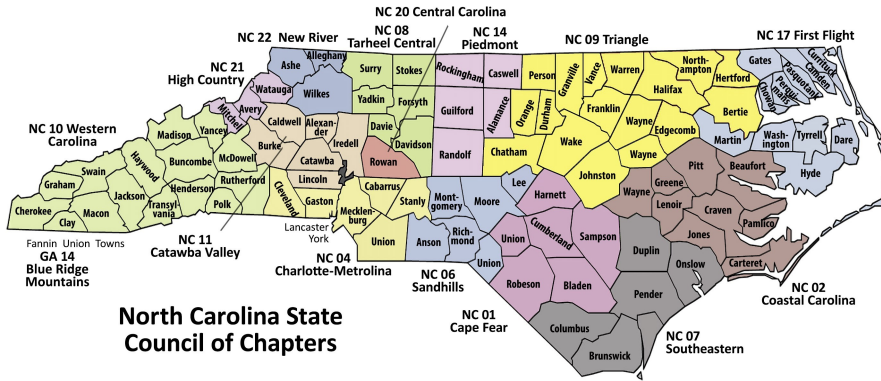


NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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- Lay Chaplain – LTC Ed Grant, USA (Ret)
- Parliamentarian COL Vern Pike, USA (Ret)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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COL, AUS, (Ret)
Immediate Past President
Chairman of the Nominations Committee

5 STAR COUNCIL



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CW4 Jay E, Garbus, USA (Ret)



“No Disrespect in Respectfully Disagreeing with Leaders”

The Annual Meeting is coming up November 11th. AAA has a hotel's information where you can leave your car during the cruise. The hotel will have transportation to the pier. If you ever were on a cruise, you know that the traffic at the port can be quite long. Contact Lorna Tiller if you need information for the hotel.

I attended the Triangle Chapter 60th anniversary at NC State. I did not know the NC fair was going on at the same time. First I thought there are a *lot* of people coming to the meeting. Herb did a excellent job inviting people! It looked like all of Raleigh was coming until I saw the signs for the fair.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Chapter Presidents and currently serving Council Officers:

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President:

The NCCOC president serves as the chief executive officer and official representative of the council.
Presides at all council and executive committee meetings.
Appoints standing and special committees, subject to the approval of the council.
Acts as an ex-officio member of all committees with voting rights on all except the nominating committee.
Confers with the secretary regarding contents of notices of meetings, meeting agendas, and distribution of minutes.
Confers with other officers and chairs regarding their respective duties.
Be familiar with the NCCOC Bylaws, "Council and Chapter Policies and Procedures Guide", and national MOAA Strategic Plan.
Must be a national MOAA member.

Vice-Presidents:

Vice-President/Membership Chair

Chairs the membership committee.
Oversees the committee's efforts to retain existing members and recruit new ones.
Maintains the council CM with MOAA national.
Ensures all council and chapter officers are national MOAA members.
Coordinates with chapters to ensure upkeep of chapter committee modules. The VP of membership must be able to teach classes on the CM
Maintains records on chapter growth, losses, and retention using the CM.
Be familiar with the NCCOC Bylaws, "Council and Chapter Policies and Procedures Guide", and national MOAA Strategic Plan.
Must be a national MOAA member.

Vice-President/Legislative Committee Chair.

Executive advocacy-related tasks as directed by the council.
Ensures a designated chapter legislative chair or liaison is assigned to each congressional district and that all 170 General Assembly members are contacted as needed and to reach "green" status.
Ensures representation is sent to Washington for the annual AIA.
Creates and executes an annual legislative plan.
Be familiar with the NCCOC Bylaws, "Council and Chapter Policies and Procedures Guide", and national MOAA Strategic Plan.
Must be a national MOAA member.

Vice-Presidents additional duties as determined by the Council president.

Serves as parliamentarian.
Performs the duties of the president in the event of temporary disability or absence of the president.
Succeeds to the office of the president in the event of a vacancy during a given term.
Assist the president when called upon.
Stays informed about the health of member chapters along with Council president.

"Former chapter officers and chapter delegates are well suited for council leadership positions, but current chapter delegates should not simultaneously serve as elected officials on the council."

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THE BYLAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA STATE COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS, LLC, MOAA, ARTICLE VIII: OFFICERS, Section 1. determines how often an election is held. Each chapter president will have one vote for each position. The bylaws states that "Proxy voting shall not be permitted at meetings of the Council", ARTICLE V: VOTING, Section 3.

Please send an email to me at jimbrumit@aol.com about your interest in the elected Council positions. Include in the email a brief summary of your military background, civilian work experience, and MOAA participation. One page will do. Deadline is November 06, 2023.

Jim Brumit
COL, AUS, Retired
Immediate Past President and Nominations Committee Chairman, NCCOC, MOAA

Chapter Presidents and currently elected NCCOC Officers,

The North Carolina Council of Chapters will elect a president, VP of Advocacy, and a VP of Membership on December 14, 2023. The term of serving will be 2024 and 2025. The December 14, 2023 meeting will be a Zoom meeting beginning at 10:00 AM. The business meeting will include approval of 2024 budget and election of officers, and any other Council annual business.

