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Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, 16 March 2016

Speaker

Dr. Doug Butler

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(both Confederate and Union)**

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1830 Social, Cash Bar, 1915 Dinner

Printable Reservation Form Inside

Reservations MUST Be Received by Friday, 11 March 2016

President's Message

COL Matt Segal

We have some great news. Because of the hard work of your board, we have submitted the necessary information to MOAA to be considered for the following awards in 2016:

Communications Award for the TriangleGram
Communications Award for our chapter website
Chapter Level of Excellence Award (4 or 5 Star)

We should know whether we have won these awards around the end of May as I recall but our chances are very good!

With a national election in November, we need to remain politically neutral as a chapter (and national organization) given our status as a nonprofit, but each one of us as individuals need to be involved as influencers within our immediate circles as well as with our legislators at all levels of government. This is particularly true when it comes to the benefits we have earned such as TRICARE and its many components. That means when you get an email from MOAA asking you to take action by sending an email to your legislators in Washington, you should do so. The reasons are simple. MOAA is a voice that legislators listen to and with going on 400,000 members strong, our members get attention! Additionally in the current fiscal environment, DC is looking to cut spending and military benefits, which we have all earned, are clearly in the legislative site. There is no doubt that TRICARE programs will be a continued focus as a cost cutting opportunity. Make your voice heard for not just retirees and former soldiers, but also for those currently serving!

To get notifications on events that affect us if you are not already doing so, go to the MOAA Website (www.moaa.org) and at the top you will see a drop down that says "Take Action". The go to the "Legislative Action Center" and on the left a bit down the page it will say "Stay Informed" and there will be a place for you to sign up for the "Action elist". Many of you are signed up but if you are not or have had an email address change, here is where you can sign up to get the information.

And don't forget our Triangle MOAA website (www.trianglemoaa.com). There are many timely announcements and great information you can use!

Recruit a member and bring him or her to a dinner meeting! NEVER STOP SERVING!!!!

As you will see from the information in this issue, we have a very exciting guest speaker at the March dinner meeting who will be especially interesting for you history buffs. Dr. Butler is a true renaissance man who is both a practicing physician and a published historian who is coming quite a distance to speak with the chapter, so please join us and invite friends who are fellow history buffs. A great time will be had by all!

Ken Tigges of our chapter has just received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine from the Governor. This award is a great honor and well deserved, so congratulate Ken when you see him. A detailed story is inside this issue!

DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR 2016 DUES

See the information on a page further down the newsletter.

Guest Speaker for Wed 16 March Dinner

COL Matt Segal

Our guest speaker for our March Dinner Meeting is Dr. Douglas J. Butler. Dr. Butler is an independent scholar and practicing physician living in northwestern North Carolina. He is traveling quite a distance to speak to us tonight. For 20 years, this award winning photographer explored remote areas across five continents, sharing those adventures through prose and image. During the past 5 years his travels have been closer to home as he studied the history on North Carolina's Civil War monuments and photographed each of the state's 109 commemorations raised in the century after Appomattox. *North Carolina Civil War Monuments: An Illustrated History (McFarland 2013)*, a carefully researched and fully documented book with photographs of each monument, is the result—as is a traveling photo exhibition. Dr. Butler's work has been featured in regional and national publications, and he has written two previous books, *Ashe County: Discovering the Lost Province (1992, out of print)* and *A Walk Atop America: Fifty State Summits and a Dream to Reach Them All (Parkway, 2007)*.

The presentation to our chapter will highlight the origin, evolution, and diversity of Civil War monuments and commemoration in NC (**101 Confederate as well as 8 Union monuments**). He will also discuss special relevance to former and retired military personnel and the prominent role of veterans as the commemoration evolved. Dr. Butler will also have copies of his book for anyone who desires to purchase same!

This promises to be a very informative presentation. Don't miss it and bring a friend and a potential chapter member!

Upcoming Spring Projects in the Triangle Area

Col Bob Penny

We have been asked to sponsor JROTC Military Drill Meets for two local high schools in our area: Sanderson High School's Air Force JROTC and Cary High School's Navy JROTC. Cary's drill meet is on Saturday, 12 March and Sanderson's is one week later on 19 March. Each drill meet is hosted on their respective campus. If you are interested in military drill and want to see some of the most impressive young adults in North Carolina, go to their campuses mid-morning on those dates. I guarantee you'll leave there with new faith in our youth. Let them know you are from the MOAA Triangle Chapter.

