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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Phil Briscoe: May Days are here, come on out and celebrate with the Tarheel Central



Chapter on the 13th of May at 5PM at Salem Glen Country Club. Last month we presented another Vietnam Veteran recognition certificate and recognized two of our Surviving Spouses. This month we will be presenting our Scholarship Awards. April's guest speaker was Barry Moore, our 2nd VP. His personal account of experiences in Mogadishu during an American armed intervention, Operation Restore Hope, was fascinating and historically informative. This month there will be another guest speaker and a short "My Story" from a chapter member. This will be our last Monthly Dinner Meeting till September, but we are planning on another Summer Social like last year. More to follow on that get together.

- Take Care and Beware, Phil Briscoe

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TARHEEL CENTRAL CHAPTER:



The Tarheel Central Chapter Challenge Coin
Available for purchase at the monthly dinner meeting 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. Can't make the dinner meeting and wish to purchase?

Address purchase inquires to info@tarheelmoaa.org.

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.

5-Star Newsletter Publisher and Editor – Greg Chase, LtCol, USAF (Ret) and Vina Chase; Editor may be reached at (336) 946-2446 or gvchase@outlook.com The Newsletter is published for members and friends of The Tarheel Central Chapter, MOAA.

5-Star Chapter Website & Social Media Manager - Thomas B. Denegre III, LCDR USN (Vet); The address is: <https://www.tarheelmoaa.org/> Anyone wishing to receive this newsletter by email may do so by using the "Contact Us" link or contacting the editor. If we have your email, you will receive this newsletter 9 times per year.

CHAPTER ADMINISTRATIVE VOLUNTEERS

Elected Officers:

- **President** - Phil Briscoe, CAPT, USN (Ret)
- **First Vice President** – Tom Miller, Capt. USAF (Vet)
- **Second Vice President**– Barry N. Moore, MAJ, USMC (Ret) (Legislative Affairs)
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2. I.B. Southerland III, Maj USAF (Ret) (Scholarship/R-JROTC Program Committee)

3. Jason Ford, LT USN (Ret) (Programs Committee)
4. Thomas B. Denegre III, LCDR USNR (Vet) (Website/Social Media)
5. Mark Ferketish, Col USMC (Ret)
6. Dennis Ammons, 1Lt, USA (Vet) (Personal Affairs)
7. Jackie Kohler, (Surviving Spouse Liaison)

Chapter Assistants:

8. **Chaplain** – Dennis Lennon, CDR, USNR (Ret)
9. **R-JROTC Programs** – Al Chandler, LTC (Ret)
10. **Public Relations** – Al Nealeans, COL USA (Ret)
11. **Social Secretary** – Warren Boyer, 1 Lt, USMCR (Vet)
12. **Calling Chain** – George Lawson, LtCol, USAF (Ret) (Interim)

Note: Contact Info is available under the Directory Tab in the Tarheel Central Chapter Website:

<https://www.tarheelmoaa.org/directory/>

TARHEEL CENTRAL CHAPTER DUES – Mike Chapman: Dues were approved for \$45 per year. Invoices have gone out. Please call Mike Chapman on (919) 601-3800 if you have any questions. Chapter Bylaws state that the annual dues for a calendar year shall become due, and payable by the first meeting of that year. Chapter Annual Dues - accounts Receivable Process Policy states that the timely payment of annual dues by members of Tarheel central Chapter MOAA is required to maintain your membership in good standing. It is one of the primary obligations and responsibilities of membership. Timely payment of annual dues is necessary to provide for the Chapter's annual expenditure, appropriate reserves, and the Chapter's continuing sound condition. Members whose dues are not current will be terminated if payment is not received on or before the April Chapter meeting. Upon approval of the Board, the member may be reinstated upon payment of the annual dues.

FOR ONE AND ALL: **The Kernersville VA Clinic** will host a Health Fair on May 21 2025. In addition to various vendors promoting healthy food and healthy lifestyles a 2K Walk/Run will be the premier event. Please mark your calendar. This event will give our MOAA chapter the opportunity to walk, run and RECRUIT. Stay tuned for updated information and invitations from Ted Robinson, Membership Chair.



On June 7, 2025, the 15th annual Marine Corps League Detachment 1075 Mud Run will be held at the Jomeokee Park and Camp Grounds in Pinnacle, N.C., and we need your help!

