



TriangleGram



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Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, 11 September 2019

AGENDA: REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

1815 - Social time, Cash Bar

Cheese/fruit platter, registration & raffle ticket sales

1910 Dinner

Printable Reservation Form Inside

Reservations MUST Be Received by Friday, 5 September 2019

MOAA Legislative Action Center

(<http://www.moaa.org/takeaction/?tab=Legislative-Action-Center#Legislative-Action-Center>)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

COL Herb Segal

Our September dinner is less than a month away as I write. Can it be that the dog days of summer are about to end and the weather change to more tolerable levels of heat and humidity? I certainly hope so! Change in seasons occur without any initiative on our part; not so changes in our Chapter's approach to programming and membership. First, we have juxtaposed our May and July meetings for the future. The May meeting will focus on our college scholarship awards and will be held at a time more convenient to the recipients and their families. We will redouble our efforts to raise additional funds to award more and possibly larger scholarships and to engage more high school Junior ROTC faculty in encouraging their top students to apply. We will consider emulating the experience of other MOAA Chapters who broaden their awards dinner program to include students appointed to our service academies. We will endeavor to present a speaker with a significant place in our State's educational infrastructure.

That leaves July for our annual Durham Bulls game. Frankly July dinner meetings have had rather poor attendance. This past July, we had an important presentation on human trafficking, a significant State and National problem. Sadly, our attendance was nothing short of embarrassing. Elsewhere in this newsletter, I have summarized from that presentation the many cues that may suggest an individual who may be a victim of trafficking.

Membership continues to be a challenge, both nationally and locally. MOAA members in another area of the State, around Goldsboro, are having a difficult time sustaining a critical mass. Recently, I began a survey of former Chapter members who according to our records had not paid their 2019 dues. Fortunately, we were able to correct several records and restore members to good standing. We also broke through the lethargy and re-enrolled several members, albeit late in the year. But to be complete, the majority of members who did not "re-up" also did not respond to a simple two question survey: "why did you choose to not continue your Chapter membership" and "what if anything would change your mind"? Two former members in fact "rejected" my email request. I presume they are mad about something, but I guess we'll never know.

On another front, our efforts to extend the tax relief of the "Bailey" settlement to younger retirees failed once again in the legislature. We are currently regrouping around a "uniformed services only" proposal which we think may be more palatable to our elected representatives. Moreover, we are beginning to dive more deeply into what constitutes a "military-friendly state". The implications of this initiative, whether related to insulating North Carolina against future base closures or simply related to our attractiveness to those contemplating retirement, are huge. My personal interest in veterans' courts is a part of this initiative.

Don't miss our September meeting! It will feature a very important speaker – YOU!

WE REMEMBER SEPTEMBER 11TH

YOUR PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

OUR SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING

Our September dinner meeting falls on the day eighteen years removed from one of the most significant events in American history. It was a day that saw unspeakable horror, that motivated an entire generation of Americans to serve and that profoundly changed us as a people. We each have our recollection of the day. We or our relatives and friends have experiences that collectively have framed American discourse over the past eighteen years. Some of us were on active duty, at the Pentagon or elsewhere. Some were first responders, some were flying that day, others were living or working in the areas affected. Some simply got a phone call ... "turn on the TV".

Memories fade. An entire generation has grown up since that day. Rather than present a speaker for our meeting, we invite all Chapter members and their family members and guests to join us for an evening of personal stories and reflection. We will accommodate through dinner as many speakers as want to present brief personal experiences of that day. The August newsletter will be in your email by the end of the month with details, menu choices etc. Please respond promptly. And if you or your guest had first-hand involvement in the events, please include a note to that effect with your RSVP so that no one who wants to share will be left out.

COL Herb Segal

JULY PRESENTATION: HUMAN TRAFFICKING

COL HERB SEGAL

At our July dinner meeting, we were privileged to have a presentation by Christine Shaw Long, the Executive Director of the NC Human Trafficking Commission. Human trafficking is second in frequency among all types of illegal activity; only illegal drug use, with which it often intersects, is more common. In North Carolina, human trafficking is particularly of concern, given both the number of interstate highways that crisscross the state and the importance of the agriculture and hospitality industries.

We should all be sensitive to the “red flags” that may identify workers who are not free to come and go from their jobs, who are paid very little or paid only through tips, who work excessively long or unusual hours, who are not allowed breaks or have other unusual restrictions, who owe a large debt which they are unable to pay or who work or live under conditions of high security. Such workers may have few or no personal possessions, may not be in control of their own documents or money, may not be allowed to speak for themselves and may live on the worksite or with their employer.