MOAA medals and certificates have been delivered to all 20 of our supported high school JROTC programs and our four college ROTC detachments. Those awards will be presented to cadets at each school's Spring awards ceremony. If you have a connection to one of the schools listed in the Scholarship article and would like to represent MOAA by presenting the award, please let me know ((919) 847-2453).

Each year, MOAA, through the Triangle Chapter, provides our four supported ROTC detachments Gold Bars for their new commissionees. We support the Army, Air Force, and Navy/Marine programs at NC State Univ. and the Army unit at St. Augustine's Univ. Our intent is to provide the first set of Gold Bars for their graduating cadets/midshipmen—along with our offer for a no-fee, BASIC memberships in national MOAA which they are eligible to receive as newly commissioned active duty officers. Initial numbers for Gold Bar presentations is 93.

Scholarship Fund Update (as of 2/24/16)

Col Bob Penny

Please continue to make your generous contributions to the Chapter's Scholarship Fund. Our goals are to grow the fund to \$5000 and continue awarding at least three scholarships annually to deserving JROTC cadets from the sixteen high school units we support. With the donations since our January meeting, we now have \$3,625 in the Scholarship Fund.

These MOAA scholarships are one of the primary ways we interact with our community and show our support for future military leaders of all Branches. Your board members believe it is imperative to keep this program and make it even stronger. To do that, we need members to continue to contribute. That can easily be done when you sign up for membership meeting attendance and meals.

MOAA Triangle Chapter High School JROTC Scholarship

Col Bob Penny

The Triangle Chapter of MOAA presents college scholarships to local high school JROTC senior cadets each year. The total amount of the scholarship in 2015 was \$1500 because we had only one applicant. This year we anticipate more applicants and possibly being able to increase the amounts per scholarship.

The Triangle Chapter supports twenty high school JROTC programs. Sanderson, Louisburg, N. Vance, Rocky Mount, Northern Nash, Southern Nash, and Broughton have Air Force JROTC units; Wake Forest, Millbrook, Enloe, Garner, Knightdale, Corinth Holders, Cleveland, South Granville, JF Webb, and West Johnston have Army JROTC units; Central Nash, Clayton, and Cary have Navy JROTC units. To compete for these scholarships, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be a high school senior projected to graduate at the end of the current school year from a NC high school in the Chapter's geographical area.
- Be enrolled in high school JROTC with the intent to enroll in a college ROTC program.
- Apply for admittance to, and plan to attend, an accredited four-year college or university that hosts a Senior ROTC program.
- Have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher.
- Complete an essay of at least 150 words explaining their motivation for serving as an officer in the military.
- Provide two letters of recommendation from school officials (one of which must be their school's JROTC Senior Instructor).

Our goal is to provide at least \$5000.00 in scholarships each year.

An Opportunity to Be a Sponsor

LTC JoAnn Harrington

We are offering a chance for you to grow your business through expanding your network. You can do this by having your business card printed in the TriangleGram. In addition you will be supporting our chapter. As a sponsor you can provide information about your business but must not list prices or claim your product is superior.

A cost of \$100 per year will ensure that your business card is displayed in every issue of the TriangleGram where it will be seen by your military colleagues.

Please contact JoAnn Harrington or any member of the board if you are interested. We appreciate your support in this effort.

Chapter USO of NC Support at RDU

COL Matt Segal

As you know, we support the USO of NC at RDU. Meg and I work with a team of about 25 volunteers most Tuesdays to assist in processing Marines being bused up from Camp Geiger in Jacksonville, NC for flights to their next training base where they will learn their specialty MOS. Understand that when they get to us they have been in the USMC about 4 months or so going through basic training at Parris Island, SC and Marine Combat Training (MCT) at Camp Geiger. Some of them have never flown before and we even get some who have never been in an airport before. What we do is greet the buses, process them in through the airline they will be flying on and bring them to the USO Center for some of our hospitality. So we provide smiling faces, chow, and we make their stay at RDU seamless.

