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COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Quarterly meetings Hybrid/Zoom All dates subject to Change

NCCOC 3rd Quarterly Meeting, August 13th
Raleigh Hilton North Hills

November 4th & 5th—Annual Meeting/4th Quarterly Hawthorne Inn, Winston Salem, NC.

We will have a guest speaker Friday and Saturday



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

5 Star Council



The council is planning a cruise for the Annual meeting in 2023. This is an excellent opportunity to meet other Chapter members from around North Carolina. We are now collecting information on what dates would be best, If you are interest please email me with the date and number in your party.

National MOAA is having the Leaders Workshop seminar in Raleigh August 12th and 13th of August.

The Council will have the 3rd Quarter meeting after the Leadership ends on Saturday at the Hilton Hotel.

The last Medal of Honor service member from WWII past away and will be honored. Read about it in the newsletter.

As you read through the newsletter you will find useful information.

Please make a note that I am ONLY using the email address jegarbus@gmail.com. If you have a different email, please de-

MOAA Council and Chapter Affairs Leaders Workshop for our Mid-Atlantic volunteer leaders to be held in Raleigh, North Carolina, August 12-13 at the <u>Hilton Raleigh North Hills Hotel, 3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC 27609-7330</u>.

The agenda is listed below. This in-person workshop will include council and chapter officers from GA, KY, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV and the virtual council and chapters. This invitation is being sent to the following officers in those affiliates: Council and Chapter Presidents, Membership Chairs, Legislative Chairs/Liaisons, and Surviving Spouse Liaisons.

As a reminder, National MOAA will provide attending officers and their spouses the following:

Lodging at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills for the evening of Friday, August 12.

Dinner on Friday, August 12.

Breakfast and lunch on Saturday, August 13

This workshop will provide an important forum to receive updates and ask questions of MOAA leadership, facilitate participation in break-out sessions on Chapter Management, Legislative Training, or Surviving Spouse Liaison Training, and afford networking opportunities with your fellow volunteer-leaders.

As a special note: Mrs. Barbara Smith and Dr. Vivianne Wersel of our Surviving Spouse Advisory Council will provide a Surviving Spouse Brief and dedicated training session. All accompanying spouses are encouraged to attend. You are asked to please emphasize the importance of this opportunity to your Surviving Spouse Liaison. If you do not have a liaison, please invite a potential liaison or other council or chapter spouse to attend.

Please use this link to register no later than **Monday**, **July 18**, **2022 REGISTER -Mid-Atlantic Region Council & Chapter Leaders' Workshop**

Also, <u>please do not call the hotel directly</u> for reservations. If you have any questions or need assistance with registration, contact Shannon Davenport-Raines at <u>shannond@moaa.org</u> or LTC Suzanne Walker at <u>suzannew@moaa.org</u>

We hope to see you at the workshop.

Best Regards,

Frank

Frank J. Michael

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS, DEADLINES, EVENTS

COUNCIL AND CHAPTER DATES TO KNOW

- ⇒ **July 28:** Monthly chapter leader virtual roundtable, 7 p.m. Eastern: Event Planning. Join <u>here</u> at the time of the meeting.
- ⇒ Aug. 12-13: Mid-Atlantic Leadership Training Workshop (Raleigh, N.C.) and 3rd quarter Council meeting
- ⇒ **Aug. 25:** Monthly chapter leader virtual roundtable, 7 p.m. Eastern: Community Outreach, Emergency Relief Fund. Join here at the time of the meeting.
- ⇒ Aug. 27, Western North Carolina Chapter, Flat Rock, Col. Jeri Graham, USA (Ret), BoD
- ⇒ **Sept. 29:** Monthly chapter leader virtual roundtable, 7 p.m. Eastern: Branding. Join here at the time of the meeting.
- ⇒ Oct. 27: Monthly chapter leader virtual roundtable, 7 p.m. Eastern: Transition Services. Join here at the time of the meeting.
- ⇒ Nov. 4th 5th; Annual meeting Hawthorne Inn, Winston Salem Evening of Friday, November 4th Dr. (MG, USA Ret) Rob Tempel, Associate Dean for Extramural Clinical Practices ECU School of Dental Medicine.

