

# TriangleGram



## MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA TRIANGLE CHAPTER

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**DINNER MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, 15 MARCH 2017**  
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### Speaker

**MG Arnold Fields, USMC (Ret.)**

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Commemoration**  
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**1830 Cash Bar, 1915 Dinner**  
**Printable Reservation Form Inside**

**Reservations MUST Be Received by Friday, 10 March 2017**

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

CDR Dean Block

This being my first message to you as president, I want to begin by thanking you for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. As you know, Matt Segal has led the chapter the last two years in an outstanding manner and I hope with your help to continue and build upon his legacy. Your Board is comprised of a dedicated group of officers and committee chairs. I thank them for their continuing service. In that regard, a warm welcome is extended to LTC Tony Scenna, USMC, our new 1<sup>st</sup> VP, new Chapter Secretary LtCol Chris Froeschner, USAF and Surviving Spouse Liaison/At-large Committee Chair CAPT Bob Caron, USCG.

In the final analysis, it is you the chapter members who make the difference in moving the chapter forward. There are many ways you can help. Here are a few.

1. Always be on the look-out for potential new members. Like all volunteer organizations, especially veteran related, these days, we are challenged to maintain and grow our membership. This area is attractive to retired military and you may make their acquaintance in many ways. Invite them to a meeting, ask them to join.
2. Many of you are members of other groups and clubs. Let a board member know about a good speaker you have heard or met. It need not be a strictly military theme as some of our most interesting speakers have had differing yet relevant backgrounds.
3. Write an article for the TriangleGram. For example, did you go on a great trip, involving some aspect of military experience or current events? Matt has shared a couple of these recently. Ken Tigges can provide you with info on format, etc.
4. Check out the sponsorship information in the TriangleGram. Do you know a possible sponsor? Ask them to participate. It is a great way to build our scholarship program.
5. Speaking of scholarships, let me encourage you to include an extra \$5 or \$10 for the scholarship fund with your dinner reservation. If we all did this, we could easily bring in an additional \$2,000 a year or more! When you see the fine young men and women that receive our awards, you know that your contributions are doing good!
6. We live in a changing world. Military representation in our legislative bodies is at a low ebb. Your voice is needed to protect hard-won benefits and advance the cause of our brothers and sisters in arms. Please answer calls for legislative action with your letters and phone calls so we can communicate our concerns effectively.

Thanks for taking time to read this. Please know that your membership and participation is appreciated. Let's move forward together in 2017!

## Speaker at our Wednesday, 15 March Dinner Meeting

Col. Tom Finnerty

The topic for our March dinner meeting will be the Vietnam War 50<sup>th</sup> Commemoration. Our Triangle Chapter of MOAA has recently been approved as a Commemorative Partner which means we will be hosting some events over the next several years to recognize military members as well as family members of deceased veterans who served during the Vietnam era (November 1, 1955 to 15 May, 1975). Public Law 110-181 SEC. 598 established the commemoration objectives; the first of which is to thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War.



We are honored to have as our guest speaker for our March meeting Major General Arnold Fields USMC (Ret.). Arnold Fields is a current member of the National Vietnam 50<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Committee. He served on active duty in the Marine Corps for 34 years and retired in 2004. During his time on active duty he served in many command and staff roles including tours in Viet Nam. At the rank of lieutenant colonel, he commanded a motorized infantry battalion in combat operations to liberate Kuwait during the 1991 Gulf War; and with Headquarters in Casablanca, Morocco, he earlier commanded all U. S. Marine Security Guards at U. S. embassies and consulates in North Africa and the Middle East. He was promoted to brigadier general in September 1996 and was assigned to U. S. Central Command where he assumed dual responsibilities as commander of Central Command's forward headquarters while also serving as Central Command's inspector general.

General Fields was then ordered to Hawaii where he took command of all Marine Corps Bases in Hawaii. He was selected for promotion to major general while serving in Hawaii and received orders to Headquarters Marine Corps at the Pentagon where he served as Director of the Marine Corps Staff.

