

TriangleGram



MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA TRIANGLE CHAPTER

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Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, 17 January 2018

Speaker

**Lt. General Dana Atkins, USAF (Ret)
President & CEO,
Military Officers Association of America**

1815 - Social time, Cash Bar

Cheese/fruit platter, registration & raffle ticket sales

1915 Dinner

Printable Reservation Form Inside

Reservations MUST Be Received by Friday, 12 January 2018

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CDR Dean Block

It is my hope and wish that this finds each of you in the finest of health, having enjoyed a great Thanksgiving and a wonderful Christmas! I am looking forward to starting 2018 with our 55th Anniversary dinner on January 17th. More on that later.

The North Carolina Council of Chapters (NCCOC) held its 4th quarter meeting at Ft. Bragg on November 17/18. The meeting included remarks by Major General James E. Kraft, Jr., Deputy Command General United States Army Special Operations Command (Airborne) and culminated in the installation of Council Officers. Capt David Lee, USNR-Ret is the new President. While your President was unable to attend, Vern Pike provided a fine report which I appreciate very much.

We have a Chapter flag! It was on display at the November meeting and will be proudly standing at our January dinner.

On November 15, your Chapter participated in a special Vietnam Veteran Commemoration and Open House at the USO offices in Morrisville. You may remember a book and movie, "We Were Soldiers Once-and Young" about the battle in the Ia Drang Valley in 1965. We were honored to have as guests at the event Mr. Joe Galloway, the reporter who was "imbedded" with the regiment and Col Walter Marm who, as a young platoon leader, was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions in the battle. I'd like to thank Chris Froeschner for organizing and including us in the event and Ken Tigges and Bob Caron for joining me there.

I was excited to report at our November meeting that you contributed substantially to the scholarship fund in November. Let me thank each of you for your contribution and urge everyone to step-up for January. We have a ways to go to meet our goals and every \$5 or \$10 gets us closer.

Turning now to the big event! First and foremost, please plan to attend and bring a guest. Lt. Gen Dana Atkins, President and CEO of MOAA will be our special guest speaker and will install the chapter officers for 2018. Having heard Gen Atkins speak before, I assure you that you will not want to miss his talk. We also have a special menu for the event, including a choice of sirloin steak or chicken picatta, salad and dessert. (See the full menu on the reservation form). For this one-time event, the cost will be \$35. Let's have super turn-out for Gen Atkins and our chapter! I know you will be glad you came.

In the meantime, let me wish each of you and your families a safe, prosperous and happy New Year. Thank you for your service.

Lt. Gen. Dana Atkins, USAF (Ret)



Lt. Gen. Atkins is a native of Portland, Ore. He earned his bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Portland and holds two master's degrees, one in aeronautical science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and another in national security strategy from the National War College.

A command pilot with more than 4,000 hours in fighter aircraft, Atkins has served in a number of key command and staff positions, including commander, 20th Fighter Wing, Shaw AFB, S.C.; commander, 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa, Japan; vice commander, 7th Air Force and U.S. Air Force Korea; director of operations, U.S. Pacific Command; and special assistant to the supreme allied commander Europe during the air war over Serbia. During his career, he flew as a demonstration pilot for both the European A-10 Demonstration Team and the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds.

At the time of his retirement from the Air Force, Atkins served as commander, Alaskan Command, U.S. Pacific Command; commander, 11th Air Force, Pacific Air Forces; and commander, Alaskan North American Defense Region, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. He and his wife, Laura, were the 2004 recipients of the General and Mrs. Jerome F. O'Malley Award, which recognizes the wing commander and spouse whose contributions to the nation, the Air Force, and the local community best exemplify the highest ideals and positive leadership of a military couple.

Before becoming the ninth president of MOAA, Gen Atkins served as president of Chronicle Media, a print and digital media company based in Augusta, Ga., that serves the southeastern U.S.

Scholarship Fund Update (as of 24 December 2017)

Col. Bob Penny

With the donations forwarded with registrations for the November dinner meeting, plus donations at the meeting, our account balance in the Triangle Chapter Scholarship Fund is \$1937.36. Our goal is to continue awarding at least three \$1000 scholarships annually to deserving JROTC cadets from the twenty high school units we support.

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. The long-term goal is to provide at least \$5000.00 in scholarships each year. 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. There is a line on the signup sheet for MOAA JROTC Scholarships. Please check it out and contribute if you can.

