

WNC MOAA

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF THE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

WNC MOAA

2020 Save the Dates:

Quarterly Board Meetings

At Hendersonville Country Club
unless otherwise indicated

July 8 – Remote

October 7 – Fingers Crossed

Quarterly Chapter Meetings

At Hendersonville Country Club
unless otherwise indicated.

August 22 – Suspended

November 21 – Fingers crossed

President's Remarks

Since our Spring newsletter, the war against COVID-19 has been gaining momentum as science and health care professionals strive to save lives and figure out the way ahead. Although the rhythm of our lives has changed, we too are figuring out how to proceed. If you haven't visited our website www.wnc-moaa.org recently, I strongly encourage you do so. **Dedicated to ongoing updates about dealing with this pandemic in Western North Carolina, Dr. Mark Jaben, Medical Director of Haywood County Health Department, presents a series of short videos we have posted to help get good information out to all our WNC MOAA members and friends. Dr. Jaben's goal is to help us understand how to apply the "three W's" that are proving to be the primary means of lowering our risks of contracting COVID-19.** That said, your WNC MOAA Board and Directors have continued to conduct business remotely and successfully. Our goal is to resume our regular board and chapter meetings cautiously and safely when appropriate. We miss the food, fun and fellowship we all enjoy when we get together. When that is possible again, we will probably have new social rules to follow, but will be well worth the effort. Until we can get together again, we plan to initiate remote chapter meetings and even some informal get togethers such as virtual happy hours and such. I know it is not the same as the food, fun, and fellowship we love and miss, but it's an opportunity to stay in touch and stay informed. Watch your email for information in support of this effort.

Stay safe and stay in touch.

Donna Culp, Capt (USAF-Fmr)
President, WNC MOAA

WNC MOAA Legislative Affairs Committee Advocates at National and State Levels

National Advocacy: Storming the Hill 2020



Typically, every Spring, MOAA members from all chapters, travel to Washington DC to “Storm the Hill. However due to the COVID-19 pandemic, MOAA was forced to cancel this in-person event. MOAA was able to meet their advocacy mission, “Storming the Hill 2020” successfully with a “Virtual Storming the Hill 2020 (VSTH).” MOAA volunteers met with members to explain our concerns with planned cuts for military medicine affecting active duty, retirees, and their families. MOAA’s issue paper and recommendations were discussed during the congressional meeting.

Prior to meeting with their members/staffers, MOAA advocacy volunteers attended special VSTH training with Cory Titus, MOAA Government Relations. Each volunteer connected with their assigned Congressional member and met with them or their staffer via ZOOM or other remote method.

As part of this volunteer effort, I virtually met with staffers from Representative

McHenry’s and Senator Tillis’ office as well as both candidates running for Representative Mark Meadow’s 11th Congressional District seat, Moe Davis and Lynda Bennett.

Upon completion, members from MOAA chapters conducted 286 VSTH meetings, which is 53% of the Congressional seats. This is an impressive accomplishment according to Cory Titus, MOAA Government Relations. Please refer to MOAA.org, Advocacy for further information.

<https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2020-news-articles/advocacy/the-military-coalition-keeps-up-the-fire-on-concurrent-receipt/>

Submitted by - Dr. Vivianne Wersel, WNC MOAA Legislative Affairs Committee, Chair – National Issues



WNC MOAA Legislative Actions More Hands On

Western NC is beginning a much more hands-on approach toward influencing NC State Legislative discussions that favor Veterans issues. We are using the State Legislative Affairs folks, primarily as determined by the excellent work of Colonel (Ret.) Ihor Husar, MOAA Legislative Affairs, concerning bills advocated or desired for introduction by MOAA.

Western NC MOAA covers 14 Western NC counties with 10 State Representatives and 4 State Senators. We have now sent initial letters to all 14 requesting meetings to discuss MOAA and Veteran issues. Thus far 8 of the 14 have responded. Six meetings have been scheduled and two of the six completed thus far. One of the two meetings completed was with Senator Chuck Edwards. Senator Edwards is a strong supporter of any Veteran issues that he can support in the Legislature and a hands-on supporter of Honor Flight. He promised the same continued strong support whenever we request he do so. Of the two meetings completed thus far, neither Representative nor Senator had heard of MOAA.