Consider applying for one of the positions by forwarding an application to COL (R) Jim Brumit at his email address above. The application will be broken down into three paragraphs and will not be longer than one page. **Please forward this email to members of your chapter who have the experience and interest of serving at the MOAA state level.**

Requirements of each position are contained in an email to follow.

For each of the three paragraphs below indicate what was your most significant accomplishment.

- A. LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN MOAA.
- B. LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES
- C. LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN CIVILIAN POSITIONS

The application must state that the applicant is willing to advance in position, ie. **"IF ELECTED, I WILL SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL"**.

Submit your applications NLT November 6, 2023.

Thank you in advance for your dedication, and

NEVER STOP SERVING

Jim Brumit
COL, AUS, (Ret)
Immediate Past President
Chairman of the Nominations Committee



NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL NEWS NC-00



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5 STAR



North Carolina Council of Chapters Meetings

Nov—3 National MOAA's 2023 Annual Meeting of the Membership will take place Friday, Nov. 3, at the Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel in Arlington, Va. The meeting will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Eastern.

Members attending the meeting may [use this link](#) to reserve a room directly with the Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel at a special rate.

Questions? Email MSC@moaa.org.

- **Nov. -11th 4th Quarter Meeting** and Annual Meeting on Cruise (5 days)
- **Dec. 1:** [Community Outreach Grant](#) application period opens
- * **Dec. 1:** [Community Outreach Sponsorship](#) application period opens for next calendar year events (ongoing until funds are extinguished)
- * **Dec. 14th:** 1 hour (date change) **Election of Officers**

Information Sharing

- Committee Module Enhancements
 - More Requested Data Fields
 - Near Real Time (NRT) Date Range Increase
 - Chapter Roster and NRT Match
- Expanded Member Data Sharing
 - Opt-in Joins Prior to October 2018
 - Upon Council Request for Non-Commercial use
 - Restrictions and Safeguards



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A current issue of the newsletter can be found on the North Carolina Council of Chapters website, www.moaa-nc.org. Anyone wishing to receive this newsletter by e-mail may do so by contacting us using the "Contact Us" link

MOAA NATIONAL NEWS



WHY JOIN MOAA?

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is the country's leading organization protecting the rights of military servicemembers and their families. Those who belong to MOAA not only lend their voices to a greater cause, but they also gain access to extensive benefits tailored to the needs and lifestyles of military officers. MOAA members proudly hail from every branch of the uniformed services. To them, we have made the same promise that they have made to their country: Never Stop Serving.

Website [MOAA - Why Join MOAA](#)

JOIN US - Join a North Carolina Chapter at our website www.moaa-nc.org and click **JOIN NOW** menu.

Council and Chapter Affairs (CCA) Staff Change. In mid-December, I will be leaving CCA in the very capable hands of Frank “Tank” Michael, who will be promoted to Senior Director. As you may know, Tank joined the MOAA Council and Chapter Affairs (CCA) team in early 2021 after a remarkable career in naval aviation, including command of a squadron and an amphibious assault ship, USS Boxer (LHD-4), and after establishing himself as an association professional in two other organizations. Tank has excelled as Program Director and is more than up to the task of leading the CCA team to support you and your councils and chapters to achieve our common goals. We are beginning the search to fill Tank’s current position to minimize any “gap.”

As I reflect on my nearly six years on this staff, I feel that I have had ample opportunity to do what I wanted to do in my post-military career: help people. The time I got to spend with transitioning service members, volunteer leaders, and other chapter members was my favorite part of the job. I am in awe of all of you who have done so much—in uniform and after—to serve your country and fellow citizens. And I will be proud to continue to serve alongside you as a MOAA LIFE member as I pursue my own next “chapter.” I look forward to following your success through MOAA news outlets and social media, and I hope we can stay in touch. Never Stop Serving!

Sincerely,

Erin E. Stone
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IMPORTANT WEBSITE INFORMATION

**For all Council Members including:
NCCOC Committee Chairpersons, Chapter Presidents and Chapter Membership Officers**

We recommend that you review the NCCOC Website for updated information concerning posted NC Chapter reports. There also is a wealth of information from our 14 Chapters within the state for your information that gives excellent ideas and keeps all of us informed about what is happening in supporting the mission of MOAA. Log onto the website at: www.moaa-nc.org for the latest on Chapters.

Leadership positions, the President’s Newsletter, Legislative issues, Surviving Spouse Liaison and much more are features on the Council Website. For those in Chapter and Council Leadership positions, there is a protected backroom with restricted access to Council contact information, Semi-annual and Officer Reports from all NC Chapters of MOAA.

There are a few recent format changes to requested Chapter Semi-annual and Chapter Officer Reports in the backroom. That information is very helpful for Council and Chapter Leaders in connecting and sharing ideas with others in NC. For questions, comments or assistance with access, please email or call Ken Klassen, VP-1 for Membership.