In addition, many days of the week we get “Boots” from MEPS Raleigh. MEPS is the Military Entrance Processing Station. They are sending us people who are going to basic training and this is their first day on active duty. They are going to basic training in the Army, Air Force, Navy or Coast Guard. There are no Marines in this group as MEPS buses them down to Parris Island instead of flying them.

For 2015, here is the number of Marines and MEPS enlistees we processed:

6,821 Marines
1,180 Boots from MEPS
TOTAL: 8,001

This is a small part of the USO of NC/RDU’s mission, but it generates a lot of smiling faces. In addition to our chapter contribution, you can also contribute to the USO of NC at RDU. **If you want your donation to stay at the RDU USO it is best to send a note or letter clearly stating your intent and identifying your wish on the memo line of the check.** You can send contributions to:

USO of NC
PO Box 91443
Raleigh, NC 27675

Board Officer and Chapter Representative Needs

COL Matt Segal

Currently we are in need of chapter members to volunteer to fill the following positions. Terms for appointed positions are for an indefinite period (the person volunteering for the position keeps it as long as they want to) and terms for elected positions are for the calendar year or portion of the calendar year remaining once they have assumed office.

Appointed positions:

Public Relations Chair: This person will act as the communicator between the chapter and external media proactively sharing appropriate chapter activity with external media. Examples are writing press releases and touching base with local media contacts for such events as meeting announcements or speaker information that may be of general media interest. The person volunteering will also develop an SOP for this activity in conjunction with the chapter board and this position is open to chapter members or their spouses.

History Chair: This person will maintain a physical (for items not on a data base) and computer history of the chapter for posterity. This position is also open to chapter members or their spouses.

Elected position:

Secretary: This position will become vacant the middle of 2016 with our current office holder, Colonel Martin Anderson, relocating. The member seeking this office should come on board as soon as possible to facilitate a smooth transition. A secretary is key to maintaining a chapter. The responsibilities are numerous, the workload is heavy, and the performance directly affects the chapter's success in all fields of activity. The secretary's principal duties are to:

- provide members with timely written notification of all annual, regular, and special chapter meetings, generally by means of a chapter newsletter (Typically, it is not advisable for the secretary to also serve as editor of the chapter newsletter.);
- maintain a record of all proceedings at chapter and board meetings;
- provide board members with timely written notification of all meetings of the board of directors;
- process membership applications;
- maintain or oversee the maintenance of chapter membership records and ensure a list of chapter members is sent to MOAA's Council and Chapter Affairs Department at least once a year;
- prepare required correspondence;
- maintain a chapter's correspondence files; prepare reports and returns;
- maintain and safeguard all important records and legal documents and ensure they are passed on to a successor;
- maintain and safeguard valuable equipment (such as U.S. and chapter flags) belonging to the chapter; and
- perform other duties that are commensurate with the office or as might be assigned by the board of directors or the president.

Recognition of Ken Tigges

COL Matt Segal

A few weeks ago, our own Ken Tigges was recognized by the governor being inducted into the Order of the Long Leaf Pine. This is a very high honor bestowed on a few individuals for their service to the State of North Carolina for service well above and beyond! Rather than use my words to explain the significance of the award, what follows are the words from the citation inducting Ken into this Order. It should be noted that Joe Donnelly, who is here with Ken tonight, became a member of the Order with Ken at the same time because of all they do with the USO of NC, particularly with the Honors Support team. Here are some of the words when Ken and Joe were recognized:

