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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Phil Briscoe:** Chapter Members,



The end of the year is a time for reflection. As I reflect on my time as Chapter President, which is coming to an end, and our Chapter's accomplishments, I find there is so much about which to be grateful. I would like to personally thank you for giving me the opportunity to continue to serve. I would also like to personally thank the Board of Directors that have been with me these past two years and have worked diligently to keep your chapter growing and accomplishing our mission.

I have been greatly impressed by the enthusiasm of the chapter members I meet at our monthly dinners. Our chapter of friends is vibrant and the cordial affection palpable. It all reminds me of the many wardrooms I was associated with during my naval career and brings back many a "My Story". Please join us in the coming year if you have not been able to in the past.

Through my conversations with you it is obvious that each of us has considered it an honor and a privilege to serve the United States of America whether in uniform or as a spouse. I would ask you to "Never Stop Serving", each in your own way.

Tom Miller will take over as Chapter President in January of 2026. There are open positions on the Board of Directors for 2026-2027. I encourage you to consider joining Tom in directing the future of the chapter.

As always, Take Care and Beware, Phil Briscoe

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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 inquiries to [info@tarheelmoaa.org](mailto: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](mailto: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)
- **Secretary** – Mary Laverdure, Capt., USAF (Vet)

- **Treasurer** – Mike Chapman, CW4, ANG (Ret)
- **Immediate Past-President** - Gregory M. Chase, LtCol, USAF (Ret) (Nominations Committee) (Newsletter Editor)

**Directors:**

1. Ted. Robinson, Col, USMC (Ret) (Membership Committee)
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/>



## **MOAA Christmas Party**

**Tuesday, December 9, 2024**

**Cut-Off Date: Thursday December 4th by 4PM**

**Cost: \$50 per person.**

**Display Hors D'oeuvres at Both Bars at 5:30pm to 6:30pm**

- Artisanal Cheese Board with Crackers

**Buffet Menu at 6:45pm**

- Christmas Salad - locally grown mixed greens, mandarin oranges, roasted red beets, feta cheese crumbs, candied pecans

on the side with a Lemon Vinaigrette on the side.

- Chef Carved Beef Tenderloin - Served with demi glaze & horsey sauce.
- Baked Creamy Tuscan Chicken Breast – Tuscan seasoned chicken breast in shallot, whole grain, Dijon mustard, baby spinach, sundried tomatoes cream sauce.
- Yukon Mashed Potatoes
- Parisian Bourbon Glazed Carrots
- Roasted Brussels Sprouts
- Assorted Rolls & Butter
- Dessert: Eggnog Bread Pudding with Bourbon Caramel Sauce.



### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR – Ted Robinson:**

Please welcome to our Chapter two new members - **Chuck Reihl** (sponsor George Lawson) and **Lynn Thomas** (Sponsor Mike Chapman). They joined at the November Dinner meeting. Our member roster continues to grow and now stands at 89. Strong recruiting efforts by the TCC MOAA membership are producing positive results. As always, wear your military apparel – the easiest way to start a conversation.

**Be on the lookout for the December “EVITE”** email, inviting you to the Chapter’s 2025 Christmas Dinner Dance, Tuesday December 9, beginning at 5:30 PM at Salem Glen CC. Formal Dress - \$50 per person. If you do not receive your December Evite email, please contact George Lawson, [galaws71@gmail.com](mailto:galaws71@gmail.com) or call 803-439-4818.



Reminder - MOAA Dinner/Dance reservations will be accepted until 4 PM on Thursday December 4. Due to Salem Glen CC considerations, reservations (RSVP) CANNOT be accepted after Thursday December 4 at 4 PM. You must have an Evite RSVP reservation to attend the Chapter's 2025 Christmas Dinner Dance, Tuesday December 9, beginning at 5:30 PM at Salem Glen CC. Thank you. Please call/email George Lawson (803-439-4818) or [galaws71@gmail.com](mailto:galaws71@gmail.com) if you need help responding to the Evite.

