



# TriangleGram



## MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA TRIANGLE CHAPTER

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### **Dinner Meeting**

Wednesday, 14 November 2018

### **Speaker**

Caroline Linnquist

Planning Specialist  
Dorothea Dix Park Project

### **1815 - Social time, Cash Bar**

Cheese/fruit platter, registration & raffle ticket sales

### **1910 Dinner**

### **Printable Reservation Form Inside**

**Reservations MUST Be Received by Friday, 9 November 2018**

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# **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

CDR Dean Block

Weather has played a big part in things this year. Our January 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary had to be postponed. Fortunately, General Atkins was still able to come. And our September meeting was canceled due to fears of Florence. I have seen some of the damage on a very recent trip to Wilmington for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter NC Council of Chapters meeting. Debris and damage were still very visible and the effects obvious and on-going. I think we were fortunate here in the Triangle and I hope that you and yours were unscathed by both Florence and Michael. The Council of Chapters meeting was well attended, and the host chapter did an amazing job under the circumstances. An emphasis was on recruitment and retention. I believe each of us has a responsibility to help in this critical aspect of chapter success. Our future depends on it.

Next week (Nov 1/2), I will travel to Phoenix to represent the chapter at the MOAA Annual Meeting. I am excited to report that the chapter will receive the 5-Star Level of Excellence (LOE) Award. We have already received the 5-Star Communication Award. Credit for these awards belong to the chapter, but special credit and thanks are due to LTC Ken Tigges for his work on the newsletter and COL Bob Penny for his outstanding development of the LOE application. Thank you.

Our November 14 meeting is also our annual business meeting, discussed in greater depth later in the newsletter. A new slate of officers will be offered for your approval. It must be noted that we still need a member to serve as chapter Secretary. As you read this, please strongly consider stepping forward to take on this position or one of the two committee chairs yet unfilled. Just contact me or Col Herb Segal.

Our November speaker, Caroline Linquist, will share with us the planning process for the Dorothea Dix Park Project. This 308-acre park is one of the most consequential public projects in Raleigh's history and will impact the entire region. In a few months, the master plan will be presented. Come to our November meeting and see and hear a first-hand discussion of the issues and opportunities posed by this important project. I look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you and Never Stop Serving!

## **Triangle Chapter Treasure's Report**

CAPT Bob Caron

Those members who paid for the cancelled September meeting and did not request a refund only need to mark "paid" on their reservation form for the November Meeting.

A reminder to all that the dues year runs from January to December, so that dues for the 2019 year will be due come January. Adding dues payment to the reservation form for the November meeting is an easy way to get the 2019 dues paid. Of course, the reservation form for our January meeting can also be used, as can payment through the National MOAA site. Members are requested to pay dues promptly to avoid the expense of mailing reminders to those not current.

For general information, the Board has moved our CD from PNC Bank to PENFED Credit Union and increased our yield from a fraction of a percent to 2.45%.

Don't forget the Scholarship Fund when sending in your Reservation for the November Dinner Meeting.

## **NOVEMBER SPEAKER**

**Caroline Linquist**

**Planning Specialist**

### **Dorothea Dix Park Project**



Few modern urban park projects have gotten as much interest as Dorothea Dix Park. When the City of Raleigh acquired the 308-acre site from the State, a planning process that included substantial citizen involvement was set into motion. Within the next six months, the master plan will be presented in its final form. Issues abound: how to tell the story of the psychiatric hospital and the plantation that preceded it; how to adaptively reuse some or all of the 85 buildings on site; how to meld with its neighbors, including the State Farmers Market and Pullen Park; how much commercial development to permit to help generate park revenue; how to restore Rocky Branch Creek and create recreational water features; how to create large and small entertainment venues; and the list goes

on...and on.

Our speaker is Caroline Lindquist, who is a Planning Specialist for the Dorothea Dix Park Project at the City of Raleigh. Previously, Caroline worked for the solar energy company Cypress Creek Renewables. She graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a major in Environmental Studies with a concentration in Energy and Sustainability and a minor in City and Regional Planning. Her senior project studied the mental health benefits of green space in cities and biophilic design. Caroline is also a graduate of the DISC Program at UC Berkeley which focused on Design and Innovation in Sustainable Cities. She has also studied renewable energy policy and sustainable community design in Spain and Germany through the UNC Burch Fellowship Research Group.

Please join Caroline for this important and timely presentation.

## **Legislative Update**

**COL Mike Flynn**

Earlier this month our Legislative Representative had an opportunity to meet with Joe John, a member of the General Assembly. We discussed the Baily, Emory, Patton issue and the disparity between grandfathered and recent retirees. Rep John indicated a willingness to work with us on legislation to remedy this inequity. We plan to meet with him and other representatives after the November election to encourage our legislators to redress this inequity.

