

March Meeting - Submitted by Jim Jackson, Program Chair

Our 06 March 2018 meeting will be at the beautiful Bluewater Grill on Wrightsville Beach beginning at 1130 hours. Our luncheon is priced at \$20 including the entrée of your choice, soft beverages, coffee, tea and cookies for dessert. Cocktails, beer and wine are available for purchase. Luncheon entrees include your choice from the items listed below. Payment for entrée is made at check-in.

- Salmon Wrap
- Greek Salad with Grilled Chicken
- Fish and Chips
- Roasted Chicken BLT

March is Women's History Month, as designated by Presidential Proclamation in 1980 which stated in part: "Too often the women (first settlers) were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well". In recognition of the many valuable contributions that women have made in the Armed Forces, our guest this month is Sgt. Jude Eden, USMC (former). Jude served in the Marine Corps Infantry in Iraq and currently is a political writer. Her literary focus is on "women in combat".

Please RSVP **NLT Friday, 2 March**, to JoAnn Doleman via email: jdoleman522@gmail.com, or 910-540-8459.

Upcoming Programs for Remainder of 2018

- 3 Apr 2018 Film producer David Garrigus – Documentary on the American Constitution
- 1 May 2018 Oak Island "Southern" meeting – MG Peggy Wilmoth, (USA-Ret), Former Deputy Surgeon General
- 1 Jun 2018 Annual Pig Pickin' – Hugh McRae Park, Wilmington
- July, Aug Summer break
- 4 Sep 2018 TBA
- 19 Oct 2018 Special meeting date and time - Dinner in the Ward Room onboard USS North Carolina (our meeting coupled with North Carolina Council of Chapters quarterly meeting)
- 6 Nov 2018 TBA
- 4 Dec 2018 Special Holiday Program

Message from SENCLAND Chapter President, Ken Klassen

Attendance and interaction at the Feb. 6th Chapter luncheon indicated SENCLAND Chapter is the place to be on the first Tuesday of the month! 117 members and guests enjoyed mingling with friends and meeting numerous guests. Your recruiting efforts with friends and sharing chapter information with potential members are working very well. We are on a record pace for growth. Keep it up!

LCDR Phil Brown, USN(Ret) spoke about recent US Navy ship collisions in the Pacific Ocean. There is additional information in the News and Events section of the website www.sencland.org concerning those accidents. We have a very exciting and informative line up of programs and special events for the spring meetings, so

please use the information in the Newsletter and on the website to encourage your friends to give SENCLAND a look.

With growing membership and numerous events there is always a need for volunteers to serve in leadership positions. We need to fill two assistant positions: Public Affairs Officer (Ritt Schiano) and Newsletter Editor (Brud Deas). Please contact either for more information concerning job descriptions and duties. We can always use others on committees and as helpers for meeting setup, greeters, check-ins etc., so please let us know if you would like to be more involved. A word of introduction and appreciation is in order to Rabbi Jim Apple, CAPT, USN(Ret) who agreed to be an assistant Chaplain to Charles Lewis. Thank you, Sir!

Since our Feb. luncheon there have been major improvements in MOAA's National Legislative Affairs budgeting issues. A two-year budget was approved with bi-partisan support - what a turnaround from the uncertainty of sequestration, delays, and CR's. Please check the Legislative Affairs comments monthly in the Newsletter and the website section on Legislation. Our mission is to support veterans through legislation and community outreach. There are easy to use links to MOAA's "Take Action" on our website for your use. Check it out.

One last note: Please mark your fall calendars and save the date Oct. 19, 2018. SENCLAND will host the NC Council of Chapters Quarterly Meeting. We have reserved the Wardroom on the Battleship North Carolina for an evening event to include reception, tour, dinner and guest speaker for approximately 120 MOAA members. We estimate 40-50 representatives from other MOAA Chapters in North Carolina, plus NCCOC State officers who will be attending and staying at the Embassy Suites next to the Convention Center. Since the quarterly meeting will also be our October monthly SENCLAND meeting, we will be limited to about 80 of our membership for the dinner on the battleship. There will be RSVP information before our summer recess. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend at a perfect time of year on the water in Wilmington.



February Presentation on 7th Fleet Collisions



Near-record Attendance in February

Legislative Affairs - Submitted by Barry Coyle, Legislative Affairs Chair

On 9 February, Congress finally passed, and the President signed into law, a full DoD Appropriations Act for FY 2018, almost half way through the Fiscal Year that began on 1 October 2017. While this is good news for DoD, the rest of the Executive Branch Departments and Agencies remain funded at 2017 levels under yet another Continuing Resolution which expires 23 March 2018. So, we have not seen the end of wrangling over the 2018 Federal Budget.

