



**WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER  
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.  
Spring 2015/April**

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Welcome to warm weather in the mountains to all our MOAA Western North Carolina Chapter members. It’s wonderful to have another winter behind us and summer on the horizon. We were directly affected by the cold and snow in February when we had to postpone our last MOAA chapter meeting. But, thanks to some quick thinking and much flexibility on the part of your board (especially Spence Campbell) we were able to hold our meeting a few weeks later. I’m sorry I missed it. I did hear that it was a good one. But, spring has sprung and winter is behind us. Overall, though, each of our seasons has its own special appeal. Isn’t that one reason we live here? Another reason we enjoy this area is the large number of wonderful, talented, and energetic people who live here. And as we well know many of them are retired military. The fact is...many of those are YOU...members of our MOAA chapter. We are truly blessed to have such a wealth of interested (...and interesting!) men and women—willing to be a part of an organization committed to making life better for our veterans and their families. We also enjoy that unique fellowship and camaraderie that the “military family” knows so well.

Here are some of the things our chapter members have been up to...

Our VRQ “Kitchen Krews” continue to support the lunch prep and service the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month. This is a very rewarding activity. And everyone seems to enjoy it.

And at the CLC in Asheville, we hosted an Ice Cream Social the afternoon of 7 February from 1300-1500 at the Center. We had about 10 of our chapter members serving ice cream, cake, and toppings to the very appreciative residents there.

Our Hospice/Veteran’s Pinning Ceremonies continue. To date we have participated in more than 25 of them. Please let me know if you are interested. This is a wonderful program.

We recently received word that two of our chapter members were recipients of the Marvin Harris Communications Award. Karen McKay was the winner for Legislative Coverage; and Len Baker was 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up for Webmaster. Congratulations to both for their outstanding work!

I’ll close with some information about our upcoming general meeting in May. Our two “warm weather” meetings are Friday evening BBQ’s at the Hendersonville Country Club. Our next one is 8 May, with our social hour beginning at 4:00 (1600 for some of us). Our speaker will be Ms. Cynthia Breyfogle, FACHE, Medical Center Director of the Asheville VA Medical Center.

We still have over 50 members who have not paid their 2015 dues. If you are in doubt about your status, please call Mike Covell, Chapter Treasurer, at 828-242-6816.

See you on the 8<sup>th</sup>!

Best Regards; John



**Friday, May 8 Quarterly General Meeting  
Hendersonville Country Club 4PM Social**

### Recent House Votes

#### **Fiscal 2015 Homeland Department Continuing Resolution – Passage - Vote Failed (203-224, 6 Not Voting)**

The House rejected a joint resolution that would make further continuing appropriations for the Homeland Security Department for fiscal 2015. The measure would extend funding for the department for three weeks, through March 19, 2015. Rep. Patrick McHenry voted YES      Rep. Mark Meadows voted NO

#### **Fiscal 2015 Homeland Security Appropriations– Motion to Recede and Concur - Vote Passed (257-167, 9 Not Voting)**

The House agreed to a motion made by Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho., to recede from the House amendment and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill (HR 240) that would provide \$47.8 billion in fiscal 2015 for the Homeland Security Department and related activities. The motion cleared the bill for the president. Rep. Patrick McHenry voted YES      Rep. Mark Meadows voted NO

#### **Ukraine Military Assistance – Passage - Vote Passed (348-48, 36 Not Voting)**

The House agreed to a motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution stating that the House of Representatives "strongly urges" the president to fully and immediately exercise authorities provided by Congress to provide Ukraine with lethal defensive weapons systems in order to enhance the ability of the Ukrainian people to defend their sovereign territory from the "unprovoked and continuing aggression of the Russian Federation."