It is preferable that you pay online for the Dinner Dance using the Tarheel Central Chapter Cheddar Up App. There is a link to Cheddar Up in the Evite email. You can still pay in person at the door or mail in a check.

Evite Action Item: MOAA Dinner/Dance reservations will be accepted until 4 PM on Thursday December 4. Due to Salem Glen CC considerations, reservations (RSVP) CANNOT be accepted after Thursday December 4 at 5:30 PM. You must have an Evite RSVP reservation to attend the Chapter's 2025 Christmas Dinner Dance, Tuesday December 9, beginning at 5:30 PM at Salem Glen CC.

The Membership Committee is continuing to recruit new Committee members for next year. If you are interested, please contact George Lawson or any Committee member. Those members are: Pam Angle, George Lawson Vice Chair, Alan Nealeans, Joe Rogers, Hank Rudge, Mark Stanek, Laurie Wesely, Wes Whittaker, and Ted Robinson, Chair.

The January Membership Committee meeting (brown bag lunch) will be held on Monday, January 12, 2025, from 12:30 – 2:00 PM at the Clemmons Branch Library, 6365 James St., Clemmons, NC 72012. If you would like to know more about what we do and/or would like to attend the meeting, please call George Lawson, Vice Chair at (803) 439-4818.

#### **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/>



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

##### **Available Training:**

- What you need to know for TRICARE, Medicare, and FEDVIP

All available on MOAA .org: <https://www.moaa.org/content/events/moaa-events/> and <https://www.moaa.org/content/search->

[results/?keyword=VA,%20Veterans%20Groups%20Partner%20for%20Progress%20on%20Mental%20Health%20%E2%80%A2Pentagon%20Takes%20Another%20Step%20Toward%20Commissary%20Privatization](https://www.moaa.org/content/search-results/?keyword=VA,%20Veterans%20Groups%20Partner%20for%20Progress%20on%20Mental%20Health%20%E2%80%A2Pentagon%20Takes%20Another%20Step%20Toward%20Commissary%20Privatization)

**Council of Chapters Dates** open to all MOAA members (Note: you cannot officially represent the chapter without the president's approval): Dec. 18: Monthly chapter leader virtual roundtable, 7 p.m. Eastern: Year in Review/2026 Outlook. Join here at the time of the meeting. (Meeting ID: 929 1511 3996)



#### **DINNER MEETING PROGRAMS - Jason Ford:**



Just the DJ, no speaker for the Christmas Dance, but don't forget! We will still collect for the **Marine Toys for Tots** (unwrapped new toys) and we need to bring a gift suitable for a veteran staying at the W. G. (Bill) Hefner Va Medical Center - Salisbury, NC. Please wrap it and mark it for either male or female. After the dance we plan to take the presents down to Salisbury by bus (singing all the way) on a date to be specified.

Our **November speaker** was **Allen D. Ferry, Chaplain, USA, Col (Ret)**, who gave a wonderful talk about his experiences 'down range' and at Ground Zero after 911. His books are available on Amazon at: [https://www.amazon.com/stores/author/B0025LHUAK/allbooks?ingress=0&visitId=80e42061-012e-40d1-8b67-05d6744c2508&ccs\\_id=003a4e68-6bfd-48e6-aca6-486ac5308704](https://www.amazon.com/stores/author/B0025LHUAK/allbooks?ingress=0&visitId=80e42061-012e-40d1-8b67-05d6744c2508&ccs_id=003a4e68-6bfd-48e6-aca6-486ac5308704)

#### **TREASURER – Mike Chapman:**



##### **2026 Annual Dues Billing**

The annual dues for Regular Members for the next calendar year (2026) shall be determined by the membership at the annual November meeting after receiving the Board's recommendation on the matter.