Our plan is to form as many close personal contacts as possible with periodic meetings each year. We will use the meeting to advance Veteran issues within NC. We are well on our way to achieving this goal.

Submitted by - Michael Padgett, WNC MOAA Legislative Affairs Committee, State Issues



“Ask the question” Campaign Defense-State Liaison Office

- Encourages states to engage all helping agencies (including healthcare, social services, education, and others) to: Ask the question, **“Have you or a family member ever served in the military?”** and have the question on all intake forms. Provide information and assistance to providers regarding what to do when the answer is “Yes.”
- Service providers in various state agencies can have a profound impact on Service members, veterans, and families by connecting them to services and care through asking the simple question: “Have you or a family member ever served in the military?”
- In various surveys, veterans indicated one of the top barriers to receiving care was that they “do not feel understood by the providers who serve them.”
Opportunities to help veterans and their families are often lost simply because the connection is not made.

For details go to:

<https://statepolicy.militaryonesource.mil/key-issue/encourages-states-to-engage-all-helping-agencies-to-ask-the-question-have-you-or-a-family-member-ever-served-in-the->





<https://www.moaa.org/content/take-action/storming-the-hill/summer-storm-2020/>

Tell Congress, we need your help:

- Support Sections 715 and 716 in the House version of the FY 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) requiring DoD to conduct additional analysis and mitigation planning on Medical Treatment Facility restructuring and billet cuts.
- Ensure military families maintain access to high quality health care and are not sent into civilian health care markets that lack capacity to meet their needs.

This summer, as senators return home to engage their constituents, we need you to be ready to visit virtually, call or email your Senate offices to generate support for the provisions proposed by the House (Sections 715 and 716) in the FY 2021 NDAA.

You play a critical part this summer, but you should be aware this is a year-long campaign. We may need you to engage further to

- 1) Get the Senate’s support for those provisions in the final version of the NDAA
- 2) Pass the floor votes in both chambers
- 3) Get a signature by the President

Contact Your Representatives

- **TAKE ACTION:** [Send a message NOW.](#)
- **ENGAGE LOCALLY:** Find contact information for your representatives and senators on MOAA’s [Take Action](#) page by typing your ZIP code into the field under "Find your elected officials" (on the right column for desktop users). While you are on the official’s page, scroll down to get the address for their closest office – call them and schedule your visit, send an email, or call them on the phone.
- **MAKE THE CALL:** Phone calls from constituents are more memorable for staffers than emails, ensuring that an issue stays closer to the top of their mind when talking to their boss. Here’s a suggested message for your lawmaker (call them via MOAA’s toll-free Capitol Switchboard: 1-866-272-6622):

“My name is _____ and I live in _____. I stand with the Military Officers Association of America and urge you to support Sections 715 and 716 in the House-passed defense bill regarding DoD’s military treatment facility restructuring and DoD medical billet reductions.

I need Congress to understand my concerns about DoD’s ability to successfully transition beneficiaries to the civilian network – and that these concerns have been amplified by the coronavirus pandemic. DoD has repeatedly assured stakeholders all reductions to military medical capacity will be conditions-based, but a pause is not sufficient — we need the reductions halted. The provisions in the NDAA address my concerns – please do all you can to ensure the defense bill is passed with House Sections 715 and 716.

Thank you.

Dana T. Atkins
Lieutenant General, USAF (Ret)
President and CEO

Bills Expected to be Introduced in January 2021



The deadline to cast your ballot is August 31, 2020, so please take a moment to vote now. This is your opportunity to shape the future of our organization.

To submit your ballot, simply click the link in your email to vote immediately.

MOAA depends on the active involvement of members like you to accomplish our vitally important mission of advocating for our military community and connecting it to the nation we serve.

Thank you for your support.

