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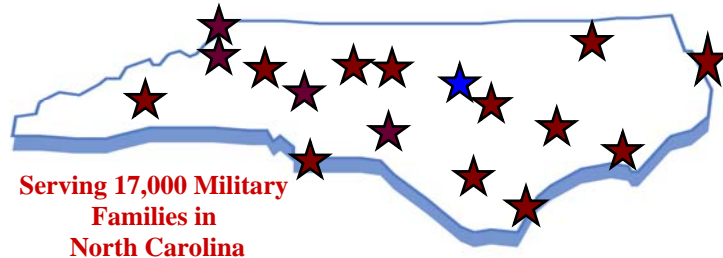
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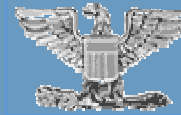


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The President's Message COL Fred Black USA (Ret.), Chapel Hill



As I write this, we are preparing for Thanksgiving and reflecting on the many things that we are thankful for in our lives. We are truly blessed and very thankful for our MOAA family and all folks do to advance our agenda here in North Carolina and elsewhere, and we wish you and yours the best as we continue to pause to give thanks.

Sylvia and I travelled to San Antonio, TX for the MOAA annual meeting in October. In addition to the awards dinner where our **Cape Fear, Sandhills, Catawba, and New River Chapters** received their 5-Star Level of Excellence awards, there were a number of significant events. One that was particularly meaningful was recognizing caregivers in the San Antonio area for their work with wounded military and veteran populations and their families. You can see a recap of the meeting at the MOAA webpage; just go to http://www.moaa.org/media_news_111027.htm

The first Saturday of November, we travelled to Hendersonville for the Western North Carolina Chapter meeting. **MAJ Bob Smith (USA-Ret.)** passed the gavel to new president **LTC Don Jackman (USA-Ret.)** during the meeting. The speaker at the meeting was a new Western Carolina Chapter member who is currently serving in the NC National Guard. In her remarks, she told of her recent deployment and experiences in Iraq with a MP detention unit from the NC National Guard and the challenges that she and her unit faced. I drew an important reminder from the opportunity to hear her and that was we have members of the National Guard and Reserves all over North Carolina. We can reach out to and bring into our MOAA Chapters. They have interesting experiences to share and we need to share with them how MOAA is working hard to advance all of our interests.

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Membership Update (By 1st VP LTC Bob Garman USA (Ret.), Fayetteville)

As we move toward the close of 2011, its time to reflect on the retention of current members as well as gaining new ones. Good programs, good food at a reasonable price, attractive surroundings and friendly members can foster an environment conducive to keeping members. Active involvement in community projects helps in keeping the chapter's name before the public. Assistance provided to active duty soldiers and their dependents is always helpful in causing nonmembers to consider joining. Supporting ROTC activities including medals, gold bars and scholarships also keeps the Chapter's name before the public.

It is not too late to put more effort toward the Give Me Ten Program of National MOAA. Not all chapters have met the goal of at least 10 new National Members and some have recruited none. North Carolina can do better if we try.

Current Give Me Ten statistics are:

Give Me 10 Recruiting in North Carolina

Statistics as of 18 November 2011.

	Give Me 10 Free	Give Me 10 Paid	Give Me 10 Life	Chap Life Conv	Outreach Credit	TOTAL
Cape Fear (NC 01)	29	1	0	0	0	30
Coastal Carolina (NC 02)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Carolina (NC 03)	7	0	0	0	0	7
Charlotte-Metrolina (NC 04)	14	0	0	0	0	14
Sandhills (NC 06)	2	2	0	0	0	4
Southeastern NC (NC 07)	0	2	0	0	0	2
Tarheel Central (NC 08)	1	0	0	0	0	1
Triangle (NC 09)	0	1	0	0	0	1
Western Carolina (NC 10)	1	8	0	0	0	9
Catawba Valley (NC 11)	0	1	0	0	0	1
Durham-Orange (NC 12)	0	1	0	0	0	1
COL Lloyd A Osborne (NC 14)	35	0	0	0	0	35
First Flight (NC 17)	0	0	0	0	0	0
First In Freedom (NC 19)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central Carolina (NC 20)	0	0	0	0	0	0
High Country (NC 21)	0	0	0	0	0	0
New River (NC 22)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	89	16	0	0	0	105

The President's Message (Continued from page 1)

As we continue to pursue the MOAA agenda, remember that an important component is adding to our "One Powerful Voice" by working even harder to build and increase the membership in our Chapters. As we have discussed, the "Give Me 10" program pro-

vides incentives for Chapters but our best case for membership is on the front page of the papers on an almost daily basis!