Rep. Patrick McHenry voted YES      Rep. Mark Meadows voted YES

#### **Veterans Affairs Future Budget Planning – Passage - Vote Passed (420-0, 12 Not Voting)**

The House agreed to a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would direct the Veterans Affairs Department to annually submit to Congress a future-years veterans program with its budget request. The program would reflect estimated expenditures and proposed appropriations for that fiscal year and succeeding four fiscal years, and would include a five-year plan for the department to meet its commitment to veterans, including the resources needed to do so. Rep. Patrick McHenry voted YES      Rep. Mark Meadows voted YES

### Recent Senate Votes

#### **Fiscal 2015 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations – Cloture - Vote Rejected (52-47, 1 Not Voting)**

The Senate failed to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to the bill that would provide \$47.8 billion in fiscal 2015 for the Homeland Security Department and related activities. The bill also would bar the use of funds to implement the administration's immigration policies or to grant any federal benefit to any illegal immigrant as a result of those policies. Sixty votes were required. Sen. Richard Burr voted YES      Sen. Thom Tillis voted YES

#### **Fiscal 2015 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations - Passage - Vote Passed (68-31, 1 Not Voting)**

The Senate passed a bill that would provide \$47.8 billion in fiscal 2015 for the Homeland Security Department and related activities. The bill would include \$12.6 billion for Customs and Border Protection; \$6 billion for Immigration and Customs Enforcement; \$7.2 billion for the Transportation Security Administration, including fees; \$10 billion for the Coast Guard; \$1.7 billion for the Secret Service; and \$10.8 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, including \$6.4 billion for emergency disaster relief. Sen. Richard Burr voted NO      Sen. Thom Tillis voted NO

#### **Fiscal 2016 Budget Resolution - Adoption - Vote Agreed to (52-46, 2 Not Voting)**

The Senate passed adopted [sic] the concurrent resolution that would set broad spending and revenue targets over the next 10 years. It would allow \$523 billion for defense discretionary spending and \$493.5 billion for non-defense spending in fiscal 2016, the statutory level set by the 2011 budget law. Sen. Richard Burr voted YES      Sen. Thom Tillis voted YES

### Congressional News

#### **Veteran's Assistance Bill, "Clay Hunt SAV Act," Becomes Law**

U.S. Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) issued the following statement on the Presidential signing of H.R. 203, the *Clay Hunt Suicide Prevention for American Veterans Act*, into law. "Our veterans have made countless sacrifices on behalf of this country and they deserve better. The Clay Hunt SAV Act will provide much-needed resources to combat the epidemic of veteran suicide. I could not be more pleased to see my legislation signed into law today and I will continue to support efforts to provide care for our nation's heroes."

The *Clay Hunt Suicide Prevention for American Veterans Act* passed the Senate unanimously earlier in February. The rest of the story can be read at [www.burr.senate.gov/press/releases/veterans-assistance-bill-clay-hunt-sav-act-becomes-law](http://www.burr.senate.gov/press/releases/veterans-assistance-bill-clay-hunt-sav-act-becomes-law)

#### **04.16.15 North Carolina Delegation Introduces Military Corridor Transportation Improvement Act of 2015**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Senator Tillis (R-NC) introduced The Military Corridor Transportation Improvement Act of 2015, a bipartisan bill that amends the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991 to ensure that the US-70 Corridor in North Carolina would become part of the Interstate system once it is fully upgraded to interstate standards. Tillis' Senate bill is co-sponsored by Senator Richard Burr (R-NC), and Congressman G.K. Butterfield (D-NC-01) introduced a companion bill in the House.

[The rest of this story can be read at [www.burr.senate.gov/press/releases.](http://www.burr.senate.gov/press/releases.)]

**Press Releases:** The following are excerpts—the full text of the statements can be found on the Members' websites.

## **BURR**

The Air Force's plan to shutter the 440th Airlift Wing at Fort Bragg: The recent Air Force report is a complete disappointment. Closing one of the country's unique training and support elements for our airborne forces and special operators would be a terrible strategic decision. I will continue to work with the North Carolina delegation and my colleagues in Congress to find a solution that preserves the readiness of our critical airborne, rapid deployment capability."

.The growing threat from cyber criminals and foreign adversaries who are becoming increasingly adept at stealing personal information and intellectual property from American businesses, individuals and the government..."is real, and the increasing number of attacks has a tangible impact on our economy and our national security,"

This [Iran] agreement allows for key elements of Iran's nuclear program to remain in place. Congress needs to weigh in on any decision to soften sanctions on a country whose leader has recently said 'death to America,' while simultaneously requesting additional nuclear capability.