## **CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING**

COL Herb Segal

Pursuant to our Bylaws, we hold a brief business meeting at our November dinner. Ordinarily, the only item of discussion is the report of the Nominating Committee. This year your Board also undertook a review of its committee structure and is bringing forward a recommendation that we retain the following chairs: Immediate Past President; Legislative Liaison; Personal Affairs/Survivor Assistance; Membership; Newsletter/Website Editor; ROTC/JROTC Award/Scholarships; Chaplain; Legal Advisor; TOPS; and USO Support. The Board believes that this structure is responsive to MOAA requirements and our Bylaws and presents a more coherent grouping of committee functions. This will come up for discussion and approval at the meeting.

The Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate of Officers for 2019: President: COL Herb Segal; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: LtCol Chris Froeschner; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: COL Bob Penny; Secretary: no nominee; Treasurer: CAPT Bob Caron, USCG. Committee Chairs are not subject to nomination or membership vote. The Bylaws do provide for additional nominations for any Board office. A member wishing to place a name in nomination should make his or her intention known to our current President, CDR Dean Block, prior to the meeting.

As noted above, the Nominating Committee could not identify a member prepared to serve as Chapter Secretary. Moreover, we are lacking candidates to fill two critical Chairs: membership and public relations. It is the earnest hope of your Chapter leadership that these positions can be filled as we prepare for another challenging year for the military community we have all served so long and faithfully. Please consider taking a leadership role!

### **Remembering MG Sid Shachnow, USA (Ret)**

COL Herb Segal

One of our most successful and well-attended dinner meetings featured a presentation by General Sidney Shachnow, who passed away recently. General Shachnow was born in Lithuania and escaped the Kovno concentration camp after three years of imprisonment. He immigrated to the United States and enlisted in the US Army five years later. He served for 39 years, 32 as a green beret. He held a number of commands, including Commanding General of the JFK Special Warfare Center. His many awards and decorations included two silver stars, three bronze stars and two purple hearts. Among the many stories he recounted during his presentation was his emotion when assigned as Commanding General of the Berlin Brigade. He described the irony of defending the very German people who had imprisoned him for three years in a concentration camp, where 38,000 people were murdered and only 2,000 survived. And yet, his command was prepared to fight the Russians who had liberated him.

General Shachnow's book, "Hope and Honor", with its personal inscription, is a cherished part of my library. Rest in peace.

## **Scholarship Fund Update (as of 1 November 2018)**

Col Bob Penny

With the donations forwarded with registrations for the September Chapter Dinner Meeting (which was cancelled because of weather), our account balance in the Triangle Chapter Scholarship Fund is \$3281.35. Our goal is to continue awarding at least three \$1000 scholarships annually to deserving JROTC cadets from the twenty-five high school units we support. We'd like to be able to offer five scholarships if donations would support it.

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. Hope to see you at the November meeting.

## **COLA Reaches Highest Level in Seven Years**

(Excerpted from MOAA Newsletter)

COL Mike Flynn

It's official: The 2019 COLA for military retired pay, Survivor Benefit Plan annuities, Social Security checks, and VA disability and survivor benefits will be 2.8 percent. It will first appear in the January 2019 checks. MOAA accurately forecasted this outcome over a month ago based on annual trends and factors such as energy commodities, shelter (housing), and transportation services. The 2.8 percent 2018 COLA will be the second-largest COLA of the past decade, trailing only the 3.6 percent COLA year of 2011.

View this year's trends for yourself on MOAA's COLA Watch webpage. Groceries are one of the more than 80,000 items factored into the Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) monthly calculation of the Consumer Price Index (CPI). BLS describes CPI as a measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers from around the country for a market basket of consumer goods and services. This basket of goods includes the ordinary items or services you'd expect to use daily: food and beverages, housing, apparel, transportation, medical care, recreation, or education and communication, among others. Some of the biggest factors that influence your COLA include the prices of:

- Food
- Clothing
- Housing
- Fuels and transportation fares, and
- Charges for medical services and drugs

Measured price changes on those items over time determine the annual COLA. The calculation is made by comparing the average CPI from July through September of the current year to the average for the same months of the year prior. It is important to keep in mind that the CPI might not reflect your personal experience with price changes. This measure is supposed to represent the experience of the average household, not a specific category of individuals or families.

## 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!



## 2018 Triangle Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs

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**Wednesday, 14 November 2018**

**North Carolina State University Club  
1815 Social (Cash Bar) 1910 Dinner**



**Speaker**

**Caroline Linquist**

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**RESERVATION FORM**

**CAPT Robert Caron must receive your reservation by Friday, 9 November 2018**

**Entrees:**

**Pecan Crusted Boneless Pork Cutlet with Maple Demi Glaze. \_\_\_\_\_**

**Or**

**Grilled Atlantic Salmon with Dill Fennel Slaw. \_\_\_\_\_**

**Entrees will be served with Classic Caesar Salad, Rice Pilaf, Fresh Steamed Broccoli, Rolls, Butter, Carrot Cake, Ice Tea and Coffee**

**During the social hour (1815-1855) 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 \_\_\_\_\_  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 \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Make checks payable to MOAA/TRIANGLE CHAPTER**

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**QUESTIONS? Please call CAPT Robert Caron at: 919-650-2098**