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IMPORTANT MEETING DATES

September 11 Never forget

Sept. 25: Monthly chapter leader virtual roundtable, 7 p.m. Eastern: Council and Chapter Mentorship. [Join here](#) at the time of the meeting. (Meeting ID: 922 2737 5813)

Oct. 23: Monthly chapter leader virtual roundtable, 7 p.m. (Meeting ID: 929 1511 3996)

COUNCIL MEETINGS

September 11 10 am

October 9th

November 7th & 8th Annual Meeting In Person only
Triangle Chapter hosting



5 STAR COUNCIL

All,

In this newsletter: All elected positions for Council leadership are open. Contact COL Jim Brumit if interested.

The annual meeting will be in Raleigh in November. We will have Lt GEN Kelly USAF (Ret) and CAPT Frank Michael USN (Ret) attend. The reservation for the hotel has been sent out as also posted in the newsletter. LT Col Peter Wagner USAF (Ret) President of the MOAA Tennessee Council will talk about the Knoxville Chapter.

Spouses are welcome and should come. Raleigh is a great place for a weekend! NC Art Museum, NC History Museum, Legislative Building, Governor's Mansion, Dix Park and of course shopping (mall, flea market and farmer's market all nearby) as well as outstanding restaurants. Come to meet and socialize with other spouses across the state.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CW4 Jay E, Garbus, USA (Ret)

No Disrespect in Respectfully Disagreeing with Leaders"



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT is in concert with the Military Officers Association of America purposes and objectives. The goal is to foster fraternal relations among retired, active, and former officers of the uniformed services and their Reserve and National Guard components. Our aim is to actively promote the protection of the rights and interests of members of the uniformed services, their family members, including survivors, provide useful services for members and their families, and serve the community, the active military forces (past, present, and future) and our nation.

Publisher and Editor – CW4 Jay E. Garbus, USA (Ret) and Sue Harris (SOM)

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

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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

9-11 NEVER FORGET ALWAYS REMEMBER

WHAT HAS OUR COUNCIL HAS DONE

This is some of the work that we in the Council have accomplished.

In the strategic plan Engagement and Resources we have accomplished the following:

1. Used zoom to engage the Chapters and members the ability of the Council officers to make the chapters stronger. The use of Council zoom is available for chapter use.
2. Having monthly meetings to help with problems and help making the Chapters run better.
3. Making the Council into a semi virtual Council. This is the first in the MOAA organization.
4. Having a newsletter that communicates events and accomplishments of the Chapters and National training.
5. Starting an Education Committee to help understand the Committee Modular.
6. Inviting other Councils and Chapters to the Council zoom meetings.
7. North Carolina Council is recognized by other Councils, Chapters and National as a leader in Engagement and Resources.
8. Family engagement by having Council cruises to include family and friends who are not members of MOAA.
9. Redesign of the website with information about all of the Chapters and Council.

The hotel is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Raleigh West. The address is 6115 Corporate Ridge Rd., Raleigh, NC 27607. The phone number is 919-809-8660

Booking Link: [Council of Chapters](#)