After retirement from active military duty, General Fields was appointed to the U. S. Department of State where he served in Iraq as Chief of Staff of the Department's Iraq Reconstruction and Management Office. In this role he helped coordinate the execution of over \$18.4 billion appropriated by Congress for Iraq reconstruction. He was later appointed by the Deputy Secretary of Defense to serve as Deputy Director of the Department of Defense's Africa Center for Strategic Studies. While serving in this capacity, the President of the United States appointed General Fields to stand up the congressionally mandated Office of Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) and to serve as the U. S. first Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction. General Fields became the U. S. government's watchdog over \$61 billion in U. S. appropriated humanitarian and reconstruction assistance to Afghanistan. During his tenure as SIGAR, General Fields and his staff produced over 35 fully scoped audits, initiated scores of investigations, referred several cases to the U. S. Attorney General or to other appropriate authority for prosecution or administrative action, recovered or recommended the redirection of almost \$200 million dollars of U. S. appropriated funds for Afghanistan reconstruction, and made over 90 formal recommendations to congress.

Major General Fields earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Education at South Carolina State University and a Master of Arts Degree in Human Resources Management at Pepperdine University. He is a graduate of the U. S. Army War College, the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and the Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School. He is and has been on numerous boards including: the Marine Corps University, National Academy of Science Board on Infrastructure and the

Constructed Environment, the congressionally chartered National Academy of Public Administration, Board of Directors of the Center for Human Capital Innovations, Board of Directors of two Wounded Warriors Foundations, Board of Trustees of the Future Farmers of America, National Committee for the Vietnam War 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration and is currently President of Peacefulquest, LLC.

He is the recipient of numerous military and civilian awards, including the Distinguished Service Medal, the Department of Defense Superior Service Medal, the Bronze Star, with Combat "V", the Department of State Superior Honor Award for service with the Department in Bagdad: and the South Carolina Order of the Palmetto. During his active duty career, General Fields was privileged to numerous opportunities to utilize his singing voice, which included performances with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus in Atlanta, Ga.; at Carnegie Hall in New York City; and on tour in Europe under the late conductor Robert Shaw. He would later join the Paul Hill Chorale in Washington DC and perform in concert, on numerous occasions, at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

## **Vietnam Veterans and Vietnam Era Widows Recognition**

Col Tom Finnerty USMC (Ret.)

Major General Arnold Fields USMC (Ret.) will be our guest speaker for our March dinner meeting and we will also have a Color Guard from the Sanderson High School AFJROTC to present colors. After our guest's presentation we will be recognizing our members and guests who are Vietnam Era Veterans. Anyone who served at any time during the period November 1, 1955 and May 15 1975. We have provided a space on the Dinner Reservation Form for members to indicate if they or their guest(s) is a Vietnam Era Veteran. Please note Veterans DO NOT need to have served in Country or in direct support of the Vietnam War to be eligible for this recognition. Any service in the Armed Forces during the designated period qualifies for this recognition. Any Widow of a Vietnam Era Veteran should so indicate their status on the reservation form as well because they are also eligible to be recognized.

## **Triangle Chapter Dinner and Board Meeting Schedule for 2017**

The following are our dates for Wed. evening **dinner meetings** in 2017 so mark your calendars:

11 January (Annual swearing in of new officer slate)	15 March
10 May (Annual Social Gathering, Durham Bulls Baseball Game)	12 July
13 September	15 November

### **Board Meetings:**

8 December 2016	9 February 2017	6 April	
10 May (Held at Durham Bulls Social Time just prior to the annual social gathering)			
8 June	10 August	12 October	7 December

All dinner meetings are held at the NC State University Club on Wed evenings except for the May Milburnie outing. All board meetings are held at the club but dates are on Thu evenings (time is at 1800). The only exception is the 10 May board meeting, which is held at Milburnie prior to the social gathering. All chapter members are invited to attend board meetings and on Thu evening the club makes a tasty buffet available.

## Legislative Issues

COL Michael Flynn

In conversations with our elected representatives the issue of individual involvement is continually addressed. During the current sessions of Congress and the State General Assembly it is important that we make our voices heard. The best way to have your input into legislation which affects you or which affects the active force is to contact your elected state and congressional representatives and senators. Call, write or email but raise your voice to make certain our elected officials know our position on issues important to us.

Addresses for your representative are provided here:

### U.S. Senators:

Richard Burr  
217 Russell Senate Office  
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Tel. (202) 224-3154  
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Washington, DC 20519  
(202) 224-6342  
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Tel. (202) 225-1784  
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Washington, DC 20515  
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### State Representatives. Number preceding name is district.

