



ROTARY BEACON



The Morehead City Evening Rotary Club

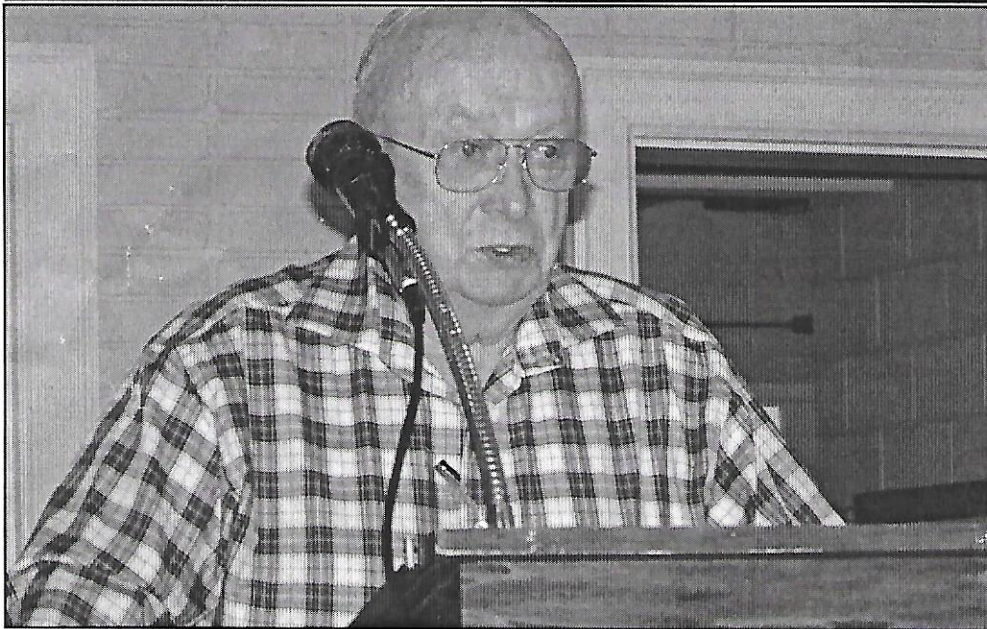
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Retired Marine Col. Jack Warrender Discusses History of the Marine Corps Aviation Assoc.

—Story and Photo by James Gregson

Jim Gregson had the program last week. His speaker was Col. Jack Warrender (Ret) of the Marine Corps Aviation Association. The MCAA was chartered as a non-profit organization in 1972, after its founding organization, the First Marine Aviation Force Veterans Association (FMAFVA), by necessity, passed into history. The FMAFVA bylaws stipulated that membership would be limited to those who had served in World War I, thereby guaranteeing an end to an illustrious organization.

However, the need for continuing such a valuable organization was widely recognized, and the MCAA was quickly formed by active duty Marines. The FMAFVA had inaugurated a prestigious annual award that began what would evolve into the largest military Aviation Awards Program in existence. The Alfred A. Cunningham Award, named in honor of the "Father of Marine Corps Aviation," had first been presented in 1962 to the Marine Aviator of the Year. The recipient was Lt. Col John H. Glenn, Jr.

Since 1972, the MCAA, with a national headquarters located in Quantico, Virginia, has expanded the Aviation Awards Program to include twenty-six awards. Each award is named in honor of a former Marine who made noteworthy contributions in his field, with the exception of The Commandant's Aviation Trophy which goes to an outstanding squadron, and The Silver Hawk Award which is presented to the active duty Marine Aviator holding the earliest designation date.

The awards are portioned equally between fixed-wing and rotor-wing assets, and enlisted Marines and Marine officers. The full spectrum of Marine Corps Aviation is included in the Awards Program.

MCAA corporate members, composed of corporations and businesses which support Marine Corps Aviation, sponsor the Awards Program. Each sponsor provides a permanent trophy inscribed with past recipients, and underwrites attendance for awardees at the Annual Symposium and Convention. Historically, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, and the sponsoring industry representative present the awards at a formal banquet.

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1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

Tonight's Program

Rick Johnson has the program tonight. Rick will talk about the plane crash that occurred in Morehead City several years ago.

Program Schedule for March/April

<u>Date</u>	<u>Rotarian</u>	<u>Ave. of Service</u>
March 26	Earl Lewis	Comm. Service
April 2	Dave Lindsay	Inter. Service
April 9	John Nelson	Inter. Service
April 16	Tom Noe	Inter. Service
April 23	Herb Phillips	Inter. Service
April 30	Jim Phillips	Inter. Service
May 2	Dick Rogers	Voc. Service
May 9	Demus Thompson	Voc. Service
May 16	James Walker	Voc. Service

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Darden and Myrna Eure	March 2
Rick and Barbara Johnson	March 5
Brian and Amanda Boyette	March 20



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

John Nelson March 28



THE MOREHEAD CITY ROTARY CLUB LOVES TO SING

When You Miss a Meeting, Make Up at One of These Locations

<u>Club</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Beaufort Old Towne	Mon	12:00 noon	Clawson's
MHC.Lookout	Wed	7:00 am	Carteret Gen. Hospital
MHC. Navigators	Wed	12:00 noon	Bountiful Bagel
MHC. Noon	Tues	12:00 noon	Golden Corral
MHC. Soundview	Thur	12:00 noon	Golden Corral
Newport	Mon	6:30 pm	Rotary Building
Swansboro	Thur	1:00 pm	Rotary Civic Center
Online	Any Day	Any Time	rotaryclubone.org

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 Hall, David 252-726-3240

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 Walker, Jimmy 252-726-3754
 Boyette, Brian 252-725-4285

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 Lindsay, Dave 252-726-4216

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 Thompson, Demus 252-726-3977
 Garner, Jim 252-726-2478
 Chalk, Jim 252-726-8043

Ace of Spades Drawing Tonight's Jackpot



\$365.00

45 Cards
Remaining in Deck

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * Earl Lewis has the program and silent auction next week.
- * Christmas Cheer fund has grown to \$66.09. Don't forget to put your loose change in the Christmas Cheer bucktes on the table.
- * Albert Gaskill's New Address:

ALBERT GASKELL
 BRITTHAVEN SMITHFIELD
 515 BARBOUR ROAD
 SMITHFIELD, NC 27577