Best Regards,

Dana T. Atkins
Lieutenant General, USAF (Ret)
President and CEO

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Ref. Recent MOAA email to all members: To vote electronically: Go to your email and open the personal email sent to you from MOAA for the link and instructions. This email will contain your personal MOAA member # and PIN #; or refer to MOAA Magazine – August 2020

HB 64—Blue/Gold Star Mother’s Appreciation Day—Committee on Homeland Security, Military, and Veteran’s Affairs -> **MOAA believes this bill may be introduced in the 2020 short session. If not, then in the 2021 session is likely.**

HB 650—Military Retirement Income Tax Relief—Commerce and Finance Committee; WNC Representatives involved: **Ager and Fisher** -> **MOAA believes this bill may be introduced in the 2020 short session. If not, then in the 2021 session is likely.**

HB 896—In State Tuition Military Spouses—Committee on Appropriations, Education; WNC Representatives involved: **Fisher** -> **MOAA believe this bill may be introduced in the 2021 session.**

SB 188—Military Retirement Income Tax Relief—Committee on Rules and Operations -> **MOAA believe this bill may be introduced in the 2021 session.**

SB 767—Combat Injured Veterans Tax Fairness Act—Committee on Rules and Operations -> **MOAA believes this bill may be introduced in the 2020 short session. If not, then in the 2021 session is likely.**

Additional Issues:

1. Improve Military Spouse Licensure Portability
2. Virtual schools for Military children transitioning to a new school district where they do not have access to specific curricula
3. Additional actions to improve spouse licensure procedures; **HB 1053**; half sub-issues passed 23 Aug 2019 -> **MOAA believes these deferred sub-issues will likely be introduced in the 2021 session.**
4. Interstate compacts to support license portability; 2/5ths sub-issues passed with **SB 36126** Aug 2019; Issues remaining: (1) psychological interjurisdictional compact; (2) Audiology Speech Language Pathology Compact—**HB 1053** 10 Jun 2020 -> **There is no SB on this issue at this time. The expectation is that there will be a SB in introduced to address this issue in the 2021 session.**
5. Sustaining In-state Tuition until Enrollment—**HB 1047** introduced 29 Apr 2020; **SB 706** introduced 19 Jun 2020 -> **These bills may be taken up in the remaining sessions in the 2020 short session. If not, MOAA expects these issues to be reintroduced in the 2021 session.**
6. Engage all helping agencies ask the question, “have you or a family member ever served in the military?” -> **MOAA hopes this issue will be emphasized in some way in the 2021 session.**

Submitted by Michael Padgett

MOAA's Military State Report Card and Tax Guide

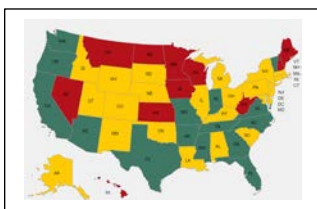
MOAA has consolidated the annual State Report Card and State Tax Guide. The color-coded maps below assess each state on the taxability of military retired pay and survivor benefits (top map) and whether states have enacted legislation addressing servicemember and military family issues tracked by the Defense State Liaison Office (bottom map). Information is current as of the dates noted below; consult state authorities for additional/more current information.

Access to **MOAA's State Report Card** has been temporarily granted to all members. If you are not already **PREMIUM** or **LIFE** member, [join](#) or [upgrade](#) now to ensure your access to this and other valuable content from MOAA continues.

➤ **State Tax Comparison Map for Military Retirement Pay and SBP**



➤ **Map of Issues Affecting Currently Serving Troops and Families**



➤ For details and to see where NC ranks, go to <https://www.moaa.org/content/state-report-card/statereportcard/>

WNC MOAA Earns Four Star Level of Excellence Award For 2019



Congratulations go to twelve North Carolina Chapters earning Five and Four Star Levels of Excellence Awards!

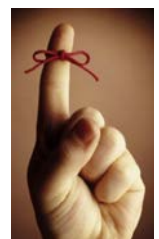
Every year, MOAA's affiliates compete to receive a four- or five-star Levels of Excellence Award. This year, 120 of MOAA's very best councils and chapters earned five-star awards, while 50 above-average councils and chapters received four-star awards.

North Carolina Council of Chapters Earned
8 – Five Star Levels of Excellence Awards
4 – Four Star Levels of Excellence Awards

MOAA Premium / Annual Dues Member?



It's getting to be that time of year again when Premium/Annual Dues members have the opportunity to renew as a Premium member or upgrade to Life membership.