WE ARE HERE TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR TWO INCREDIBLE MEN WHO HAVE GALLANTLY SERVED THEIR COUNTRY WITH HONOR, VALOR AND COURAGE. WHILE BEING A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE USO OF NC/RDU IN 2006, KEN TIGGES SAW THE NEED FOR OUR FALLEN HEROES TO BE TREATED WITH RESPECT AND NEVER BE LEFT ALONE WHILE TRAVELLING TO THEIR FINAL RESTING PLACE. WITH THE HELP OF CO-LEADER JOE DONNELLY, TOGETHER THEY STEPPED UP AND MADE A DIFFERENCE BY CREATING THE USO OF NC/RDU HONORS SUPPORT TEAM. BOTH HAVE BEEN VOLUNTEERING SINCE 2004. KEN HAS VOLUNTEERED 3583 HOURS AND JOE HAS VOLUNTEERED 3960. QUITE IMPRESSIVE! AMONG THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS CONFERRED BY THE GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA IS **THE ORDER OF THE LONG LEAF PINE**. IT IS AWARDED TO PERSONS FOR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE TO THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND THEIR COMMUNITIES THAT IS ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY, AND WHICH HAS STRENGTHENED NORTH CAROLINA. ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA WE PRESENT KEN AND JOE WITH **THE ORDER OF THE LONG LEAF PINE**. THROUGH KEN AND JOE'S LEADERSHIP, THE USO OF NC/RDU HONORS SUPPORT TEAM HAS PROVIDED OUR FALLEN HEROES AND THEIR FAMILIES WITH SOME PEACE AND COMFORT AS THEY TRAVELLED THROUGH RDU AIRPORT AND BEYOND. WE ALL SALUTE KEN TIGGES AND JOE DONNELLY FOR BEING "THE BEST OF THE BEST"!



Our Chapter Helps Support the USO of NC's RDU Center

Meg Segal

As you see in the photo to the left our Chapter made a \$1,000 donation to assist the USO of NC's RDU Center with their many missions that support our military. As most of you are aware, several of our members volunteer at the Center and give of their time to help make life a bit easier and better for our traveling Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen, Coast Guardsmen, retirees and their families. The Center keeps a journal on a countertop for our guests to share their

thoughts. Here are some wonderful comments that make clear how much of a difference the USO at RDU can and does make. We can be very proud that our Chapter is helping in this effort.

“We appreciate all the work, care and good that you all do for us. Thank you for being there when we need you. Thank you for having the doors open for us, and for providing us a space where we can spend the night if we need to. *I feel that you have my back; I feel that I'm not alone anymore.* Thank you for all you do, and thank you for being heroes.”

“What you do here is absolutely amazing. I am so grateful, and it warms my heart to see this huge level of support towards us. Sometimes I wonder what I'm doing, and why I do it, and this is why: *because there are still people like you in this country that are worth fighting for.* Your love and compassion are so amazing, and that is something *I'll defend until my last breath.* Thank you so much.”

Pictures from our January Dinner Meeting

LTC Ken Tigges



2016 OFFICERS BEING SWARN INTO OFFICE



Major General Jefforey A. Smith

2016 Annual Membership Dues

LTC JoAnn Harrington

2015 Dues

For members who have not paid year 2015 annual membership dues, these were due *at the latest* 31 January of 2015 to cover this calendar year. If you have not paid, you are late! Please support us if you are late!

Dues are as follows:

General membership: \$25, Widow: \$5

Note that those who had a trial membership (\$5 for any portion of 2015), your 2016 membership dues are due at the General membership rates shown above. The chapter life membership option is available **only** to those who are current on their annual dues.

2016 Dues

This is a great time to pay your 2016 dues as you prepare to complete your CY 2015 end of year commitments to the many organizations you support. An additional benefit is should you elect to become a chapter life member prior to CY 2016, provided your dues are current through 2015, your 2016 life dues payment is effective 1 Jan 2016. If you become a life member after 1 Jan 2016, you must pay 2016 dues as well as the life membership cost as no member can become a life member unless they have paid dues for the current calendar year!

How to pay 2016 dues:

You can pay by including your dues with the reservation form for the upcoming dinner with this TriangleGram. If you are not attending the dinner, just mail in the reservation form and include only your membership dues in the appropriate area of the form and mail it to LTC Harrington at the address on the form.

If you choose to pay by credit or debit card you can do this on the MOAA site following the instructions below. Please note that this option is available only for general membership dues (\$25) and **NOT** for widow dues (\$5). Widow dues can only be paid by mailing a check to LTC Harrington.

Note that if you are a life member of MOAA national, that does not exempt you from chapter dues. The only members exempt from chapter dues are those that took advantage of the offer for a life membership to the Triangle Chapter and those folks know who they are.

To pay by credit card online, follow these instructions:

Go to the MOAA (National) website (MOAA.org).

