

August 18, 2012

MEMORANDUM For: Chapter Presidents and Council Officers

FROM: LTC Robert Garman, USA, Ret, Council President

SUBJECT: Welcome to the Quarterly Council Meeting

Changes are taking place in Washington as the new fiscal year budget is being worked on by both houses of Congress. How these budget actions affect our benefits is yet to be determined. MOAA National is fighting hard to keep DOD from enacting the fees on Health Care as contained in the DOD Budget proposal. However, MOAA thinks that some additional cost will be placed on active and retiree Health care despite our best efforts. The big question is the sequestration effect on the DOD Budget if Congress fails to act before the deadline for it to go into effect. The doctor fix is still hanging around for a real solution. Last but not least is the November election and what changes it will bring for everybody.

We have launched our NC Council Convention at Sea for the period 13 Feb-18 Feb 2013. Vice Admiral Norb Ryan, President of MOAA National, has been asked to attend the Convention and if he cannot attend, to designate someone from the staff to participate. The two previous Conventions at Sea were well attended and enjoyed by all MOAA Members. It is my hope that this cruise will be equally enjoyable as well as informative. The purpose of the Convention is for MOAA Members from across North Carolina to get to know each other and to form lasting friendships as we cruise the Atlantic Ocean.

All chapters are experiencing membership losses, low turnouts at meetings, and a problem in obtaining members to take on the leadership positions. MOAA National is starting a new program to assist Chapters in recruiting new members that includes E-mails to all MOAA National members who do not belong to your chapters as well as the Cover Wrap of the Military Officer magazine. It is hoped that the Presidents Innovations period today will highlight some actions used successfully by some chapters to recruit and/or maintain chapter membership.

While Congress is on their August recess, it is a good time for each of us to make contact with our representatives while they are at home and present the three MOAA issues to them for consideration. Issue #1: Avoid Catastrophic Sequestration Cuts. Issue #2: Resist undermining crucial Military Career Incentives. Issue #3: Support Senate Defense Bill Amendments. MOAA provided fact sheets on each of these subjects in the Legislative Update dated 27 July 2012.

I thank you for all you do for MOAA.



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**Treasurer's Report to the N.C. Council
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<u>Balance Forward</u>	\$4495.39
<u>Expenditures:</u>	
Check to Dave Olson re Council meeting June 8, 2012	121.92
Check to N. C. Veterans Council	100.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 221.92
<u>Subtotal</u>	\$4273.47
<u>Cash in</u>	
No cash in this quarter	
Total cash in	\$00.00
<u>Balance on hand</u>	\$4273.47

Respectfully submitted this date by

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