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## IMPORTANT MEETING DATES

Jun 12<sup>th</sup>  
July 10<sup>th</sup>  
August 14<sup>th</sup>  
September 11<sup>th</sup>  
October 9<sup>th</sup>  
November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
In Person only  
Triangle Chapter hosting



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



### **5 STAR COUNCIL**

All,

I had a major flood at the house causing thousands of water damage. With that I am behind on items that usually are on time. We now have a column written by RDML Greg Quigley USN (Ret). You shall have a good time reading it.

Several of our chapters are selling challenge coins. Check them out at the newsletter marketplace.

Congratulations to Western North Carolina for receiving a \$3,250 Community grant.

Cape Fear Chapter received notification from MOAA National that they received two grants-- \$3,500 for Habitat Veterans Build , and \$1,750 for Scholarship and Grant Fundraiser. Congratulations.

## Published by the North Carolina Council of Chapters of MOAA

**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.

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**MOAA "Take Action"** <http://www.moaa.org/takeAction/>

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

### **[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)  
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**Lorna Tiller, AAA ITA**

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**Thanks,**

**Ken Klassen**



## MONTHLY COLUMN BY

BY RDML CRAIG QUIGLEY, USN (Ret)

RDML USN (Ret.) Craig Quigley has spent his entire adult life supporting the nation and communities. A career naval officer, Mr. Quigley served 27 years on active duty, achieving the rank of rear admiral and serving as Deputy Assistance Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs) at the Pentagon. Mr. Quigley is a Life Member of MOAA LUKE Chapter in Arizona.

### What is the ROI of Effective Communications?

So everybody is telling you that you need an effective communication program to move your organization forward. But you've never really done that before and don't know how to start. Why do you need to do this anyway? Let's talk value and return on investment (ROI).

Corporations and governments often have large staffs and considerable budgets to run their communication and public affairs programs. But your MOAA Chapter doesn't have the money for that. The good news: you don't need it! Just a few basic products that can be put to multiple uses will serve your Chapter very well.

Before getting into the mechanics of products that can be developed, let's think about the value of increasing the visibility of your Chapter. It could earn you new members, raise awareness of your activities and their impact on the community, establish credibility and a positive reputation for your Chapter, and generate public support (and possibly funding). Added bonus: any appearance of your Chapter's activities in print or electronic media will serve as a tremendous morale booster for your existing members!

So how do you go about building a simple, yet effective, communication program for your Chapter? My thoughts and recommendations below:

**First** – Who is out there? What are your local newspapers or newsletters (print and electronic) that are interested in local news? How about radio talk shows that are always looking for guests? Blogs? TV is a tougher putt, but if you have a BIG event, it's worth a try. Contact them; talk to them; get them interested.

**Second** – Develop a basic press release that can be repurposed as needed. Keep it short, but think of it as a story that you're telling about your Chapter. Much of this can be "boilerplate" and reuseable, with solid info about your Chapter activities and how to join. Consider the timing of your effort; is this something you want known before the event? Then follow up after the event with photos and a modified release? How about inviting the media to attend the event in the first place?

**Third** – Every time your Chapter does something of note, take advantage of the opportunity to let the world know! Are you hosting a significant speaker at one of your dinners? Are you giving money to a local charity? Have you helped homeless veterans? Do you have a program that supports active-duty families, particularly around the holidays? It's all fair game, and nobody outside of those immediately affected will know that it happened unless you tell your story. Again, do you want to announce your event before it happens, then follow up afterwards? Must think that one through.

**Fourth** – Set up a website for your Chapter. It's a "must have" in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and probably where most people will go first to learn about your Chapter's activities. Use this as you would a bulletin board – post articles, photos, calendars of coming events, recognition your Chapter has earned – anything that tells your story. Your webmaster doesn't even need to be in the same city as your Chapter!

**Fifth** – Consider publishing a newsletter. This can be completely electronic, which makes it easy to push out to all Chapter members upon publication. Like the website, this can be used to highlight coming events or display photos from a past event. This is a tool that can be shared with prospective new Chapter members to give them a feel for the Chapter's activities.

Setting up a basic communication program will produce a tremendous ROI for your Chapter. You can do this!

**WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA**  
**COL Steve Watkins, USA (Ret) President**

I'm pleased to share that MOAA National has reviewed and approved our Chapter's grant request in the amount of \$3,250. in support of the Veterans Healing Farm.

The grant will directly support the Farm's efforts to empower veterans and their families through agritherapy, workshops, and community-based healing programs.

