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NORTH CAROLINA
COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS
4D QUARTER MEETING
MOAA

HICKORY, NC

NOVEMBER 12, 2016

HARLEY ELLINGER 2D VP

LEGISLATIVE REPORT



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POLITICALLY NEUTRAL

PARK YOUR SHIELD, MACE, PIKE, AND

SWORD

AT THE

DOOR



“ELECTION YEAR 2016”

REGARDLESS OF OUTCOME

THIS WILL BE A VERY HARD YEAR

TO

STAY POLITICALLY NEUTRAL!

HOWEVER – TRY & TRY & TRY

NONPARTISANSHIP

- PRESIDENT: Lt. Gen. Dana T. Adkins USAF (RET)

To advocate effectively for our members,

WE CAN NOT AFFORD

TO HOLD GRUDGES



STATUS OF CONGRESS

NOVEMBER 12, 2016

NONE OF THE 12

APPROPRIATION BILLS

HAVE BEEN PASSED.

EXCEPTION

- ONE BILL PASSED:-

DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS



STATUS OF CONGRESS

- TO AVOID SHUTTING DOWN GOVERNMENT:
 - PASSED
 - CONTINUING RESOLUTION (CR)
EFFECTIVE TO - DECEMBER 9, 2016



NATIONAL ISSUES

- Pentagon halts effort to recoup NG bonuses.
 1. NG units in California received too large bonuses to reenlist during war in Iraq.
 2. Bonuses were at least \$15,000. (2007)
 3. Some NG knew they were ineligible – crime.
 4. Congress now involved – a fix is needed.
 5. Issue not resolved – MOAA involved.

NATIONAL ISSUES

- WHAT RAISE DO THE TROOPS DESERVE?
 1. Civilians saw a 2.4% raise in pay – 2016
 2. By Law – (2004) basic pay increases to equal civilian pay increases.
 3. HOWEVER: may be modified by President (1.6%) or by Congress (2.1%).
 4. No action by Congress=1.6% raise (maybe)!

NATIONAL ISSUES

1. Senate: Pay raise – 1.6%

Decrease military force strength

2. House: Pay raise – 2.1%

Increase military force strength

NOTE: Senate Armed Forces Comm.:-

Sen McCain, increase pay and military force strength. (there is hope!)



NATIONAL ISSUES

1. COLA for 2017 – 0.3% INCREASE

MOAA QUESTIONS calculations and items that are considered in the determination.

ie.:- Fuel and food prices have gone up and down over the last 8 years.

2. Many VA bills remained unpassed in this years session, and face being lost!

6 FIGURE INCOME

WITH MORE MILITARY PERSONNEL

REACHING A TOTAL INCOME OF

6 FIGURES

HAVE WE REACHED THE

THE GLASS CEILING!

MILITARY BASE PAY PER YEAR- ARMY

- E-1: \$18,804 + benefits
- E-5: \$26,772 to \$37,992 + benefits (12 yrs.)
- E-6: \$29,232 to \$45,276 + benefits (18 yrs.)
- E-8: \$48,612 to \$69,336 + benefits (30 yrs.)
- O-3: \$47,568 to \$77,376 + benefits (14 yrs.)
- O-5: \$62,700 to \$106,512 + benefits (22 yrs.)
- O-6: \$75,205 to \$133,140 + benefits (30 yrs.)
- O-8: \$119,352 to \$172,068 + benefits (34 yrs.)

TRICARE FEE INCREASES

- Health care costs are level or declining.
- TRICARE for LIFE costs declined 40% in the last five years.

NOTE: Superb pharmacy program by mail keeps seniors well and out of hospital.

Need well documented studies of health care costs for military personnel.

FIRST FIX: health care access, quality, & cost analysis before increase in fees.

HOUSING ALLOWANCE

- Married military couples – one allowance only. Loss of \$10,000 to \$20,000 per year per person.
- Military people make enough money to pay for their own housing.
- NEXT:- pay for on base/post housing.
- Housing allowance always included in the military compensation package.

SHOULD MILITARY OFFICERS VOTE?

