



Charleston Chapter, Military Officers Association of America

November, 2010 Issue 10-2010

Published monthly, except July

Web site: www.chasmoaa.org

Reserve Officer Training Corps

We are approaching the 2011 MOAA Charleston awards season that starts in February and goes through May of next year. During that time, your chapter will give medals and monetary awards to JROTC students at 23 local high schools and 2 universities (The Citadel and Charleston Southern University).

One of the eight purposes of the MOAA Charleston Chapter is to recognize and support the JROTC and ROTC programs. Our dedication to this effort is readily welcomed by participating schools of the tri county area. Ceremonies are arranged, separately or in conjunction with entire school award assemblies. MOAA and similar organizations appear at such ceremonies and make presentations to cadets/midshipmen selected by their unit leaders. We believe that our presence at such events reinforces confidence in potential leaders and demonstrates our interest in furthering their military or naval progress.

In the recent 2010 awards, 14 presenters came forth from our midst, making 47 individual presentations at 24 schools. Our goal is to increase our number of presenters to 25 this coming year.

This is an appeal for 2011 volunteer presenters to register your intent to help. Please call Don Lovelace (843-797-6326) or e-mail me (love29406@aol.com) to list your availability for this worthy and patriotic cause. I need your name, rank, service phone number and e-mail address. Do this in November if possible. I welcome your input anytime, but as soon as possible for planning purposes. With a workable list of volunteers, I can begin to coordinate with the schools next year to match their award dates.

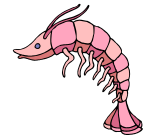
Thank you for considering this request.

Don Lovelace



Who's this Month's MOAA Profile?
See Page Three

Shrimp Boats Are Coming



You'll have your turkey the next week, so join us for the chapter's annual seafood event at Red's Ice House on Shem Creek. Come out and see how the area is getting ready for the Christmas holidays. Enjoy a great meal, great company and a super evening all the way around.

Place: Red's Ice House, 98 Church Street, Mt. Pleasant

Date: Friday, November 19, 2010

Time: 6 P.M. Social Hour : 6:45 P.M. Dinner

Menu: Low Country Boil with shrimp, sausage, potatoes and corn. Iced Tea, Cash Bar

Cost: \$18.00 per person, Make check payable to : "Charleston MOAA"

Dress: Casual

RSVP: Not later than 16 November, 2010

Mail to: LCDR W.J. Mehard, 5926 Commonwealth Circle, Hanahan, SC 29410-2431

Note: After you turn off Coleman Blvd. onto Mill St. make an immediate right turn into the large parking lot. Then drive across the parking lot to Red's Ice House.

Special Note: We will be making a presentation of the Lahm Award at this function, so plan to be there.

Legislative Update

CDR John E. Nolan, SC, USN

“QUINTUPLE-WITCHING NOVEMBER”

Like a football player who falls down rather than taking a punishing hit, Congress took that play from the playbook and punted on funding the government for the new fiscal year by passing a continuing resolution to keep the government running until December 3 and then skipped town to campaign for re-election.

This follows previous punts on the FY 2011 Defense Authorization Bill and extension of the Bush era tax cuts. Which means the legislators will still have all of those tough problems to make when they return for a “lame-duck” session in November.

In addition, they will still have to come up with a way to avoid a catastrophic 23.5% cut to Medicare and TRICARE payments to doctors that will happen on December 1, unless Congress changes the law— with an additional 6.1% cut looming on January 1. Unless fixed, these cuts could lead many doctors to stop seeing Medicare and TRICARE patients.

And lets not forget the President’s deficit commission is scheduled to report on December 1 concerning the various kinds of ugly options Congress will have to choose from to address the spiraling national debt. Once they experience “quintuple-witching November”, some who are reelected may wonder if they really came out winners-especially if the “lame-ducks” decide to punt again and shift the problem to January and let the newly elected Congress take the political heat for their decisions.

POTENTIAL PRESIDENTIAL DEBT COMMISSION TOPICS

Although there is no way to know what specific recommendations the deficit commission’s report might include, the following list highlights selected proposals offered by two current commission members and other task forces that reviewed similar issues.

* Sen. Alan Simpson (994-95): Recalculate CPI to curtail COLA’s; restrict COLA’s to the bottom 20% -30% of retired/VA compensation amounts; and limit military retirement formula to 2% of high 36-month basic pay times the years of service.