**Thanks,
Ken Klassen**

Minutes of the 3 August 2023 Council Board Meeting

The monthly meeting of the NCCOC was held virtually and called to order at 1000 on Thursday, 3 August by President CW4 Jay Garbus, USA (Ret). A quorum was present with six Chapter Presidents in attendance.

COL Herb Segal, USA (Ret) moved that the minutes of the July meeting be accepted as distributed. LTC Joe Anderson, USA (Ret) seconded it and it passed.

COL Ken Hillman, USMC (Ret) gave the treasurer's report. The \$800 from National MOAA has been received and we have a balance in the budget.

President CW4 Jay Garbus, USA (Ret) reported:

He will be visiting First Flight Chapter on October 10. Let him know if you would like a visit at your Chapter meeting.

Chapter Presidents who will not be on the cruise/Annual Meeting in November are asked to appoint a representative so we can conduct official business. Let Jay know who that person is.

1st Vice President CDR Ken Klassen, USN (Ret) reported:

Semi-Annual Reports are on the website in the "Back Room". Eight Chapters have reported. If you have not completed this and need assistance, contact LT Tracy Young, USA (FMR).

There is an updated form for Chapter Officer Reports. LCDR Mark Sandvigen, USN (Ret) moved that **all** Chapter officers' contact information be on the Officer Report in the "back room". Frankie Groff (SSL) seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Ken and Tracy will work together to get the website changed under "Chapter Leadership".

New pictures and information are needed in the Chapter section of the website. Many are not current pictures of Presidents.

On the cruise, there will be a Welcome Aboard Cocktail Hour on sail-away afternoon for us to get to know each other. It will be in the Cocktail Lounge at 4:30 (1630)

Cruise dress code is casual at MOAA meetings. There will be one optional Formal Night.

2nd Vice President LCDR Mark Sandvigen USN (Ret) reported:

Thank you to everyone for their patience with meetings.

Three Day Workshop had nothing new. The Committee Module is delayed until March 2024.

The VA budget is creeping up but the infrastructure is crumbling and the equipment is aging out. There are also many employee exits due to stress.

There is a need for one organization of the many veteran groups to coordinate and advocate.

Capitol Hill - Capital police, and social unrest are the focus and veterans are not on the priority list.

National MOAA refuses to take a hard line on anything, therefore it will take the states to advocate and get laws passed. NC passed licensure laws for spouses, but now we need to figure out where they are and how to get the information to bases and implement them.

PACT ACT update is on the VA website. Dr. Vivianne Wersel, (SSL) encourages everyone to file again before August 10. Approval will be retroactive to August 2022.

Surviving Spouse Liaison Dr. Vivianne Wersel reported:

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She has updated her newsletter and Jay will send it out to Chapter Presidents.

Please send her the name of your Chapter SSL and contact information. It does **not** have to be a surviving spouse.

Any MOAA member can fill this role.

There will be a Zoom on 9 August for Chapter Presidents and SSLs.

SSL training will be on 9 September for two hours. Each person completing it will receive a certificate.

LT Tracy Young, USA (FMR) reported: Please continue to send him info for the website. He is looking into a new platform for our website that would have more flexibility. He and Jay will confer on this. He is available and accessible for assistance with website concerns.

Herb Segal announced that Triangle Chapter's 60th Anniversary Celebration will be October 17. The cost will be about \$30-\$35 with a cash bar available.

Jay announced that Chapters are welcome to use the Council Zoom account. Contact him about this.

Frankie Groff moved to adjourn. Joe Anderson seconded it and it passed. The meeting adjourned at 1058.

Minutes of the 21 September 2023 Council Board Meeting

The monthly meeting of the NCCOC was held virtually and called to order at 1000 on Thursday, 21 September by President CW4 Jay Garbus, USA (Ret). A quorum was present with five Chapter Presidents and a guest in attendance.

Approval of the August minutes were tabled until next month due to late distribution of them.

COL Ken Hillman, USMC (Ret) gave the treasurer's report. We have a surplus in the budget.

President CW4 Jay Garbus, USA (Ret) reported:

ROA (Reserve Organization of America) wants us to join them and they join us. COL Iggi Husar USA (Ret) is the current president of ROA. Should we invite him to tell us more? Consensus of the group is to invite him to speak. All NC Chapters that submitted for LOE received 5 stars. COL Jeri Graham USA (Ret) stated that they will be awarded at Regional meetings. Our region will meet within a year. Only one Virtual Chapter got the LOE because the measurements do not fit a Virtual Chapter.

Immediate Past President COL Jim Brumit, USA (Ret) is the chairman of the Nominating Committee. He has been in contact with the other members of the nominating committee: CAPT David Lee, USNR (Ret); COL Jeri Graham, USA (Ret); and Capt. Donna Culp, USAF (FMR). An email will be sent to all Chapter Presidents and the elected members of Council regarding the nominations and the time frame.