11 Duane Hall, 16 W. Jones Street, Rm 1004, Raleigh, NC 27601, 919-733-5755  
33 Rosa Gill, 16 W. Jones Street, Rm 1303, Raleigh, NC 27601, 919-733-5880  
34 Grier Martin, 16 W. Jones Street, Rm 1023, Raleigh, NC 27601, 919-733-5773  
35 Chris Malone, 16 W. Jones Street, Rm 1229, Raleigh, NC 27601, 919-715-3010  
36 Nelson Dollar, 300 N. Salisbury Street, Rm 307B, Raleigh, NC 27603, 919-715-0795  
38 Yvonne Lewis Holley, 16 W. Jones Street, Rm 1219, Raleigh, NC 27601, 919-733-5758  
39 Darren G. Jackson 300 N. Salisbury Street, Rm 506, Raleigh, NC 27603, 919-733-5974  
40 Joe John, 16 W. Jones Street, Rm 1013, Raleigh, NC 27601, 919-733-5530  
41 Gayle Adcock, 16 W. Jones Street, Rm 1211, Raleigh, NC 27601, 919-733-5602  
49 Cynthia Ball, 16 W. Jones Street, Rm 1319, Raleigh, NC 27601, 919-733-5860

### State Senators. Number preceding name is district.

14 Dan Blue, 16 W. Jones St, Rm 1129 Raleigh, NC 27601, Tel 919-733-5752  
15 John Alexander, 300 N. Salisbury St, Rm 625, Raleigh, NC 27603 Tel 919-733-59250  
16 Jay Chaudhuri, 16 W. Jones St, Rm 1121 Raleigh, NC 27601 919-715-6400  
17 Tamra Barringer, 300 N. Salisbury St, Rm 629, Raleigh, NC 27603, Tel 919-733-5653  
18 Chad Barefoot, 300 N. Salisbury Street, Rm 406, Raleigh, NC 27603, 919 715-3036

## Business Support for the Triangle Chapter

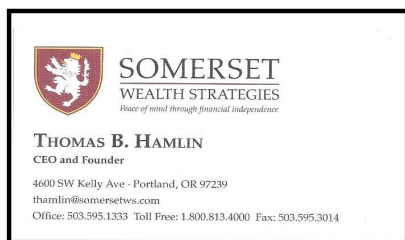
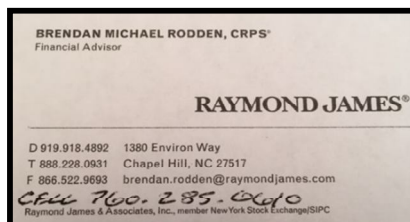
### COL Matt Segal

As you know, members continue reaching out to local businesses and ask them to support our scholarship fund making a contribution of \$100 or more. In return, we will post their business cards in the TriangleGram for a calendar year.

#### HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Support the businesses that support our chapter's scholarship fund so they can continue to support us while you enjoy their products or services!
- Tell your friends and family to support those businesses. When you or someone you have told about the businesses visits them, thank them for their support of our chapter!

If you know of a business that might want to support us in this way for an annual donation of \$100, please encourage them to do so. Print off a color copy of the TriangleGram and show it to the potential sponsor or have them check our chapter website ("Google" Triangle MOAA) to view recent TriangleGram issues. Once they have accepted, just let me know and we can take it from there!



## **National MOAA No Longer Provides Free Leadership Medals or Gold Bars**

Col Bob Penny

December 31, 2016 ended MOAA National's funding support for the gold bar recruiting program and the ROTC/JROTC Leadership Medal program. Historically, MOAA has paid for all costs associated with these annual programs. However, beginning in January 2017, National MOAA no longer will fund these programs and no Gold Bar incentives will be offered as part of the 2017 Chapter Recruiting Program (a free year membership in National MOAA and recruiting credit for the local Chapter).

From MOAA National: "Councils and Chapters may continue to conduct these programs on their own if they feel strongly about them. Chapters can purchase ROTC/JROTC Medals and Gold Bars through MOAA's website, but items will be sold to Chapters as à la carte items or as complete kits, as requested by the Chapters."

The Triangle Chapter Board made a decision to continue the ROTC/JROTC Leadership Medal program for our twenty high school and four college programs. The board decided to terminate our participation in the Gold Bar program as it hasn't provided anything positive to either National MOAA or the Triangle Chapter. The cost for our Chapter to provide 24 leadership medals is \$160 each year. If we were to provide Gold Bars to our four college programs, it would cost us about \$1000 each year based on the number of commissionees over the past few years from NC State Univ. and St. Augustine's Univ.