For more information
<https://www.moaa.org/content/join-moaa/why-join-moaa/>

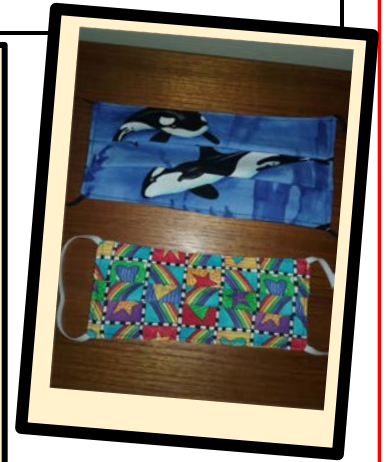
Or Call MOAA at
1-800-234-6622

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Swift Sewers Waste No Time

In the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, Ann Whaley, WNC MOAA Surviving Spouse member, along with 49 other sewers at the Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community in Asheville, recognized the immediate need for facemasks in their community. Using a pattern and all the fabric and elastic they could get their hands on, they set to work. By late April, Ann and her friends had made 1,000 face masks like the ones in the picture.

Thank you, Ann and all your team, for NEVER STOP SERVING when your community needed you most!



MOAA Welcomes New Member of Surviving Spouse Advisory Council

Congratulations to Dr. Vivianne Wersel for her June 2020 selection as one of three other newly selected members for the five-member MOAA Surviving Spouse Advisory Council (SSAC) that will begin in October of 2020.

As a member of the SSAC, she will assist the MOAA President in fulfilling oversight responsibilities for MOAA's surviving spouse programs and resources for surviving spouses within councils, chapters, and satellites, and throughout the MOAA membership. Additionally, the SSAC makes recommendations to the MOAA leadership on MOAA policies regarding surviving spouse issues, advocacy, and surviving spouse membership.



To learn more about Dr. Wersel's background and passion for Surviving Spouses, please visit the WNC MOAA website.

Bio:
<https://www.wnc-moaa.org/directory/>

And: HuffPost article

Marine Widow Turned Tragedy to Triumph

<https://www.wnc-moaa.org/news/?tp>

Smoky Mountain Satellite Welcomes New Chair

Please welcome Craig Love, CAPT, USN-Ret, as the new chair of WNC MOAA's Smoky Mountain Satellite (SMS).

As previous SMS chair David McCracken draws down and prepares to move to Wake Forest this Fall, Craig was the first person David could think of to take the helm. Craig graciously accepted the opportunity. Since May 5th, Craig is already actively representing SMS in the remote/virtual WNC MOAA Board and Director's meetings and



NC Council of Chapters (NCCOC) meetings.

To learn more about Craig's military career, please visit the WNC MOAA website and read his bio.

Hails

Chris Deetle LtCol USMC-Ret
Peter Graef CAPT USN-Ret
Michael Halus LTC USA-Ret
Ernest Marshall Col USAF-Ret
Sharon Mawby LT USN-Ret
Harvey Sankey 1LT USA-Frm
Steven Salter LT USNR-Frm
Alfred Tollison CAPT USNR-Ret
Sharon Woodcock Surviving Spouse

Farewells

None to report at this time.

Taps

None to report at this time.

Congratulations to our past 2nd Vice President,
Ty Keplinger and wife, Lauren, on the arrival
of

Evelyn Grace Keplinger

Born, Tuesday, July 7th, 2020 at 0159 hrs.

6 lbs. 8 oz. and 19 inches



Treasurer's Report

Balances

4/15/2020 \$15,673.13

8/15/2020 \$15,488.72

Incomes

Membership Incentives - \$315.00

Advertising - \$100.00

Expenses

Web Site - \$400.00

Liability Insurance - \$323.20

JROTC - \$68.45

Buncombe County Veterans Council - \$50.00

Sleep Tight Tonight – Your WNC MOAA Board is Awake

Although we are not meeting in person as a chapter, the WNC MOAA Board and Directors have been, and continue to be on the job. Although meeting remotely, it has been business as usual.

By the time we are able to meet again as a chapter, there will be some business to catch up on that may have to go on the back burner for now, but we will get there. In the meantime, we will take full advantage of the technology available and stay engaged with each other and with you.

Likewise, we want to hear from you. If you have an update in your contact information; want to pass along the name of someone who would like to learn more about our chapter/satellites; want to let us know if someone needs to be remembered in TAPS; or if you have questions we can help you with, please feel free to contact me president@wncmoaa.org and I'll get the message to the right person and they'll get back to you. **Thank you for NEVER STOP SERVING!**

Donna Culp – President, WNC MOAA

Contact Information Change?