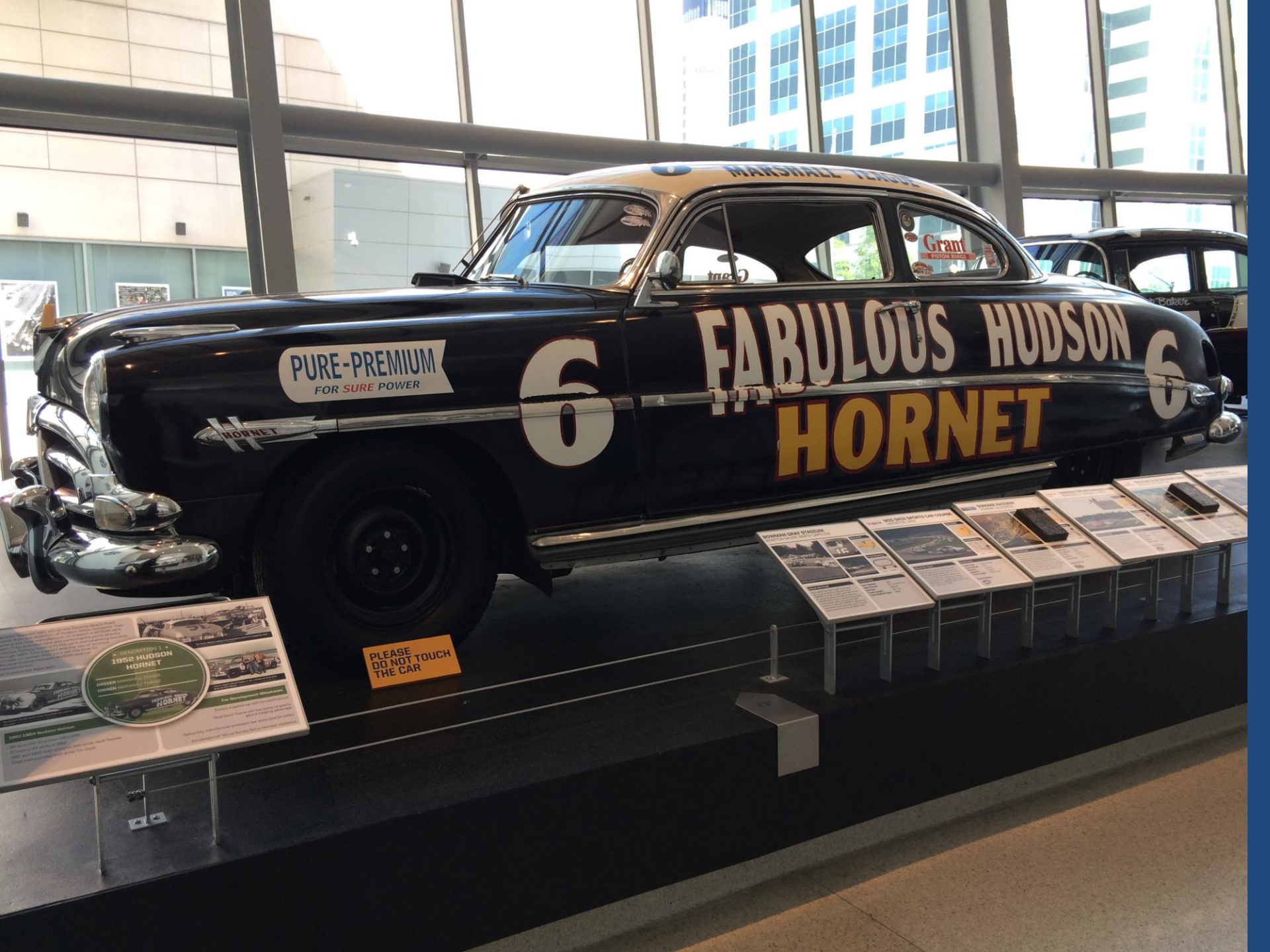
- ISSUE:- two high profile general officers participated in the Democratic and Republican national conventions.