## **Scholarship Fund Update (as of 2/11/17)**

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 twenty high school units we support. With the donations since our January meeting, we now have **\$3,008** in the Scholarship Fund.

Just a few months ago, we started receiving corporate sponsors for our scholarship fund. These sponsors have helped us go over the goal of being able to provide three \$1000 scholarships for 2017. However, we would still like to be able to offer more scholarships to cadets from our twenty high school JROTC programs. Please, support the businesses that are sponsors for our chapter's scholarship fund so they will continue to support us and our scholarship winners.

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. Thank you for your continued support.



# The Triangle Chapter 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 scholarships in 2016 was \$3000 -- \$1000 each to three cadets.

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).

March 1<sup>st</sup> is the application deadline and scholarship winners will be selected by our Chapter Scholarship Board in early April.

## Pictures from the January Dinner

LTC Ken Tigges

The picture below is the Chapter officers being sworn into office for 2017. To the right is Matt Segal the outgoing president and Dean Block the incoming president for 2017.





## **2017 Triangle Chapter Annual Dues**

COL Matt Segal

It is dues time for CY 2017 for those of you who are **not** life members of the Triangle chapter (verses national MOAA). Please note that National MOAA membership differs from Chapter membership so if you are a National MOAA Life member, you are still responsible for paying local chapter dues which funds all the work our chapter does with your generous support. Having said that, there is a chapter life membership option available for current Triangle Chapter members. Information on that is further on down in this article! Otherwise, please include your dues with the dinner reservation for the upcoming dinner reservation. If you will not be attending the dinner meeting, you can pay online or by mail.

**There are two ways to pay your annual dues to your Triangle Chapter- USPS or on line:**

### **USPS:**

Include dues with (or without) your reservation form for an upcoming dinner that is in the back of each TriangleGram issue and mail it to LTC Harrington at the address on the reservation form. If you want to pay before the TriangleGram comes out and you are not currently a chapter life member, you can just mail a check for the dues (\$25 annually; \$5 for surviving spouses) to LTC Harrington (making sure you note on the check it is for “2017 annual Triangle Chapter MOAA dues”. Her address is 4000 Winston Hill Drive, Apt 108; Cary, NC 27513  
Pay on line by credit card using the instructions below:

### **HOW TO PAY ANNUAL CHAPTER DUES ONLINE:**

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 in’s asks for your MOAA number, but if you do not have it do not worry and continue populating the rest of the information.

## **A Great Gift**

COL Matt Segal

If you have a friend or relative living in the area that is not yet in an active MOAA chapter, you can gift them a membership in the Triangle Chapter. We offer an introductory teaser rate of \$5 for CY 2017 so if you purchase them a 2017 chapter membership now, they will get a 10 months membership. What a practical gift! Attach a note with your March dinner reservation and send it into LTC Harrington noting that this is for a gift and list the gift person’s name, address, spouse, phone number and email address along with their current or former military status and rank! Then forward them a copy of this TriangleGram and let them know that they should join you at the March dinner meeting as you purchased them a 2017 CY membership in the Triangle Chapter.

**It’s that easy so what are you waiting for?**

## **Chapter Support for the USO of NC at RDU Airport**

COL Matt Segal

For years, our chapter has supported the USO of North Carolina Center at RDU. Triangle Chapter support has been very important assisting the USO in accomplishing its mission. If you have visited the RDU Center or enjoyed some of the many activities the RDU Center is involved in outside of the center in our community or witnessed a moving Honors Support Team (HST) event you know firsthand just how much our support means!

In addition to our chapter monetary support, our chapter membership provides thousands of hours volunteering in support of center activities and programs. We are truly force enablers and critical members of the USO of NC family.

In CY 2016 the USO of North Carolina RDU Center provided the following support to our community:

Center visitors: 45,541  
+ Community activities (outside of the RDU Center): 32,923  
= TOTAL military (including families and guests) impacted: 78,464

In the above total, as your probably know most Tuesday's we support Marines traveling through RDU from Camp Geiger on the way to their MOS training. We also assist the "boots" from MEPS Raleigh on those days (these are people going to basic training in all services and it is their first day in the military). Between the Tuesday Marines and Tuesday MEPS "boots", for CY 2016 we hosted 6,839 individuals, representing just over 15% of the total RDU Center visitors.

