Congress from our districts. In most cases Larry has had to present the MOAA position and frankly

and frankly educate the nominees about military life and how it differs from the civilian career field. Thanks Larry for a job well done. His report is included in this letter. Remember, it's our turn on the first Tuesday in November. Let's make our votes count!

Our quarterly general membership meetings this past year have featured Chapter members as speakers. We have had presentations from veterans about Desert Storm (Maj. Diana Stumpf), WW II (Lt Ted Logan), and Korea (Col Joe Clemons). We will conclude this series at our November 10 meeting, with a presentation by Col. Hoot Livingston titled "Operation Rip Cord," the final infantry battle in Vietnam.

Meanwhile our Chapter work continues on.

The JROTC program is up again for the coming school year. We actively support 17 JROTC programs in the development of our future military leaders.

We always need help with our MOAA Medal presentations. If you are interested please call our 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Gene Frame at 828-808-3210.

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## President's Corner (Cont'd)

We always need help with our VA Community Living Center Breakfasts. The next breakfast is scheduled for Wednesday Nov14. Contact John Knapp our 1<sup>st</sup> VP at 828-702-3317, if you wish to help. Our chapter was recognized, in the September issue of the MOAA magazine, for this good work at the VA CLC.

A special thanks to our Chapter members residing at the Deerfield Retirement Community in Asheville. Bev and I were guests at their first WNC MOAA meeting for a delightful dinner on Sept 27. The dinner was arranged by Marlene Varner and Clint Smoke with 30 residents attending. A photo of the group is in this letter.

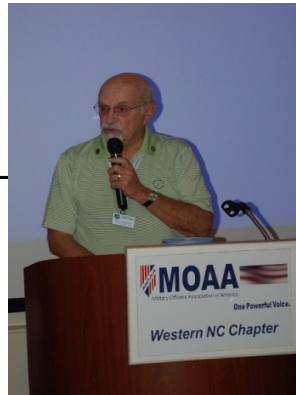
Enjoy the season and I will see you all at the November 10 meeting.

God Bless you all!

Don Jackman

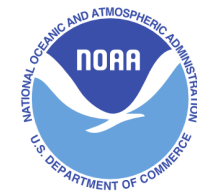


Col Joe Clemons, USA (Ret.)  
speaks about Pork Chop Hill



Don Jackman, WNC MOAA  
President

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## Air Force Prepares for Third X-37B Mission

Col Ken Hadeen USAF-Ret.



The Air Force has begun launch preparations at Cape Canaveral AFS, Fla., for the next orbital mission of an X-37B reusable spaceplane, service spokeswoman Maj. Tracy Bunko told the *Daily Report* on Sept. 26. This will be the third mission overall for the two-ship X-37 fleet and the second space trip for the first X-37 vehicle, which returned to Earth in December 2010 [after spending 224 days on orbit](#) during its maiden voyage. The second X-37 spaceplane [completed its inaugural orbital voyage](#) on June 16 after 469 days in space.

Service officials have not disclosed the exact nature of the experimental spaceplane's orbital activities or what payload it carried into space in its internal bay. They'd only say they performed risk-reduction tasks and experimentation with OTV-2's technologies, such as its thermal protection and solar power systems.

Bunko said the upcoming mission's focus "remains on testing vehicle capabilities and proving the utility and cost effectiveness of a reusable spacecraft." Both previous X-37 missions concluded with landings at Vandenberg AFB, Calif. But Bunko noted that the Air Force is "investigating the possibility of using the former [space] shuttle infrastructure" for X-37 landing operations. This means potentially utilizing the Kennedy Space Center in Florida for landings, [reports Wired Magazine's Danger Room blog](#).

## End of Year Legal Review, aka: Get Your Legal Ducks in a Row

By CPT Micky Parnell USA-Ret., Legal Affairs Officer

With the end of the year rapidly approaching, this is a great time to make sure all your legal documents are accurate and up-to-date.