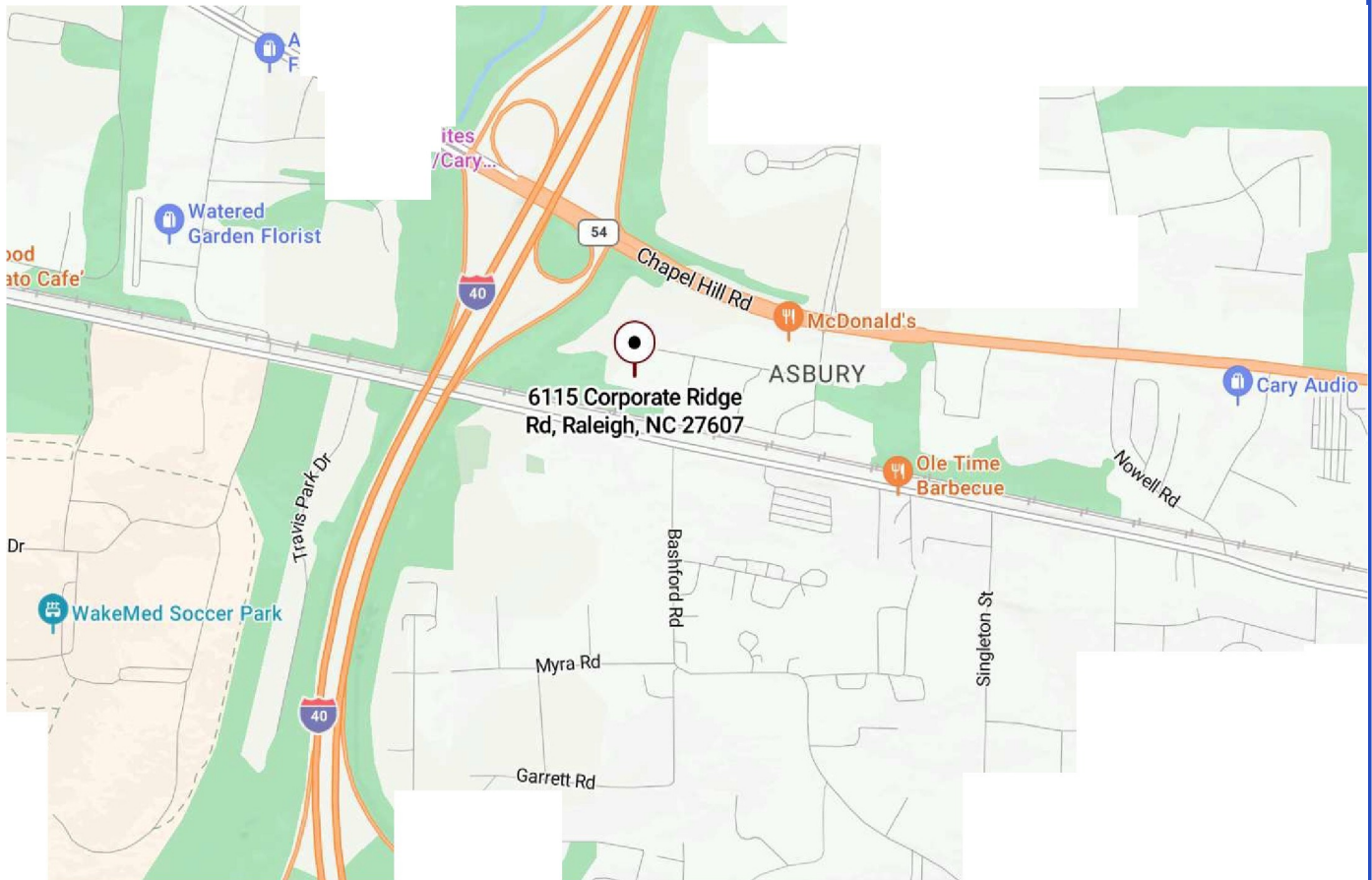
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awards [presented by Lt Gen Kelly President CW4 Jay E Garbus](#) (Ret), COL Jim Brumit (Ret)

MEMBERSHIP: Lt Col Pete Warner, USAF (Ret), President, Tennessee Council of Chapters/MOAA – forming Knoxville Chapter
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3rd VP - LTC Tricia Vinson, USA [\(Ret\)](#)

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Dr. Vivianne Wersel, D.Aud., NCCOC

MEMORIAL SERVICES: Chaplain - COL Malcolm Roberts III, USA (Ret)

Monthly chapter leader virtual roundtable: Community Outreach Grants and Sponsorships (7 p.m. Eastern)

MOAA Levels of Excellence Awards
Col. Marvin J. Harris Communications Awards

Dues are due to NCCOC treasurer by 31 January.

ELECTION / INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: Lt Gen Kelly / CAPT/ (R)

NCCOC meetings. - New President

ADJOURNMENT 12:00hrs: President

* [Requested not confirmed at this time](#)

** **Requested not confirmed at this time back up CAPT Frank Micheal**

PROPOSED NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CHAPTER BYLAWS

The **red** indicates an addition, and the **green** indicates a deletion. The Council will take the changes to the bylaws under consideration on **October 9, 2025 Zoom Council meeting**. If you have questions, please send me an email.

The **red** indicates altered and the **green** indicates repealed. The purpose of the changes is to add the positions of Assistant Vice President- Transition Membership and Director of Communications.

ARTICLE V, Section 1. The elected officers shall be a President, a **First** Vice President- **Membership**, **Second** Vice President- **Federal Advocacy** , **Third** Vice President- **State Advocacy**, and **Assistant Vice President - Transition Membership (works with and reports to the VP- Membership)**, each of whom shall be a member of a Chapter and also a member of National MOAA.