It's Time to Plan Your Spring Vacation

Col Bob Penny

The *Military Vacations for Families from Armed Forces Vacation Club*® (AFVC) is a "Space Available" program that offers military and other Department of Defense-affiliated personnel the opportunity to enjoy vacations at popular destinations around the world - for the incredibly low price of just \$349 to \$369 USD per unit (anything from studio to three bedroom suites), per week. Membership is free! Those eligible and their family and friends have access to spacious accommodations at more than 4,000 resorts, apartments, condominiums and homes in more than 100 countries.

Who Qualifies? The program is available to all active and retired members of the Armed Forces, Department of Defense employees and select civilian employees in military support roles.

Availability varies but frequently includes destinations in the United States, Mexico, South America, Asia and Europe. The condominium-style accommodations typically include a full kitchen with refrigerator, stove, dishwasher and microwave. Many *AFVC* accommodations also include washers and dryers, balconies or patios, access to pools and gyms plus many other comforts of home. Golfing and skiing are available on-site at some resorts, as well. Add in exciting area attractions, and you have an exceptional vacation for far less than you would normally expect to pay!

Always Low Fees, Never Any Pressure. While accommodations are mostly at timeshare resorts, you will not be required to attend a timeshare presentation.

Visit their Web site at: <http://www.afvclub.com/>

Veteran Tickets at No Cost

COL Matt Segal

Recently Meg and I were on a USO shift at RDU and received some interesting information that may be of value to you and those you know who have served in the military. An organization known as the Veteran Ticket Foundation, aka Vet Tix (CFC 44909) is a nationally recognized 501(c) 3 Veterans Support Organization whose mission is to "give something to those who gave". Vet Tix teams up with major sports teams, leagues, promoters, organizations, companies, venues and every day event ticket holders to provide free (and discounted) tickets to more than 26 million active military, veterans and their families. They do this by providing FREE events to sporting events, concerts, family activities and more.

To date, Vet Tix has given out almost 4 million event tickets across the country! They do this to say thanks to eligible participants and their families and the only cost is the cost of delivery of tickets to you.

I just signed up today and the site requires you submit some documentation before you are official so I should hear back in a week or two. The organization is also listed on the DoD website (<https://www.ourmilitary.mil/comprehensive-list-of-community-support-groups/>) and you can enroll with Vet Tix by going to <https://www.vettix.org/ref/908307>.

This is another benefit for you and your family for your service! Enjoy!

Business Support for the Triangle Chapter

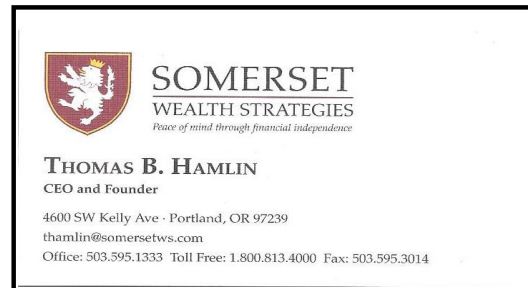
COL Matt Segal

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!



Pictures from the November 2017 Dinner
Stephen Volandt - pictured on the top left - briefed on
The "Triple Threat" to our Electrical Grid



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TRIANGLE CHAPTER OF MOAA



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Wednesday, 17 January 2018

**North Carolina State University Club
1815 Social (Cash Bar) 1915 Dinner**



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**Lt. General Dana Atkins, USAF (Ret)
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RESERVATION FORM

LTC Harrington must receive your reservation by Friday, 12 January 2018

Entrees:

**Black & Blue Sirloin: Blackened 5 ounce Angus beef sirloin filet, blue cheese-panko
crusted with roasted red pepper whipped potatoes and broccolini. _____**

or

**Chicken Picatta – Sautéed chicken supreme with lemon caper beurre blanc, creamy
polenta Milanese and asparagus. _____**

Caesar Salad, French rolls and butter, coffee, tea, water & Chocolate Mousse Cocktail.

During the social hour (1800-1855) there will be a fruit and cheese platter

Please Reserve _____ Meals at \$35.00 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 _____ Please check here if you are a
surviving spouse and would like to sit at a reserved table for surviving spouses.**

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

E-Mail address _____

Make checks payable to MOAA/TRIANGLE CHAPTER

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