*Sen. Judd Gregg (1995): Bar COLA’s before age 62; limit COLA’s to first \$14,000 of retired pay and cap annual COLA’s at 0.5% below inflation.

* “Blue Dogs” Democrats (1997): Cap annual COLA’s 0.8% below inflation.

*DoD Budget Proposal (2006-2008); double or triple retiree TRICARE enrollment fees deductibles, and pharmacy co-payments for retirees under age 65, depending on grade or retired-pay level.

*CBO Budget Option List (2008): Charge a user fee for all beneficiaries seen in military hospitals and clinics; double TRICARE fees for retirees under age 65; and require TRICARE For Life beneficiaries to absorb about \$2,700 a year in out of pocket health care costs.

*10th Quadrennial Review of Military Compensation (2008): Significantly increase TRICARE enrollment fees; deductibles and retail pharmacy co-payments for retirees under age 65, depending on family income; change pay raise formula to depress annual basic pay increases; delay retired pay until age 57 or later for new entrants and allow DoD to change retirement contribution annually depending on specialty or other criteria, and charge an annual enrollment fee for TRICARE Standard.

STEVE ROWE



Proud MOAA Member

Retired Military, Active Realtor®

Helping you & your loved ones live the American dream....

www.SteveRoweHomes.com

(843)303-7438

srowe@CarolinaOne.com





Chief Warrant Officer 4 Al LeBlanc, USN Nuclear Weapons Professional, Teacher



Few of us can say we're blessed with a perfect retirement, but retired Navy CWO-4 Al LeBlanc may be close.

"I'm enjoying life and am staying in good health," LeBlanc said recently from his West Ashley home.

"I'm active in my church," (Cherokee Place United Methodist), he said. "I've been a member of the church's board for the last 12 years and treasurer of the men's club.

"I play golf three times a week and I have a hobby. I custom-build golf clubs."

Al quickly notes that his family is a key element in his perfect retirement. He counts his wife, Deloris, his daughter, Sharon Ann, plus two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren as part of the equation. All of them live in the local area.

Al was born in 1932 and grew up in New Orleans. He joined the Naval Reserve in 1949 and attended a two-week version of boot camp designed for Navy reservists. That all changed when he was called to active duty two years later.

"It was back to Great Lakes Naval Station for 11 more weeks of boot camp," he said.

Al's first post after boot camp was aboard the USS Howard W. Gilmore, a submarine tender homeported in Key West, Fla. His first job was as a gunner's mate striker. That meant he had to keep the Gilmore's guns serviced and ready to fire. It was the first of a number of assignments alternating between ships and shore duty for the next 26 years.

"In 1953, I was assigned to the Atlantic Reserve Fleet in Charleston," Al said. "While here, I met my beautiful wife, Deloris. We were married on New Year's Eve, 1955."

Al's list of assignments over the years reads like a railroad timetable. He attended gunner's mate school in Maryland, then reported aboard the USS Latimer, an attack transport homeported in Norfolk, Va.



CWO2 Al LeBlanc at Norfolk, VA in 1970

"I drove a lot of miles between Norfolk and Charleston," he said, where Deloris was living.

Al's ship-board assignments included:

- * USS Capricornus, an attack cargo ship
- * USS Graham County, a tank landing ship
- * USS Little Rock, a guided missile cruiser
- * USS DuPont, a destroyer

"My job was to make sure the guns worked when they were supposed to," Al said.

Al was promoted to warrant officer in 1966 while aboard the DuPont. Later, he was assigned to the Defense Nuclear Agency at Sandia Base, NM. While there, he trained sailors how to handle nuclear weapons.

In 1967 he was transferred to the nuclear weapons division aboard the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga, homeported in Mayport, Fla.

Al later had two tours of duty with the Nuclear Weapons Training Group, Atlantic at Norfolk. He traveled extensively inspecting weapons operations on subs, surface ships and shore stations.

Several assignments later, Al wound up at the Polaris Missile Facility, Atlantic, on the Charleston Naval Weapons Station. He was the assistant officer in charge of the facility's nuclear weapons department.

Al retired from the Navy in November, 1977. Three months later he went to work as a quality assurance inspector for Lockheed Missile and Space Co. Lockheed was the contractor on the Polaris missiles that were installed aboard the ballistic missile subs operating out of Charleston.

Al retired from Lockheed in 1991, about the same time the Navy decommissioned its older Polaris missile submarines.