The 5K course consists of more than 15 obstacles including: four mud pits, an ice pit, “Ho Chi Minh Trail”, “Mount Suribachi rope climb/walk of shame”, slip and slide, logs and tires, meat grinder, wooden walls and “A” frame climb, cargo net climb and grenade throw. On June 1, 2024, 1120 participants (37% increase from 2023) between the ages of 4 and 74, from 10 different states, navigated the obstacles and got “dirty” for a good cause.

Although not may, if any, of us will physically take part in the MUD RUN, we can help financially. 100% of the donations made to this event stay within North Carolina, 85% stay within Forsyth or surrounding counties.

Funds generated from the event are used to support a wide range of charities including Wounded Warrior Battalion, East/Semper Fi-America's Fund, located at Camp Lejeune, N.C.; Toys for Tots; Veterans Helping Veterans Heal; Young Marines Youth Program; Veterans Home in Salisbury, N.C.; Wreaths Across America; The Hero Center and others.

The motto of the Detachment is "Help the Marine Corps League Help the Community". When you are filling out the May 13th dinner reservations, or just making a general donation to the MOAA Chapter, please consider donating to the MUD RUN.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR – Ted Robinson:

Our membership now stands at 112. Unfortunately, of four Surviving Spouses, one died at 102 and three elected to opt out. The Good News is our new member David Uhl and four new very promising prospects. One of our recruiting initiatives is working with the Kernersville Veterans Clinic. We met two prospects there on our first visits. On May 21, the Clinic is hosting a Health Fair and in addition to various vendors promoting healthy foods and lifestyle, a 2K Walk/Run will be the premier event. Please mark your calendar. This event will give our MOAA chapter members an opportunity to walk or run and RECRUIT officers to

MOAA. Soon you will receive an invitation to join the Tarheel Chapter contingency at the Clinic in Kernersville. Each Committee member is available to assist you when you meet a prospect. The committee members are: Dennis Ammons, Pam Angle, George Lawson - Vice Chair, Alan Nealeans, Joe Rogers, Hank Rudge, Mark Stanek, and Laurie Wesely. The May Membership Committee meeting will be held on Monday May 12th, 2025, for lunch from 12:30 – 2:00 PM at Salem Glen CC. If you would like to know more about what we do and/or would like to attend the meeting, please call Ted: (478) 719-7596.

You may or may not be aware that Jerry Johnson is facing serious health issues and on doctor's orders has resigned from the Committee (Vice Chair) as the Roster, Calling Chain, and Name Tag Coordinator. Fortunately, Hank Rudge has stepped up to assume the Roster Coordinator position which will be very challenging as MOAA National's new software is now online. Warren Boyer, who has abundant Name Tag management experience, will be handling the Name Tags for the May meeting and I anticipate filling that position before the Summer Social and September meetings. George Lawson is replacing Jerry as the Membership Committee's Vice Chair and will replace me when my term is over in January. George has agreed to manage the Calling Chain for the May meeting, again only until we designate the next Calling Chain Coordinator. Please, as I know you will, give Hank, Warren, and George your encouragement, enthusiasm, and support. Also, please thank Jerry for a job well-done when you see him. Please call Ted Robinson, (478) 719-7596 or tedrobinson128@gmail.com.



REAL & VIRTUAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES - Tom Miller our 1st VP:

All available on MOAA.org

- Transforming Family Stress into Strength May 1, 1400-1500
- 2025 MOAA Charities Golf Tournament Potomac MD, May 19th, 0730-1539
- Living the RV Life...Military Style June 11 1400-1500 MOAA National Conference 28-29 October 2025 at the Gaylord National Resort National Harbor Maryland
- Archive of past MOAA Webinar training, various subjects, available at:

<https://www.moaa.org/content/benefits-and-discounts/transition-and-careers/webinar-archive/> .

- For more info go to: <https://www.moaa.org/content/events/moaa-events/> and register!
- NC Council of Chapters MOAA Convention at Sea cruise from Norfolk to Bermuda, Oct 12, 2025, information at <https://www.moaa-nc.org/journal/index.php?id=1723050859>



DINNER MEETING PROGRAMS - Jason Ford:

1. MAY 13: Wes Whitacker, ROTC and ROTC Awards, Presentation of JROTC Scholarships.
 2. SEP: Erinn Dearth from Letters From Home that she will perform for us at our September MOAA meeting.
 3. OCT: NC Senate representative Don Brown who was a Navy JAG officer.
 4. NOV: Allen Ferry, LCOL USA (Ret.) Chaplin Bosnia, Iraq and Ground Zero
- The Program Committee includes: Jackie Kohler, Mary Robinson, Tom Denegre, IB Southerland, and Jason Ford.

