



**WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, Inc.
Spring 2013/May**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is a glorious time in the mountains of western North Carolina. Trees budding, flowers blooming and finally warm weather. The turn of the season also brings the Chapter to a turn of events. Several important issues are ahead for our consideration and support.

First on the agenda is our support of MOAA's Chapter recruiting effort. MOAA has placed the emphasis on Chapter recruiting squarely with us. We have been provided a potential list of Chapter candidates from which to recruit. With this list and your help we will be able to maintain our membership roles. We ask you to invite friends who have been commissioned officers, but are not MOAA or Chapter members, to join us. We are actively engaged in helping veterans rebuild their lives and supporting veterans in the North Carolina Veterans Home in Swannanoa.

Secondly, this fall we elect a new Chapter member to the Board of Directors as well as fill vacancies for USMC, USN and At Large Representatives. Additional vacancies are Newsletter Editor and Legislative Affairs. The Nominating Committee will begin their search shortly to fill these billets, but before that happens are YOU interested in stepping forward to take on one of these positions? Contact me if you would be interested in serving. The pay

Is not great but look at the fun you'll have!

We are fortunate to have author Bill Forstchen back with us as our speaker for the meeting on May 18. Bill and Newt Gingrich have co-authored a series of military history books on the Revolutionary War. They have recently published "Victory at Yorktown," which is the last in this historic series. Bill is both an interesting and dynamic speaker who is able to bring history to us in "Living Color."

Enjoy the warm weather and hope to see you at the May 18 meeting.

God Bless you all! Don



President Don In Action

February 2013 Meeting



Mike Murdoch, Henderson County Veteran Services Officer, presented a very informative program explaining the services available to all who have served. He can be reached at 828-697-4817.

Appointments are recommended. More info is available at:

<http://www.hendersoncountync.org/depts/veterans.html>

At right, 1st VP John Knapp thanks our speaker.

Dues are Due Again

Bob Smith, Secretary

Our chapter by-laws specify that dues are due and payable Jan 1st and are past due after 60 days. A member may be dropped from the rolls by the Board after notification. Failure to pay on time has created a lot of work for the board to track down and repeatedly remind members of this. Above your name on the newsletter mailing label, or on a list with your electronic transmittal of the newsletter, you will find a "Dues paid thru year" listed. Over 50 of our 218 members are now past due. Also we are including your National membership number as we have it. If it is not what your card or "Military Officer" magazine label indicates please let me know. The emphasis from National is chapter growth and retention. We would like to retain all members for your benefit and the chapter's, the greater our numbers the louder our voice and more good we can accomplish.

TAPS: See website for links to obituaries

Apr 8, 2013: Anne "Mickey" Gokey, wife of Web Gokey, Columbus

Apr 6, 2013: Dagmar Sherrard AUX member, widow of Jacob Sherrard Asheville

Feb 28, 2013: Joy Blazey, wife of BG Frank Blazey, Hendersonville

January 31, 2013: LCDR William R. Sechler, Jr., USN-Ret.; Age 74; Survived by his wife, Joanna, Charlotte

January 20, 2013: Lt. Col. Clarence "Jake" Jacoby, USAF-Ret.; Age 88; Hendersonville

January 16, 2013: Lt. Col. Howard Gordon Lightfoot, USAF-Ret.; Age 89; Survived by 2 sons, 2 daughters and 3 sisters; Hendersonville.

Credit Card Fraud

Maj Mickey Parnell USA Ret. Legal Affairs Officer, WNCMOAA

Credit card fraud is growing so rapidly that it is absolutely certain that some of you reading this article will be victimized by it. Credit card fraud increased 87% from 2010 to now. Credit card fraud has become very sophisticated. Although physical theft of the card is still very popular, there are so many ways to get your credit card information that you have to be very vigilant. Some of the more popular ways to get your information include: dumpster diving-getting the information from receipts thrown in the garbage; giving information to fraudulent websites or telephone conversations; skimming your number at legitimate ATMs; reading your card while it is in your wallet; and wholesale hacking of business sites, i.e. Global Payments.

Although no one in the modern world can eliminate the risks altogether, there are ways to minimize your exposure to risk. First and foremost, keep physical track of your card. Know where it is at all times. Keep it in front of you while shopping. If your card is swiped more than once at a business, make inquiries as to why it was necessary. Verify the legitimacy of any website before you give them your credit card information. A good way to protect yourself online is to use pre-paid credit cards to purchase items (I personally use this method). Do not take multiple cards with you when you leave your house - it is so much easier to keep track of one card. Be careful about where you are giving your information out, you don't really need the whole world hearing your credit card number.