Upon membership approval of the annual dues rate at the Annual Membership Meeting in November the Treasurer will, no later than November 20 send a single message email to all paying members, specifying (1) the amount of the annual dues for the next year along with an explanation of any increase, and (2) the date payment is due, which in accordance with the Chapter Bylaws is the date of the succeeding January Chapter meeting.

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.

**A Tarheel Central Chapter MOAA pay portal has been established with an online service called "Cheddar Up".** This is the preferred collection point for Dues, Dinner and Donations payments. **The Link to Cheddar Up is : <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/2025-member-collection-67809/items>**

Mailed in payments or payments at the door will still be accepted.

**December Dinner Reservations:** See details above, page 3! Reservations may be made by calling George Lawson (803) 439-4818 or [galaws71@gmail.com](mailto:galaws71@gmail.com). Telephone calls, emails and texts will be accepted until 5:00 PM on Thursday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>. Sign up with Mike Chapman, Treasurer, to reserve your place at the meeting. The contact information is on the Dinner Reservation Form at the end.



**PUBLIC RELATIONS - Al Nealeans:** Our enthusiastic promoter of chapter public relations 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](mailto: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.

2026-2027 Officers and Directors unanimously approved at the November 11, 2025 Annual Business Meeting:

1. President - Tom Miller, Capt., USAF (Vet)
2. First Vice President – Mark Ferketish, Col USMC (Ret)
3. Second Vice President – Barry Moore, Maj USMC (Ret)
4. Secretary – Mary Laverdure, Capt USAF (Vet)
5. Treasurer – Tom Gatewood, Capt, USA (Vet)
6. Chair, Nominating Committee - Immediate Past-President Philip Briscoe, CAPT USN (Ret)"

**Directors:**

1. George Lawson, LtCol, USAF (Ret) (Membership Committee Chair)
2. I.B. Southerland, III, Maj USAF (Ret) (Scholarship & J/ROTC Committee chair)
3. Thomas B. Denegre III, LCDR USN (Vet)
4. TBD (Surviving Spouse Liaison)
5. TBD
6. TBD



**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.



**SURVIVING SPOUSE LIAISON – Jackie Kohler:**

**Surviving Spouse Corner: Surviving Spouse Corner: Making a VA Benefits Compensation Claim by Nora Durham, December 02, 2025**

I have been a surviving spouse for 24 years. My husband, a 33-year veteran of the Marine Corps and a naval aviator, died in 2001 from heart disease. He was never a member of MOAA.

I became acquainted with MOAA in 2019 during a visit to Washington, D.C. It was a chance meeting during Advocacy in Action, at which time some in the group learned I was the widow of a Marine Corps officer. I was led to the registration booth and immediately became a MOAA

member. I learned there are approximately 47,000 surviving spouse members of MOAA — representing about 12% of the association's members. I'm now a proud Life member.

This brief encounter started a journey for me to be as active as possible. I became my local chapter's surviving spouse liaison and then a member of the Surviving Spouse Advisory Council (SSAC).

Through my involvement with MOAA, I learned about VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC). As my husband served in Vietnam and was exposed to Agent Orange, it was determined his exposure subsequently caused the heart disease that contributed to his death. This qualified me to receive this benefit. With the help of a local veterans service officer (VSO) and the VA Office of Survivor Assistance, I will receive this tax-free monthly compensation for the rest of my life.

Suppose you are the surviving spouse, child, or parent of a servicemember who died in the line of duty, or the survivor of a veteran who died from a service-related injury or illness. In that case, you might be eligible to receive this tax-free monetary benefit. Visit the VA's website to learn more.

For additional information and support, contact a local VSO if one is available in your community. Not all VSOs are as helpful as others, but I finally found mine.