Our Book Exchange – Like One, Take One – has gone away due to unuse. If you donated books or would like books, please contact Jason Ford.

Next Regular Meeting, Tuesday, May 13, 2025, Cocktail hour starts at 5 PM, dinner buffet starts at 6:15, SALEM GLEN COUNTRY CLUB, 1000 GLEN DAY DR., CLEMMONS, N.C. \$25.00 a person. The dress is business casual. The Tarheel Central Chapter of MOAA must guarantee the host site the number in attendance for each Chapter dinner meeting. The Chapter is then obligated to pay for those dinners whether the member who made a reservation for dinner attends or not. The following Dinner No Show Policy is necessary to manage the Chapter’s budgeted expenditures – and keep the annual dues as low as possible.

- A member who makes a reservation for a Chapter dinner is obligated to pay for the dinner(s), even if he/she/they do not attend. Exceptions will be made due to sudden illness or other unusual personal circumstances.
- Any member with a Chapter dinner reservation that cannot attend due to sudden illness or other unusual personal circumstance and informs the Calling Chain Manager or Treasurer as soon as possible prior to the Chapter dinner will not be considered a “No Show.”
- The Calling Chain Manager is to provide a report of “No Shows” to the Chapter Treasurer within 24 hours of the conclusion of the meeting.
- Within one week of the meeting, the Chapter Treasurer will email an invoice for the cost of the dinner(s) to the “No Show” member(s) with a copy to the Chapter President.

See the reservation form at the end for important details! Reservations may be made by calling George Lawson (803) 439-4818 or galaws71@gmail.com. Telephone calls, emails and texts will be accepted until 5:30 PM on Thursday, May 8th.



Sign up with George or Mike Chapman, Treasurer to reserve your place at the meeting. Their contact information is on the Dinner Reservation Form at the end. **Members, please pay your 2025 dues! Make checks payable to THE TARHEEL CENTRAL CHAPTER of MOAA and give or mail to Mike Chapman whose contact info is on the Dinner Reservation Form at end of newsletter.**



PUBLIC RELATIONS - Al Nealeans: (pictured with Karen at left) is our new and enthusiastic promoter of chapter public relations who gets the word out to the Winston Salem Journal, Clemmons Courier and WXII News. So, if you know any additional avenues for publicity, please contact him at: Alan Nealeans, 336-403-5254 or alan.nealeans@yahoo.com



SECRETARY - Mary Laverdure:

"In accordance with the Chapter Bylaws Amendments - "Each elected officer shall have a designated assistant to assure a smooth continuation of Chapter functions in the event of an unforeseen absence or resignation."

Please contact me if you are interested.



BOARD DIRECTOR - Mark Ferketish:

See Mark Ferketish to buy your Raffle tickets at the May Dinner Meeting.



WEBMASTER - Tom Denegre:

See our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1285830908624290>

Don't Forget ... RAFFLE, RAFFLE, RAFFLE! held at all Regular Dinner Meetings where you could win 10 times what you put into the pot. Tickets are \$1 and \$5 for six. So don't forget to bring some cash to dinner.

MOAA / CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM:

Membership is open to active duty, former, retired, and National Guard and Reserve commissioned and warrant officers of the uniformed services and their surviving spouses.

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is the country's leading organization protecting the rights of military servicemembers and their families. Those who belong to MOAA not only lend their voices to a greater cause, but they also gain access to extensive benefits tailored to the needs and lifestyles of military officers. To apply for Chapter and National membership, please use the Application Form titled "THE LARGER OUR NUMBERS, THE GREATER YOUR VOICE. Why MOAA chapter membership matters." Use the Form at the end of this newsletter. Or go to our Chapter website at: <https://www.tarheelmoaa.org/about/>



SURVIVING SPOUSE LIAISON – Jackie Kohler: At the April Dinner Meeting we recognized Mrs. Nalyn Hipwood and Mrs. Peggy Wallace.

In September we will recognize Mrs. Diane Womack Boyer, Mrs. Nan Dewey and Mrs. Laura Wesely.