But the DoD Appropriations Act is very good news. Congress agreed to lift the Budget Control Act spending limits ("Sequestration") for the next two years, giving DoD budget authority for \$700B in FY 2018 and \$716B in FY 2019. This means that everything approved in the 2018 DoD Authorization Act will be fully funded for

the first time in many years. You may recall that some of these provisions include 20,300 additional troops, a 2.4% pay increase for active-duty personnel, \$66B in Overseas Contingency Operations funding, and across-the-board increases in operations, maintenance and procurement accounts. On 12 February, the President submitted his FY 2019 DoD Budget Requests, which asks for the entire \$716B spending authority approved for next year. The temporary lifting of the Sequestration caps achieves one of MOAA's longest running legislative goals, at least for the next two years. The 2018 Appropriations Act also creates a Congressional Select Committee to study and make recommendations regarding improving the entire Federal budgeting process, which could potentially eliminate Sequestration permanently.

At the state level, there has been no significant action of MOAA interest since January. The NC General Assembly reconvened for several Special Sessions this year, but has not taken up any bills of military or Veteran interest so far. None are currently planned for consideration in the Short Session that begins in May. HB 103 and the similar S 153 bills remain in the House Finance Committee. You can join the effort to bring these bills out of committee for the Short Session by signing the petition and emails to your state representatives on the 4th Branch web site at: <http://4thbranchnc.org/action-center/>.

Chapter Membership Dues – Submitted by Dave Gould, Treasurer and Al Schroetel, Membership Chair

Annual Chapter membership payments were due in January.

Our Chapter derives its funding for Chapter activities almost exclusively through membership dues. The annual dues (\$20 for members and \$15 for surviving spouses) are among the lowest in the State. Chapter dues pay for representational items at military and veteran functions, special events like our Korean War and WWII Veteran's Recognition Luncheons, MOAA logo gifts for luncheon speakers, membership in the North Carolina MOAA Council of Chapters, website maintenance, mailing costs and other operational expenses.

Dues are waived for the following two categories of members:

- All members 90 years of age or older
- New chapter members for the remainder of the calendar year in which they join; thus, if a member joins in January, dues are waived for the entire year.

As you make your payment, please also consider including a donation to the Chapter's Outreach and Scholarship Programs Fund, which provides the funds for the Junior ROTC Scholarships as well as support for local veterans and military members and their families.

There are two ways to pay your dues and make donations:

On-Line: Open the Chapter's website, <http://www.sencland.org>, Click on the word "Membership" in the menu on the left side of the home page. On that new page, there are two separate choices; one is to pay Chapter dues, the other is to make a donation. Continue by clicking on the appropriate "Buy Now" button and follow the prompts.

If you have questions about paying, please contact Chapter Treasurer, Dave Gould, dgould321@yahoo.com or 910- 319-7021

Mail in a Hard Copy: Please print the following form and mail your dues and donations to:

**SENCLAND CHAPTER MOAA
P.O. Box 10015**

Wilmington, NC 28404

You may also bring the completed form and payment to the monthly luncheon

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Total \$ _____

Please indicate where there are *changes* such as phone number or a new address. If you have a question about your payment status, please contact Al Schroetel at downtown@bellsouth.net or 910-686-6905.

Outreach Activities – Submitted by Larry Wilson, Outreach Chair

Our chapter Outreach Program contributed funds to support the 2018 Veteran Benefit Action Center and Stand Down organized by the New Hanover County Veterans Council (NHCVC). This year’s event is scheduled March 22 – 24 and will be held at the Wilmington Elks Club, 5102 Oleander Drive. Its purpose is to assist area veterans in resolving issues related to healthcare, addiction, homelessness, unemployment, education, and VA benefits. Representatives from various organizations in our geographical area that provide support to veterans will be available to help facilitate or resolve issues.

Support for this event is only possible through the generosity of our members. If you haven’t made a contribution this year, please consider making a donation as we go forward into 2018. Our Scholarship Programs and Outreach Program are tangible ways of giving back to our Southeastern North Carolina communities.

UNCW MILITARY APPRECIATION BASEBALL GAME – 17 MARCH 2018

All SENCLAND MOAA members are invited to attend a baseball game at Brooks Field on the UNCW campus on 17 March at 4:00pm. The event is free for all active duty, reservists, veterans and retirees. There will be a pre-game social which will include free pizza, drinks and popcorn. UNCW Seahawks will be playing Quinnipiac University Bobcats. The UNCW baseball team has been chosen pre-season No. 1 in the Colonial Athletic Conference. More information will be provided at the 6 March luncheon.