Other “red flags” which may be more specific to those in sex trafficking include a history of sexual or physical abuse, evidence of substance abuse, having an older boyfriend or partner or having a history of being in foster care or running away from home. These individuals may be reluctant to work with law enforcement, have specific tattoos with the names of pimps or gangs, with whom they associate, have new possessions or sudden changes in behavior or appearance.

We can respond to this problem by better informing ourselves, by reporting suspicious incidents or by finding help for potential victims. The National Human Trafficking Resource Center has a toll-free hotline: 1-888-373-7888.

Scholarship Fund Update (as of 1 September 2019)

Col Bob Penny

The MOAA Triangle scholarships are one of the primary ways we interact with our community and show our support for future military leaders of all Branches.

With the donations forwarded with registrations for the July Chapter Dinner Meeting and the raffle at the meeting, our account balance in the Triangle Chapter Scholarship Fund is \$3241.00. Our goal is to continue awarding at least three \$1000 scholarships annually to deserving JROTC cadets from the twenty-six high school units we support. The long-term goal is to provide at least \$5000.00 in scholarships each year. We could either increase the number of scholarships we award or increase the amount of each scholarship. 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.

Here are our 2019 Triangle Chapter Scholarship Winners Col Bob Penny

For those of you unable to attend the July meeting, I'd like to introduce the two recipients of our 2019 **Colonel William Frank Rawley** Triangle Chapter MOAA JROTC scholarship. Both of these recent high school graduates shared similar experiences in their respective JROTC programs. They were both commanders of their respective JROTC units and were members of their competitive drill teams. They performed hundreds of hours serving their JROTC units, their schools, and their respective communities. Both had "A plus" averages all four years of high school. This year, each recipient received \$1000.



Our first recipient is Emily Lund from Sanderson High School in Raleigh. Emily was a member of their Air Force JROTC program. She graduated with a grade point average of 4.4, was in the top 10% of her graduating class of 481 seniors, was in National Honor Society, played trumpet in the Sanderson band and was Brass Captain of the Marching Band. Emily was Corps Commander of Sanderson's Air Force JROTC unit. She will attend The Citadel majoring in Intelligence and Security Studies and will be a cadet in their Air Force ROTC detachment. She was accepted into The Citadel Leadership Ambassadors program which will give her a minor in Leadership Studies. Emily will also be playing trumpet in The Citadel marching band. Emily could not attend the July meeting because she was at The Citadel participating in their Summer Citadel Success Institute. Emily's mother, Laurie Lund, accepted on her behalf.

Our second recipient is Taylor McMannen from J.F. Webb High School in Oxford, North Carolina. She was a member of their Army JROTC program. Taylor graduated 1st in her class of 119 seniors, was in the National Honor Society, and was the Cadet Commander of her JROTC unit's corps of cadets. She will be attending North Carolina Central University majoring in Pharmaceutical Sciences. She will be a cadet in the cross-town Duke University Army ROTC program. Taylor was accompanied at our dinner meeting by her mother and father, Sophia and Reginald McMannen.

The Scholarship checks and certificates were presented by Chapter President Col. Herb Segal.

Triangle Chapter Treasurer's Report

CAPT Bob Caron

(2019 DUES ARE PAST DUE)

A reminder to all that the dues year runs from January to December, so that dues for the 2019 year were due in January. Reminders have been mailed to members in arrears.

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

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.

Life Membership is available to regular members per the Bylaws below:

Section 4.9 A Regular member shall be awarded the status of Life Member upon payment of a lump sum as shown below. All Chapter members in good standing, i.e. are current with their dues are eligible. 50 and under: \$300; 51-55: \$275; 56-65: \$250; 66-70: \$225; 71-75: \$175; 76-80: \$150; 81-85: \$100; 86-90: \$ 75; 91-95: \$ 50; 96-99: \$ 25; 100 and over: free

For Life Membership applicants without email addresses who wish to receive their newsletters by regular mail, there is a \$5 yearly surcharge above these fee schedule amounts. A new Chapter Life Member will be recognized with a distinctive nametag and mention at the dinner meeting subsequent to payment. In addition, Life Membership status would be transferred at no cost to a surviving spouse, if applicable.

Questions, contact CAPT Caron at 919-650-2098, or email at rrcaron61@nc.rr.com.