There is currently an effort to provide **additional compensation to Surviving Spouses** who receive Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC); the information is as follows:

Parity for Surviving Spouses: Increase Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)—a benefit for survivors of those who die in service or from service-connected conditions—lags behind other federal survivor benefits. DIC provides only 43% of what a 100% service-disabled veteran receives. Civilian federal survivor programs provide up to 55% of the employee's calculated retirement pay.

This inequity leaves military survivors with less support than their civilian counterparts, despite the sacrifices their loved ones made in service to our country. Contact your lawmaker today and them to champion this bill

and push for its passage. For Many of us that Representative is Virginia Foxx who can be reached at The Honorable Virginia Foxx, 2462 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC, 20515-3305, Phone: (202) 225-2071, Website: <https://foxx.house.gov/>

It is vitally important that we all contact our lawmakers and encourage them to participate in the passage of this important bill. Here is the link that will bring you to the page to request that your congressional representatives encourage the passing of this bill for Surviving Spouses. You do not have to be a surviving spouse to reach out to the representatives, but every action of course is helpful. I would love to see every one of our Chapter members fill out this form, it only takes 5 minutes to help effect change! Go to: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1977An5Hk9/>.

There has been no change to the Itinerary for the **April 30th Honor Flight** and we will still carry our members, Jerry Johnson, Warren Boyer and Tina Rudge. --- Thanks, Jackie

For our Surviving Spouses here is the link to MOAA Surviving Spouse data <https://www.moaa.org/content/about-moaa/meet-our-leaders/surviving-spouse-advisory-committee/surviving-spouse-corner/>

Also the latest Surviving Spouse information: <https://www.moaa.org/content/about-moaa/meet-our-leaders/surviving-spouse-advisory-committee/surviving-spouse-corner/>

February 2025 MOAA Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter Newsletter: <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&ogbl#search/Surviving+spouse+newsletter/FMfcgzQZTCrkDpthCcsQJqljwmwbtPtB?projector=1&messagePartId=0.1>

Please contact Jackie at jackie.kohler53@gmail.com or (336) 829-8011.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CHAIR - I.B. Southerland: The JROTC Scholarship selection process for our 2025 selectees will begin in January 2025. Please continue to accept the DAVE HARRIS CHALLENGE to donate at least \$100 to the JROTC Scholarship Fund each year. Mission: To provide scholarships to those deserving of help in pursuit of further education, preferably leading toward a military career.



- Scholarship Status Update: We have two recipients, but you will have to be at the meeting to find out who they are!
- JROTC Program Update: We have requests from 3 high schools for Medals – Lexington; South Stokes; Forbush.

ROTC/JROTC Programs: Al Chandler Program Coordinator: The award season kicked off with the Forsyth County JROTC Joint Services Review on 16 April at East Forsyth HS. A deserving cadet from each JROTC unit represented received a MOAA JROTC award. Nine awards individually presented in a platoon formation.

Two schools, Lexington HS JROTC and Wake Forest University (ROTC) have opted to present the award at their respective Military Ball events. I dropped the award packet to each school's JROTC/ROTC contact.

Thus far, two JROTC units have scheduled award presentation dates- Forbush HS & South Stokes. Some of the schools we presented to last year (5 total) have yet to contact me- I will check with IB since they may have reached out to him. A good sign is that Forbush HS & Lexington HS did not contact us last year.

The MOAA Junior ROTC (JROTC)/ROTC awards program recognizes outstanding cadets or midshipmen in their next-to-last year in the program who have demonstrated exceptional potential for military leadership. If you would like to assist in this excellent way to help the chapter gain exposure in the community and, at the same time, foster a positive military recognition among the youth of the community, please contact Al.

SOCIAL SECRETARY - Warren Boyer:



Call 336 407-2374 if you have input.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	
5/26/2025	Military Appreciation Concert "The Embers"	Shallowford Square - Lewisville	6-8pm
5/31/2025	Southern Harmony "The Martha Bassett Show"	Wait Chapel, WFU Tickets: piedmontwindsymphony.com/tickets	7:30pm

TARHEEL CENTRAL CHAPTER OUTREACH:

Your Board of Directors has determined the following worthy causes are deserving of our donations. As with the Scholarship Fund, donations can be sent to the Chapter Treasurer directly or included in your check for annual dues or monthly dinners. Just note on the check which cause you are supporting. We will ensure your donations get to your designated worthy cause.