JROTC Scholarships and Outreach Support

– Submitted by LTC LeeRoy Hanna, Leadership/Scholarship Chair

We would like to recognize the following Chapter members who have donated to the scholarship/outreach programs in the quarter:

Baggett, Mary

Bell, Merlin

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Williams, Melba **	Wilson, Larry **	Wilson, Paul *
Wolfe, Hershell **	Womble, Burton	Woodbury, Paul W **

* \$100 to \$199

** \$200 or more

Please considering making a donation to these worthwhile projects now. We are already receiving scholarship applications from JROTC units and are always accepting applications for outreach support. Thank you again to all of our generous contributors.

JROTC Leadership Awards Support

We have started receiving dates for the upcoming JROTC Leadership Award presentations. In fact, I have already made one presentation. I have the medals and the certificates ready to print. I will send out dates as soon as the list builds some. These awards are usually presented in April and May. If you are interested in making a presentation, please send me an email at **MACHanna@aol.com** and I will make sure I get the possible dates to you. If you presented last year, please let me know if you will not be available. I will start with those of you who have helped in the past. Thank you to all of you who support these very visible and worthwhile programs

National MOAA Membership

While national MOAA membership is not required to join a local Chapter, we do encourage it because of national MOAA's mission to preserve and protect the entitlements and benefits of current and former military members and their families. In essence, the national MOAA organization is our voice in Congress.

Here is how their website describes this mission:

"MOAA's mission is to improve the lives of those who serve and their families, which is achieved largely through the tireless advocacy efforts taking place in our nation's capital. MOAA's experts in Washington are there to support legislation that benefits the military community and are equally vigilant when fighting to stop legislation that threatens our livelihood. The larger our numbers, the greater our voice. "

Most of the SENCLAND Chapter members are already National MOAA members. If you are not a member of National MOAA but would like to support its mission simply go to: <http://www.moaa.org/Content/Join-Moaa/Why-join-Moaa.aspx>

Updates from the USAF Side of the House

Two interesting pieces of news coming out of USAF:

Air Force Begins Selecting Second Round of Enlisted RPA Pilots: The second selection board for enlisted remotely piloted aircraft (drones) candidates met in mid-January to select the next round of trainees. The Air Force in 2016 opened RQ-4 Global Hawk pilot positions to enlisted airmen for the first time, in an effort to alleviate stress on an overworked RPA pilot career field. The first round of pilots began training in 2016, and now the Air Force has 134 candidates to select from for the second class, according to a release. The Air Force Personnel Center plans to select 40 airmen by the end of February, and the application window for the 2019 board will begin in April.

Senators Call for White House to Fund B-52 Modernization, Re-Engining: A bipartisan group of senators has sent a letter to the White House urging funding for B-52 modernization, including new engine development. "During the development of the next generation of bombers, the Air Force will continue to rely on the B-52 for vital operations around the world, which reinforces the need to upgrade these engines and the technology supporting the aircraft," Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D-N.D.) said in a statement. It is "imperative" that the Air Force gets new engines for the 76 B-52s in service to keep the bombers sustainable beyond 2030 .

Source: Air Force Times Daily Update, 2 Feb 2018

The B-52 has been in active service with the USAF since 1955. As of December 2015, 58 were in active service with 18 in reserve.

SENCLAND Chapter Website Information

If you have logged onto the Chapter Website (www.SENCLAND.org) over the past few months, you have read coverage about a busy summer of special events plus legislative updates. There are numerous pieces in the News and Events, Legislative Affairs, Photo Gallery and Our Heritage tabs for your review. Also, numerous new members have joined and their contact info is available in the roster that is available to members only. If you need help logging onto the website for roster info, please call or email Ken Klassen, Webmaster, at [910-791-3999](tel:910-791-3999) or kwkswk@att.net.

Membership Updates

We are pleased to report that the following are new SENCLAND Chapter members:

Jim Dvorak, CAPT, USN (Ret.) and Mary (Kiki) Dvorak, former LT, USN live in Wilmington

Doug Juhl, LCDR, USN (ret.). Doug lives in Leland.

William Kane, former CPT, USA. He and Nancy live in Wilmington

John Robison, 1LT, USA (Ret.). He and Maureen live in Wilmington

Kent Tranter, CDR, USN (Ret.). He and Margene live in Hampstead.