It also aids their recent transitions to their new, permanent location in Mills River, following the loss of their previous lease - ensuring continued program delivery and long-term sustainability.

I have not yet notified AI at the Farm but will do so shortly and coordinate a time for a formal presentation of the grant, possibly at the picnic.

Thank you all for your continued support of our chapter's important work for the veterans & their families in WNC.



**2024 MOAA Levels of Excellence Award Winners Five-Star Affiliates**

North Carolina

- North Carolina State Council of Chapters
- Cape Fear Chapter - MOAA
- Coastal Carolina MOAA
- Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter
- Southeastern NC Chapter of MOAA
- Tarheel Central Chapter of MOAA, Inc.
- Triangle Chapter MOAA
- Western North Carolina Chapter, MOAA
- Catawba Valley Chapter
- High Country Chapter

**MOAA 2024 Col Marvin J Harris Communication Award Winners**

North Carolina

- North Carolina State Council of Chapters: 5-Star Print/E-Newsletter; 5-Star Website
- Cape Fear Chapter – MOAA: 5-Star Website
- Coastal Carolina MOAA: 5-Star Print/E-Newsletter; 5-Star Website
- Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter: 5-Star Print/E-Newsletter; 5-Star Website
- Southeastern NC Chapter of MOAA: 5-Star Print/E-Newsletter; 5-Star Website
- Tarheel Central Chapter of MOAA, Inc.: 5-Star Print/E-Newsletter; 5-Star Website
- Triangle Chapter MOAA: 5-Star Website
- Western North Carolina Chapter, MOAA: 5-Star Print/E-Newsletter; 5-Star Website
- Catawba Valley Chapter: 5-Star Print/E-Newsletter; 5-Star Website
- High Country Chapter: 5-Star Print/E-Newsletter; 5-Star Website

From: **Jim Carman** <[jimc@moaa.org](mailto:jimc@moaa.org)>  
Date: Mon, May 12, 2025 at 8:11 AM  
Subject: Transitioning to a New Role at MOAA  
To: [jigrahamusa@gmail.com](mailto:jigrahamusa@gmail.com) <[jigrahamusa@gmail.com](mailto:jigrahamusa@gmail.com)>  
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Jeri – good morning and hope you and your family are doing well. You have been so helpful getting the virtual chapter program and the virtual council successfully launched, and the association owes you a huge debt of gratitude. Because of your extensive knowledge, background, and willingness to always be so helpful in teaching others, we would like to transition you to a new role. It is our privilege to name you as “Executive Consultant for Virtual Council and Chapters.” Thanks to your extraordinary efforts, Joe and the virtual chapter presidents are ready to build on the many successes you achieved as a national MOAA board member and our first virtual council president.

In order to appropriately recognize the great work you did organizing the virtual council, we would like to invite you and any interested family members to join MOAA at our eastern states leadership workshop in Hershey, PA on November 14 and 15 where Brian Kelly and the leadership team will formally acknowledge your extraordinary service to our association.

Also, we would be so honored if you would consider providing centerpieces for the dinner on November 14 where you will be recognized. Your decorations have brightened many MOAA events over the years, and we would be grateful if you would consider providing this important service one more time.

As you transition to your new role, Joe will move from his current role to becoming president of the virtual council. Although our leadership workshop will not be until November, Joe will assume his new role effective May 14, 2025.

Jeri, I want to thank you again for your many years of service to our association and we hope to see you in November where we can celebrate your dedication and service to MOAA. Your willingness to advocate and organize has been and continues to be admirable.

With great respect, Jim

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

- **Aug. 13:** Council & Chapter Leadership Workshop for Experienced Leaders (virtual)
- **Oct. 27-29:** [Total Force+ Conference](#), Gaylord National Harbor, MD
- **Nov. 14-15:** Eastern Region Council & Chapter Leadership Workshop, Hershey, PA

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:patw@moaa.org).

## **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.

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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



**Leadership Seminar**  
Orlando, FL  
January 16-18  
FL, Other C&C by  
invitation

**Virtual Workshop**  
New Leaders  
March 5  
Focused on New  
Chapter Leaders

**Central Workshop**  
Oklahoma City, OK  
May 2-3  
AR, CO, IA, KS, LA,  
MN, MO, ND, NE,  
NM, OK, SD, TX

**Virtual Workshop**  
Experienced Leaders  
August 13  
Focused on Experienced  
Leaders

**East Workshop**  
Hershey, PA  
November 14-15  
CT, DE, IL, IN, MA, MD,  
ME, MI, NH, NJ, NY, OH,  
PA, RI, VT, WI, WV