The **Director of Communications**, Secretary, Treasurer, and Surviving Spouse Liaison will be appointed by the President. Collectively, these **six nine** individuals will constitute the Council Executive Committee. Other officers of the Council and Executive Committee will be the Immediate Past President. Each officer shall be a member or spouse of a member in good standing of a Chapter member and MOAA. Past Presidents, beyond the Immediate Past president, shall be considered Council Emeritus and may attend Council functions and meetings, express opinions on issues , but have no voting rights, They may participate in Council Committees, as designated by the President.

ARTICLE V, Section 2., "Voting rights shall be vested in the President of each member chapter, or in a delegate appointed by the Chapter President **who notified the Council president of the delegate's name and email address**, and all elected officers of the Council, except the President. The Council President will cast a vote if required to break a tie vote. The Immediate Past Council President will have voting rights. Each chapter will have only one vote."

ARTICLE V, Section 3 needs to be repealed and the following added to Section 2.

ARTICLE V, Section 3 of the NCCOC bylaws states that, "Proxy voting is not permitted at meetings of the Council." However, Section 2. says, "Voting rights shall be vested in the President of each member chapter, or in a delegate appointed by the Chapter President..." There is a conflict between the sections which needs to be resolved.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES COL Tony Castle MD FACOG ,USA (Ret)

With regard to issues of importance to MOAA at the national level, there are three areas of greatest importance. These are 1) the Richard Star Act for injured retired veterans, 2) Improved Tricare Access, especially for Guard and Reserve members and 3) Improved access to employment for Military spouses. You can learn more about the details of these issues at the MOAA website (moaa.org). You can also learn how to contact your own members of Congress to encourage their support for these issues at the Legislative Action Center on that same website. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions on how to go about this.

Now that summer is over, it is time for Congress to get busy passing legislation (if they can) before the end of the Federal fiscal year on September 30th. The bill of greatest interest to the military is the NDAA (National Defense Authorization Act) which is being prepared by both the House and Senate in different versions. As of the time I write this, both versions include a military pay raise of 3.8%, so that is likely to remain. Further details show differences between the two versions, and it remains to be seen if they can be resolved by the end of the month. In recent years it has taken a few months of negotiation to complete the process.

Presidents need to order pins for those whose term has ended and new presidents taking over. Please let the Council President know who is taking over the Chapter.



RESOURCES

New leader and affiliate checklist ([Download](#))

Policies and Procedures Guide ([Download](#))

How-to video: [Using MOAA's Online Chapter Dues Program](#)

Access an archive of [Council and Chapter Roundtables](#)

List of [training events and other dates to know](#) Questions? Email chapters@moaa.org or call (800) 234-6622 and ask to speak with a Chapter Affairs Specialist.

A VIRTUAL CHAPTER

Virtual Chapters 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, but are not limited to: 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, and Financial professionals.

Are you 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.

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Good morning, North Carolina Retired Army Personnel and Family Members,

We're excited to share details about the upcoming **2025 Fort Bragg Retiree Appreciation Days (RAD)**, proudly hosted by the Garrison Commander. This annual event honors your service and prowar regards, **Fort Bragg Retirement Services Office** Visit our webpage for more info at <https://home.army.mil/bragg/services/all-services/retirement-services-office> videos, valuable updates, resources, and opportunities to connect with fellow retirees.



COL Gregory Williamson, USA (Ret) President Cape Fear administered oath to SGT Noah Bullock at Ft. Stewart, GA on 8 Sep.



INFORMATION PAPER

Republic of Korea - Ambassador for Peace Medal

Korean War Veterans who served in the Korean War may be eligible for the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal. This commemorative medal is an expression of appreciation from the Korean government to United States service men and women who served in the Korean War.

The Ambassador for Peace Medal began to be presented to veterans as a special memento for those of who returned to South Korea through the 'Revisit Program'. The honor has since expanded to veterans who cannot travel long journey to Korea.