Senators Richard Burr (R-NC) and Joe Manchin (D-WV) introduced the Homeless Veterans Prevention Act of 2015. This legislation would build on existing homeless veterans programs at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) by investing in established programs that are proven to be effective and removing any residual barriers to housing for veterans. "It is heartbreaking that we still have almost 50,000 homeless veterans in this country,"

## **TILLIS**

Tillis presses case on 440<sup>th</sup> Senator Tillis is placing 'holds' on civilian nominations until Air Force gives answers.

The story can be read at [www.newsobserver.com/news/politics-government/state-politics/article18791142.html](http://www.newsobserver.com/news/politics-government/state-politics/article18791142.html)

Senator Tillis (R-NC) appeared on CNN's The Lead with Jake Tapper, where they discussed ISIS' siege of the Iraqi city of Ramadi, the need for the United States to continue training Iraqi forces, and Tillis' recent trip to Iraq, where he met with Iraqi and Kurdish leaders. "Anytime ISIS takes ground it's a bad thing," said Senator Tillis "We need to be prepared through the coalition forces to provide air support. The Iraqi armed services have to go in and have to defend the situation on the ground. We need to do everything we can to hold the spread and focus efforts back on eradicating them from Ramadi."

The Department of Veterans Affairs last June revealed that several North Carolina VAMCs, including Durham and Fayetteville, had among the longest average wait times in the United States. Yesterday, the Associated Press reported on analysis of more recent data from VA facilities across the nation, finding that many North Carolina facilities continue to have some of the worst wait times in the country.

## **MCHENRY**

On the nuclear agreement with Iran: I have long been wary of any negotiations with and sanctions relief for Iran— a country that less than a decade ago was providing lethal weapons used to kill American men and women serving in Iraq. Thursday's vague announcement only increases my concerns. While Congress reviews the parameters of this agreement, it is imperative the Obama Administration acknowledges Congress' role as a co-equal branch of government and not pursue any elimination of sanctions without our consent.

Chief Deputy Whip Patrick McHenry (R, NC-10) released the following statement after House passage of the fiscal year 2016 House Republican budget resolution:

*"Our nation continues to face grave threats both at home and abroad. Regional security in the Middle East deteriorates daily while Russia expands its influence in Eastern Europe..."This year's budget maintains our commitment to cutting spending and balancing the budget without tax increases...At the same time our budget addresses the threats from abroad with increased funding for defense ensuring the brave men and women of our armed forces have the resources they need to accomplish their mission of protecting Americans at home and abroad.*

## **MEADOWS**

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee unanimously passed legislation introduced by Sen. Bob Corker (R-TN) that would require Congressional review of the Iran deal. Congress must have the final say in any agreement with Iran. Further, only Congress has the authority to permanently lift sanctions on Iran. The White House does not have the legal authority to bypass Congress on Iran....the U.S. must oppose any deal that doesn't fully dismantle Iran's nuclear capability and put first the safety and security of our nation and our ally, Israel.

Balanced Budget for a Stronger America....that ultimately passed the House...will balance our nation's books in under ten years while calling on Congress to pass a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution. It would boost funding for our nation's defense...the House Republican Budget is an important step in the right direction that will help put our nation on a path towards a balanced budget while also properly funding important areas of our government like the Department of Defense.

President Obama has continued to cave to Iran, lifting numerous sanctions and weakening the terms of a potential nuclear agreement...Iran is a rogue state run by extremists and is a designated State Sponsor of Terrorism by the U.S. State Department. Iranian officials have repeatedly called the United States the "Great Satan" and...brazenly flaunted the country's test of new "strategic weapons." Allowing Iran to continue to pursue any nuclear ambitions would pose a direct threat to the United States, as well as to our ally Israel See additional information at: [WWW.WNC-MOAA.ORG](http://WWW.WNC-MOAA.ORG)

## 2014/5 OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS

### **Board of Directors**

President	John Knapp CAPT USNR-Ret
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### **Appointed Positions**

Sr Advisor	Rick Devereaux MajGen USAF-Ret
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Auxiliary LNO	Rev Nancy McCarthy

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**Always available at: [wnc-moaa.org](http://wnc-moaa.org)**

