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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

February 13th
March 13
April 10th
May 8th
Jun 12nd
July 10th
August 14th
September 11TH
October 9th



5 STAR COUNCIL

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

"No Disrespect in Respectfully Disagreeing with Leaders"

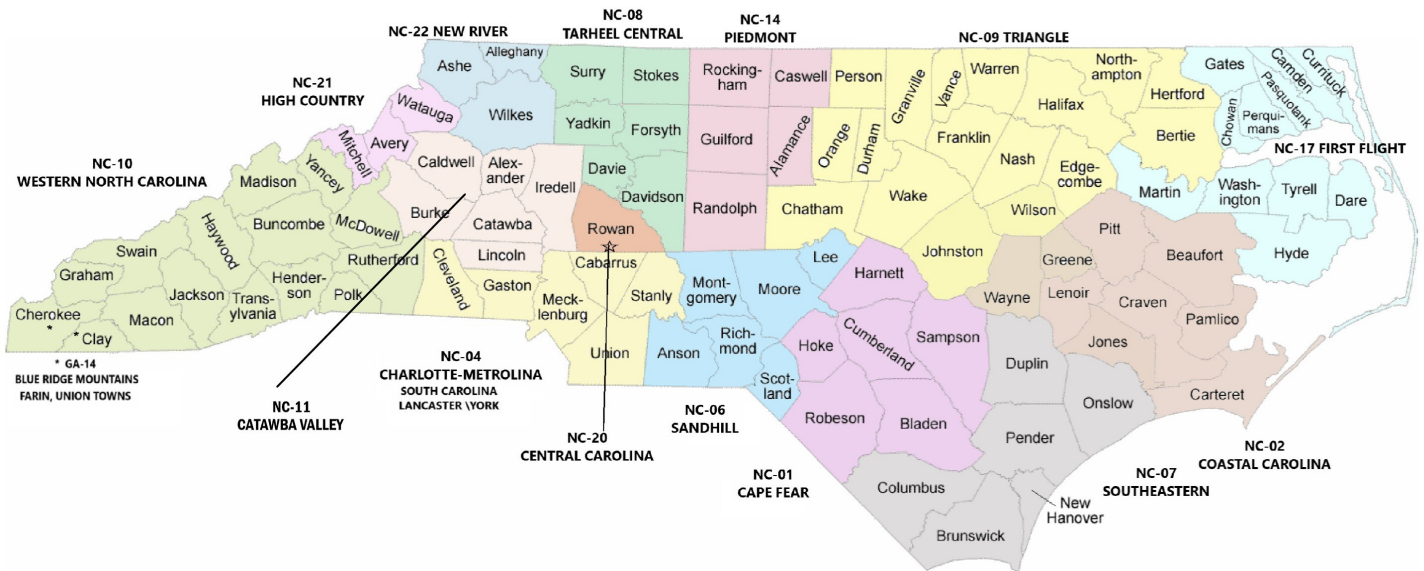


All,

Chapter Presidents, please submit for awards. MOAA Levels of Excellence Awards, Col. Marvyn J. Harris Communications Awards, Col. Steve Strobridge Legislative Chair/Liaison Award, Surviving Spouse Liaison Excellence Award

Schedule for 2025 is posted INPORTANT INFORMATION on this page. Please pass along to your members the newslw]etter for council infomation. If you want a Council visit with your membership it could be in person or on zoom. Right now I have the whole year open for a zoom meeting.

CHAPTER NEWS



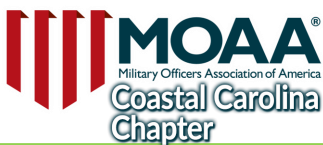
All Chapter Presidents you are welcome to put an article or announcement in the Chapters section.

THE CAPE FEAR CHAPTER



CAPE FEAR CHAPTER NC-01

The Cape Fear Chapter, as is MOAA, is a non-partisan organization. As a chartered affiliate of MOAA since 1961 the Cape Fear Chapter is oldest in the state of North Carolina. Based in the Fayetteville-Fort Bragg-Spring Lake area, our current membership includes about 170 officers representing most of the uniformed services and all grades from warrant officer to flag rank. Additionally, our rolls include 25 surviving spouses.



COASTAL CAROLINA CHAPTER NC-02

We hold four scheduled events every year: 1) May's Scholarship Dinner; 2) July's Summer Activity; 3) September's Pig Pick'n; and 4) December's Toys-for-Tots Luncheon.

We also have several community events that CCMOAA participates in such as the MumFest, Veterans Day Luncheon, and Wreaths Across America. This information is on the website and in our Newsletter as well.



READ A GREAT BOOK?