Since many forms of credit card fraud do not necessarily involve physical theft of your card, you really need to check your statement against your credit card receipts every month. If you find an unauthorized charge notify your credit card company immediately. Check your annual credit reports, and once again, if there is a discrepancy, notify the credit agency, who will in turn notify your company. Some credit card providers offer credit card fraud detection services if there are discrepancies in the patterns of your charges. USAA notifies customers within hours if there is a problem.

A final but simple precaution is to purchase a good cross shredder (it is harder for a thief to reassemble something that is cross-shredded) and use it to destroy old credit cards, receipts, etc.

If in spite of all precautions, you are the victim of credit card theft, you notify the appropriate institution within 24 hours of becoming aware of the fraud, you are liable for a maximum of \$50.00. If your credit number is stolen, and you make the appropriate notification, you are not liable for anything.

LTC Augur-this is for you!



The Vietnam Traveling Wall in Marion

First Indian C-17 Delivered for Flight Testing: Boeing this week delivered the first of 10 C-17s slated for the Indian Air Force to Edwards AFB, Calif., for flight testing, [announced](#) the company. Members of Edwards' 418th Flight Test Squadron will now conduct several months of routine flight testing and inspections of the airplane, which arrived on Jan. 22, said base officials in a separate release on Jan. 24. The Indian government asked for an independent evaluation of its C-17s to ensure it is getting the most out of them, states the Edwards release. "This is the first foreign military sale C-17 tested" by the squadron, said Shelly Huie, project manager for the 412th Test Wing's integrated test team. India signed an agreement with the United States in June 2011 [to acquire the 10 C-17s](#). Boeing said it is on track to deliver four more of them this year and then five in 2014. (Edwards [report](#) by Jet Fabara)

Two Air Force F22 Raptors have arrived in South Korea in the latest U.S. show of force aimed at muting the attack threats from North Korea and defusing rising tensions along the DMZ, Defense Department officials said Monday.

The two stealthy fighters, billed by the Air Force as the most advanced warplanes ever built, flew from the 94th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron at the Kadena airbase on Okinawa to the U.S. airbase at Osan Korea over the weekend, the officials said. The Raptors will remain at Osan, about 40 miles south of Seoul, for the rest of April as part of the Operation Foal Eagle joint exercises with the South Korean military.

WANTED

***VOLUNTEERS TO MARCH IN THE
2013 PATRIOTS SALUTE
TO VETERANS PARADE***
(Marching route—one-half mile long.)

**BEGINS AT 9:30 AM, 11NOV 2013 COLUMBUS, NC
WE INVITE-----**

All veterans, veteran organizations, patriotic civic groups and clubs, churches, high school and military bands and color guards, boy and girl scout troops, and military organizations.

Only requirements: patriotism and dignity.

If interested, call Bill at 828-859-9240

PERSONAL PLANNING GUIDE---WILL YOU BE READY?

Col Ken Hadeen, USAF-Ret., Personal Affairs Officer, WNCMOAA

Have you made plans for the day when you or your loved one is called to the next life? Have you had discussions with loved ones on who to contact, where your remains should be laid to rest and where appropriate papers, plans, wills, deeds, etc are located? Now is the time to take care of these important activities!!

ID Cards. Personnel at the National Guard Armory in Asheville provide services to Retired Military, Spouses, and dependents needing to renew their ID cards. You must call for an appointment (828) 271-5011. They are open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. The address is: 100 Minuteman Lane which is past the Baptist Home on Richmond Hill Drive, Asheville, NC.

North Carolina Veteran's Nursing Home

MAJ Bob Smith, USA-Ret, Secretary

The Board of Directors has approved support of the recently opened Nursing Home in Black Mountain. It is located a couple of miles west of the NC Veterans' Cemetery off Old US 70. This state of the art facility is beautiful and the staff is top notch. Don and I toured there following the Black Mountain Satellite meeting where the program was presented by Ms Tonia Holderman, Director of Admissions and Community Outreach. We are still investigating what our support will be but preliminary thoughts are to work with several businesses to provide some grills and picnic tables. We would like to set up some cookouts and "ice cream socials" where we could serve and sponsor or co-sponsor with one of the businesses. This would be an opportunity for face to face support to these Veterans like the cancelled breakfasts at the VA Hospital CLC. Another way we can support is by book donations for their libraries and soft drink and snack donations for their "pub", dayroom. More info can be found at: <http://www.ncveterans.com/stateveteranshomes.aspx>

Hearing Aid Information

Courtesy of CAPT Hank Wake USN-Ret. Tarheel Central Chapter Winston-Salem

Below is the link to the site for the Military Audiology Association. The link takes you straight to the page dealing with the program for retirees. It lists all the military installations that currently participate in the program. There are several in North/South Carolina. I have personally taken advantage of this program with the hospital at Fort Jackson and can tell you that it has saved me thousands of dollars. The cost savings is dependent on each individual's need and desires. 'm sure this info will be of interest to several of you. Website: [http:// www.militaryaudiology.org/rachap/state.html](http://www.militaryaudiology.org/rachap/state.html) You may contact the RACHAP/RHAPP Site at Ft Bragg, NC by calling 910-907-6751 or the one at Ft Jackson (near Columbia), SC by calling 803-751-6039. Oh, and RACHAP/ RHAPP stands for "Retiree At Cost Hearing Aid Program/Retiree Hearing Aid Purchase Program." My last hearing aids cost \$916.00 At Fort Jackson (Nov. 2013) vs. if bought outside would have cost over \$8,000.00.