To prepare for opening a VA claim for disability or other benefits compensation, applicants must possess the following documents:

- Military discharge (DD Form 214) — original or certified copy is best
- Other military service information (branch, dates of service, Reserve or National Guard service dates, etc.)
- Medical records (military and/or civilian) if available, and if applying for a service-connected disability, contact information for civilian medical providers who treated the veteran for military-related illnesses or injuries (i.e., doctors, specialists, hospitals, etc.)
- Bank deposit information (i.e., voided check ) — the VA will automatically deposit into this account if benefits are awarded.

If the above documents are not available, veterans or surviving kin can request them online at [www.archives.gov/veterans](http://www.archives.gov/veterans).

For additional information and support, review news articles, publications, and resources related to survivor benefits at [MOAA.org](http://MOAA.org), as well as [VA.gov](http://VA.gov).

**Send Us Your Feedback:** We'd love to hear from you. Please let us know if this article was helpful by sending an email to [sscomm@moaa.org](mailto:sscomm@moaa.org).

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

**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CHAIR - I.B. Southerland:** The JROTC Scholarship selection process for our 2026 selectees will begin in January 2026. **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.





## **SOCIAL SECRETARY - Warren Boyer:**



Call 336 407-2374 if you have input.

**Boogie Winter Wonderland Returns - Tickets on sale now!**

**12/13 Christmas Fest - Old Salem (Saturday 10:00am - Concert Band / 11:00am - Triad Swing)**

**12/16 Spice up your holiday season with Piedmont Wind Symphony's hit show, Boogie Winter Wonderland Returns! Join us Tuesday, December 16 at 7:30 PM at The Ramkat for the ultimate date night for music lovers and boogie connoisseurs.** This electrifying evening transforms holiday hits and timeless classics into a funky, soul-filled celebration—perfect for anyone looking to shake up their seasonal traditions. Groove to Earth, Wind & Fire's "Boogie Wonderland" and "September/December," sway to bold new takes on "Winter Wonderland" and "Sleigh Ride," and feel the power of Stevie Wonder's "Superstition" and Tower of Power's "What Is Hip." With powerhouse vocalists Myk'I Hanna and Nishah DiMeo, and a rhythm section guaranteed to get you moving, this one-night-only show will make your season shine. Tickets can be purchased at: <https://www.theramkat.com/events>. Scroll down to "Boogie Winter Wonderland" and purchase. Several of us went last year and it was outstanding. Diane and I hope to see you there.

## **TARHEEL CENTRAL CHAPTER OUTREACH:**

**Your Board of Directors has determined the following worthy causes are deserving of our donations. PLEASE MAKE DONATIONS THROUGH CHEDDAR UP; it is easy and safe.**

**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: SPECIAL NOTE - Please bring toy donations (new, unwrapped, unopened) to November meeting. We are collecting toys in November!** 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 / Wreaths 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/>

## **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**

Wreaths Across America is a nationwide program honoring our fellow deceased Veterans by placing wreaths on their grave sites.

FOR ALL OUR MEMBERSHIP, this is how you can participate in the program and honor our deceased Veterans.

1. Donate wreaths to honor our Veterans so they can be placed on their grave sights. Donation is the purchase of an individual wreath at \$17 each or donate to purchase four wreaths at the same price each and a fifth wreath is included free of charge. Wreath donations to the ELKS Lodge collection is 23% toward a goal of 562 for this event; will you help?



Wreaths can be purchased at the following link: <http://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/nc0275>

**PLEASE use this above link exclusively so the wreathes will go to Westlawn Gardens of Memory through the local sponsors, Elks Lodge #449, with whom we are coordinating.**

2. Attend the wreath laying ceremony on, 13 December 2025, 12:00 noon, at Westlawn Gardens of Memory, in Clemmons and actually lay a wreath at the grave site of a Veteran.

Last year your TCC leaders supported laying wreaths at gravesites. We hope you will join us this year through your donations and laying wreaths.

Thank you!

Col G. Mark Ferketish, Board of Directors Member, USMCR (Ret)

[gmarkferk@gmail.com](mailto:gmarkferk@gmail.com)

504-491-7269.