Criteria:

1. To be eligible, the veterans must have served during the Korean War from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953. It is also available for the veterans who have participated in UN peacekeeping operations until the end of 1955.
2. The commemorative medals may be awarded posthumously. However, please understand that the highest priority for presenting the medal is given to veterans who are currently surviving in the United States of America. The next of kin, such as the spouse or descendants may apply for the medal on behalf of a deceased veteran.
3. In order to apply for this commemorative medal, veterans or their family members have to complete the application form. Application form is listed below and can also be obtained contacting one of the Korean Consulates listed on pages 3 – 6 of this correspondence. Veterans need to provide a copy of their DD214 or Discharge papers from Active Duty along with their application form for verification purpose.
4. Please send your completed application form to the Defense Attaché Office, Embassy of the Republic of Korea or to one of the Republic of Korea Consulates. If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact the Defense Attaché Office at the Embassy of the Republic of Korea or by contacting one of the Republic of Korea's consulates located in the United States.

Ambassador for Peace Medal Application Form

Full Name:

Date of Birth:

Service date in Korea:

Service Branch (Army, Navy, Air Force):

Service Number:

Regiment during the Korean War:

Rank during the Korean War:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Have you had the opportunity to return to Korea with the "Revisit Korea" program? Yes _____ NO _____

Are you a member of KVA (Unit ?) or RCL (Branch ?)

***Please provide a copy of the veteran's certificate of release or discharge from active duty for verification purpose.**

Republic of Korea Consulates Located in the United States of America

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HEAD OF MISSION Dr. Young Sok Kim, Consul General

North Carolina Council of Chapters (NCCOC)

Our purpose 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.

ROUNDTABLE

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Nov. 14-15: Leader Training: East Workshop (Hershey, Pa.)

Nov. 20: Monthly chapter leader virtual roundtable, 7 p.m. Eastern: MOAA Annual Awards. [Join here](#) at the time of the meeting. (Meeting ID: 995 5369 6751)

Dec. 18: Monthly chapter leader virtual roundtable, 7 p.m. Eastern: Year in Review/2026 Outlook. [Join here](#) at the time of the meeting. (Meeting ID: 929 1511 3996)



REFERENCE INFORMATION SECTION

MOAA GUIDANCE ON PARTISAN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

PARTISAN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

As organizations exempt from federal taxation under Sec. 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code, MOAA and its affiliates must take care to avoid engaging in partisan political activities. Under IRS rules, we are prohibited from directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.

CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

A candidate for public office is an individual who offers himself or herself, or is proposed by others, as a contestant for an elective public office, whether such office is national, state, or local, and includes incumbent candidates. The prohibition also extends beyond declared candidates and may apply to efforts to recruit an individual to run for office or advance exploratory activities. The prohibition also applies to advocating for the platform of one political party over another.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

Activities which constitute participation or intervention in a political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to a candidate include, but are not limited to, the publication or distribution of written or printed statements or the making of oral statements on behalf of or in opposition to such a candidate.

It is clear that the prohibition on partisan political activity prohibits such outright actions such as posting a “Vote for Biden” or “Vote for Trump” on the organization’s website, or “Support Republican Candidates” or “Vote Democratic.”

In addition to these obvious examples, the prohibition goes well beyond direct expressions of support. In determining whether an organization is engaged in unlawful partisan political activities, the IRS applies a “facts and circumstances” test. The IRS looks not only to the expressed language, but to external factors, such as the communication’s timing, its targeted audience, and how the message relates to public policy positions that distinguish a candidate in a campaign.

CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATIONS

The consequences to an organization that violates the prohibition on partisan political activity can be severe including the loss of its tax exempt status and the imposition of certain excise taxes. For public charities, like The MOAA Foundation and the MOAA Scholarship Fund, the IRS can disallow tax deductions for charitable contributions. In addition, for an organization whose mission involves advocacy on key military community issues, MOAA must seek support from elected representatives from both parties.

Engaging in partisan political activities on behalf of one party or candidate would seriously undermine MOAA’s ability to achieve the bipartisan consensus on key issues essential to achieving its legislative objectives.

MOAA GUIDANCE ON PARTISAN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES, CONTINUED

PERSONAL OPINIONS

As individuals, members and leaders of MOAA and MOAA's affiliates are not prohibited from engaging in partisan political activities so long as they do so in way that makes it clear they are acting for themselves and do not appear to be speaking on behalf of MOAA or its affiliates. For example, it is permissible for an individual to express his or her personal preference in support of or in opposition to a candidate or political party. And they may do so publicly.

However, when expressing their personal opinions or preferences, they may not make reference to their MOAA position, use MOAA communications channels, use MOAA letterhead or newsletters, identify themselves as MOAA leaders, or imply that MOAA or its members share their beliefs.

LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

Those in leadership positions have a special responsibility to separate their personal political opinions from statements that are or can be attributed to MOAA or its affiliates. For example, it is improper for a chapter leader to use the chapter's newsletter to advance the leader's personal political beliefs.

This goes beyond statements expressly advocating for a specific candidate or party by name. Statements that incorporate campaign messaging, campaign slogans, and political positions identified with a particular candidate or party are also prohibited. No MOAA leader is authorized to use MOAA's or an affiliate's resources to communicate their personal political beliefs. This is an outright violation of the leader's fiduciary duty to the organization and a serious leadership and ethical failure.

DIVISIVE SOCIAL ISSUES

We are all aware of the divisive nature of the debate over today's leading social issues – protesting during the national anthem at sporting events, racial justice, public protests, and the conduct of law enforcement officers. These are issues over which many Americans have deeply held, but differing, personal beliefs. This is also true within the military community among the ranks of active duty and retired officers and within MOAA itself.

MOAA leaders have an obligation to keep this in mind when communicating on behalf of MOAA or its affiliates. Suggesting that MOAA only supports one side of a deeply divisive issue sends a message to those with a different belief that MOAA is not for them.

Officers today have grown up in a military culture that is very different than the past. Many are accepting of attitudes and views that were not mainstream when many of us were in uniform. If MOAA is going to connect with the newest generation of uniformed officers, it needs to be clear that those with strong views on racial and social justice imperatives are just as welcome as those who adhere to more traditional expressions of patriotism and officership.



LIABILITY INSURANCE

- This plan provides coverage for lawsuits resulting from bodily injury and property damage at Chapter-sponsored activities. If your Chapter typically rents space when it needs to gather for a meeting or special event, you may have discovered the owner of the property requires "special event" insurance. This coverage is typically very expensive to buy or doesn't fully protect you. That's why this plan was developed exclusively for MOAA Chapters!

Note for chapters with a current MOAA insurance policy: MOAA's Chapter Liability Insurance Plan is available through the current carrier until Dec. 31, 2023. Should your chapter bind a new or renewal policy prior to that date, the policy will be in-force for one year from the effective date. AMBA has evaluated several carriers and selected a new carrier, Philadelphia Insurance Companies, to continue to provide this valuable coverage with minimal disruptions. You will receive application instructions from AMBA via email, or mail if no email address is on file, approximately 75 days prior to your current policy's expiration date. If you have any questions or would like to apply for a new policy, please feel free to contact AMBA at (800) 503-9227, Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central time, or by email at plsdsteam.service@amba.info.

Click for [a plan overview](#).

GENERATING INCOME

Not sure how to create non-dues income? Here are [some ideas and guidance](#).

MOAA Insurance/Association Member Benefits Advisors (AMBA)(UPDATED May 13, 2024): Would you like to earn \$100 for your chapter by including an advertisement in your newsletter for [MOAA Insurance Plans](#)? Enroll Jan. 1 through May 31 by emailing dave.shidler@getamba.com following the instructions found [at this link](#).

MOAA Vacations: Brennco is pleased to announce the NEW MOAA Vacations Chapter Advertising Program. Councils and chapters can receive a one-time \$100 annual payment for placing digital ads in their newsletter or on their websites. [Click here for more information and/or to enroll](#). Also, did you know that your chapter always earns a 1% royalty when chapter members book travel through MOAA Vacations, and that you can even plan an exclusive event, such as a cruise, for your council or chapter? For additional information, email jon@MOAAvac.com or call (800) 211-5107.