1st Vice President CDR Ken Klassen, USN (Ret) reported:

The officer roster is under Council Business.

Officer Reports are in the back room.

Updates are needed ASAP since older ones will be scrubbed soon.

There is a new form for NCCOC Chapter Officer Reports. Please send them to LT Tracy Young, USA (Ret) and CC to CDR Ken Klassen, USN (Ret).

Six Chapter semi-annual reports are missing. They were due July 31. Please complete and send to LT Young.

Beginning in the spring of 2024 there will be a new national database and chapter presidents will have access to people who have moved to your area. This should help recruiting new members.

We need officer contact information and a picture of the president of Piedmont Chapter.

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2nd Vice President LCDR Mark Sandvigen USN (Ret) reported:

- ⇒ Disappointment that the Maj. Richard Star Act did not move forward to **MDAA**. Most of Congress who did not endorse it was because Advocacy Center keeps a log of communications to Representatives and Senators. Mark recommends recognition of those who consistently contact them. He has asked for a database for NC.
- ⇒ Voter ID cards can be military ID, driver's license, or go to your county election board and get one.
- ⇒ COL Tricia Vinson, USA (Ret) reported that the NC appropriations bill is out of committee. It looks like nothing added for veteran issues. Seventeen bills were introduced that were primarily for veteran issues but only 7 made the crossover list. Veteran issues were not a priority, even with bills that do not require money or much money.
- ⇒ Less than 30% of NC bills that are passed and signed by the governor are not implemented by the department. An example is the military spouse licensure bill.
- ⇒ What happens with the four National cemeteries in NC that are not full?
- ⇒ Military Veterans' Affairs has new leadership with two different funds (operational and perpetuity) but their hands are tied to use the funds. Operational funds have not increased.
- ⇒ Chapter presidents will be asked for names of members to help with the Advocacy team.
- ⇒ Come to Raleigh in person. The NC Veterans Council will coordinate visits. Work with NC Veteran's Council.
- ⇒ they didn't know the cost. Only about 50,000 would qualify. Will try again next year.
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COL Jeri Graham, USA (Ret) offered her help if needed for the specific wording of a physician's letter for the PACT Act application. The order is to have a pre-screening, then speak with your county Veteran's Affairs Office, and collect all papers in a folder (such as DD 214). Then set an appointment with the County Veterans Affairs Office.

Capt. Donna Culp, USAF (Fmr) spoke about Capt. Frederick Hall, USAF, killed in action in Vietnam and whose remains were identified in March. He will arrive at Greenville-Spartanburg Airport on October 8th and his funeral and burial will be October 10th in Waynesville, NC.

Frankie Groff moved that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded and passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:15.

Minutes of the 4 October 2023 Council Board Meeting

The monthly meeting of the NCCOC was held virtually and called to order at 1008 on Wednesday, 4 October by President CW4 Jay Garbus, USA (Ret). Lacking one person for a quorum, there would be no motions or voting.

Approval of the August and September minutes were tabled until next month due to a lack of a quorum.

COL Ken Hillman, USMC (Ret) gave the treasurer's report. We have a surplus in the budget.

President CW4 Jay Garbus, USA (Ret) reported:

All LOE presentations will be made by region.

Election of officers will be held at the December 14th meeting.

COL Herb Segal, USA (Ret) reported that the Triangle Chapter 60th Anniversary dinner has around 40 people signed up but there is still time to make a reservation with Chris Froeschner.

COL Iggi Husar, USA (Ret) presented an overview of the ROA (Reserve Organization of America). Senior enlisted personnel are eligible to join.

CW4 Jay Garbus reminded everyone to contact COL Jim Brumit, USA (Ret) if you are interested in running for a council office.

Dr. Vivianne Wersel, D. Aud., (SSL) reported no advocacy news.

The September SSL Training had a good turnout. The three who were unable to attend will be trained in October. Would like a "Completion of Training" Certificate. The SSL Advisory Council is approving it.

Jay has created an SSL Certificate but Vivianne asked what the purpose of it is since Surviving Spouses are full members of MOAA. It could be a Chapter's prerogative whether to present it. Jay will send a copy to Vivianne. It should be a requirement that Chapter SSLs join the virtual chapter so they can invite new Surviving Spouses to join it. It meets every other month and provides good information.

Open Floor:

Capt. Donna Culp, USAF (Fmr) reported on:

the Georgia MOAA Conference 2023 she attended in Georgia. It was held at the University of North Georgia campus, The Military College of Georgia.

Veterans Stand Down in Franklin

Arrangements for Capt. Frederick Hall, USAF return to North Carolina after being Killed in Action in Vietnam 54 years ago.

Herb Segal asked that the airline be notified of his presence on the plane for respectful treatment.

Sue Harris related a recent 100th birthday celebration for a former Vietnamese POW which was attended by four other former Vietnam POWs.