#### **PERSONAL AFFAIRS - Dennis Ammons:**



Please notify Dennis, if you hear that a member or spouse is having difficulties at: [dennis.a.ammons@gmail.com](mailto:dennis.a.ammons@gmail.com); 336 491-4123. **I need two assistants to stay in contact with those in need.**

#### **CELEBRATIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS**

**We celebrate those who have recently been listed on our Concerns and Prayers list, but who have recovered from either their illness or accident; we thank our Creator for that blessing.**

#### **CONCERNS AND PRAYERS:**

- **George Angle**                      **Prayers for a Complete Recovery**
- **Dennis Ammons**                **Prayers for a Complete Recovery**
- **Jerry Johnson**                  **Prayers for Continued Improvement**
- **Jackie Kohler**                   **Prayers for a Complete Recovery**

#### **A LIVELY HAPPY BIRTHDAY APPLAUSE TO:**



<b>Jackie Kohler</b>	<b>12/4</b>
<b>Russell Chambers</b>	<b>12/5</b>
<b>Adam Horne</b>	<b>12/7</b>
<b>John Brown</b>	<b>12/16</b>
<b>Jan Bogus</b>	<b>12/22</b>
<b>Mark Ferketish</b>	<b>12/26</b>



#### **LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS – Barry N. Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP:**

**Bipartisan legislation introduced Nov. 20** would reauthorize a key tax credit supporting veteran employment and expand its reach to include currently serving military spouses as a newly recognized target group – a key addition that MOAA has been advocating for through the Military Spouse Hiring Act.

[https://www.moaa.org/wotcbill?utm\\_campaign=12196702-TMN%20-%20Weekly&utm\\_medium=email&hsenc=p2ANqtz-fmlskE4sir5Idragrx1A-eVBpx\\_xk\\_y6s6PVDuqhXvBIPHVeFjbeP9mHvPjuHGylhdy2E3ZOyJQqQ9x8UKOxCERew7A&hsmi=391855767&utm\\_content=391855767&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://www.moaa.org/wotcbill?utm_campaign=12196702-TMN%20-%20Weekly&utm_medium=email&hsenc=p2ANqtz-fmlskE4sir5Idragrx1A-eVBpx_xk_y6s6PVDuqhXvBIPHVeFjbeP9mHvPjuHGylhdy2E3ZOyJQqQ9x8UKOxCERew7A&hsmi=391855767&utm_content=391855767&utm_source=hs_email)

**VA will relieve Veterans of more than \$272 million** in potential medical bills that accrued after the Biden Administration stopped certain copayment claims processing and collections in early 2023.

<https://news.va.gov/press-room/va-provides-veterans-relief-from-biden-era-backlogged-medical-bills/>

**NC children of disabled veterans** see expanded cuts to scholarships | abc11.com. <https://abc11.com/post/nc-children-disabled-veterans-see-expanded-cuts-scholarships/18199202/>

**Do You Know Where Your Military Paperwork Lives?** by Lila Quintiliani, November 17, 2025  
[https://www.moaa.org/saverecords?hsenc=p2ANqtz-8EhjjziADGyrw99wly8VufP8Pc20i8YeTX-M\\_YrV1hV00fSVNwfeA8wolckGADth0zxkR1wMn-MiBXRPeuk5K2FtRWg&hsmi=390801387](https://www.moaa.org/saverecords?hsenc=p2ANqtz-8EhjjziADGyrw99wly8VufP8Pc20i8YeTX-M_YrV1hV00fSVNwfeA8wolckGADth0zxkR1wMn-MiBXRPeuk5K2FtRWg&hsmi=390801387)

A good warning all of us should remain up-to-date in knowing - **VA overpayment scam alert for veterans:**