TRIAD HONOR FLIGHT: Celebrates America’s veterans by inviting them to share in a day of honor at our nation’s memorials. It cost \$600.00 per participant. **The Vision:** A nation where all of America’s veterans experience the honor, gratitude, and community of support they deserve. For more information visit: <https://www.honorflight.org/>

TOYS FOR TOTS: Mission: to collect new unwrapped toys and distribute those toys to less fortunate children at Christmas. **Goal:** through the gift of a new toy, help bring the joy of Christmas and send a message of hope to America's less fortunate children. For more information visit: <https://winston-salem-nc.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/default.aspx?nPageID=0&nPreviewInd=0&nRedirectInd=3>

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MUD RUN: A CHARITY EVENT hosted by Marine Corps League Percy John Fulton Detachment #1075 Winston-Salem, NC. **SUPPORTING** the following Charities: Semper Fi & America’s Fund, Camp Lejeune, NC / The Fisher House at Camp Lejeune, NC / Toys for Tots / Young Marines Youth Program, NC / State Veterans Home, Salisbury, NC / Wreathes Across America, National Cemetery, Salisbury, NC / City Lights Ministry, Winston Salem, NC / Savings Grace K-9, Lexington, NC / The Hero’s Center, High Point, NC / Irreverent Warriors. For more information visit: <https://usmcmudrunnc.com/event-information/general-information/>

PERSONAL AFFAIRS - Dennis Ammons:



Please notify Dennis, if you hear that a member or spouse is having difficulties at: dennis.a.ammons@gmail.com; 336 491-4123.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS LIST:

1. **Walt and Stephanie Emery - Pulmonary Issues**
2. **Ann Zuhr - Surgery**
3. **Jerry Johnson (Gaucho) - Cardiological Concerns**
4. **Jackie Kohler - Recovering from Surgery**

Our beloved members who have been reported in the past as having suffered illnesses are either showing excellent recoveries, or communication has been difficult in updating the

status of each. I request again that I be advised of those in our military family who need to be added or have been added to our list for which we wish to offer specific assistance. Please either text or call me at my number above.

A LIVELY HAPPY BIRTHDAY APPLAUSE TO:



Birthdays for May:

1. Barry Moore 5/1
2. William Gore 5/1
3. Brian Speas 5/7
4. Bob Linnell 5/8
5. Ted Robinson 5/9
6. Eddie Marion 5/18
7. Pete Armstrong 5/19
8. Brad Wood 5/24
9. Karl Clauss 5/25



LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS – Barry N. Moore, 2nd VP: MOAA urges all of us to take action ([Legislative Action Center](#)) on these four top legislative priorities:

- **Incentivize Military Spouse Hiring:** Actions to combat stagnant, high rates of unemployment among military spouses must include measures to incentivize their hiring. Cosponsor the Military Spouse Hiring Act to add a military spouse target group to the Work Opportunity Tax Credit program.
- **Unaccompanied Housing Improvements:** Transparency is key to supporting lawmaker oversight of this ongoing issue and addressing a \$137 billion maintenance backlog. Ask Congress to require DoD to make reports on unaccompanied housing installation conditions publicly available.
- **Ending the Wait for Toxic-Exposed Veterans:** Pass legislation to shorten how long millions of veterans must wait before receiving service-earned care and benefits.
- **Support Veteran Caregivers:** Champion/cosponsor the passage of the Veteran Caregiver Reeducation, Reemployment, and Retirement Act.
 - **TOP PRIORITY: Honor Veteran Caregivers - Pass the Reeducation, Reemployment, and Retirement Act:** Caregivers who provide daily care and support to aging and disabled veterans often sacrifice their own careers, financial stability, and personal well-being to fulfill their vital role. Many veteran caregivers rely on stipends classified as “unearned income,” meaning they lose opportunities to save for retirement or contribute to Social Security. Caregivers also face major hurdles reentering the workforce after years of full-time caregiving, further jeopardizing their financial futures.
 - **The Veteran Caregiver Reeducation, Reemployment, and Retirement Act** would help close these gaps by providing professional development, employment assistance, and retirement planning specifically tailored for veteran caregivers. This legislation is critical to ensuring caregivers receive the recognition, support, and financial security they have earned through their service to veterans. Go to: <https://moaa.quorum.us/campaign/109912/>

SCAM Article Alert: As a former BBB Virginia regional president, I can attest to the accuracy of this linked article and its claims that the active US military regularly gets hammered harder than others with scams and frauds. Right behind the active force are military veterans and military retirees getting scammed across the nation more

than most segments of society. Beware! <https://www.wdam.com/2025/04/23/front-lines-fraud-military-consumers-hit-hard-by-scams/>

---- Regards/Barry N. Moore

THE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (MOAA) MISSION:



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https://moaa.highroadsolution.com/moaa_preference_page/EmailSearch.aspx ENTER YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS & CLICK SEARCH. View or change your newsletter subscriptions from MOAA National.