First of all, review your legal documents. Have you gone through any life changes, such as divorce, death of a spouse? Make sure your will still reflects your wishes. Are your assets correctly listed - account numbers, brokerage firms, bank names? Are all the beneficiaries still alive? Do you still want them to inherit? Are the gifts correctly listed? If the answer to any of the questions is no, you should see your lawyer to draw up a codicil or new will. If you are happy with your will, it is a good idea to file the will with your local courthouse. You will need two witnesses and identification (for notarization) to file. No unauthorized changes can be made and the will cannot be misplaced if it is correctly filed. Make sure to give a copy of the will to your executor, alternate executor, and any trustees. Do Not Put Your Funeral Wishes in your will, it won't be probated until long after your body is gone!

Review any Powers of Attorney or living will you have. If you do not have a living will, I strongly recommend you get one if you want to have a voice in your medical care or end of life decisions. There is no guarantee that you will be cognizant at the time these decisions have to be made. Give a copy of your living will to your hospital and your primary physicians.

Secondly, prepare yourself for tax season. Get all your documents together. Make any charitable gifts before 31 December in order to take the tax deduction. You can also make tax-free gifts to loved ones (up to \$13,000.00 per person per annum) as a way to reduce your estate. Any estate larger than \$5,000,000.00 must file an estate tax return and may have to pay taxes.

Third, review all insurance policies, and make any adjustments in coverage amounts, deductibles, and beneficiaries.

## **WNC MOAA Member Appointed to the North Carolina Advisory Commission on Military Affairs**

Colonel Spence Campbell, US Army (Ret.), was recently appointed by Mr. Thom Tillis, Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives to a one year term on the NC Advisory Commission on Military Affairs. The Commission was created by General Statute in 2002 "...to advise the Governor and Secretary of Commerce on protecting the existing military infrastructure in this State and to promote new military missions and economic opportunities for the State and its citizens."

The Commission's Executive Committee has 21 voting members appointed by the Speaker (3, with one being a member of a recognized veteran's organization), the President Pro Tempore of the Senate (3, same caveat) and fifteen by the Governor. Ex officio members include senior representatives of all major military commands and selected civilian agencies, located in North Carolina, including the president of the NCMOAA Council of Chapters.

The Commission's responsibilities include:

- (1) Advising the Governor and Secretary of Commerce on ways to strengthen the State's relationship with the military , with a goal of protecting installations from future budget cuts or military downsizing by providing a sound infrastructure, affordable housing, and education for military members and their families.
- (2) Developing a strategic plan to provide initiatives to support the long-term viability and prosperity of the military in this State.
- (3) Studying ways to improve educational opportunities for military personnel in North Carolina.
- (4) Assisting in coordinating the State's interests in future DOD activities.

### **The First Company of Gray Eagles Deploys to Afghanistan**

#### **Colonel Ken Hadeen, USAF-Ret.**

The first full company of 12 MQ-1C Gray Eagle remotely piloted aircraft, the Army's derivative of the Air Force's Predator RPA, is in Afghanistan, announced manufacturer Global Atomics Aeronautical Systems. The Gray Eagle is designed for long-endurance surveillance, relaying communications, and striking ground targets. It has double the weapons capacity of the Predator, according to General Atomics Aeronautical Systems. To date, the company has delivered 61 Gray Eagles to the Army, with another 44 on order. Prior to this deployment, the Army sent two groups of four MQ-1Cs each to Afghanistan under quick-reaction-capability initiatives to get this technology into the hands of soldiers more quickly, states the company's June 25 release



**WNC MOAA November General Membership Meeting**

**Saturday, November 10, 2012**

**Hendersonville Country Club**

**11am Social**

**12pm Luncheon and Program**

One of our former chapter presidents, Colonel Otis "Hoot" Livingston, will present the program at our membership meeting on 10 November 2012. He will speak to us about the last major US Infantry battle in Vietnam - the Battle of Fire Support Base Ripcord. Hoot commanded the 2d Battalion, 501st Infantry of the famed 101st Airborne Division during the battle. He will bring to us a first-hand account of the valor and courageous leadership shown by the American soldiers who participated in the last great battle of the Vietnam War.