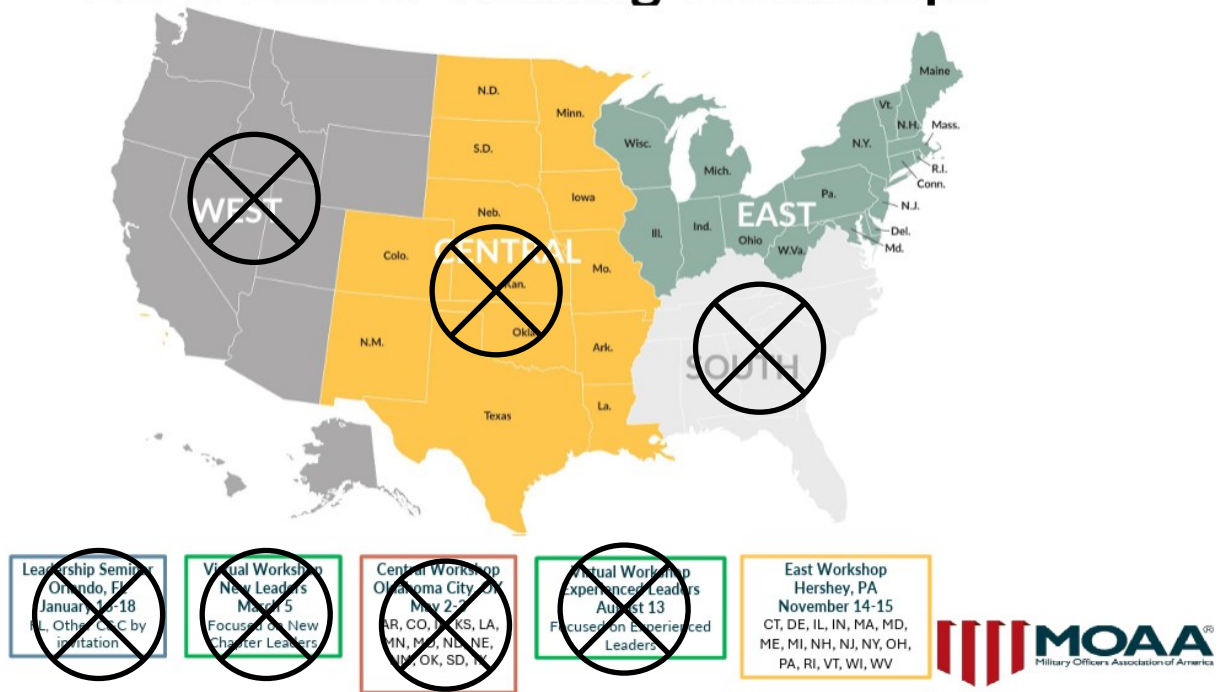
[Florida Senate Committee Approves Stolen Valor Bill for Public Officials](#)

by [The Center Square](#) | Mar 5, 2025

(SUMMATION) Senate Bill 348 passed the Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security by a 6-0 vote. The bill would add to the state's code of ethics a prohibition on candidates and public officials from making false claims related to their military service for material gain. Penalties could include censure, a fine of \$25,000 and recommendation of removal from office. The bill would also expand the attorney general's authority to seek wage garnishment for unpaid fines. A similar measure is in the House Rules & Ethics Committee. Congress passed the Stolen Valor Act in 2013 that narrowed the crime to one of using false representations about military service to earn money or other benefits.

2025 Leader Training Workshops

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[Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth](#) said his agency is the Department of War are “coming soon,” but it remains unclear whether the executive branch can make such a move without congressional permission.

During a White House press event on Monday, Hegseth spoke about the deployment of [National Guard troops throughout Washington, D.C.](#), and along the southern U.S. border. President Donald Trump responded to the remarks by complimenting the service members but complaining that the [Department of Defense name](#) “didn’t sound good” to him.

“Department of Defense, I don’t want to be defense only,” he continued. “We want defense, but we want offense, too.”

“It used to be called the Department of War and it had a stronger sound. And as you know, we won World War I. We won World War II. We won everything.”



CHAPTER PRESIDENTS



- (NC01) - Cape Fear—COL Gregory K Williamson, USA (Ret)
- (NC02) - Coastal Carolina—CAPT Randall Ramian, USN, (Ret)
- (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—Maj Aimee S Corning, 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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7. Treasurer Col Ken Hillman, USMC (Ret)
8. Surviving Spouse Liaison Dr. Vivianne Wersel (SSL)

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2. Capt Donna Culp, USAF (FMR)