Good synopsis of current issues (click on and open): <..\Legislative\AiA 2025 Issues One Pager-5-2-25.pdf>

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Here's why you won't want to miss this:

- **Early Bird Savings:** Be among the first to snag a cabin and enjoy special group rates with Carnival Cruise Line! (MOAA membership not required for participation)
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- **Choose Your Perfect Cabin:**
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- Stroll the very streets of Aries, made famous by Van Gogh
- Hike the vineyards of the Rhône
- Pedal through Lyon
- ...and so much more!

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on board credit (\$300/stateroom). Want to find out more? Join us for a fun and informative online seminar to learn about this cruise! All registrants receive a copy of the recording after the online seminar, so even if you can't attend live, we encourage you to register! *MOAA Signature Cruises and Tours benefit MOAA and MOAA's Charities.* CONTACT MOAA VACATIONS TO BOOK YOUR TRIP TODAY! **Phone: 1-800-211-5107; Email: mail@moaavac.com; Website: <https://moaavacations.com>; Sign up for the MOAA Vacations e-newsletter for more information on upcoming trips, as well as special offers. **BOOK NOW** <https://brennco.com/MOAAVACATIONS/TMF/>**

CURRENT VA INFO: <https://www.moaa.org/content/events/healthcare-and-benefits/understanding-your-va-benefits-june-2024/>

See the NC Division of Veterans Affairs newsletter at: <https://www.milvets.nc.gov/> and the North Carolina Council of Chapters Newsletter at: <https://www.moaa-nc.org/>

Families Go to: <https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/11/09/free-lifetime-national-parks-passes-are-coming-veterans-and-gold-star-families.html>

Need assistance with VA benefits? The Winston-Salem VA Regional Office is here to help. Visitors to the

Winston-Salem VA Regional Office (<https://www.benefits.va.gov/winstonsalem/>) can now park for free in the Third and Main Street Public Parking Facility. Just take your parking ticket to the VBA public contact office upon check-in and ask for parking validation. For those who are unable to travel to Winston-Salem, you can make a virtual appointment with us here: <https://va.my.site.com/VAVERA/s/> You can also find an accredited representative in your area by visiting <https://www.va.gov/disability/get-help-filing-claim/> Accredited representatives include accredited attorneys, claims agents, and Veterans Service Officers (VSOs). They work on behalf of Veterans and service members—as well as their dependents and survivors. VSOs work for you, and their services are free. Be sure to check VA's website before choosing a representative. The representative you choose should be accredited through VA to ensure your claim is managed professionally and fairly. Visit <https://www.va.gov/initiatives/protecting-veterans-from-fraud/> to learn more about protecting yourself from benefits fraud.

Retiree Assistance Office (RAO) bulletins are located at: <http://www.nhc-ul.org/rao.html> and <http://veteraninformationlinksasa.com/emos-rao.html> FOR ALL VETERANS - RETIREE ASSISTANCE OFFICE publications; VALUABLE INFORMATION FOR ALL VETERANS; Provided by: Lt. James "EMO" Tichacek, USN (Ret) Editor/Publisher of the RAO Bulletin; All words and phrases in the color as the link below will open another page when "clicked on."

<http://thearmysecurityagency.com/index.html> Welcome to My VA Benefits / Veteran Information Links and ASA - Army Security Agency. We provide the best veteran information portal for VA benefits. Visit us for all your VA needs! Site updated on January 15, 2021.

Find your nearest VA regional office <https://www.benefits.va.gov/ROWINSTONSALEM/directions.asp>

VA pension benefits: You can work with a trained professional called an accredited representative to get help applying for VA pension benefits.