### **2015 Calendar**

#### **General Meetings** (all at Hendersonville CC)

May 8 Friday at 4PM check-in/social BBQ/cookout

Aug 21 Friday at 4PM Check-in/social BBQ/cookout Annual meeting/election

Nov 21 Saturday at 11AM Check-in/social

#### **Board Meetings-12 Noon**

Jul 8, Oct 14 (HCC)

#### **VRQ Lunch Servings (Contact Jeff Snyder)**

Each fourth Wednesday 9:30-12:30

#### **Black Mountain Satellite**

Every odd numbered month on second Wed at 11:30

Givens Highland Farms in Black Mountain, for info contact Gaye or Len Baker

#### **Smoky Mountains Satellite**

Every odd numbered month on fourth Thursday at Noon,

Location varies. Contact Brent Ramsey @ [shrbldr@bellsouth.net](mailto:shrbldr@bellsouth.net) or phone 828-452-4783

#### **VA Hospital CLC Ice Cream Social**

The first one was a roaring success, planning continues to see what we can do to make it a regular event. Spence Campbell 243-9067 See pictures below.

### **Auxiliary Activities: Nancy McCarthy**

I am pleased and honored to have been asked to represent the auxiliary members of our MOAA Chapter on our board. This is all very new to me. Our membership list has 33 auxiliary members. I welcome suggestions, ideas, and concerns that members may have. We had our first luncheon April 15 at Deerfield with 10 ladies attending. I hope, in the future, to have regular luncheons where we can exchange ideas. I can be contacted at 828-274-6671 or [revnancy1002@att.net](mailto:revnancy1002@att.net).



## Smoky Mountains Satellite

The March 26 meeting had 21 attending. Members are participating in the We Honor Veterans Program with area Hospice Programs. Support to local JROTC programs include the award presentations. The group intends to be pro-active and not just be a social gathering. Community and Veteran service will be a major mission. This venue offers participation for chapter members in the western and northwestern part of our area. Contact Brent Ramsey for info at: shrblr@bellsouth.net or phone 828-452-4783

### YOUR CHAPTER AT WORK

#### VETERANS' RESTORATION QUARTERS

The chapter continues to support Asheville's own Veteran's Restoration Quarters (VRQ), a shelter for homeless male veterans that offers housing, meals and a variety of other facilities and services, including a comprehensive vocational training program. Chapter members volunteer at the VRQ on the fourth Wednesday of each month, preparing and serving the lunch meal to approximately one hundred shelter residents and staff. The chapter has three teams of volunteers that rotate month to month but if anyone is interested in joining us on the fourth Wednesday of each month, feel free to just show up ready to work at 9:30 at the VRQ facility in East Asheville. For more information, call Jeff Snyder at 828-684-2359 or email at: jsnyder243@aol.com.

#### Flat Rock Playhouse launches Poppy Project to aid veterans

At the chapter's urging, the Flat Rock Playhouse Master Gardeners are donating the proceeds of their Poppy Project to the Veteran's Restoration Quarters. We salute the Henderson County Master Gardeners for helping take care of our veterans in need.

#### JROTC Update: Jeff Snyder Col USAF – Ret

Spring is a busy time for the 17 JROTC units here in western NC. The hard-working instructors are planning field trips for the cadets, organizing their annual end-of-year awards ceremonies, and continuing to teach their young cadets the finer points of leadership, military discipline and team work.

Our chapter donated \$500 to the North Henderson HS AFJROTC unit to support additional cadets being able to attend their field trip to DC. The cadets visited the Capitol and met with Representative Mark Meadows. According to Lt Col Jim Grigsby, chapter member and senior military instructor at North Henderson HS, "I think they learned more about American History in 1 day than in an entire semester--it was a great experience for them."



**Congressman Mark Meadows speaking to N Henderson HS JROTC cadets in front of Capitol**

Our chapter sponsors a leadership award that is presented each year to a rising senior from each school; selected by the unit's JROTC staff based on a cadet's demonstrated leadership during the year. When possible, chapter members present the award at the school's annual JROTC awards ceremony/military ball. As the end of school year awards ceremonies approach, chapter members are already "signed up" to present the award at 8 of the 12 HS's that have scheduled their awards ceremonies. Thanks to all of the chapter members who are participating – at these ceremonies, it is very uplifting to see the excited and patriotic young people that make up our JROTC units. If you are interested in representing the chapter at one of the remaining JROTC award ceremonies, please contact Jeff Snyder at [jsnyder243@aol.com](mailto:jsnyder243@aol.com) to see which HS's awards ceremonies still need a chapter representative.