## DATES TO KNOW

**June 26:** Monthly chapter leader virtual roundtable, 7 p.m. Eastern: General Council Issues. [Join here](#) at the time of the meeting. (Meeting ID: 957 2961 8519)

**July 24:** Monthly chapter leader virtual roundtable, 7 p.m. Eastern: Recruiting and Retention. [Join here](#) at the time of the meeting. (Meeting ID: 962 0410 4083)

**Aug. 13:** Virtual Leader Training Workshop (Experienced Leaders)

**Aug. 28:** Monthly chapter leader virtual roundtable, 7 p.m. Eastern: MOAA Virtual Chapters. [Join here](#) at the time of the meeting. (Meeting ID: 937 6468 7886)

**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. Eastern: MOAA Foundation. [Join here](#) at the time of the meeting. (Meeting ID: 914 4733 5409)  
**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 6)

**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)

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- (NC10) - Western Carolina—COL Steve Watkins, USA (Ret)
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- (NC22) - New River—LCDR Steve Tucker, USN, (Ret)



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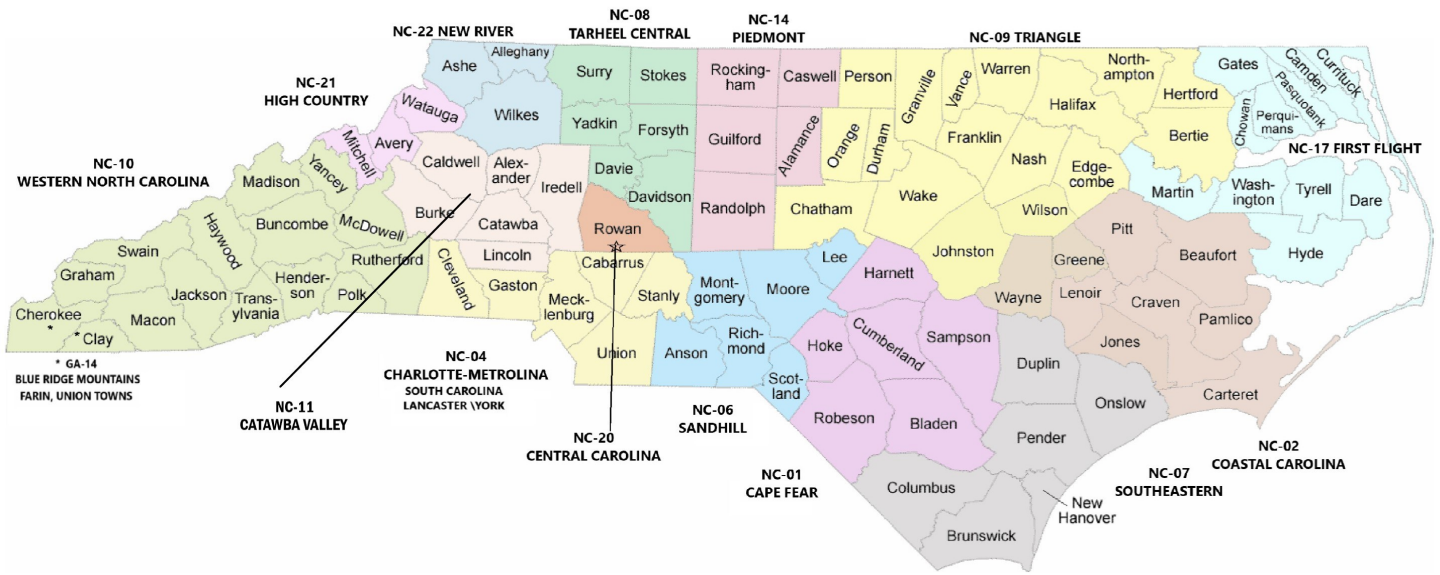
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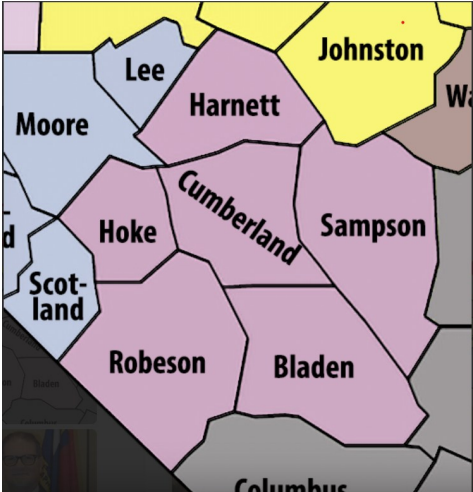
# CHAPTER NEWS