Triangle MOAA Board Meeting

8 August 2019 Seven Board Members Present

Sue Harris

- Invocation, remembering Purple Heart recipients and Pledge to the Flag
- Minutes approved
- Treasurer's report approved
- Decision to roll over the Scholarship Fund CD from one year to three years to increase interest rate
- Sunshine Hollowell to be Surviving Spouse Committee Chair and serve on the Board
- Future May meetings will have a speaker and awarding of JROTC scholarships
- Future July meetings will be held at the Durham Bulls ballpark.
- The September 11 meeting will have no speaker, but members and guests will share their experience of 9/11
- We have earned a Level 5 for Level of Excellence for 2019
- Herb Segal and Vern Pike will attend the Council of Chapters meeting
- Will explore feasibility of a Closed Facebook Group for Triangle MOAA

Business Support for the Triangle Chapter

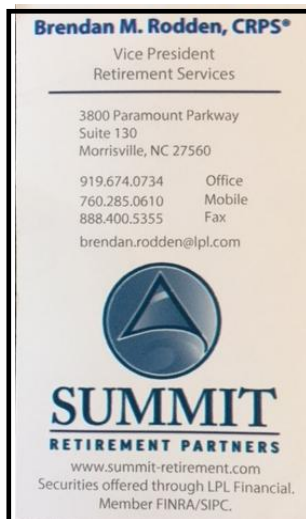
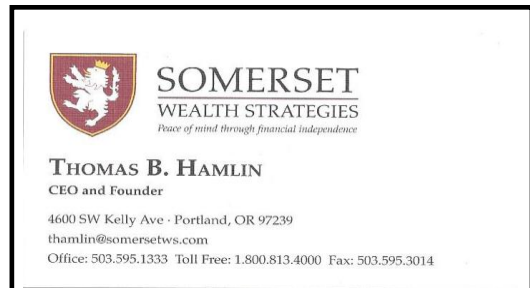
COL Matt Segal

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!



North Carolina Military/Veteran License Plates

Col Bob Penny

Since I placed this article in the last TriangleGram, I've received some positive feedback on others who read the article and applied for the NC Veteran's license plates. So, I wanted to put this out to you again.

Here's the link to get the form (MVR-33A) necessary to apply for the plate:

<https://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/title-registration/license-plates/Documents/MVR-33A.pdf>

This is what I had to do to get my plate (in Wake County):

- 1- Fill out the top portion of the Form MRV-33A from the NC DMV. You'll notice there are "none", "free", and "\$10.00" options. "none" means you pay the normal registration fee each year as you would for a non-personalized plate. "free" means you don't have to pay the yearly registration fee. "\$10.00" means you pay \$10.00 each year along with the yearly registration fee.
I requested the "US Military Air Force Veteran (suffix VF) – none" plate.
- 2- Get a copy of your DD Form 214 – it is used to verify you are qualified to receive the Military/Veteran's license plate.
- 3- For Wake County -- Call the Veterans Service Office in Raleigh to see if you need an appointment to go get the bottom of the form MRV-33A certified. The number is (919) 212-8387.

NOTE:DO NOT mail the MVR-33A form (and your DD Form 214) to the addresses shown on the MRV-33A for either the NC DMV or the Veterans Service Office. You must take them in person to both the Veterans' Service Office and the NC DMV office.

- 4- Once you've contacted the Veterans Service Office and they tell you when to come, go to their office at 3000 Falstaff Rd., Raleigh, NC 27610. The office is behind Wake Med Hospital. Remember to take your DD Form 214. I also took the vehicle title.
- 5- After the Veterans Service Office completes the certification part of the form, you can take the form to the NC DMV main office at 1100 New Bern Ave., Raleigh, NC 27697. Take your vehicle title and your old license plate – it must be turned in. There are other NC DMV offices that provide plates, but you might want to call one of them to make sure they have the Veteran's plates.

Here are examples of the plate (that's not me on the left):



The one on the left is Army and the one on the right is Air Force. They have plates for all Branches.

2019 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, 11 September 2019

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



AGENDA: REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

RESERVATION FORM

CAPT Robert Caron must receive your reservation by Friday, 5 September 2019

Entrees:

Pecan Crusted Boneless Pork Cutlet with Maple Demi Glaze: _____

OR

Grilled Atlantic Salmon with Dill Fennel Slaw: _____

Both to be served with Classic Caesar Salad, new Buttered Potatoes, Field and Sugar Snap Peas, with rolls, butter, iced tea and coffee and French Silk pie.

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 _____



I would like to make personal remarks about 9/11. Name: _____

Make checks payable to MOAA/TRIANGLE CHAPTER

Mail to: Captain Robert Caron, 805 Allforth Pl, Cary, NC 27519-6349

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