## ANNUAL MEETING

The August meeting will be our annual meeting and election of officers for the next two years. If you are interested in serving on a nominating committee or serving in one of the capacities listed on p4 contact John Knapp. Some of us have served for many, many years and have decided to pass the baton on to others. The board meetings are quarterly and most functions do not take a lot of time. We will need a newsletter editor, membership secretary, USAF Rep, to mention a few. This will be addressed at the May meeting.

### TAPS

CAPT USN-Ret, Byron Cyr, Apr 8, survived by wife Gail

More information and links to obituaries can be found in the TAPS section of [WNC-MOAA.org](http://WNC-MOAA.org)

Please notify the chapter of any member deaths by e-mail to: [HQ@wnc-moaa.org](mailto:HQ@wnc-moaa.org)

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*Welcome aboard and hope to see you at the May 8 gathering!*

Alan Bruce, Brig Gen USAFR-Ret, wife Dianne, Hendersonville

Gary Lytle, CAPT USN-Ret, wife Phyllis, Hendersonville

George Miller, LtCol USAF, wife Marguerite, Hendersonville

Lloyd Phillips, Capt USMC-Ret, wife Juanita, Cullowhee

Patrick Snyder, Maj USAF-Ret, wife Michelle, Asheville

Doyle Williams, Col USAF-Ret, wife Joan, Hendersonville

### ID Card Alert

As the DOD is helping fight ID theft by removing Social Security Account numbers from ID cards the next step is confiscation of ones with the number included. This may result in some major inconveniences to many, especially those that are retired and their ID card serves as the insurance card. It is highly recommended that you get the new one as soon as possible. In our area the Army National Guard facility offers this service. Retired Military personnel, spouses, and dependents needing to renew or to obtain a new ID card can do so at the National Guard Armory in Asheville. You must call for an appointment (828) 271-5000, option 3. The address is: 100 Minuteman Lane which is past the Baptist Home on Richmond Hills Drive, Asheville, NC. Many installations are now using entry lanes with scanners to open gates and some are also requiring that your card be registered with the installation for easy access. In the long run this is for your protection.

### 2015 DUES WERE DUE and PAYABLE JANUARY 1 and DELIQUENT MARCH 1

As of April 20 our chapter is now 224 strong, unfortunately only 170 have paid their dues for 2015. We do not mail out invoices or bills. Look at the line above your address and it will indicate your National MOAA membership # and a DUES PAID THRU year. Unless it is 2015 or higher, the dues were due Jan 1 and they can be paid in advance at any time. If you feel the date or member number shown is incorrect please contact our treasurer Mike Covell at 828-242-6816. If your National MOAA number is missing or in error please e-mail to: [EditorMountainNews@WNC-MOAA.org](mailto:EditorMountainNews@WNC-MOAA.org). We hate to lose members and it would be a lot easier on the Board to not have to repeatedly contact members reminding them they are in arrears. National offers incentives to chapters that retain members and this also helps us serve our Veteran Community.

### ONLINE MEMBERSHIP DUES PAYMENT by CREDIT CARD

WNC MOAA members may now pay their annual membership dues by credit card. Here's how it works: Log on to [www.MOAA.org](http://www.MOAA.org). Select "Chapters" from the drop down tab at the top of the page. When on the Chapters page, select "Online Chapter Dues Payment". Complete filling out the form and your dues will be paid for the year. You have just saved time and postage. You have also saved me time from making deposits at the bank. It's a win-win operation. At this time, you can only pay for the current year and Auxiliary Members are not eligible for this service. If you have any questions, contact Mike Covell, Chapter Treasurer, 828-242-6816.