Sue

WAR, by Sebastian Junger, is a tightly written book about a group of men thrown together by their Army enlistment into a camp in Afghanistan. Combat is always there, sometimes intruding for a significant moment or two, but the story is about the men.

Junger, author of several critically acclaimed books and movies (including the movie Restrepo, which is a sort of companion to WAR) has a knack for getting into the heads and hearts of his subjects in a way that is unique. He tells their story, the story of

boredom, fear, courage, and yes, love, in a unique way. Junger shared their experiences over five different trips, each lasting about a month, during their year in Afghanistan.

Is his depiction accurate, or even appropriate, given his limited time and his ability to leave when he wanted? The book says little about the chain of command or impact of officers and NCOs. It reduces the men to jokes about gay sex and masturbation and says almost nothing about the families they left behind, or how they may be dealing with that separation themselves. He adds in several research studies of dubious relevance, given how different the basis of these studies were from the war in Afghanistan. In his efforts to reduce the men to their lowest common denominator, he avoids any discussion of the meaning or import of the war itself, as if the soldiers (all double volunteers, Army and then Airborne) never cared about why they enlisted.

Is it worth a read, but with the understanding that it may be a shallow look at the soldiers who fight our wars for us.

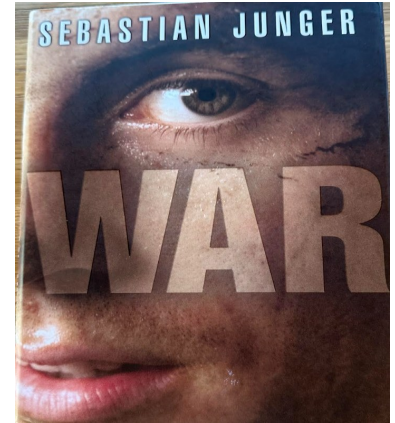
Now, it is *your* turn to write about a book, podcast or blog that you recommend to our MOAA members. Email your ideas and write-ups to Jay and we'll print a new one monthly. (I expect a LOT of write-ups.)

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HEARD A FANTASTIC PODCAST?

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North Carolina Council of Chapters (NCCOC)

Is to Further the legislative and other objectives of MOAA.

- Foster fraternal relationships among retired, active, and former officers of the uniformed services and their National Guard or reserve components.
- Protect the interest of retired, active, reserve, and National Guard personnel of the uniformed services and their dependents and survivors
- Provide useful services for members and their dependents and survivors.
- Serve the community and the nation.
- Protect the interests of service retirees and active duty military members in matters of North Carolina state legislation.
- Organize and coordinate the collective action of the Member Chapters in the State of North Carolina.
- Provide the assistance necessary to Member Chapters to enable them to effectively serve their members, their communities, and the nation.

Chapter Members

Pay Chapter Dues Online: See if your local chapter is participating in the [Chapter Dues Payment System!](#)

A VIRTUAL CHAPTER should be bound together by a shared affinity (e.g., warfare specialty) and/or mission (e.g., health care advocacy). While the possibilities are endless, some interest groups that may lend themselves to virtual chapters include:

- Currently serving officers
- Guard and reserve officers
- Member spouses
- Networking/mentoring specialists
- State advocacy champions
- Army and Navy Club members
- Other military association members
- Overseas military/expatriate
- Dentists
- Financial professionals

Interested in starting 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.



**CHARLOTTE
METROLINA
CHAPTER**

CHARLOTTE-METROLINA CHAPTER NC-04

Chapter Dues - Individual **\$30.00** Dues - Surviving Spouse **\$10.00**

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.



SANDHILLS CHAPTER, MOAA NC-06

Our Chapter publishes a monthly e-newsletter regarding upcoming events, key legislative issues, other items of interest, and changes in our membership. We also annually publish a directory of all members with email addresses, and phone numbers.

We hope you consider joining the Sandhills MOAA Chapter and reestablishing ties with your military experience and your fellow comrades-in-arms.



SOUTHEASTERN NC CHAPTER NC-07

The mission of the SENCLAND Chapter is to benefit members of the uniformed services, their families and survivors and to advocate for a strong national defense, while providing needed support to the community and its members.

sencland.org



THE TARHEEL CENTRAL CHAPTER NC-08

"The Tarheel Central Chapter, MOAA, covers six N.C. counties: Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Stokes, Surry, and Yadkin. Correspondence should be sent to: Tarheel Central Chapter, MOAA, c/o P. Briscoe, P.O. BOX 487, Yadkinville, N.C. 27055.

Visit our website, www.tarheelmoaa.org, to familiarize yourself with our chapter and the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA).