ISSUE:- MILITARY GENERAL OFFICERS DO NOT RETIRE AND CAN BE CALLED BACK TO ACTIVE DUTY AT ANY TIME BY THE PRES. ie- Gen. Mac Arthur

TOP MILITARY-HEAVY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

MILITARY RETIRES

1. Florida 1st district
2. Virginia 2nd district
3. Colorado 5th district
4. Virginia 1ST district
5. Virginia 4th district



PURE-PREMIUM
FOR SURE POWER

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FABULOUS HUDSON

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HORNET

MARSHAL TERRY

Grant
PISTON SINCE

GENERATION 4
1952 HUDSON
HORNET

OWNER INFORMATION
OWNER: MARSHAL TERRY
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1952 4-Door Hudson Hornet

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PLEASE
DO NOT TOUCH
THE CAR

MARSHAL TERRY STADIUM

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FACTS VERSUS FEELINGS

- 1) Part of the Legislature uses facts, while the other part uses feelings or emotion to make decisions.
- 2) Determine your target audience.
- 3) Determine if the person is influenced by facts, or feelings and emotion. What will sway them to help us?



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FARMALL CUB



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MOAA NATIONAL ISSUES

SUMMER 2016

- Retain pay raise & force levels in House Bill.
- Drop Senate proposed housing allowance cuts. \$2,000 to \$20,000 annually.
- Prevent disproportional TRICARE fee increases.
- Eliminate the military “widows tax.

SUMMER LEGISLATIVE VISITS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Dist. #1 Rep. George Butterfield – no report.

Dist. #2 Rep. Renee Ellmers – meeting with
Pat Fitzgerald for presentation of the
four issues.

Dist. #3 Rep. Walter B. Jones Jr. – no report.

Dist. #4 Rep. David Price – no report.

SUMMER LEGISLATIVE VISITS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Dist. #5 Rep. Virginia Fox – meeting with Rep. Fox and her Dist. Dir. Robert Meek to present the 4 issues all of which they enthusiastically support.

Dist. #6 Rep. Mark Walker – no report.

Dist. #7 Rep. David Rouzer – no report

Dist. #8 Rep. Richard Hudson – no report

SUMMER LEGISLATIVE VISITS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Dist. #9 Rep. Robert Pittenger – met with aide Bob Becker and presented the 4 issues which they would address.

Dist.#10 Rep. Patrick McHenry – met with staff and Rep. presented the 4 issues.

Dist.#11 Rep. Mark Meadows – met with staff Rep. and presentate the 4 issues.

SUMMER LEGISLATIVE VISITS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Dist. #12 Rep. Alma Adams – met with staff and presented the 4 issues. Rep. has always been a strong supporter of the military.

Dist. #13 Rep. George Holding – met with staff and presented the 4 issues.



STATE ISSUES

NC LEGISLATIVE SESSION - 2016

- H5 – Military Veterans Special Plate – passed.
- H114 – Bailey/Patton – not considered.
- H256 – Handicapped Parking/Veterans Plate – passed.
- H842 – Medicaid Wavier Protections / Military Families – presentation to Secretary of State.
- H860 – Limit Soldiers Community College Tuition – has been heard in committee. No results.
- S105 – Act to required info. on Vet. Tax returns.

TAX LEGISLATION - PASSED

- H3 – Income tax reduction and limitation at 5.5%. Limits any future income tax to 5.5%.
- **ULTIMATE GOAL:** eliminate the income tax and transfer taxing to sales tax so everyone pays taxes.
- **ULTIMATE GOAL:** stop transfer of wealth in society – the goal of an income tax.



LEGISLATIVE CHAIR

OF

4TH BRANCH

COL (RET) JERI GRAHAM

H114



NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE 2017 SESSION

- BAILEY / PATTON LAW – equal tax treatment.
- #1 Strategy issues for passage in this session.
- #2 Groups to enlist for support of passage.
- #3 Impact of lobbyists.
- #4 Impact of 4th branch website.
- #5 Impact of social media.
- #6 Impact of school teachers, positive or neg.