Herb Segal said that Triangle Chapter is remaking their website and will send the YouTube link for the scholarship awards and for the anniversary celebration.

COL Jeri Graham, USA (Ret) asked about the 50th commemoration of the Vietnam War.

Herb Segal moved that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded and passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:50.

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS



- (NC01) - Cape Fear—COL Richard A. Underwood, USA, (Ret)
- (NC02) - Coastal Carolina—CAPT Randall Ramian, USN, (Ret)
- (NC04) - Charlotte-Metrolina—LTC Joe Anderson, USA, (Ret)
- (NC06) - Sandhills—Col. Walter Havenstein, USMC, (Ret)
- (NC07) - Southeastern—Col. Joseph (Joe) Irrera, USMC, (Ret)
- (NC08) - Tarheel Central—Lt. Col. Greg Chase, USAF (Ret)
- (NC09) - Triangle—COL Herb Segal, USA, (Ret)
- (NC10) - Western Carolina—Capt. Donna Culp, USAF, (FMR)
- (NC11) - Catawba Valley—LTC Clifford (Davey) Davenport, USA, (Ret)
- (NC14) - Piedmont—LTC Lee F Richmond, USAF (Ret)
- (NC17) - First in Flight— LCDR Al DelGarbino, USCG, (Ret)
- (NC20) - Central Carolina—LTC Gary Applewhite, USA, (Ret)
- (NC21) - High Country—Frankie Groff (SSL)
- (NC22) - New River—LCDR Steve Tucker, USN, (Ret)



NORTH CAROLINA
COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS



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President

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COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Executive Committee

1. CW4 Jay Garbus, USA (Ret)
2. CDR Kenneth Klassen, USN (Ret)
3. LCDR Mark Sandvigen, USN (Ret)
4. COL Jim Brumit, USA (Ret)
5. Col Ken Hillman, USMC (Ret)
6. Mrs. Sue Harris (SOM)— nonvoting

Nominating Committee

1. Immediate Past President - COL Jim Brumit, USA (Ret)
2. Chapter President - Capt Donna Culp, USAF (FMR)
3. COL Jeri Graham, USA (Ret)
4. CAPT David Lee, USNR (Ret)

Finance Committee

1. President - CW4 Jay Garbus, USA (Ret)
2. Treasurer - Col Ken Hillman, USMC (Ret)
3. Immediate Past President - COL Jim Brumit, USA (Ret)

Planning Committee

1. President—CW4 Jay Garbus, USA (Ret)
2. 1st VP—CDR Ken Klassen, USN (Ret)
3. 2nd VP—LCDR Mark Sandvigen, USN (Ret)
4. Mrs. Sue Harris (SOM)
5. Col Ken Hillman, USMC (Ret)
6. Dr. Vivianne Wersel, D. Aud. (SSL)
7. COL Jeri Graham, USA (Ret)
8. Capt Donna Culp, USAF IFMR)
9. CAPT David Lee, USNR (Ret)
10. CAPT Doug Ehrhardt, USN (Ret)
11. COL Iggi Husar, USA (Ret)

By-Law Committee

1. COL Juan Chavez, Past President, Cape Fear Chapter, Chairman
2. Col Walt Havenstein, President, Sandhills Chapter
3. Lt. Col Greg Chase, President, Tarheel Chapter
4. LCDR Al DelGarbino, President, First Flight Chapter
5. COL Jeri Graham, Past Council and Chapter President



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CHAPTER NEWS

CAPE FEAR CHAPTER NC-01



**CAPE FEAR CHAPTER
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION of AMERICA**

Annual Membership Meeting/Dinner
Friday, November 17, 2023, 1700 Hours
Hodge Room, Iron Mike Conference Center, Fort Liberty

Guest Speaker
 LTG Christopher T. Donahue, Commanding General, XVIII Airborne Corps

Menu
 Choice of London Broil or Chicken Condon Bleu
 Country Mashed Potatoes; Green Beans w/Lemon & Thyme; Mixed Green Salad w/Dressings
 Fresh Baked Dinner Rolls w/Butter
 Iced Tea, Water and Coffee
 Dessert: Tiramisu

Cost: \$40.00 per person (Tax & Gratuity Included)
Pay-As-You-Go Bar

Dress: Coat & Tie for Gentlemen; Comparable Attire for Ladies

RSVP NLT November 15, 2023

Send reservations requests to:
Bill Bell, 6408 Cattlesmore Road, Fayetteville, NC 28311
 Make checks payable to: "CFC MOAA"

Name: _____
 Name of Guest(s): _____
 Number of Reservations _____ x \$40.00 = _____
 Choice of Entrée/Number of: Beef ___ Chicken ___

COASTAL CAROLINA CHAPTER NC-02

Make yourself heard. CCMOAA provides critical grassroots support for MOAA's national legislative agenda. Veterans, Service Member's and their families benefits are under attack and MOAA is in the fight to preserve them. Chapter members let their legislators know what's on their minds and open doors for MOAA's legislative team in Washington, D.C. In these difficult times, MOAA members need to stick together and our chapters are the best way we know to do that. You may join by downloading a either the National or Chapter membership application forms below, completing the form and:

1. Either e-mailing it to president@ccmoaa.org

2. or, Mailing the form together with your enrollment information and check as indicated on the form.