He said his most rewarding Navy assignment was his tour in New Mexico, "teaching people to do a sensible job. I can't talk about it much but it involved training people to do their jobs with nuclear weapons."

Through much of his life, Al has volunteered to help others. In Virginia, he helped organize a volunteer fire department. He also helped out in the Virginia Beach General Hospital emergency room.

Years later in South Carolina, he helped transport kids between Charleston and the Shine Hospital in Greenville.

As he said before, "I'm enjoying life."



President's Pen

Several of our board members attended the Chapter President's Symposium which was held in late September in Jacksonville, Florida. A record 427 MOAA Council and Chapter Leaders, Spouses and Leaders of the National Staff and the Board of Directors attended this symposium held 16-18 September 2010 and drew leaders from states in MOAA's Southeast Region. Throughout the symposium participants exchanged ideas with MOAA's Board of Directors and National Staff including Chairman of the Board General Richard Neal, USMC Retired as well as National President V ADM Norb Ryan, Jr, USN, Retired.

During the leaders workshop, council and chapter officers examined issues ranging from Grass Roots Legislative support to Community Involvement. Delegates also focused on how to improve membership recruiting and retention in their chapters.

A special workshop was held for 32 TOPS Chapter Liaison's who provide local assistance to second career officers and members who are seeking jobs.

In addition spouses and auxiliary members attended a workshop that discussed how they could better support chapters. Additional information is available on MOAA.org the National MOAA website that portrays all of the programs that were presented and discussed during the general session.

As a result of this symposium your chapter will actively implement new and different ideas to work at the local level and with MOAA National to identify and convince potential members of the benefits of membership in a local chapter and MOAA National.

At the October Chapter Board meeting David Farley was installed as a member of the board. David has agreed to assume the duties of the first vice president and will work with the incumbent, Bill Mehard, until his formal installation in January.

The annual retiree appreciation day is scheduled for Saturday, November 6, at the Charleston Club from 9:00 AM to noon. Literature from MOAA National will be available and a MOAA National staff member will address the group. Copies of the MOAA Military Officer Magazine and our chapter newsletters will also be available. Please help us to spread the word about this event. We also need volunteers to work at our booth to answer questions and assist in handing out materials. If you can help with this event please contact Butch Fuller or Cliff Abbey. Their phone numbers are available in this newsletter.

Cliff

Free Meal at Applebee's

This upcoming Veterans Day (Thursday, November 11, 2010), Applebee's will thank our nation's veterans and active duty military by inviting them to their neighborhood Applebee's for a free meal.

- All U.S. veterans and active duty personnel with proof of current or former military service will eat free at all Applebee's in their respective neighborhoods on Veterans Day, Thursday, November 11, 2010.
- Proof of service includes the following: U.S. Uniform Services Identification Card, U.S. Uniform Services Retired Identification Card, Current Leave and Earnings Statement, Veterans Organization Card, photograph in uniform or wearing uniform, DD214, Citation or Commendation.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We will send a follow-up reminder with a press announcement and link to summary video closer to the date.

Again, thank you!

Derek Farley
for Applebee's
derek@dfpr.com
704-926-6580



REST IN PEACE

A grateful nation thanks you for your contribution



A contribution will be made to the scholarship fund in memory of our lost member

Veterans Day—Tribute to our Veterans

This Veterans Day, November 11th, Veterans will be recognized at the Felix C. Davis Community Center at Park Circle in North Charleston.

The observance will run from 10:30 AM until 1 PM.

The Guest Speaker will be General James Livingston, a Medal of Honor recipient.

The Post and Courier's Warren Peper will emcee the event.

Veterans taking part in the ceremony will receive special recognition for their service.

Veterans who want to be recognized during the ceremony should register by sending an e-mail to cdambaugh@northcharleston.org or by calling 745-1028.

Need to get in touch with the chapter?

