

April 27, 2013

MEMORANDUM For: Chapter Officers and Council Officers

FROM: LTC Robert Garman, USA, Ret Council President

Welcome to the Second Quarterly Meeting of the NC Council of Chapters for 2013. I was in Alexandria, VA & Washington, DC last week for the Council and Chapter Presidents' Seminar. The key part of the Seminar was Storming the Hill on 17 April where I had the privilege of visiting with nine of our North Carolina Legislators and/or their staffs. The message we carried to the hill was that we must sustain the 1.8% military pay raise, bar unfair TRICARE fee hikes and eliminate the iniquities affecting Disable Retirees, Military Widows and Guard/Reserve Retirees. The meetings with our legislators were cordial and productive. We found support for MOAA's views and our resolve to maintain a strong National Defense.

Awards given by MOAA during the Presidents Seminar as part of "Storming the Hill" included the following:

The Colonel Arthur T Marix Congressional Leadership Award went to:

Senators: Claire McCaskill (D-Missouri)
Patty Murray (D-Washington)
Jack Reed (D- Rhode Island)
Marco Rubio (R-Florida)
Representative: Susan Davis (D- California)

The MOAA Distinguished Service Award goes to:

Caterpillar Inc.
Homes for Our Troops

The Colonel Paul W Arcari Meritorious Service Award goes to:

Professional congressional staff members:
John Chapla
Kate Mevis

Davis and Murray were recognized for their leadership in improving employment opportunities for transitioning servicemembers.

McCaskill, Reed, and Rubio championed important TRICARE pharmacy legislation.

Speakers for the Seminar included:

The Honorable Tim Kaine, U S senator from Virginia and LTG William Troy, Director of the Army Staff.

The Col Marvin J Harris Communications Awards were announced during the Seminar and North Carolina received these five awards:

NC Council	Winner	Electronic Newsletter	CAPT Doug Ehrhardt
NC Council	1 st Runner Up	Print Newsletter	Maj Bill & Dee Culler
NC Council	1 st Runner Up	Web Site	CAPT Doug Ehnhardt
New River	Winner	Electronic Newsletter	CAPT Doug Ehrhardt
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Our congratulations to Doug, Bill & Dee for these achievements. We thank you for your hard work in keeping the Council informed.

I thank each member of the Council for all you do for MOAA.

NEXT MEETING

3rd Qtr (August 9-10) Jefferson Landing ,NC hosted by the New River Chapter