All new (or upgraded) PREMIUM and LIFE national MOAA (non-chapter) members receive mailed chapter vouchers in their new membership kits which can be redeemed for their free chapter membership. This letter also includes the name of their local chapter and how to contact them. PREMIUM members receive a voucher good for a one-year chapter membership, and LIFE members receive a two-year voucher.

CHARLOTTE-METROLINA CHAPTER NC-04

Membership

Any active duty, retired, veteran, or reserve component commissioned or warrant officer of any of the seven uniformed services, or their widows, is eligible to join the Charlotte Metrolina Chapter. It is desired that applicants be members of the National MOAA or willing to join. Chapter dues are \$30.00 annually for regular members; auxiliary members (Surviving Spouse) pay \$10.00 annual dues.

Pay your Chapter Dues with a credit card via *Square*

SANDHILLS CHAPTER, MOAA NC-06

Sequence of Events

Opening Music
Bagpiper Peter McArthur
82nd ABN Brass Quintet?

Welcome
Drew Croucher

Invocation
Rev Tommy Sweeley

Presentation of the Colors
Pinecrest AFJROTC Color Guard

Pledge of Allegiance
Alexander Goss

National Anthem
Golf Capital Chorus

Address
Admiral Cliff Sharpe

Quilts of Valor Presentation
Karen Marshall and Amy Makson

Closing Comments
President Walt Havenstein

Benediction
Rev Tommy Sweeley

God Bless America
Golf Capital Chorus

Veterans Day Service



Southern Pines
United Methodist Church
Southern Pines, NC

11 November 2023
1100 HRS

SOUTHEASTERN NC CHAPTER NC-07

INFORMATION ON JOINING THE CHAPTER

Membership in the SENCLAND chapter is open to anyone who holds or has ever held a commission or warrant in any component of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and their surviving spouses. Please contact Membership Chair Col(Ret) Al Schroetel at 910.252-4378 or [downtown@bellsouth.net](mailto:douneast@bellsouth.net) for information about our Chapter.

THE TARHEEL CENTRAL CHAPTER NC-08

Subject: Tuesday, November 14, 2023, will feature voting on officers, budget, and dues for 2024.

Our current Bylaws read: "Article V, Section 2. Regular, Surviving Spouse and Member Emeritus members in good standing or, as determined by the Board, present at a meeting of the Chapter shall be entitled to vote."

Any of these members may make a motion during the business portion of any regular meeting.

While other motions brought by individual members will be considered by the members present, here are the main motions to be raised:

THE TRIANGLE CHAPTER NC-09

60th Anniversary Dinner Celebration

The N CState University Club was the setting October 17th as President COL Herb Segal, USA, (Ret) led the celebration for the 60th anniversary of the founding of MOAA's Triangle Chapter. COL Rojan J. Robotham, USAF was guest speaker, Cadets of the Cary High School NJROTC Color Guard presented the colors, COL Jeri Graham, USA (Ret) introduced the speaker and North Carolina MOAA Council President CW4 Jay E. Garbus, USA (Ret) presented a gift from the Council for occasion. After a delicious dinner, we were all impressed and inspired by COL Robotham as she explained that her dedication to MOAA stems from the fact that MOAA is the ONLY organization that advocates for ACTIVE DUTY personnel.



WESTERN CAROLINA CHAPTER NC-10

At the Georgia MOAA Conference. Capt Donna Culp, USAF (FMR) represented the North Carolina MOAA Council. See if you can find her.



CATAWBA VALLEY CHAPTER NC-11

The MOAA Catawba Valley Chapter covers six counties: Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Iredell and Lincoln. Our chapter is active in the community through its Benevolent Fund (explained above) and JROTC support. The chapter also engages in ad hoc charitable support and activity, with emphasis on homeless Veterans. Please note that National MOAA and its affiliated chapters are nonpartisan, without any political party affiliation, bias, or designation. A one-page chapter membership mail-in application form is available via the "Join Chapter" button on our chapter website homepage at: www.moaacvc.org. Also, you can learn more about MOAA National and join at either Basic, Premium or Life level by visiting their website: www.moaa.org/content/join-moaa/why-join-moaa

PIEDMONT CHAPTER NC-14

Correspondence should be sent to: Piedmont Chapter, MOAA, 545 Morton Ave, Asheboro, NC 27205

FIRST FLIGHT CHAPTER NC-17

Address	PO Box 50
City, State, Zip	Shiloh, NC 27974-0050
Meeting Time	1st Tuesday
Meeting Place	Currently not meeting due to COVID 19
Council Website	http://www.moaa-nc.org