Mailing Address
Phone Number
Email



MOAA: Change address, update contact information, join, renew, or upgrade membership

Call the Member Service Center at (800) 234-6622 or (703) 549-2311 or e-mail msc@moaa.org. You also may [update your membership information online](#).

WNC MOAA: PO Box 1984, Hendersonville, NC 28793 – or “contact us” via our website <https://www.wnc-moaa.org/>

NEVER STOP SERVING... Chapter Involvement



We Honor Veterans - Since November 2014, WNC MOAA, in partnership with Four Seasons Hospice, has honored over 500 veterans with special pinning ceremonies to salute veterans in hospice care and thank them for their service. Although the pinning ceremonies have been modified so as to be conducted remotely, the program continues. To learn more and get involved, contact John **Knapp**, **828-702-3317** j.knapp4@att.net



**Veterans
Restoration
Quarters
(VRQ)**

VRQ - Meal Prep Teams provided by WNC MOAA have been slicing, dicing, and serving lunch to homeless veterans the fourth Wednesday of each month for well over five years. With strict precautions and protocols in place, prep/serve teams are continuing this service. Teams are limited to 5 or less. Volunteers are screened with a questionnaire and touchless thermometer. All volunteers are required to wear a face mask and gloves while working in the kitchen and to practice social distancing – being mindful of personal space and refraining from physical touch including handshakes, fist bumps, etc. For more information about volunteering or making donations, contact **Jeff Snyder**, **828-684-2359** jsnyder243@aol.com



Blue Ridge Honor Flight transports American veterans to Washington, DC 2-3 times each year to “visit memorials dedicated honor their service and sacrifices of themselves and their friends.” Although all flights scheduled for 2020 have been suspended, there are opportunities to donate, as well as learn more about applying as an honoree, guardian, or volunteer. For more information, contact **Rick Devereaux**, **828-772-6023** rickdevereaux1@gmail.com or www.blueridgehonorflight.com



JROTC – Active in 17 high schools throughout WNC, JROTC is supported by WNC MOAA with annual MOAA Leadership awards for rising Seniors. When group gatherings can resume, volunteers will be needed to present the awards. Until then, stand-by-to-stand-by. For more information, contact **Jeff Snyder**, **828-684-2359** jsnyder243@aol.com



**Smoky
Mountain
Outreach
Foundation**

**VET
SMILES**

VET SMILES - **Friday, November 20th**, ECU Community Service Learning Center Dental School in Sylva will be conducting the “**Smiles for Vets**” dental day. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, up to 30 vets will be seen vs. the normal 40. Present to receive and help process participating veterans, in accordance with COVID restrictions, will be members from WNC MOAA, our Smoky Mountain Satellite (SMS MOAA), the Smoky Mountain Outreach Foundation (SMOF) and NC Serves. Donations of money, food for breakfast and lunch for the day, water bottles, soft drinks (regular and diet) are welcome. For more information, contact **David McCracken**, **828-550-5980**, dem32415@aol.com

A SMOF pilot initiative started two years ago, VET SMILES has proven to be effective helping veterans who do not qualify for dental care with the VA find a dental home. As a result, a new 501 (c) (3) foundation is in the planning stages to take VET SMILES statewide. Stay tuned for further developments.

VA Volunteer Recognition Week Shines on Charles A. George VA Medical Center, Asheville



Submitted by Marleen Varner

While VA Volunteer Recognition Week could not be celebrated in person, achievements deserve recognition. Our Charles A. George VA Medical Center achieved first place in the category of average hours donated per Volunteer for our network.

- ❖ Our average was 317.92 hours compared to the network average of 145 hours.
- ❖ It was the second time in our hospital’s history that volunteers have donated over 100,000 service hours.
- ❖ Our service hours equate to 58 full time employees.
- ❖ Our total volunteer/donation impact equals a dollar value of \$3.4 million.
- ❖ We achieved a top 5% ranking out of 178 voluntary services.
- ❖ We assisted over 2000 veterans who receive the health care they deserve via our transportation network.
- ❖ WNC MOAA was one of 15 organizations recognized for perfect attendance, and we ranked 7th with 29 years.
- ❖ Special recognition was awarded to Felipe Casso of our chapter for 4,000 volunteer hours. Phil works in the Director’s Office.