Get help filing your claim <https://www.va.gov/disability/get-help-filing-claim/>

Veterans Crisis line: 1-800-273-8255 Press 1 - US Department of Veterans Affairs: Women Veterans Call Center – 855 829-6636. Link to Urgent Care organizations approved by the VA <https://vaurgentcarelocator.triwest.com/> If you are under the VA healthcare system for a service connected health condition and have had to or might need to use a Non-VA hospital emergency department and/or emergency transportation for a medical emergency related to your service-connected health condition, you or a family member must report this to the VA within 72 hours. Call: 704 638-9000 ext. 12022. Year 'Round Veteran Discounts: <https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/85765/veteran-discounts-available-year-round/>

MILITARY RELATED CONTACT INFORMATION:

Casualty Assistance - Call toll free 877-353-6807. Overseas callers should contact the nearest U.S. Embassy.

Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) Telephone Center- Call DEERS at 800-538-9552, Monday through Friday, excluding U.S. federal holidays.

Defense Finance and Accounting Service - The agency that pays military retirees and annuitants can be reached at 800-321-1080, or through AskDFAS online. Visit the retired military and annuitants webpage for more information about pay matters such as tax forms, pay verification, Direct Deposit, myPay and more.

Federal Long-Term Care Insurance Program - The program provides long-term care insurance to help pay for the costs of care you need if you can no longer perform everyday tasks (activities of daily living) by yourself because of chronic illness, injury, disability or the aging process. For assistance, call 800-LTC-FEDS (800-582-3337) or TTY 800-843-3557 to speak with a program consultant. You can also visit <https://www.ltcfeds.com/>.

Identification Cards - Call 800-525-0102 for location of the nearest issuing facility, or visit the site locator or find at: <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/locator>

Legal Offices - Assists members with preparing wills and powers of attorney, and answers certain legal questions. Visit the Air Force Legal Assistance website at <https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil>.

Medicare - 800-633-4227 or visit www.medicare.gov.

Social Security Office - Call toll free 800-772-1213; commercial 410-965- 8019; or write to Social Security Administration, Office of Public Inquiries, Windsor Park Building, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235. Visit the website for more information.

TRICARE Mail-Order Pharmacy Program (Express Scripts, Inc.) - In United States, call toll free 800-282-2881; or overseas, call 866-275-4732. Visit <https://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE/index.shtml> for more information.

Veterans Affairs - For benefit inquiries call 800-827-1000; life insurance 800-669-8477; status of headstones and markers, 800-697-6947; special issues such as Gulf War/radiation/Agent Orange/Project Shad call 800-749-8387; GI Bill and education matters call 888-442-4551. Visit the website at www.va.gov/. Local Events You Might be Interested In:

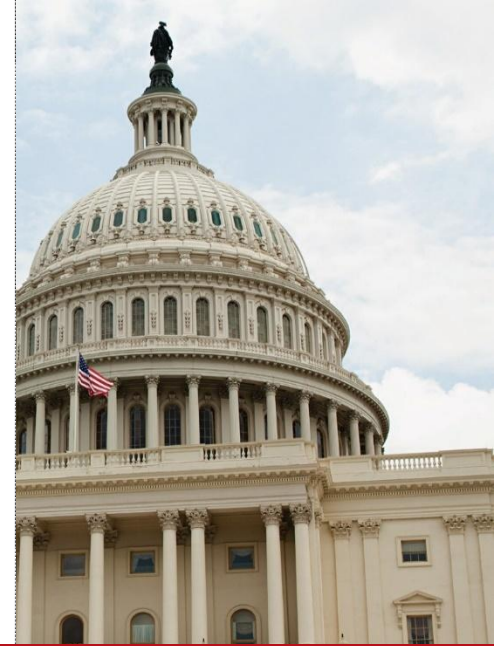
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Dinner Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month (Sept – May) at Salem Glen Country Club, 1000 Glen Day Dr, Clemmons, NC 27012.

Social Hour begins at 5:00 PM; Dinner at 6:00 PM; and the Program at 7:00 PM.

Dinner Cost: \$25/person
Dress is Business Casual.
Chapter Dues: \$45/year.

Tarheel Central Chapter

DINNER RESERVATION FORM for Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Telephone calls, emails and texts will be accepted until 5:30 PM on Thursday, May 8th; Salem Glen needs the reservation guarantee by Friday morning so the correct amount of food can be ordered for delivery in time for the meeting on the following Tuesday.

Your Name: _____

Birthday (DD/MMM – Member ONLY) _____

Number of Reservations: _____

Spouse Name: _____

Guests Names: _____

At **\$25** each: _____

Add Scholarship/Worthy Cause Donation: _____

Add CY2025 Dues at \$45: _____

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