**Colonel Otis "Hoot" Livingston**

Colonel Hoot Livingston is a 1952 Clemson graduate who was awarded a commission in the Regular Army. He served in the 7th Infantry Division during the Korean War. After his return to the US he served as a Ranger instructor at Ft. Benning and was later assigned to the 82d Airborne Division. After some time at the Pentagon, he went to Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division, where he became the CO, 2d Battalion, 501st Infantry. His awards include the Silver Star, two Legions of Merit, two Bronze Stars for Valor, six Air Medals and two awards of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, among other awards. He also has two awards of the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Ranger Tab and the Senior Parachutists Badge. He is a long-time member of WNC MOAA and serves on the Board of Directors.

**Menu for MOAA luncheon 11/10/12**

Beef Stroganoff with Poppy Seed Noodles

Fettuccini and Shrimp Alfredo

Green Beans Almandine

Ratatouille

Braised Cabbage

Garden Salad Bowl and Dressings

Tomato and Artichoke Salad

Ambrosia

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**Treasurer's 2d Quarter Summary**

<b>Income</b>	<b>\$4,762.35</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,167.91</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$8,254.71</b>

**OSD Website for ID-Card Appointments**

(allows you to make an appointment just about  
anywhere in CONUS or overseas.)

**<https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/>**



## Legislative Update Summary

LTC Larry Wilson, USA (Ret.)

Another election cycle is upon us with one major difference, WNCMOAA now includes US congressional districts 10 and 11. During the past six weeks I have met with all four of the candidates and discussed our issues at length. All of the candidates were attentive and more than willing to listen to our positions. I was very pleased that all the candidates gave an abundance of time from their busy schedules to meet with me. I am happy to report that all of the candidates support both the Active and Retired Military! Some of the high points of each issue are as follows. MEDICARE, along with TRICARE fulfills the promises made to service personnel in providing medical care for both the retiree and his/her spouse. If MEDICARE payments are lowered it will become difficult if not impossible to find a doctor who will take it. Increases in TRICARE fees also violates that promise and are essentially a cut in retirement pay. I pointed out the SBP-DIC issue is penalizing the military retiree in that SBP is essentially a type of term insurance that is paid for monthly while the VA payments are for service connected death and are in no way related. Sequestration cuts would be devastating to the U.S. military and severely jeopardize our national security, but it is the troops who would suffer the most. There is no doubt that all candidates support the MOAA positions and our active and retired military and their families. Please call me if you would like to discuss the specific comments of any candidate on any military-related issues. (Note: LTC Wilson's complete report can be found at the WNC MOAA website legislative section.)

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### Dues Renewal

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ National MOAA # \_\_\_\_\_

Member and Spouse \$25, Auxiliary (surviving Spouse) \$5 Check payable to: **WNC MOAA**

I would also like to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the program below:

\_\_\_\_\_ ABCCM Veteran's Restoration Quarters

\_\_\_\_\_ JROTC Miscellaneous

\_\_\_\_\_ Cyrus E. Anderson JROTC Scholarship

\_\_\_\_\_ General operating fund

\_\_\_\_\_ Quarterly VA Hospital Community Living Center Breakfast in Honor of Col Kat Spencer

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**General Chapter Meeting Registration Form**

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Hendersonville, NC 28793

**DEADLINE: Payment must be received NLT: *Monday, November 5, 2012***

Make Checks payable to: WNC MOAA

I/We plan on attending the WNC MOAA General Chapter Meeting on November 10, 2012

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \_\_\_\_ meal (s) At ***\$20 per person.***

I plan on bringing a guest: Y/N: If Yes: Name: \_\_\_\_\_