Dr. (COL, USA Ret) Bob Manga – Director, ECU Community Service Learning Center – Sylva, COL USA (Ret) David McCracken – Veteran Smiles Foundation.

<u>Saturday, November 5th 10:00 hrs</u>: Emmett Casciato - President and Curator Veterans History Museum of the Carolinas - Brevard, NC https://theveteransmuseum.org/contact/

- ⇒ **Nov. 17:** Monthly chapter leader virtual roundtable, 7 p.m. Eastern: Retention. Join <u>here</u> at the time of the meeting.
- ⇒ **Nov. 18-19:** Texas Leadership Training Workshop (location TBD)
- ⇒ **Dec. 29:** Monthly chapter leader virtual roundtable, 7 p.m. Eastern: End of Year Review/Discussion. Join here at the time of the meeting.

Community Outreach Grants

<u>The MOAA Foundation</u>, a 501(c)(3) charitable subsidiary of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), offers grants to MOAA's councils and its chapters in support of community outreach programs and services. The application period runs from Dec. 1 to Feb. 28 each year. Fill out <u>a grant application</u>.

Watch a webinar on the application process.

Dowload the grant criteria (MS Word file).

Community Outreach Sponsorship

• Apply for up to \$300 per chapter or \$800 per council to support community service programs and recruiting/branding events. Get details <u>at this link</u>.

MOAA HAS FOUR VIRTUAL CHAPTERS

They are: <u>Uniformed Services Nurse Advocates Virtual Chapter</u>, the <u>Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter</u>, the <u>Public Health Service Virtual Chapter</u>, and the <u>Chapter</u>, and the Chapter.

Interested in participating in one of these virtual chapters, or in championing another group? Contact Capt. Pat L. Williams, USN (Ret), MOAA's program director for engagement, at patw@moaa.org, or Capt. Erin Stone, JAGC, USN (Ret), senior director for council and chapter affairs, at erins@moaa.org, for more information.

Join the Facebook page "DIC Surviving Spouses/DIC Increase Advocacy "today and get involved! For more information contact MOAA surviving spouse Edith Smith, phone (703) 569-3380 or email esmith@capitolcrusader.com

2022 U.S. ARMY RETIRED SOLDIER HANDBOOK

Produced by Army Retirement Services, the 2022 U.S. Army Retired Soldier Handbook is available for download as a PDF document from the Army Retirement Services website at

https://soldierforlife.army.mil/Documents/static/Post/2022_ArmyRetSoldierHandbk.pdf

Mental Health Awareness Month: Learn What Your Fellow Veterans Know

This Mental Health Month and throughout the year, Veterans and those who care about them are encouraged to visit MakeTheConnection.net to learn more about mental health and healing from Veterans who know because they've been there.

Veterans Eligible for Travel,

Hotel Discounts

AmericanForcesTravel.com is a Department of Defense online leisure travel website managed by Morale, Welfare, and Recreation and supported by Priceline. Veterans can access exclusive deals on hotels, flights, rental cars, cruises, packages and event tickets.

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

- (NCO1) Cape Fear—COL Richard A. Underwood, USA, (Ret)
- (NCO2) Coastal Carolina—CAPT Randall Ramian, USN, (Ret)
- (NC04) Charlotte-Metrolina—LTC Joe Anderson, USA, (Ret)
- (NC06) Sandhills—COL Walter Havenstein, USMC, (Ret)
- (NC07) Southeastern—Col. Joseph (Joe) Irrera, USMC, (Ret)
- (NC08) Tarheel Central—Lt. Col. Greg Chase, USAF (Ret)
- (NC09) Triangle—COL Herb Segal, USA, (Ret)
- (NC10) Western Carolina—Capt. Donna Culp, USAF, (FMR)
- (NC11) Catawba Valley—LTC Clifford (Davey) Davenport, USA, (Ret)
- (NC14) Piedmont—Maj. Aimee S. Corning, USAF, (Ret)
- (NC17) First in Flight—LCDR Al Del Garbino, USCG, (Ret)
- (NC20) Central Carolina—LTC Gary Applewhite, USA, (Ret)
- (NC21) High Country—Capt. Douglas May, USMC (FMR)
- (NC22) New River—LCDR Steve Tucker, USN, (Ret)