Jay Wolff, COL, USA (Ret.). He and Celia live in Wilmington

Sandi Adams, Surviving Spouse of David Spetrino, CAPT, USN (Ret.) – resides in Wilmington

Please continue to invite friends and neighbors that are current, former or retired military, Public health or other Uniformed Service members to a luncheon so that they can benefit from participation with the Chapter. Virtually all guests that have attended in the past have joined, keeping the Chapter strong, purposeful and fresh.

Deceased Members:

Polanski, Joe, LTC, USA (Ret.) – Surviving spouse is Ann

Hanson, Robert W., MAJ, USA (Ret.) – Surviving spouse is Patty

Congleton, Marvin M., LTC, USA (Ret.) – predeceased by spouse, Carolyn

Farmer, Mary – Was surviving spouse of John Farmer, LTC, USA, deceased

Holdford, James C., CW4, USA (Ret.) – Surviving spouse is Martha

LeGwin, Elizabeth – Was surviving spouse of John LeGwin, Col, USAF, deceased
Normandeau, Joe, Capt, USMC (Ret.)

Chaplain's Corner

Chapter Chaplain Charles Lewis sends this reminder - In the event of a serious illness, or a death, in the case of a Chapter member or spouse, please make sure to let our Chaplain know of the specific mailing address for family members who should receive get-well or sympathy cards from SENCLAND Chapter. This is a vital communication process - we want our membership to know that we sincerely care.

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SENCLAND Sentinel – Our Chapter's Voice

Our newsletter is published monthly (except July & August) in sufficient time to provide information on upcoming meetings. We want this newsletter to be of value to you, but we do not aim to compete with established print, broadcast, or online media, and we do not simply distill what MOAA National is publishing in Military Officer each month. What we want to do here is keep you informed about the chapter and our SENCLAND efforts to stay connected with each other, and support our local military and veteran communities.

To that end, we encourage you to provide content for publication in our newsletter and online. Simply send your notices, letters, articles, and photos to our editor, Brud Deas, (bruddeas@gmail.com) as you collect them. Everything submitted by the 15th of the month will be considered for inclusion in the following month's newsletter. All items are subject to editing.

SENCLAND Sentinel accepts sponsorships from our members and other supporters. You can see a full listing of current sponsors at the end of each newsletter. Soliciting sponsorship in this way provides a way to recognize our sponsors while allowing us to keep our dues the lowest in the state. If you would like to discuss sponsorship opportunities for yourself, your company, other veteran fraternal and support organizations, or anyone else that appreciates the mission of SENCLAND MOAA, please email Brud. Cash sponsorships in excess of the cost of publishing this newsletter in its current format will augment our local military and veteran outreach activities, increasing the positive effect that we have on our local community. Consider inviting your neighbors to participate by sharing this newsletter with them and talking about MOAA SENCLAND. **Whenever possible, please patronize our sponsors and let them know we all appreciate their support of our important initiatives.**



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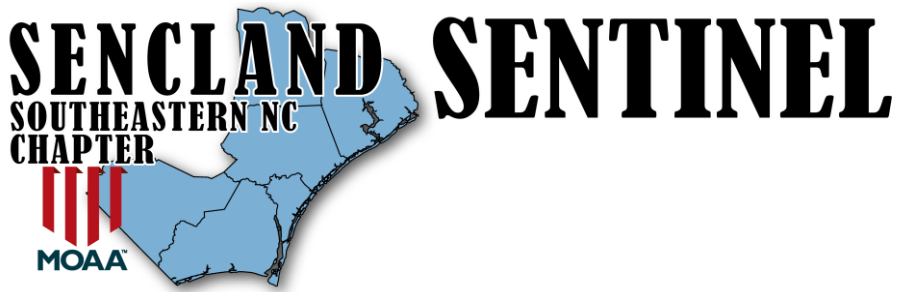
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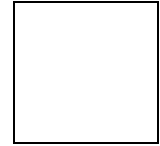
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Are you a National MOAA member? _____ Annual _____ Life Member _____

Note: It is not necessary that you be a member of National MOAA in order to join the local chapter although we strongly encourage you to become a National MOAA member.

Your National MOAA membership number (on magazine label): _____

Annual chapter dues of \$20.00 are waived for the current calendar year for new members! Please complete this form and mail to the return address above. Call Al Schroetel, Membership Chairman, at 910-686-6905 or email downeast@bellsouth.net if you have any questions. We look forward to meeting you!