[https://cyberguy.com/scams/va-overpayment-scam-veterans/?utm\\_source=CyberGuy+Newsletter&utm\\_campaign=fbb0224f23-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2025\\_11\\_12&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_-fbb0224f23-501806140](https://cyberguy.com/scams/va-overpayment-scam-veterans/?utm_source=CyberGuy+Newsletter&utm_campaign=fbb0224f23-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2025_11_12&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-fbb0224f23-501806140)

**Which service did best in the military recruiting boom?** The numbers are in ... Military Affairs by Hope Seck, October 27, 2025: <https://www.sandboxx.us/news/which-service-did-best-in-the-military-recruiting-boom-the-numbers-are-in/?ue-mini-cart-product-added>

**Now here is a proposed opportunity to get out of town in good company!**

**Military Officers Association of America  
North Carolina Tarheel Central Chapter  
“Wheels of Honor” Visit  
The National D-Day Memorial  
Bedford, Virginia  
June 6, 2026 (or June 13)**

### Event Overview

The Tarheel Central Chapter (TCC) of MOAA recognizes those Americans who have fought for our country. We intend to sponsor a veteran’s luxury coach bus trip to Bedford, Virginia, in the Spring of 2026. This day-trip will provide veterans residing in the six counties that make up the TCC Region (Surry, Yadkin, Davie, Stokes, Forsyth, and Davidson) with the opportunity to visit the National D-Day Memorial and Museum, as well as a bonus visit to Thomas Jefferson’s Poplar Forest in Bedford. There will be no cost to the veterans who attend. A limited number of golf carts will be available on the D-Day site for those with a special need.

### Timeline

0630	Veterans and escorts will arrive at ( ) to check in and board buses
0700	Buses will depart for Bedford, VA
0930	Arrive at the National D-Day Memorial site
0945-1100	Tour Memorial and Museum
1100-1200	Observe D-Day Ceremony
1215-1245	Box Lunches provided at the tour buses
1300	Depart for Thomas Jefferson’s Poplar Forest
1315	Arrive at Poplar Forest
1330-1500	Docent-led or self-tour of Thomas Jefferson’s Poplar Forest
1515	Return to North Carolina staging site
1745	Arrive back at staging site

The Tarheel Central Chapter of MOAA will be working with local veterans’ organizations to identify veterans who may be interested in participating in this trip. If you are interested in participating, please notify your local veterans’ organization or contact TCC Representatives xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.



# THE LARGER OUR NUMBERS, THE GREATER YOUR VOICE.

Why MOAA chapter membership matters.



## Tarheel Central Chapter of MOAA, Inc.

### MOAA AND CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Active ☐ Retired ☐ Former ☐ Reserve ☐ National Guard ☐ Surviving Spouse

Spouse name \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone-Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone-Land \_\_\_\_\_

(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) \_\_\_\_\_

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Visit [www.moaa.org/join](http://www.moaa.org/join) to learn more.

How did you hear about MOAA Chapter involvement? \_\_\_\_\_

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

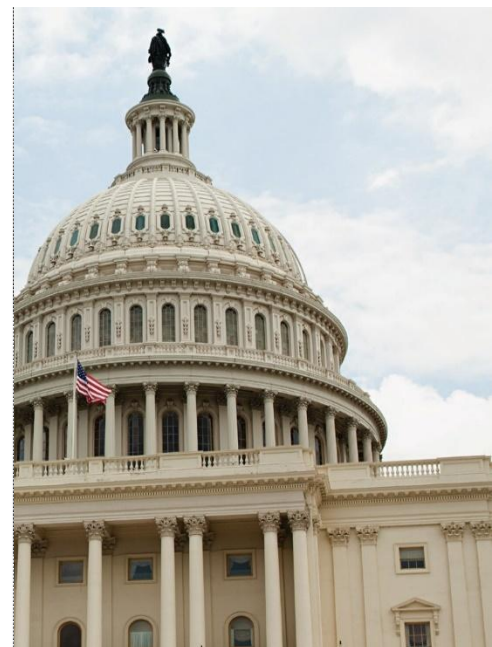
If yes, which one(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