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- 1. CW4 Jay Garbus, USA (Ret)
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- 3. LCDR Mark Sandvigen, USN (Ret)
- 4. COL Jim Brumit, USA (Ret)
- 5.Col Ken Hillman, USMC (Ret)
- 6. Mrs. Sue Harris (SOM)- nonvoting

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- 1. Immediate Past President COL Jim Brumit, USA (Ret)
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- 3. COL Jeri Graham, USA (Ret)
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- 10. CAPT Doug Ehrhardt, USN (Ret)
- 11. COL Iggi Husar, USA (Ret)

By-Law Committee

- 1. Juan Chavez, Past President, Cape Fear Chapter, Chairman
- 2. Walt Havenstein, President, Sandhills Chapter
- 3. Greg Chase, President, Tarheel Chapter





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President

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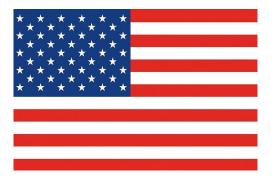
WASHINGTON – Federal law authorizes veterans to salute the flag in the following situations:

The Pledge of Allegiance. Members of the Armed Forces not in uniform and veterans may render the military salute in the manner provided for persons in uniform. Alternately, military personnel and veterans not in uniform may stand at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the

heart. When not in uniform men should remove any nonreligious headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart (Title 4 USC section 4).

During hoisting, lowering or passing of the American flag. Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute. All such conduct toward the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes. (Title 4 USC section 9).

National Anthem. Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute in the manner provided for individuals in uniform. When the flag is not displayed, all present should face toward the music and act in the same manner they would if the flag were displayed. (Title 36 USC section 301).



MOAA GUIDANCE ON PARTISAN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Partisan Political Activities. As organizations exempt from federal taxation under Sec. 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code, MOAA and its affiliates must take care to avoid engaging in partisan political activities. Under IRS rules, we are prohibited from directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.

Candidates for Public Office. A candidate for public office is an individual who offers himself or herself, or is proposed by others, as a contestant for an elective public office, whether such office is national, state, or local, and includes incumbent candidates. The prohibition also extends beyond declared candidates and may apply to efforts to recruit an individual to run for office or advance exploratory activities. The prohibition also applies to advocating for the platform of one political party over another.

Prohibited Activities. Activities which constitute participation or intervention in a political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to a candidate include, but are not limited to, the publication or distribution of written or printed statements or the making of oral statements on behalf of or in opposition to such a candidate. It is clear that the prohibition on partisan political activity prohibits such outright actions such as posting a "Vote for Biden" or "Vote for Trump" on the organization's website, or "Support Republican Candidates" or "Vote Democratic."

In addition to these obvious examples, the prohibition goes well beyond direct expressions of support. In determining whether an organization is engaged in unlawful partisan political activities, the IRS applies a "facts and circumstances" test. The IRS looks not only to the expressed language, but to external factors, such as the communication's timing, its targeted audience, and how the message relates to public policy positions that distinguish a candidate in a campaign.

Consequences for Violations. The consequences to an organization that violates the prohibition on partisan political activity can be severe including the loss of its tax exempt status and the imposition of certain excise taxes. For public charities, like The MOAA Foundation and the MOAA Scholarship Fund, the IRS can disallow tax deductions for charitable contributions. In addition, for an organization whose mission involves advocacy on key military community issues, MOAA must seek support from elected representatives from both parties. Engaging in partisan political activities on behalf of one party or candidate would seriously undermine MOAA's ability to achieve the bipartisan consensus on key issues essential to achieving its legislative objectives.