In accordance with 38USC8301, VA is authorized to accept gifts and donations for the benefit of its patients. All donations are tax deductible

Housing Program Needs

- Brooms w/ Dustpans
- Cleaning Supplies:
 - Bleach
 - Comet
 - 409
 - Toilet Bowl and Glass Cleaner
- Cooking Utensils:
 - Can Openers
 - Large Spoons and Spatulas
 - Dish Soap
 - Laundry Soap
 - Light Bulbs
 - Mops and Sponges
 - Paper Towels
 - Pots and Pans
 - Silverware
 - Toilet Paper
 - Trash Bags

Please deliver your gifts and donations to: Voluntary Service, 4th Floor, Charles George Medical center, Asheville, NC

For more information please call 828-299-2514



Hospital and CLC Needs

Arts & Crafts Supplies:

- Acrylic & Water Paints:
 - Paint Brushes
 - Sketch Pads – no spiral notebooks
 - Colored Markers
 - Model Cars & Ships
 - Buttered Flavored Popcorn Oil
 - I-tune Gift Cards for Music Downloads
 - Puzzles – 500 & 750 pc

Prepackaged snack

- foods:**
 - Granola Bars
 - Peanut Butter Crackers
 - Trail Mix
 - Chips and Cookies (in Single Snack Packs)
 - Soda – 2 liter bottles
 - Peanuts – in the shell



Submitted by Mike Pomponio

Charles George VA Medical Center Reaching Out to Service Organizations to Pledge Support as COVID-19 Restrictions Suspend Fund Raising Events

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, events that we traditionally count on to provide funding through donations (Hospitalized Hot Dog Cookout, entire Summer Youth Program, Veterans Fund Run, Game Night and Car Show) have been cancelled! With these cancellations, our facility and most importantly our Veterans will miss out on **over \$20,000** in donations from these beloved Veteran events.

As your service organization representative, I am joining other VAVS Committee organizational representatives in pledging our support to raise funds that will support our Veterans during these restrictions. This has been a tough time for our hospitalized Veterans and our Community Living Center residents as they have been unable to enjoy the activities they have grown to love. Groups have been unable to hold BINGO/activities and cookouts and our Veterans have been confined to their rooms. I believe our Veterans deserve to know that we remember their great sacrifice and service to our country.

I am asking for your/our organization to pledge continued support of our hospitalized Veterans and residents in our Community Living Center. We are planning to raise enough funds for our Veterans to have access to therapeutic arts and crafts, games, DVD's, and a wide variety of items to creatively pass the time during their stay, as well as assist with improving their cognitive and motor skills. Any donation is appreciated and will go toward the overall purchase for our Veterans.

Sponsorship checks should be made out payable to Voluntary Service and mailed to:

**Voluntary Service
1100 Tunnel Road
Asheville, NC 28805**

I thank you for your commitment to our Veterans through this special project. Thanks to your efforts, our Veterans will know they haven't been forgotten!

Sincerely,
Michael Pomponio
VA Liaison, WNC MOAA

**Charles George
VA Medical
Center
Incorporates
Robotic
Companion
Pets for
Dementia
Patients**

Charles A. George Medical Center initiated the "Companion Pet Program," using the companion robotic pet as a form of pet therapy that has proven effective for residents regardless of their stage of dementia. The companion pets help promote the memory care philosophy that is designed to provide a safe and nurturing environment. The Veteran is given the pet along with a carrier and collar with identifying (Veteran) information. Each companion pet costs \$150 but is free to the Veteran. To learn more contact VA Veteran Services. **828-299-2514**