Call one of the Board members listed on page 6 or mail us at

Chapter Mailing Address

**Charleston MOAA
PO Box 70421
Charleston, SC 29415-0421**

You gotta have a Jones
Serving the Low Country for over 43
years

JONES

**I 26, exit 211B, right on Rivers
843-744-3311**



**Old Trolley Dental
Associates**

**Former U.S. Navy
Dentists**

**W. Scott Kibler DMD
George W. Kredich DDS**

**600 Old Trolley Road
Summerville, SC 29485
843-871-2971
oldtrolleydental.com**

**Kelly Wilkes Ford, DMD, MHS, PA
John Common, DMD, MS**

Practice Limited to Periodontics and Implants



**321 North Laurel Street
Summerville, SC, 29483
Phone: 843.871.6636
Fax 843.747.9021**

*Let us help you plan
an occasion to remember!*

The Charleston Club

**Military Reunions ~ Wedding Receptions
Family Reunions ~ Retirement Ceremonies ~ Banquets**

*Our meeting facilities can accommodate up to 500 guests
for business or pleasure.*

Located on Charleston Air Force Base
www.437services.com
(843) 963-3914 ext 203

Charleston AFB
SERVICES
Combat Support & Community Service

Services available to eligible patrons and guests



U.S. AIR FORCE

VA Hospital Visit

The next VA Hospital visit is scheduled for Saturday, November 13th. As in the past, plan to meet at the Club at Charleston Air Force Base at 9:15 AM. From there, the group will convoy down to the VA Hospital. For those of you who desire to do so, just go on down to the hospital, and meet the rest of the group there.

The last time that we visited the hospital, we were accompanied by JROTC cadets from Fort Dorchester High School. They are planning to be with us again, so it should be a good morning down there. We are looking forward to having the cadets with us, and we would like to see as many MOAA Chapter members there as there are cadets.

These visits are welcomed by the patients at the hospital, and they are a real pleasure to talk to.

So, plan on attending. Just give Terry Joyce a call, and let him know that you are going to attend. Call him at 843-871-6360.

The Credit Union Difference.

Great Member Benefits:

- Online and Mobile Banking, Bill Pay
- Checking, Savings, Loans
- Lower or no fees on Products and Services
- Access to Shared Branching Network (3,000 Credit Unions Nationwide)

www.HeritageTrust.org
(843)832-2600



This Credit Union is federally-insured by the National Credit Union Administration.



HERITAGE TRUST
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

2009-2010 OFFICERS and BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT	LT Clifton R. Abbey, USN (thru 2010)	553-2644	cliffabbey@att.net
1st VP PROGRAMS	LCDR William J. Mehard, Jr. USN (thru 2010)	554-8391	mehardw@bellsouth.net
2nd VP MEMBERSHIP	COL Allan T. Smith, USAF (thru 2010)	572-2011	alandmarty@comcast.net
SECRETARY	COL Clinton L. Noren, USAF (thru 2010)	552-7579	cnoren@earthlink.net
TREASURER	LTCOL. Ed Knowles, USAF (thru 2010)	553-5299	r66837.comcast.net
DIR. HOSPITALITY	MRS. Virginia P. Chinnes, AUX (thru 2013)	572-8761	
DIR AWARDS	COL Steve A. Rowe, USA (thru 2010)	303-7438	srowe@carolinaone.com
DIR PERSONAL AFFAIRS	CAPT Roy Corderman, USN (thru 2013)	571-5061	
DIR. LEGISLATIVE	CDR John E. Nolan, USN (thru 2010)	821-5767	sandlappers@sc.rr.com.
DIR. T.O.P.S/PUBLICITY	MAJOR Terry Joyce, USAF (thru 2010)	871-6360	wjoyce@prodigy.net
PAST PRESIDENT	COL Josiah (Butch) Fuller, USA (thru 2010)	821-0169	ButchFuller@aol.com
MEMBER AT LARGE	CDR Donald Lovelace, USN (thru 2013)	797-6326	Love29406@aol.com
MEMBER AT KARGE	BG Ernest D. Brockman USA (thru 2013)	875-4465	ebrockman@sc.rr.com
MEMBER AT LARGE	COL Beverly R. Brockman USA (thru 2013)	875-4465	bbrockman@sc.rr.com
MEMBER AT LARGE	CDR David E. Farley USN (thru 2013)	881-9452	defarley@bellsouth.net

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD (Appointed by the President)

EDITOR	COL Josiah (Butch) Fuller	821-0169	ButchFuller@aol.com
CHAPLAIN	CAPT Henry Lovelady, USN	553-9581	capthensyl@comcast.net
SCHOLARSHIP	COL Rudy Smart, USAF	824-1263	rudy@thesmartsplace.com


News and Views herein are not necessary those of any Government Department or of other Chapters or Members. **Prospective Chapter Members:** if you are not a member of the Charleston Chapter, MOAA, you have received this copy as a courtesy invitation to call any Officer or Director for information about joining.