Personal Opinions. As individuals, members and leaders of MOAA and MOAA's affiliates are not prohibited from engaging in partisan political activities so long as they do so in way that makes it clear they are acting for themselves and do not appear to be speaking on behalf of MOAA or its affiliates. For example, it is permissible for an individual to express his or her personal preference in support of or in opposition to a candidate or political party. And they may do so publicly. However, when expressing their personal opinions or preferences, they may not make reference to their MOAA position, use MOAA communications channels, use MOAA letterhead or newsletters, identify themselves as MOAA leaders, or imply that MOAA or its members share their beliefs.

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NCCOC Zoom Meeting 07 July 2022

Agenda - 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER - CW4 Jay Garbus, USA (Ret)

ROLL CALL (if needed) Sue Harris (SOM) Quorum Yes 18 present (9 = quorum)

A. DATE AND LOCATION OF 2022 MEETINGS

- a. In Person 3rd Quarterly, Raleigh, August 12th 13th & Mid-Atlantic Leadership Workshop
- b. Zoom meeting, September 15th
- c. In Person 4th Quarterly, November 4th & 5th Hawthorne Inn, Winston-Salem
- B. 1st Vice President REPORT CDR Ken Klassen, USN, (Ret) slides

Worked with Jim Jackson, who is working gratis, to research possible cruises for October/November 2023

The best port seems to be Charleston on the Carnival Sunshine for 4 or 5 days

COL Jeri Graham asked to be sure there is no conflict with the National MOAA meeting

- COL Vern Pike noted that the dates presented are during hurricane season and suggested later November options Jay and Ken will get together and will send out choices to the board
- C. 2nd Vice President REPORT LCDR Mark Sandvigen, USN (Ret) absent and no report was submitted
- D. LCDR Steve Tucker reported on the Joint Meeting on June 7th with High Country and New River Chapters. CW4 Jay Garbus attended the meeting which featured an excellent speaker and excellent catered food. The two Chapters plan to hold more joint meetings.
- E. Col. Ken Hillman became the Council Treasurer when CAPT Mike Covell passed away. Ken has been on a four month road trip covering 22 states and will catch up on the Council books. He will have a report at the next meeting. A Council budget will be presented soon and Jay asked for Chapters to submit requests for items to be included in the budget.
- F. Open Floor
 - Jay said that National MOAA is providing the speaker for Friday night meeting in Raleigh and our council meeting room is being provided for Saturday. National MOAA will pay expenses for Chapter Presidents, Membership Chairs and Surviving Spouse Liaisons who attend the Regional Meeting. They will not pay for spouses' expenses. Fill out the expense sheet AFTER you get home to be reimbursed for travel, etc.
 - CAPT Doug Ehrhardt reminded Chapter presidents that the First Semester Reports are due. He has three so far and they are posted on the website.
 - Ken K. noted that our membership is increasing according to that small sample of reports. Most of the new members are from the NRT.

Submit roster of Officers by July 15

The bill to include PHS and NOAA in the NC tax relief bill passed the House and Senate and is on the governor's desk Vivianne Wersel reported that the webinar on advocacy was not entirely accurate

\$200 is available from National for recruiting. Send pictures of your event to get this

G. Doug E. moved to adjourn and COL Walt Havenstein seconded it. Adjournment at 1030 hours

Leadership Responsibilities. Those in leadership positions have a special responsibility to separate their personal political opinions from statements that are or can be attributed to MOAA or its affiliates. For example, it is improper for a chapter leader to use the chapter's newsletter to advance the leader's personal political beliefs. This goes beyond statements expressly advocating for a specific candidate or party by name. Statements that incorporate campaign messaging, campaign slogans, and political positions identified with a particular candidate or party are also prohibited. No MOAA leader is authorized to use MOAA's or an affiliate's resources to communicate their personal political beliefs. This is an outright violation of the leader's fiduciary duty to the organization and a serious leadership and ethical failure.