Additionally, 52 solemn occasions in 2016, the RDU center HST provided family support and planeside assistance in dignified transfer of remains of deceased military personnel moving through RDU last year.

All of this information means our support has been very important and the results demonstrate that our continuing support will be even more meaningful as time passes. We can all be proud of the investment we have made in the USO of NC at the RDU Center – we are truly the force behind the forces!

## **First Quarter NC Council of Chapters Meeting**

COL Matt Segal

The subject meeting is coming up on Fri and Sat 17 and 18 March 2017 in Greensboro. Meg and I enjoy going to these meetings as they are short, informative, have activities for spouses, but most importantly we have met a number of people who have become friends. Below is a letter from the host chapter (Piedmont) with some detail on the meeting. **You can go to the NC Council of Chapters website (click on the word "Calendar") for a registration form, which must be sent in prior to the first week of March.** Information on making your hotel reservation is found below.

To: Members of the North Carolina Council of Chapters  
From: Lee Richmond, Piedmont Chapter MOAA President  
Subj: North Carolina Council of Chapters Meeting-Friday and Saturday, 17 and 18 March 2017

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The Friday night dinner will be held at the Kress Terrace, 212 S. Elm Street, Greensboro, NC. Directions to the venue are on the reservation form. It will be a dinner buffet at 7 p.m. with a social hour starting at 6 p.m. Price is \$26 per person. The guest speaker and entertainment will be announced at a later date. The Wingate van is available for up to 12 people to and from the Kress Terrace and the hotel.

**The March 18 Saturday morning trip** is a special guided tour of the Greensboro Historical Museum. The “Voices of the City” tour will begin at 10 a.m., last for an hour, and conclude with a few minutes in the gift shop; we should return to the hotel about 11:30 a.m. Spouses will assemble in the hotel lobby at 9:30 a.m., and the Wingate van will take spouses/guests to and from the museum for our tour. If there are more than 12 people, then carpool arrangements will be made.

**The Saturday morning NCCOC business meeting** will be held in the Magnolia Room at the Wingate hotel starting at 8:30 AM.

**Hotel reservations** may be made at the Wingate by Wyndham Hotel, 6007 Landmark Center Blvd., Greensboro, NC 27407. The government room rate per room, king or 2 queen beds, is \$ 100.00 per night. A block of rooms has been set aside for Friday March 17<sup>th</sup> and accommodations may be made for coming in Thursday or staying over through Saturday night. Included are a full hot breakfast, free parking and free use of hotel computers and printers. Check in 3 PM, check out noon. Ask for MOAA rate when booking. Cutoff date is 72 hours prior. **Phone 336-854-8610 to make reservations.**

## **TRIANGLE CHAPTER LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

Col Herb Segal, Membership Chair

Life membership offers Chapter members an opportunity to make a financial contribution to the financial health of the Chapter and reap the tangible benefits of lower lifetime membership cost and no annual dues solicitations. Each new life member gets special recognition at the next dinner meeting and a gold-colored nametag indicating life membership status.

Life membership dues are computed based on the member’s age and are as follows:

Age 50 and under: \$300,	Age 51-55: \$275	Age 56-65: \$250,	Age 66-70: \$225,
Age 71-75: \$175	Age 76-80: \$150	Age 81-85: \$100,	Age 86-90: \$75,
Age 91-95: \$50	Age 96-99: \$25	Age 100 +: Free	

To be eligible for these dues, a member must be current with yearly dues.

This program is not connected in any way with the MOAA life membership program; it is entirely separate. Chapter life member status passes to the member’s surviving spouse, who also is then exempt from yearly dues payment.

You can send your one-time payment to the Chapter treasurer with the reply form included in this newsletter. Please consider supporting your Chapter by becoming a life member!

# **2017 MOAA North Carolina Council of Chapters State Convention Announcement COL Matt Segal**

This coming fall from 7-10 September 2017 the subject convention will be held at the Williamsburg Lodge in Williamsburg, VA. These annual conventions are both fun and informative and pricing is all inclusive once you arrive.

Cost includes 3 nights lodging, meals a free golf clinic 1 hour of tennis court time and access to the facility spa, fitness center, group exercise classes and resort pools. Included dinners two nights even include an open bar.