Our members, prospective members, spouses, and guests meet monthly on the second Tuesday at Salem Glen Country Club in Clemmons, N.C. The dress is business casual. The cost is \$25 per person including coffee and tea. A cash bar is available. The social hour begins at 5:45 p.m. followed by announcements, dinner and guest speaker."



MOAA

NORTH CAROLINA & FEDERAL LEGISLATION

MOAA's Core Mission

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is the country's leading organization protecting the rights of uniformed servicemembers and their families. MOAA's constituents 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.

MOAA's greatest 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. For more than 90 years, MOAA has supported legislation that benefits the uniformed services community and has remained equally vigilant when fighting to stop legislation that threatens our livelihood. The larger our numbers, the greater our voice.

- Ensuring pay at or above Employment Cost Index, allowances, and programs necessary to recruit and retain a quality force.
- Concurrent Receipt of military retirement pay and VA disability pay.
- Maintaining the hold on medical billet reductions until required reports clarify how any cuts will fully support both readiness and beneficiary access to care.
- Reversing the degradation of the pharmacy benefit, specifically ensure access and achieve limits to copay increases.
- Requiring DoD to establish a transparent and well-publicized problem reporting system for TRICARE beneficiaries experiencing access challenges within the direct care system of military hospitals and clinics, including an annual report to Congress on the number and types of beneficiary access problem reports by MTF and steps taken by DHA to address systemic access problems.
- Monitoring recent major legislation enacted such as the PACT Act in the areas of health care, compensation, and follow-on support for surviving spouses and families and seek statutory or policy changes as required.
- Compelling Congress and VA to accelerate caregiving and whole health care services, and modernization of VHA workforce and facility infrastructure to improve veterans access to high quality care.
- Improving congressional support for uniformed services families: enhancing programs to support spouse employment, ensuring implementation of an effective basic needs allowance, and providing accessible, affordable childcare options.
- Overcoming the lack of effective problem-reporting mechanisms and resolution systems in the Military Health System.
- Repealing the recoupment of last month's paycheck after retiree's passing, and continue to improve SGLI/VGLI updates to match inflation.
- Improving DIC baseline to align with other government entitlements' baseline of 55%.

MOAA NEVER STOPS SERVING TO HONOR THEIR SERVICE AND HELP THEM RETIRE THE WAY THEY ENVISIONED.



THE TRIANGLE CHAPTER NC-09

* [Triangle Chapter website](#). The Chapter was originally chartered in 1963 and formed in 1964. Although the Chapter area includes Wake, Franklin, Granville, Nash and Vance Counties, most of the members are from Wake County. Our Chapter is a nonprofit organization formed under section 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. **Correspondence should be sent to:** Triangle Chapter, MOAA, PO Box 19861, Raleigh, NC 27619



WESTERN CAROLINA CHAPTER NC-10

Membership in WNC-MOAA Chapter and MOAA National are nonpartisan and open to present and former commissioned officers and warrant officers (including retirees) with honorable service in any of the United States' eight uniformed services (including National Guard and Reserves): Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, Space Force, U.S. Public Health Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

CATAWBA VALLEY CHAPTER NC-11

Chapter Affairs Specialist, Council and Chapter Affairs Dena Kilgore, CAE, will visit the NC11: Catawba Valley Chapter In-Person on 9/19/2024

The Catawba Valley Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) was chartered in 1982. It covers a region of North Carolina comprised of six counties: Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Iredell and Lincoln. Over the years, the chapter has won four MOAA national 4-Star Levels of Excellence Awards and five 5-Star awards; the most recent was for year 2022.

PIEDMONT CHAPTER NC-14

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

FIRST FLIGHT CHAPTER NC-17

Correspondence should be sent to: First Flight Chapter, MOAA, P.O. Box 50, Shiloh, NC 27974-0050

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



HIGH COUNTRY CHAPTER NC-21

Correspondence should be sent to: High Country Chapter, MOAA, PO Box 3312, Boone, NC 28607

The High Country Chapter holds General Membership meetings quarterly at dates and times to be announced. The Board of Directors' meetings are held every month on the first Tuesday at 5:00 at Basil's in Boone. All non-Board members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please give us a heads up if you do plan to join us and please check the events schedule for any changes to the date.

If you would like to join us as a new member, please download and print the [Application for Membership](#) in the High Country Chapter MOAA. Fill out and send the completed form to:

High Country Chapter MOAA
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Boone, NC 28607-3312



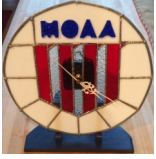
NEW RIVER CHAPTER NC-22

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

NOTICE PLEASE READ

§ 143B-1222. Veterans' Affairs Commission Advisory Committee (VACAC) – members; compensation.