CENTRAL CAROLINA CHAPTER NC-20

Correspondence should be sent to: Central Carolina Chapter, MOAA, Rufty-Holmes Senior Citizens Center, Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, Salisbury, NC 28144

HIGH COUNTRY CHAPTER NC-21



NEW RIVER CHAPTER NC-22

Correspondence should be sent to New River Chapter, MOAA, PO Box 1202, Jefferson, NC 28640

NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATION MOAA



TAKE ACTION

Here is a look at MOAA’s priorities, in support of the 50th anniversary of our all-volunteer force and to address the challenges facing our uniformed community. Note: Our advocacy team remains active on many other issues not listed here; our priorities will be shaped throughout the year depending on concurrent successes or emerging issues that warrant an all-hands approach. Additionally, we share many interests with The Military Coalition and other stakeholder groups, and leverage those relationships to expand our reach on Capitol Hill.

Compensation and Service-Earned Benefits

Military Housing

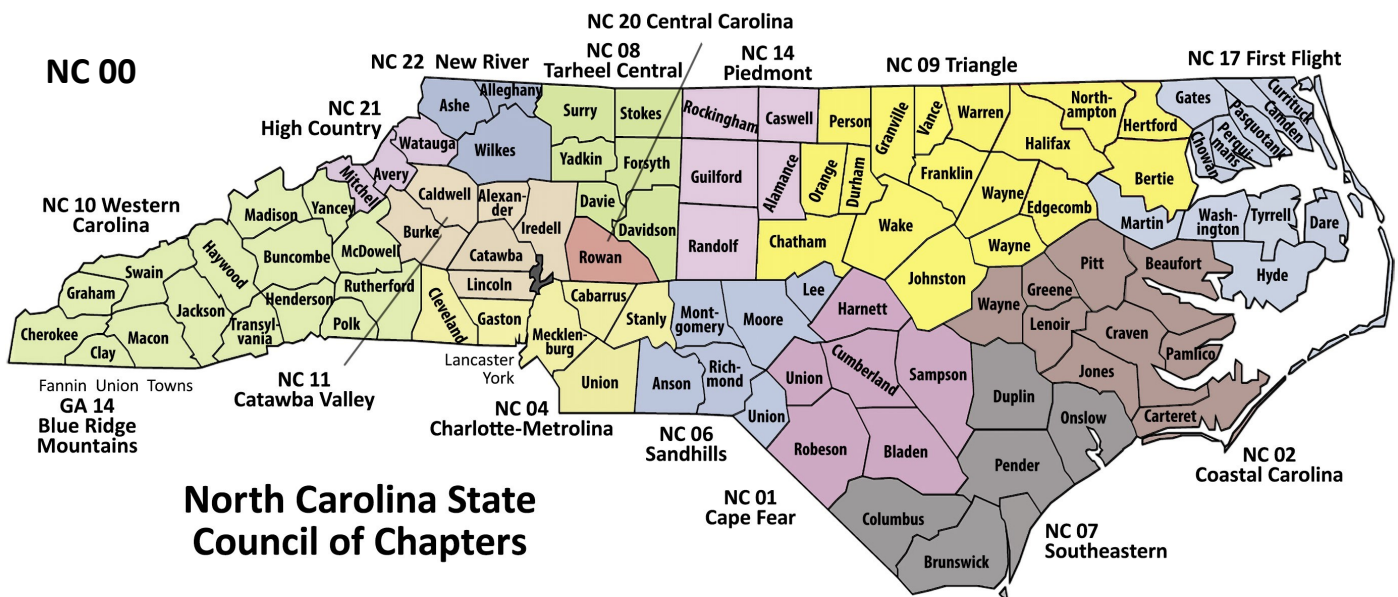
Health Care for Currently Serving and Retirees

Health Care and Benefits for Veterans

Service Families

Survivors

Guard and Reserve



MOAA HAS SIX VIRTUAL CHAPTERS

They are: Uniformed Services Nurse Advocates Virtual Chapter, the Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter, the Public Health Service Virtual Chapter, Chaplains Virtual Chapter, Judge Advocate Virtual Chapter and the Advocacy for Servicewomen and Military Families Virtual Chapter. Inquiries can be sent via email to Moajavc@gmail.com.

Interested in participating in one of these virtual chapters, or in championing another group? Contact Capt. Pat L. Williams, USN (Ret), MOAA's Program Director for Engagement, at patw@moaa.org, or Capt. Erin Stone, JAGC, USN (Ret), Senior Director for Council and Chapter Affairs, at erins@moaa.org, for more information.

Join the Facebook page “ DIC Surviving Spouses/DIC Increase Advocacy “ today and get involved! For more information contact MOAA surviving spouse Edith Smith, phone (703) 569-3380 or email esmith@capitolcrusader.com

Learn What Your Fellow Veterans Know

Mental Health Issues affect Veterans throughout the year, Veterans and those who care about them are encouraged to visit MakeTheConnection.net to learn more about mental health and healing from Veterans who know because they've been there.