Travel insurance is available in case cancellations are necessary and you can invite additional family members for a fee.

It is a great time of year to visit Williamsburg as the heat of the summer has moderated and the kids are back in school.

In addition, for our dinner on Thu 7 Sept Lt. Gen. Dana Atkins, USAF (Ret), MOAA President and CEO, has accepted our invitation to be the keynote speaker. As many of you know from ADM (Ret) Norb Ryan speaking to our chapter a few years back, the perspective of the President of MOAA is valuable in terms of the information presented as well as being a great forum for members to provide input to him on areas of concern to the field so it is really a two way learning opportunity that pays great dividends!

The meeting is also a great chance to meet your peers throughout the state and just make new friends and you may well find some you served with or folks who served in the same major commands! In addition, surrounding states receive an invitation to attend so there will be folks from outside North Carolina.

Here is the cost information:

- Double: \$1,570 (\$1,270 single)
- Insurance is the following:
- Age 60 and under: \$61/person
- Age 60-75: \$95/person
- Age 76 plus: 128/person

Payments must be made by cash or check (no credit cards) and a \$350/person (plus any insurance elected) is due NLT 14 April. The balance will be due NLT 14 July.

In addition, registration forms will be available at our March dinner meeting.

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If you plan to attend instead of using a registration form, please include the following information and mail it to George Brudzinski, P.O. Box 3753, Boone, NC 28607.

Include the following information on a sheet of paper (or a registration form available on the MOAA NC Council of Chapters website):

- Name
- DOB (mmddyear)
- Rank/Service/Status
- Spouse/Guest Name
- DOB (mmddyear)

MOAA Chapter Name (Triangle)

- Your mailing address
- Any special room or dietary or other needs
- Your phone number
- Your email
- Note if you are traveling with or without the insurance. If you are, include it in your deposit. If you do not elect to purchase insurance, cancellations made between 15 May and 19 June will result in 75% of payments made. After 19 June all payments made will be forfeited.

Hope to see you at the convention!!! If you have any questions, please let me know!

## **VA Benefits Update**

### **COL Matt Segal**

I received a recent VA Update from the Commander of our American Legion Post 67 in Cary that I thought might be of interest to our membership. The VA has recently issued guidance that allows it to pre determine a person's eligibility for burial in a VA National Cemetery. It is probably a good thing to do for planning purposes and while it does not guarantee a place, it probably makes life a little simpler for those who will be charged with your burial at a time of great stress. You can also specify a location of choice and to help it provides a website listing all VA National Cemetery locations.

Both Meg and I went through the process and it is pretty easy to do. If you Google "VA Form 40-1007" you will see a two page document you can print. The first page is the application itself and the second page contains instructions for its completion. You will need to complete one form for yourself and one for your spouse if applicable and the forms can be sent to the VA by email or snail mail or fax and the instructions for doing same are on the form. In addition, you need to provide supporting documentation (marriage certificate if applicable, DD214, retirement order or Honorable Discharge if applicable and the form itself).

It's a pretty simple process but we felt it was worth the time to share the information and to complete the process our self although we are in no rush to take advantage of it!

## Triangle Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs

All telephone numbers are the 919 area code except as shown

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**TRIANGLE CHAPTER OF MOAA**

**DINNER MEETING**

**Wednesday, 15 March 2017**

**North Carolina State University Club  
1830 Social (Cash Bar) 1915 Dinner**



**Speaker**

**MG Arnold Fields, USMC (Ret)**

**The topic for our March dinner meeting will be the Vietnam War 50<sup>th</sup> Commemoration.**

*Please see the speaker information shown above*

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**RESERVATION FORM**

**LTC Harrington must receive your reservation by Friday, 10 March 2017**

**Entrees, Chicken Cordon Bleu with Mustard Cream Sauce \_\_\_\_\_ or  
Lightly Seasoned Caribbean Jerk Tilapia with Mango Salsa \_\_\_\_\_**

**Entrees will be served with Mixed Greens, Baked Sweet Potato, Fresh Green Beans,  
Key Lime Pie, 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**

**DUES**

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

Contribution to the JROTC Fund: \$\_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL REMITTED \$\_\_\_\_\_**

**Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_ # in your party who served in the  
U.S. Armed Forces or allies at any time between November 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975**

Name(s) of Spouse and/or Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail address** \_\_\_\_\_

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