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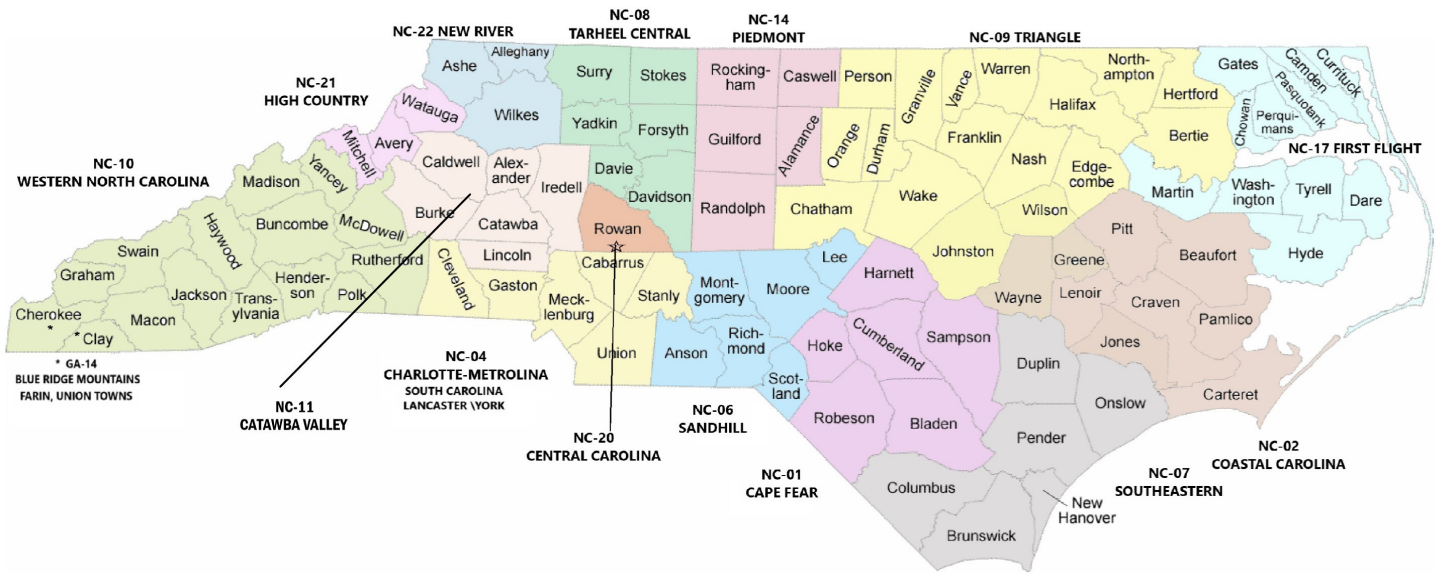
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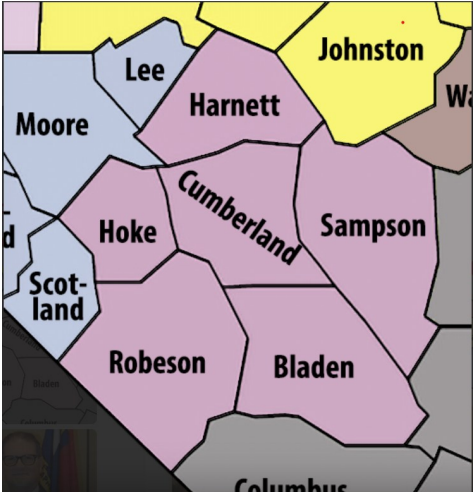
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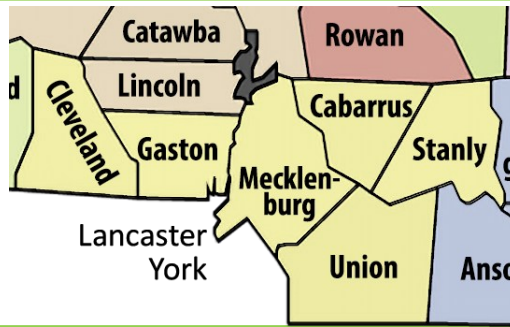
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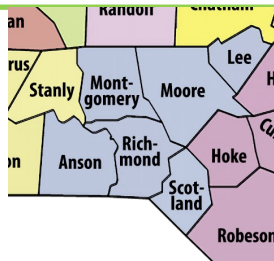
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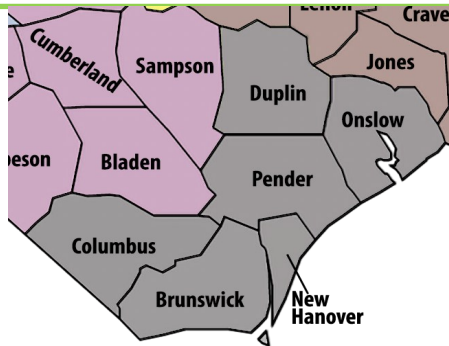