Sam Stafford III, M.D.
Mt. Pleasant Dermatology
 1280 Johnnie Dodds Blvd.
 Suite 300
 Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464
 (843) 881-0320



Donald Hurley
 D.O., F.A.A.F.P.
 Commander, USN, MC (Ret)
 Member of MOAA

Your Family Doctor



1483 Tobias Gadson Blvd. Ste 206
 Charleston, SC 29407
 Tel: (843) 766-1936
 Fax: (843) 766-1206

www.drhurley.familydoctors.net

EFS

Ett Financial Services, LLC

Comprehensive Wealth Management

- Tax Preparation •
- Investment Management •

843-729-8728



Rick Ett CPA, CFP®
 Commander, USN (Ret)

rett@moneyconcepts.com
 www.moneyconcepts.com

Straight Forward Financial Advice
 No Brokerage Firm Mumbo Jumbo

Personal Service
 Guaranteed

All securities through Money Concepts Capital Corp.
 Member FINRA/SIPC

2040 E WALL STREET MT. PLEASANT, SC 29464

AppleGate Printing, LLC

WEBWORKS PRINTING VINYL SIGNS

www.applegateprinting.com

- Digital Artwork
- Offset Printing
- Four-Color Vinyl Prints
- Signs
- Banners



505 Myers Rd Summerville, SC 29485

843-824-0076

STUNNING 60 INCH WIDE COLOR PRINTING

Charleston Chapter MOAA Membership Application Renewal Change of Address
 (circle one). Chapter Dues: \$10.00 a year for Regular membership. Auxiliary membership \$5.00 per year. Multiple year dues are encouraged in order to reduce paperwork. Make check payable to "Charleston MOAA". Mail to: Charleston MOAA, P.O. Box 70421, Charleston SC 29415-0421.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

DOB _____ Rank _____ Service _____ Spouse's Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ - _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

If you are a member of National MOAA, please provide your membership number _____

Your status (circle one) Retired Active Duty Reserve National Guard Former Officer Auxiliary

Dues for Year (s) _____ Signature _____

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Total Membership: 458

Auxiliary Members: 98

Honorary Members: 24

Receiving E-Mail Newsletters: 93

Dues Questions

Questions concerning your status should be directed to:

Al Smith, Membership VP. 572-2011
alandmarty@comcast.net

MEMBERSHIP DUES 2011

To those members who have not yet paid their annual dues, please note that your Membership is highly valued and we sincerely hope to continue counting you among us as we press on to further the goals and objectives of this Chapter. To remain a Charter member, please submit your dues by **1 January 2011**.

Please remember that the Chapter's annual dues are expected at the beginning of each year. Check the mailing label on this newsletter, where it says, "**DUES PAID THRU.....**" date to see if your dues are current for the year 2010 or beyond.

If not, please mail your dues at your earliest convenience (\$10.00 for members or \$5.00 for Auxiliary members) payable to **Charleston MOAA**. Along with your dues please complete the Membership Application/Renewal form inside the back page of this Newsletter. Attach your check to the application and mail both to:

**Charleston Chapter, MOAA
P.O. Box 70421
Charleston, SC 29415-0421.**

Thanks in advance.

MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID DUES FOR 5 YEARS OR MORE

One additional member has joined the ranks of those who have paid their dues for five or more years. In addition to those previously recognized, we are pleased to extend our wholehearted thanks to the following member:

COL Wendell M. Houston, USA (Ret.)

ADDRESS CHANGE

Mrs. Susan L. Nelson, AUX
3556 Gladehill Lane
Leland, NC 28451

Mrs. Mae Vroman, AUX
1219D Central Avenue
Summerville, SC 29483-3150

WELCOME ABOARD

LtCol Ronald R. Rotzko, USAF (Ret.)
1796 Gunclub Road
Charleston, SC 29414-5914

CWO4 Thomas L. Whitt, USN (Ret.)
149 Chatfield Circle
Goose Creek, SC 29445-7092

Correction to October Welcome List

CDR Steven F. Nall, USN (Ret.)
2242 Asheford Place Drive
Charleston, SC 29414-4400

CHARLESTON CHAPTER
Military Officers Association of America
P.O. Box 70421
Charleston, SC 29415-0421

NON-PROFIT ORG
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Charleston, SC
Permit No. 259