May 18 Meeting Information

Menu for May 18 WNC MOAA Luncheon

Fried Flounder	Old Fashioned Potato Salad
Breast of Chicken Parmesan w/Linguini	Tomato & Green Been Salad
Saffron Rice Pilaf	Carrot & Raisin Salad
Broccoli au Gratin	Assorted Desserts
Cauliflower au Gratin	

Speaker: Dr. Bill Forstchen

Dr. Forstchen is a full Professor of History and Faculty Fellow at Montreat College NC. He has collaborated on several series of historical books with former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich. They have had several books released since he last spoke to the chapter November 2010. Every time we have been lucky enough to hear one of his presentations there have been rave reviews. Dr Forstchen is well versed in many areas and is a spell-binding speaker. Not only is he an award winning author and professor he is co-owner of a WWII vintage Liaison aircraft he flies routinely. He has been invited to bring books for a book signing.



Lt. Col. Bob Augur Honored by Civil Air Patrol

The Civil Air Patrol honored a pilot who earned his wings a long time ago. They renamed their flight operations center at Asheville Regional Airport for Lieutenant Colonel Robert Augur. Colonel Augur flew three different types of bombers during World War II, and he's a big supporter of the local CAP Composite Squadron. He was very surprised to find out the new facility has been named in his honor. He says for him, the military life was the only way to fly. Lt. Col. Robert Augur (Ret), U.S. Army Air Corps, "this is the best life that you can have. You stand up and look in the mirror and say, "I'm damned proud of what I did." The Civil Air Patrol is still working on its new facility at Asheville Regional. (WLOS TV story and picture) http://www.wlos.com/shared/news/features/top-stories/stories/wmya_airport-building-dedication-11216.shtml

Kudos to our "energizer Bunny" recruiter. Well deserved honor!

From the Chaplain

Chaplain (Colonel) Robert E. Lair, Jr., USA Ret.

In 1942 a little book of devotions was published for armed service personnel. It contained brief devotions and prayers for every day of the year. The writers represented many religious denominations. The book was entitled *Strength for Service for God and Country*.

One of the daily prayers simply says:

God, I do not ask for courage for the whole of life, but rather for the courage to live a moment at a time. And that moment for Thee. For Christ's sake. Amen.

The author of that prayer was Paul S. Rees of the Covenant Tabernacle of Minneapolis, MN

Active Duty Combat Units Begin Stand down: Numerous Active Duty combat units in the United States, Europe, and the Pacific on Tuesday began standing down as the Air Force absorbs the funding cuts imposed by budget sequestration, announced Air Combat Command. Taking this step, which affects about one-third of Active Duty combat aircraft, will ensure that other combat units supporting worldwide operations can maintain sufficient readiness through the remainder of the fiscal year, said ACC officials in an April 9 release.

"Approximately one-quarter of ACC's Active Duty squadrons and Active Duty pilots in our active associate units have stopped flying," command spokeswoman Kelly Sanders told the *Daily Report* on Tuesday. "The resources from these units will enable units deployed or preparing to deploy to maintain their currency and flight operations," she added. The stand down stems from the funding cuts to ACC's operations and maintenance account from the sequester. ACC is absorbing the cuts in part by having pilots fly about 45,000 fewer training hours between now and the end of the fiscal year on Sept. 30, states the release. "We must implement a tiered readiness concept where only the units preparing to deploy in support of major operations like Afghanistan are fully mission-capable," said ACC Commander Gen. Mike Hostage. "The current situation means we're accepting the risk that combat airpower may not be ready to respond immediately to new contingencies as they occur," he added.

Dues Renewal

Email: _____

Phone: _____

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 (currently under review and restructure)

_____ General operating fund

_____ Other _____

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Military Officers Association *of* America

General Chapter Meeting Registration Form

Clip or Copy and Mail To:

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P. O. Box 1984

Hendersonville, NC 28793

DEADLINE: Payment must be received NLT: *Tuesday, May 14, 2013*

Make Checks payable to: WNC MOAA

I/We plan on attending the WNC MOAA General Chapter Meeting on Saturday, May 18, 2013

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: _____

This is the 1st WNC MOAA event attended: Y/N