Thanks for being a part of the "One Powerful Voice" and thanks for all that you do for MOAA!

NC Chapters Receive Level of Excellence Awards (Photo Courtesy of CAPT Doug Ehrhardt MSC USN (Ret.))



The North Carolina State Council was well represented at MOAA's Annual Meeting in San Antonio last month where four of our Chapters received 5-Star Level of Excellence Awards for 2010. Pictured above (l-r) are **CAPT Doug Ehrhardt MSC USN (Ret.)**, President of the **New River Chapter** of Fleetwood, **COL Fred Black USA (Ret.)**, State Council President of Chapel Hill holding streamers representing the **Sandhills** and **Catawba Valley Chapters**, and **LTC Arlie Smith USA (Ret.)** of Fayetteville, President of the **Cape Fear Chapter**.

Pentagon Federal Credit Union Partners with MOAA



PenFed Credit Union was pleased to add members of MOAA to their membership charter allowing PenFed to open its doors to membership eligibility to all employees and members of MOAA.

An 82 Year Mission Just Got Even Better! Through the newly forged partnership, a MOAA employee or member is now eligible to join PenFed and apply for any of PenFed's financial products. The partnership joins two tried-and-true organizations whose goals benefit military service men and women worldwide.

Why Choose PenFed? PenFed is one of the strongest and financially secure financial institutions in the world today with over a million members, and more than \$15 billion in assets. We are a member focused organization and we strive to offer the most innovative and competitively priced products and interest rates available. When you become a member of PenFed, you will have instant access to an impressive selection of financial and mortgage services. PenFed is proud to serve MOAA as their preferred provider for credit cards, auto loans and mortgages.

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*Rate good as of November 2011

Editors' Note: We joined PenFed last December to take advantage of their no fee Platinum VISA card. They offer 5% cash back on gasoline purchases and 1% cash back on all other purchases, credited monthly. We believe it's the best deal in the industry.



National Credit Union Administration

Super Committee Opts to Whack Military People (From MOAA's Legislative Update - 22 November 2011)

Pundits and spin doctors are racing to parse the potential impact of the so-called congressional "Super Committee's" abject failure to meet its task of coming up with a package of recommendations to reduce the deficit by \$1.2 trillion over the next 10 years.

The blame game is in full swing as each party tries to deflect blame on the other for this miserable example of how political partisanship stymies reasonable legislative action.

But there's no spinning away from the reality that the Super Committee's absolute refusal to put America's needs ahead of partisan dogma will impose a double punch to the Defense budget.

And that's very bad news for members of the military community.

It means a sequester will kick in imposing \$1.2 trillion in across-the-board cuts, starting in January 2013 – with half of that total coming from the defense budget.

Added to the \$450 billion in cuts already

imposed on the Pentagon, that's a trillion-dollar cut that will devastate weapons and people programs alike.

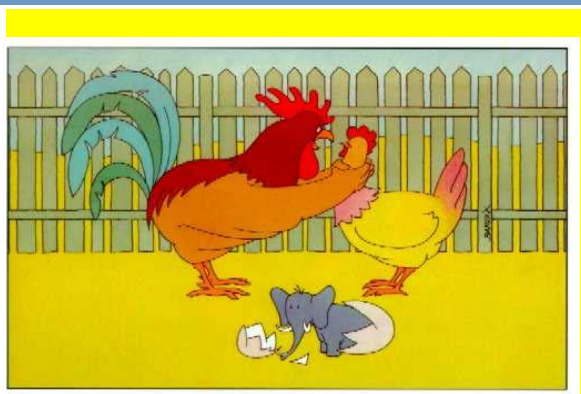
It will mean massive and stupid manpower cuts that Defense Secretary Panetta has acknowledged will hollow the force and undermine national security.

And while VA healthcare and other programs are protected from sequestration, military health care programs are not. Draw your own implications for what that likely means for military beneficiaries of all ages.

In effect, by declining other options, Super Committee members are saying they'd rather hit the military community that already has borne 100% of the Nation's wartime sacrifice with a new round of unfair and disproportional sacrifices through force cuts, more family separations, pay and benefit cuts and more.

It's an appalling and disgusting abdication of their collective responsibilities for rational governance.

De-Stressers



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