MOAA Yesterday and Today

- ✦ Originally founded February 23, 1929 as “The Retired Officers Association by a group of retired officers in Los Angeles.
 - ✦ In 1944 the headquarters moved to Washington D.C.
 - ✦ In 1978 the headquarters moved to its present location in Alexandria, VA.
 - ✦ In January 2003 the name of the association was officially changed to the Military Officers Association of America to reflect the growing membership of active duty and Guard and Reserve officers and former officers and their families and survivors.
 - ✦ MOAA is both a nonprofit organization and a corporation incorporated under the laws of the state of Virginia.
 - ✦ The association also is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c) (19) of the Internal Revenue Code. This tax exemption does not, however, extend to Affiliates.
 - ✦ Overall direction and control of the association’s affairs are vested in a board of 36 directors **elected by the membership.**
 - ✦ A paid professional staff headed by the president acts for the board in conducting routine business for the organization
- ✦ It is a national organization of individual commissioned servicemembers drawn from the seven U.S. uniformed services and their surviving spouses.
 - ✦ Local organizations of retired officers have existed in various communities since early 1940s.
 - ✦ In 1953, the national board of directors approved the formal affiliation of such organizations with national MOAA.
 - ✦ Affiliates consist of local organizations
 - Chapters – local organizations
 - Councils – coalitions of chapters within a state.
 - ✦ Councils and Chapters are independent, self-governing, and self-supporting organizations that voluntarily choose to affiliate with national MOAA for the purpose of cooperation and mutual support in attaining common goals.
 - ✦ Due to the affiliate relationship, national MOAA and chapter membership are two separate and distinct memberships. However, all chapter members should be national MOAA members in good standing.
 - ✦ By late 1982, more than 420 local and state organizations had been chartered as affiliates of the association. Today there are more than 450 councils, chapters, and satellites. **WNC MOAA, founded in 1968 and incorporated as an affiliate, is one of them!**

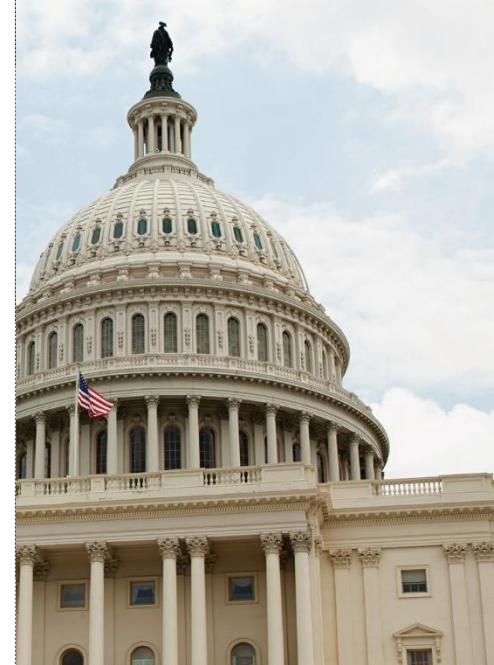
Ref: MOAA Council and Chapter Policies and Procedures Guide

THE LARGER OUR NUMBERS, THE GREATER YOUR VOICE.

Why MOAA chapter membership matters.



Western North Carolina Chapter



MOAA AND CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM

Name _____

Rank _____ Branch of Service _____

Active Retired Former Reserve National Guard Surviving Spouse

Spouse name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Date of birth _____ Telephone _____

Email _____

(To ensure deliverability of MOAA communications, please provide a personal email address.)

Are you a member of MOAA? Yes No Unknown

MOAA Member Number (if known) _____

**Not a MOAA national member yet? Check here
to receive a BASIC Membership at no cost to you.**



And, for only \$4 a month, you can upgrade to **PREMIUM** membership, giving you immediate access to a full spectrum of career and financial resources, exclusive publications, college scholarships for dependents, and countless discounts on products and travel. **Visit moaa.org/join to learn more or call 800-234-6622**
How did you hear about MOAA Chapter involvement? _____

Are you a member of any other MOAA Chapter(s)? Yes No

If yes, which one(s)? _____

To complete enrollment:

- **Fill in this form**
- **Print it out**, fill it in by hand, and mail it with a check made out to **WNC MOAA**
Mail to WNC MOAA PO Box 1984, Hendersonville, NC 28793
- **Go to wnc-moaa.org for more information about our chapter**

You will be opted in to receive e-communications from MOAA and your local chapter. You will be able to opt out of any further e-communications at any time. MOAA will not sell or share personal information.

Chapter membership and dues information:

Valid: 1 Jan – 1 Mar

New Member: \$40 (Includes spouse)

Renew: \$30

Surviving Spouse

New Member: \$20

Renew: \$10

Send payment to:

WNC MOAA
PO Box 1984
Hendersonville, NC
28793

**Name Badge Application
(included in new
membership):**

Name: _____

Rank: _____ Service: _____

Ret: _____ Fmr: _____

Spouse Name: _____

Resident City: _____

Badge: Magnet Type Only