Veterans Eligible for Travel and Hotel Discounts

AmericanForcesTravel.com is a Department of Defense online leisure travel website managed by Morale, Welfare, and Recreation and supported by Priceline. Veterans can access exclusive deals on hotels, flights, rental cars, cruises, packages and event tickets

COMMUNITY OUTREACH SPONSORSHIP

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2024 State Policy Priorities Supporting Service Members and Families

North Carolina status as of October 20, 2023

Military Access to Quality Family Child Care: In many cases, DOD-certified military family child care providers must also be licensed or registered by the state when simply caring for DOD children. By recognizing military family child care certification, in lieu of requiring state licensing, states can enhance access to military child care and reduce the time on waitlists. States can also support Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood-PLUS, which increases access for active-duty, National Guard and reserve families. **11 states have policy exempting MFCC providers. NC implemented MCCYN-PLUS in 2023 but has no policy to recognize MFCC providers.**

Military Spouse Employment and Economic Opportunities: Many military spouse professionals must relicense each time they transfer with their active-duty spouse. As states implement the provision of the Military Spouse Licensing Relief Act, they can help military spouses maintain professional and financial stability by enacting licensing compacts and ensuring that licensing agencies make their application processes accessible to military spouses. **1 state has policy mirroring the federal law and 36 states have policy to help spouses who choose to apply for a state license in the receiving state. NC requires a NC license to practice and has a policy that subjects the applicant to excessive paperwork in order to demonstrate that the license is substantially equivalent to, or exceeds the requirements for NC licensure. Even though NC requires processing of applications within 15 days, the state does not meet the desired outcome for enabling spouses to practice under a state license. Interstate Compact Status: 3 - Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact; 29 - Speech-Language Pathology Compact; 2 - Cosmetology Licensure Compact; 2 - Dental/ Dental Hygienist compact; 24 - EMS Licensure Compact; 1 - Interstate Massage Therapy Compact; 10 - Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact; 28 - Licensed Professional Counseling Compact; 40- Nurses Licensure Compact; 28- Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact; 36- Physical Therapy Licensure Compact; 2- Physician Associates Compact; 38- Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact; and 1- Social Work Licensure Compact. NC is a member of 6 compacts and introduced SB 718 in 2023 to join the Social Work Licensure compact.**

Defining Armed Forces in State Policy: Recent force structure changes require updates to ensure that states' definitions of military service align with federal law. States can minimize disruptions in benefits and services for eligible service members and dependents by clearly defining "armed forces." **23 states have, or introduced, policy. NC does not provide benefits to members of the Space Force according to policy definitions.**

Military Community Representation on State Boards and Councils: By including members of the military community, states can ensure that unique operational requirements and military family priorities are considered across pertinent policy areas. **New Issue for 2024. NC GS § 143B-1311 defines membership on the North Carolina Military Affairs Commission which includes military representation. NC complete.**

State Support for Military Families with Special Education Needs: Highly mobile children, including military children, are more likely to experience recurring educational disruptions and challenges, particularly those who need access to special education and related services. States can assist by streamlining processes to ensure timely establishment of comparable special education services upon relocation and reducing burdens associated with due process proceedings. **New Issue for 2024. Pertinent policy has not been identified in NC at this time.**

Open Enrollment Flexibility: Military families are at a disadvantage when it comes to school enrollment options due to military-directed assignments. States can provide military families with improved schooling options by modifying open enrollment policies. **15 states passed supporting policy. Pertinent policy has not been identified in NC at this time.**

Child Abuse Identification and Reporting: Federal law requires the DOD to request state reports regarding instances of child abuse and neglect involving military family members. States can assist military Family Advocacy Programs in providing needed support by requiring child protective services to report cases to the military at the onset of their investigations **33 states passed supporting policy. GS § 7B-307 requires directors to report to the appropriate military authority when there is evidence of abuse or neglect of a juvenile by a parent, guardian, custodian, or caretaker with**

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military affiliation. **NC complete.**



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Military Family Anti-Discrimination Status: To supplement employment protections under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, states can add military family status as a class protected in state education, housing, public utilities and civil rights laws. **3 states passed supporting policy. HB 518 and SB 398 were introduced in 2023 which relate to this policy issue.**

State Response to Military Interpersonal Violence: While the DOD has led the implementation of enterprise-wide guidance on prevention, states can address harmful behaviors, such as sexual assault and domestic violence, by expanding protections for victims. Enacting state policy best practices can supplement federal program efforts and changes.
New Issue for 2024

Concurrent Juvenile Jurisdiction: On military installations subject to exclusive federal jurisdiction, investigation and adjudication of juvenile offenses is limited because cases may only be adjudicated in the federal system. States can adopt concurrent jurisdiction policies to ensure access to state resources and juvenile courts for appropriate adjudication options to better respond to juvenile needs. **5 states passed supporting policy. HB 252 of 2022 established policy to authorize the state to exercise concurrent jurisdiction for offenses committed by juveniles on united states military bases located within the state. NC complete.**

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