### WNC-MOAA Treasurer's Summary

Bank Balance 1/1/15: \$9230; Bal 3/3/15: \$9953

Major expenses 1st quarter: NCCOC Dues-\$273; Newsletter-\$539, JROTC assistance-\$500

**QUARTERLY MEETING**  
**Hendersonville Country Club**  
**Friday May 8, 4 PM Check-in and Social Hour**  
See more program info on page one in President's message

**MENU**

Chef-Grilled Angus Burgers, All Beef Hot Dogs, Herb Marinated Chicken Breasts, and BBQ Pork Rolls and Buns, Cheeses, Garnishes and Condiments, Baked Beans, House Made Potato Chips Macaroni Salad, Potato Salad, Tomato and Cucumber Salad, Coffee, Ice Tea and Lemonade Club-Made Ice Cream and Freshly Baked Cookies



**Cynthia Breyfogle, FACHE**  
**Medical Center Director, Charles George VA Medical Center**  
**Asheville, North Carolina**  
**VA Mid-Atlantic Health Care Network (VISN 6)**



Cynthia Breyfogle was appointed Medical Center Director of the Charles George Veterans Affairs Medical Center (CGVAMC) in Asheville, N.C. on June 7, 2010. She is responsible for the operation of a 119-bed acute care hospital, a 120-bed community living center, as well as the operation of two community based outpatient clinics in Franklin, N.C., and Rutherford County, N.C. The Charles George VAMC is a tertiary care facility, as well as a teaching hospital, that provides the full spectrum of health services to more than 38,500 Veterans residing in a 20 county area of Western North Carolina. Charles George VAMC is one of eight medical centers that comprise the VA Mid-Atlantic Health Care Network, which includes facilities in North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. Prior to her appointment as Medical Center Director she was the Acting Network Director and Deputy Network Director for the VA Midwest Health Care Network, Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 23 in Minneapolis, MN. In this position, she served as the senior official for the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and portions of the bordering states of Kansas, Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Director Breyfogle has served in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) since 1996 with progressively more responsible assignments at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center, VISN 13 Surgery/Specialty Care Service Line, and as VISN 23 Chief Business Officer. Prior to joining the VA, she held positions with the Department of the Army in Resource Management, Combat Development, Training and Doctrine, and Quality Management. She is a graduate of Command and General Staff College, the Federal Inter-Agency Institute for Healthcare Executives, the Health Care Leadership Institute and is credentialed as an Executive Career Field Candidate Mentor. Director Breyfogle successfully completed the VA Senior Executive Service developmental program, VA/University of North Carolina, in 2012. Director Breyfogle is a member of the Association of the United States Army, Senior Executives Association and American Society of Military Comptrollers. She holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in Business Administration. She is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE) and was recertified as a Fellow in 2012. She is board certified in healthcare management, serves as a non-voting member of the Western North Carolina Health Network Board, is a North Carolina Hospital Association District 1 member, is an appointed member of the Buncombe County United Way Board of Directors, and is an inaugural member of the Women's Leadership Council Executive Committee.

Current as of April 10, 2015

**FIVE STAR CARE FACILITY**

The Charles George VA Medical Center (VAMC) recently earned a five-star quality rating, the highest possible rating according to VA's Strategic Analytics for Improvement and Learning Value (SAIL) model. The medical center also ranked number one in the nation among all VA medical centers for patient satisfaction, which is one of 25 measures considered in the quality ratings. Congratulations to our wonderful facility.

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***General Chapter Meeting Registration and Renewal Form***

Chapter Meeting/Cookout REGISTRATION: **Friday May 8, 2015** 4 PM Check-in/Social Hour

Clip or Copy and Mail To: **WNC MOAA; P. O. Box 1984; Hendersonville, NC 28793**

**DEADLINE: Payment must be received NLT: *Tuesday, May 5, 2015***

Make Checks payable to: WNC MOAA Enclosed is my check for \_\_\_\_ meal (s) At **\$20 per person.**

I/We plan on attending the WNC MOAA General Chapter Meeting on Friday, May 8, 2015

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Guest:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

This is the 1st WNC MOAA event attended: **Y/N**

***2015 Dues were Due and Payable Jan 1, 2015, past due March 1***

**Chapter Membership RENEWAL :\$25 Regular member and spouse; \$5 auxiliary (surviving spouse)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Rank:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Service:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Spouse:** \_\_\_\_\_

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