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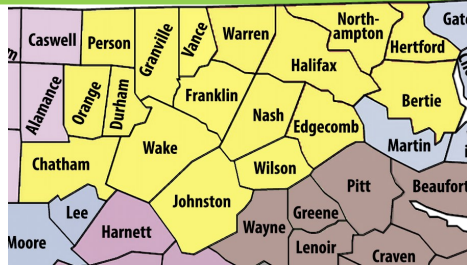


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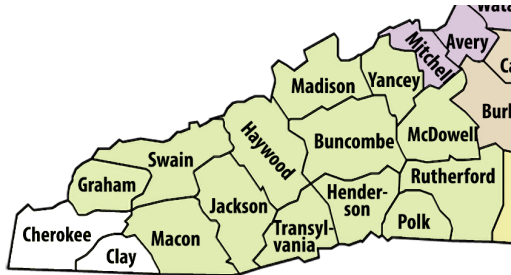
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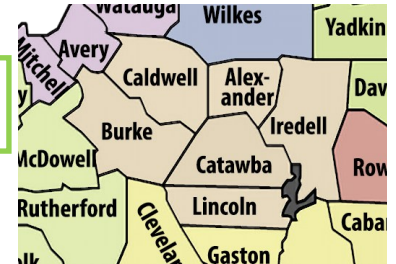


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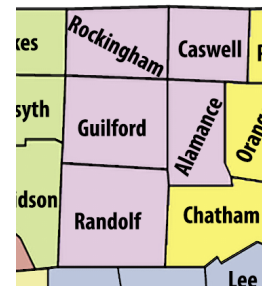


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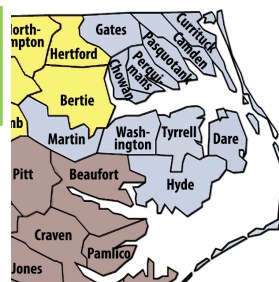
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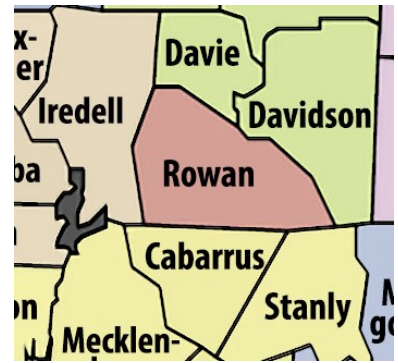
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NOTICE PLEASE READ

§ 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).)



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NORTH CAROLINA & FEDERAL LEGISLATION

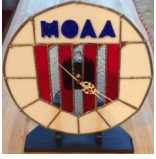
MOAA's Core Mission

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.



MOAA NEWS & INFORMATION

“Never Stop Serving”

Pay Chapter Dues Online: See if your local chapter is participating in the [Chapter Dues Payment System!](#) Only THREE NC Chapters have used the new payment system.

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.



NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS QUARTERMASTER MARKET PLACE



THE TARHEEL CENTRAL CHAPTER

Challenge Coin is now available for purchase for \$15.00. On the front, the chapter name runs above the US Flag and the MOAA motto rings the bottom. The NC state symbol is representative of the state flag in color and has a single white star located in Tarheel Central Chapter catchment area – Surry; Stokes; Yadkin; Forsyth; Davie; and Davidson counties. On the Back of the coin is the official MOAA logo. Address purchase inquires to info@tarheelmoaa.org.



SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER

With the help of Past President Joe Irrera, SENCLAND Chapter ordered and recently received our own Challenge Coins. We are selling these at Chapter events for \$5.00 each. Monies received over and above manufacturing costs will go back to the chapter. We started selling these at the 9/3/2024 chapter meeting and will make available at all subsequent meetings going forward.



CHARLOTTE-METROLINA CHAPTER

There's no better way to show your pride of MOAA and the Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter than wearing official merchandise, found at the [MOAA Store](https://www.moaa.org/store) online. There's a good selection of quality men's and women's apparel; it costs no more than you'd pay at the mall; and they deliver it to your front door. Wear it at official functions and in the community, where it can be a great conversation starter and generate more interest in our chapter from local veterans. Please check it out! Eric Kelly (USAF-Ret), Chapter Secretary. MOAA Chapter coins are available for \$10.00 at meetings or by contacting Susan Bryant at susrebby@yahoo.com