#### To complete enrollment:

- **Fill in this form** on your computer, save it, and email it to MOAA Membership: [tedrobinson128@gmail.com](mailto:tedrobinson128@gmail.com). Mail your check (\$45.00 annual chapter dues) payable to TCC MOAA to: Treasurer, 3160 Presley Dr., Winston-Salem, NC 27107-4532

- For more information, please go to the Chapter website: [www.tarheelmoaa.org](http://www.tarheelmoaa.org)

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. M1900DMC



Our Chapter is open to all active, reserve, retired, veteran and former (Warrant - Flag) officers of the US Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Space Force, NOAA and US Public Health Service, their spouses, and surviving spouses.

#### Affiliations:

North Carolina of Chapters  
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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.



## **THE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (MOAA) MISSION:**



**THE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA'S (MOAA)** most extraordinary mission is to improve the lives of military, Guard and Reserve, Veterans, Retirees, Survivors, and their families, achieved through tireless advocacy efforts in our nation's capital. This is the link to the National MOAA Email Preference Center Search Page:

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These Federally approved and funded plans come at no additional cost to you and coordinate seamlessly with TRICARE For Life and/or VA coverage – protecting what you've earned and adding valuable benefits you can't get through Original Medicare or TRICARE For Life, like:

- Monthly Part B Premium Giveback – reducing what you pay for Medicare Part B each month.
- Coverage for dental, hearing, and other services.
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"MOAA is proud to introduce Veterans Healthcare, an organization exclusively supporting the needs of veterans. They understand the unique needs of the veteran community and MOAA members, and are dedicated to doing what's right for each member's specific situation. That's why we're proud to endorse them as the newest MOAA affinity partner."

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MOAA President and Chief Executive Officer

Even as Medicare Part B premiums continue to rise, these plans lower costs for retirees and Veterans each month — empowering you to keep more of your hard-earned Social Security or retirement income.

Veterans Healthcare has helped over 21,000 retirees and veterans nationwide\*. Call today to see if a Medicare Advantage plan could be a good fit for you. There is no pressure, cost, or obligation in reaching out.

Medicare's Annual Enrollment Period ends December 7, so reach out now!

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Call 385-558-4129 [www.veteran.healthcare/MOAA](http://www.veteran.healthcare/MOAA) TTY: 711. Hours are Mon - Sat, 0800 - 2000 MST. Calling this number will connect you with a licensed insurance representative with whom you can discuss your options further.

**THERE'S NOTHING LIKE PERSONAL EXPERIENCE:** Brigadier General David “Bob” Edmonds (USAF, Ret.) briefly shares how his experience with Veterans Healthcare and the Medicare Advantage plan he’s been on ever since has significantly benefited him. Watch below.



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If you are a Veteran in crisis or concerned about one, you can reach the free, confidential Veterans Crisis Line 24/7. Dial 988 then press 1. You can also text 838255, or visit [VeteranCrisisLine.net](http://VeteranCrisisLine.net). The Veterans Crisis Line is funded by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and is not affiliated with Veterans Healthcare.

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**Tarheel Central Chapter**

**DINNER RESERVATION FORM for Tuesday, December 9, 2025**

**Cheddar Up reservations, indicated by Dinner payment on Cheddar Up, Telephone calls, emails and texts will be accepted until 4:00 PM on Thursday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>; Salem Glen needs the reservation guarantee early so the correct amount of food can be ordered for delivery in time for the dinner on the following Tuesday.**

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Birthday (DD/MMM – Member ONLY)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Reservations:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guests Names:** \_\_\_\_\_

**At \$50 each:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Add Scholarship/Worthy Cause Donation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Add CY2025 Dues at \$45:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Total:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make all checks payable to: Tarheel Central Chapter, MOAA**

**Call Reservations into (919) 601-3800 and Send Checks to Treasurer:**

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