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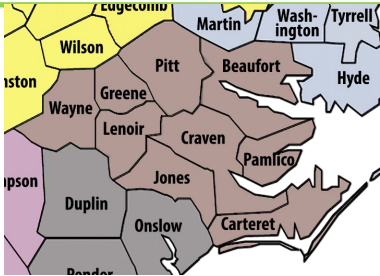
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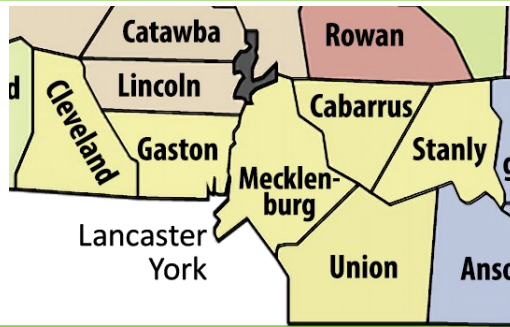
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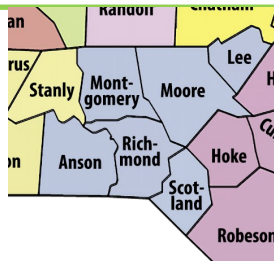
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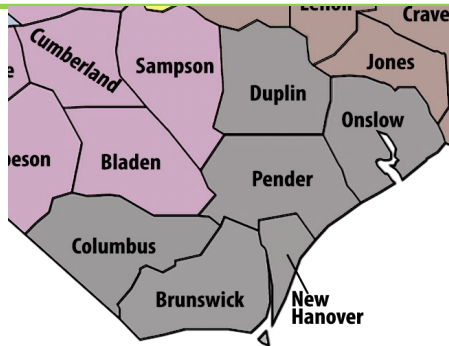


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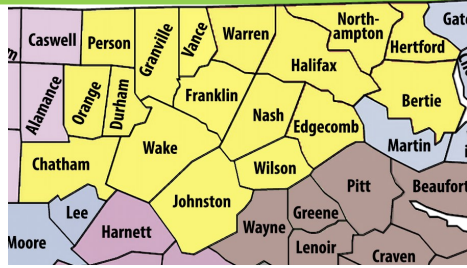


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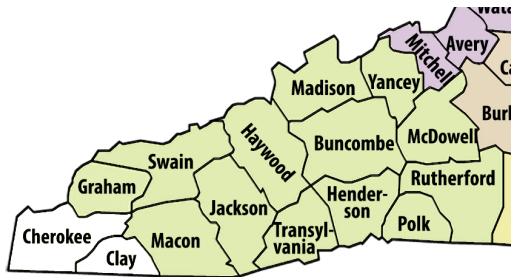
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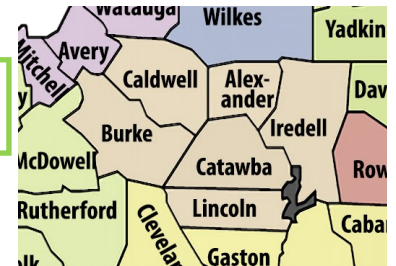


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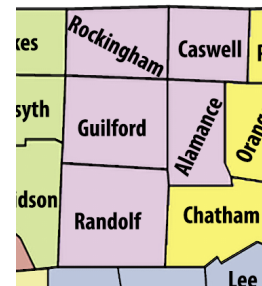


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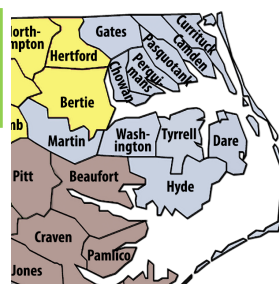
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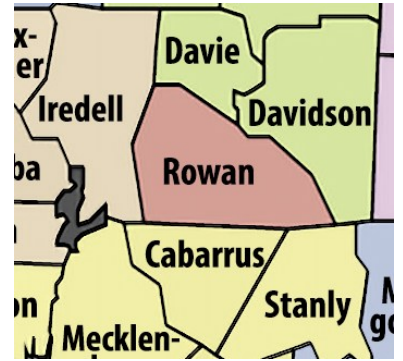
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## NOTICE PLEASE READ

§ 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).)



# MOAA

## NORTH CAROLINA & FEDERAL LEGISLATION

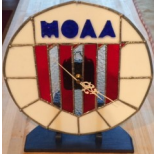
### MOAA's Core Mission

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.



# 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.

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## 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](mailto: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 [susrebry@yahoo.com](mailto:susrebry@yahoo.com)