- On the page that appears there is a title line in red near the top. Click on the word "Chapters" (a drop down menu will appear, but just click on the word "Chapters").
- The page that appears after step 2 will have a green box on the right that says "Pay Your Chapter Dues". Click on the box.
- The next page will ask you several questions under the words "Getting Started" to identify the chapter you are in (Triangle Chapter). After you identify the chapter continue to the next page and identify yourself as a "Regular Member" where it says "Dues Category".
- Continue through the process. One of the fill-ins asks for your MOAA number, but if you do not have it do not worry and continue populating the rest of the information.
- Should you choose to use the on line process, the Triangle Chapter will be notified that you have paid online and will reflect you as paid in chapter records.

The 60 day window for dues payment for CY 2016 non **Chapter life members (verses National Life MOAA)** is up 1 March so send your check in with the registration for the dinner or go online, which is a very easy way to pay annual dues. You can also send a check to JoAnn Harrington at the address found at the bottom of the reservation form.

FIRST FLIGHT CHAPTER
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
COL Matt Segal

What follows is the announcement of the 2nd Quarter meeting of the NC MOAA Council of Chapters. These meetings are brief, informative and fun so they can be tied in with additional days for a vacation. The Outer Banks are quiet this time of year and the weather is breaking, so what better time to learn more about what your support of MOAA means, so please join your MOAA peers for this great event!

The FIRST FLIGHT Chapter of MOAA is Pleased to Host the 2nd Quarter North Carolina Council of Chapters Meeting April 1st & 2nd, 2016, in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina

THE PROGRAM:

- Friday April 1st: check into the hotel and attend a dinner sponsored by First Flight Chapter. This will also serve as FFMOA monthly business meeting.
- Saturday April 2nd: a regular Council of Chapters business meeting will be held from 0830-1200 at the Ramada hotel.

There is no formal activity for Saturday morning. However, an "I Wanna Sea" meeting will be held on Friday evening at 5:45 in the cocktail area for interested spouses.

Ramada Plaza Nags Head Oceanfront
1701 South Virginia Dare Trail
Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948, Mile Post 9.5
(252) 441-2151 or (800) 635-1824

Method of Reservation:

Individuals **must call the hotel directly BY MARCH 17TH, 2016** (see phone numbers above). Online reservations will NOT be accepted. Please use the group code, FIRST FLIGHT MOAA, or the block code, CGMOAA, in order to receive the preferred rates for your reservation. *Rates cannot be changed at check-in or check-out for guests who fail to identify their affiliation by using the group codes at the time their reservation was made.* Reservation requests received *after* March 17, 2016 will be accepted on a space-available and a rate-available basis.

Guests must provide a credit card (or a check for the first night's deposit) to hold their room. Room rates are \$95.00 to \$125.00 plus taxes of 12.75%. Rates are offered to guests (based on availability) 3 days before and 3 days after the event, and are based on the view from the room.

Dinner will be held at the hotel on Friday 1 April 2016, beginning with a cash bar at 6PM and buffet dinner at 7PM. Dinner cost is \$35.00 per person, including tax and gratuity.

A speaker will be announced at a later date.

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1915 Dinner

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RESERVATION FORM

LTC Harrington must receive your reservation by Friday 11 March

Entrees, Pork Tenderloin with Roasted Garlic Demi Glaze _____
or Chicken Cordon Bleu with Mustard Cream Sauce _____

Entrees will be served with a Classic Caesar Salad, Rice Pilaf, Sugar Snap Peas, and Key Lime Pie.
In addition, there will be rolls with butter, iced tea, water, and coffee.
During the social hour (1830-1915) there will be a fruit and cheese platter.

Please reserve _____ Meals at \$30.00 each

2016 DUES

Active Duty, Former, or Retired Officer \$25.00; Widow \$5.00; Dues Amount \$ _____

Contribution to the JROTC Fund: \$ _____

TOTAL REMITTED \$ _____

Member's Name _____

Name(s) of Spouse and/or Guest(s) _____

E-Mail address _____

Make checks payable to MOAA/TRIANGLE CHAPTER

Mail to LTC JoAnn Harrington, 4000 Winston Hill Drive, Apt 108, Cary, NC 27513

QUESTIONS: Please call LTC JoAnn Harrington at 919-274-3202