The department commander or official head of each veterans' organization which has been chartered by an act of the United States Congress and which is legally constituted and operating in this State pursuant to said charter shall constitute an Advisory Committee to the Veterans' Affairs Commission. Members of the VACAC shall receive per diem and necessary travel and subsistence expenses in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 138-5. (1977, c. 637, s. 3; 2015-241, s. 24.1(c); 2015-268, s.7.3(a).)



MOAA NEWS & INFORMATION

“Never Stop Serving”

The **Lake and Sumter Counties (Fla.) Chapter** presented \$3,000 to Villagers for Veterans, a nonprofit that ensures “veterans receive assistance in healing, a return to normalcy, and an independent lifestyle.” The funds will help pay for food and other amenities needed for daily living for residents of Ashley’s Cottage in Fruitland Park, a transitional home for women veterans. .

The **Star Fort (S.C.) Chapter** is partnering with the City of Greenwood to recognize local veterans with banners on lamp posts for two weeks preceding and after Veterans Day. The double-sided vinyl banners include a photo of the veteran in uniform and their service branch and war/conflict served in.

The **Whidbey Island (Wash.) Chapter** recently presented awards to two junior officers, one from Sea Command and one from Shore Command. The recipients — Lt. Paige L. Brigham, Avionics Division officer, Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron, and Lt. j.g. Cameron Kinley, tactical watch officer, Theater Undersea Surveillance Command, Pacific — received from the chapter a glass engraved plaque and a challenge coin. In addition, the Oak Harbor Navy JROTC commander and five of his cadets performed the colors and a rifle drill at the event.

Contact the associated chapter if you would like to attend any of the following scheduled visits:

September 2024

Sept. 26: Monthly chapter leader virtual roundtable, 7 p.m. Eastern: Topic TBD. Join [here](#) at the time of the meeting. (Meeting ID: 919 7227 4838; Passcode: 108949)

October 2024

Oct. 17: Monthly chapter leader virtual roundtable, 7 p.m. Eastern: Community Outreach. Join [here](#) at the time of the meeting. (Meeting ID: 995 3185 1507; Passcode: 340446)

November 2024

- **Nov. 15-16:** Leader Training: West Workshop (Reno, Nev.)

Nov. 21: Monthly chapter leader virtual roundtable, 7 p.m. Eastern: Harris Communication Award. Join [here](#) at the time of the meeting. (Meeting ID: 933 2653 1320; Passcode: 760516)

December 2024

Dec. 19: Monthly chapter leader virtual roundtable, 7 p.m. Eastern: 2024 review/2025 preview. Join [here](#) at the time of the meeting. (Meeting ID: 994 1635 9910; Passcode: 762173)

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Editor may be reached at the Council website. **Further information is restricted due to scammers.**

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Early Bird Save the Date Invitation for a Cruise to Bermuda in 2025

6-Day Bermuda Cruise from Norfolk - Carnival Cruise Line Dates: October 12-18, 2025
Round trip from: Norfolk, VA - Open to MOAA members from anywhere, their adult family members and guests. MOAA membership is not required. **Please open the link below for details:**

[6-Day Bermuda Cruise from Norfolk - Carnival Cruise Line](#)

Cruise Line: Carnival on Sunshine! Special group rates apply and bookings are managed through our tour agent. Her contact details are listed below. 50 cabins have been reserved for our group and more can be added as needed.

Prices for double occupancy in each cabin are approximately \$800 for inside, \$900 for ocean view or \$1100 for balcony staterooms per person depending on selection. Suites and cabins for more than 2 people can be arranged. Minimal deposit is required to reserve cabins with final payments not due until July 14, 2025.

Call the agent below to discuss and reserve if interested. Lorna Tiller, AAA ITA 910-343-1978(O), 910-540-3390(M)
1823 Hawthorne Rd. Wilmington, NC 28403

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Thanks,

Ken Klassen



CHAPTER PRESIDENTS



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- (NC04) - Charlotte-Metrolina—Lt Col Nelson English, USAF (Ret)
- (NC06) - Sandhills—Col. Walter Havenstein, USMC (Ret)
- (NC07) - Southeastern—CAPT Allan Turner, USNR (Ret)
- (NC08) - Tarheel Central—CAPT Phil Briscoe, USN (Ret)
- (NC09) - Triangle—COL Herb Segal, USA, (Ret)
- (NC10) - Western Carolina—COL Steve Watkins, USA (Ret)
- (NC11) - Catawba Valley—LTC Clifford (Davey) Davenport, USA, (Ret)
- (NC14) - Piedmont—Lt Col 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)



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