Divisive Social Issues. We are all aware of the divisive nature of the debate over today's leading social issues – protesting during the national anthem at sporting events, racial justice, public protests, and the conduct of law enforcement officers. These are issues over which many Americans have deeply held, but differing, personal beliefs. This is also true within the military community among the ranks of active duty and retired officers and within MOAA itself. MOAA leaders have an obligation to keep this in mind when communicating on behalf of MOAA or its affiliates. Suggesting that MOAA only supports one side of a deeply divisive issue sends a message to those with a different belief that MOAA is not for them. Officers today have grown up in a military culture that is very different than the past. Many are accepting of attitudes and views that were not mainstream when many of us were in uniform. If MOAA is going to connect with the newest generation of uniformed officers, it needs to be clear that those with strong views on racial and social justice imperatives are just as welcome as those who adhere to more traditional expressions of patriotism and officership.

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ROTC/JROTC Medal with Ribbon









July 8, 2022

Contact: Drew Hammill (Pelosi). 202-226-7616 Justin Goodman (Schumer), Press@schumer.senate.gov

MEDIA ADVISORY: Hershel Woodrow "Woody" Williams, Chief Warrant Officer 4, United States Marine Corps, Retired, to Lie in Honor at U.S. Capitol

*** Media Advisory ***

Washington, D.C. - Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer and other Members of the Congressional Leadership will participate in a Congressional Tribute ahead of the Lying in Honor for Chief Warrant Officer 4 Hershel Woodrow "Woody" Williams of the United States Marine Corps on Thursday, July 14th, at 11:00 a.m. E.T. in the Capitol Rotunda, following the ceremonial arrival. Members of Congress will pay their respects during a viewing period from 12:00 p.m. E.T. to 3:00 p.m. E.T. A ceremonial departure will take place on the East Center Steps at 3:30 p.m. E.T., where Speaker Pelosi and Leader Schumer will be joined by Congressional Leadership.

Hershel Woodrow "Woody" Williams, the last surviving World War II Medal of Honor recipient, was a hero of World War II, serving in the United States Marine Corps and fighting in the Pacific Theater. Best known for his valiant service at the Battle of Iwo Jima, Woody was awarded the military's highest decoration for combat service, the Medal of Honor. After the war, he devoted his life to caring for veterans and their families, working to bring Gold Star Families Memorial Monuments to more than a hundred communities across the country.

WHO: Speaker Nancy Pelosi

Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer

Members of Congress

Family of Hershel Woodrow "Woody" Williams

WHAT: Lying in Honor of Hershel Woodrow "Woody" Williams, Chief Warrant Officer 4,

United States Marine Corps, Retired

WHEN: Thursday, July 14, at 10:30 a.m. E.T. to 3:30 p.m. E.T.

WHERE East Center Steps and Capitol Rotunda

> United States Capitol Washington, D.C.

CEREMONIAL ARRIVAL:

The ceremonial arrival will be open to press on Thursday, July 14, from 10:30 a.m. E.T. until Hershel Woodrow "Woody" Williams' remains are in place in the

Rotunda.

TRIBUTE:

CONGRESSIONAL The Congressional Tribute will be open to press with remarks from Speaker Pelosi and Leader Schumer and Wreath Presentations by the House, Senate and Executive Branch on Thursday, July 14, from 11:00 a.m. E.T., until 12:00

p.m. E.T. in the Rotunda.

VIEWING PERIOD: The viewing period will be open to press on Thursday, July 14, from 12:00 p.m.

E.T. until 3:00 p.m. E.T. in the Rotunda.

CEREMONIAL The ceremonial departure will be open to press on Thursday, July 14, from DEPARTURE: 3:30 p.m. E.T. until Hershel Woodrow "Woody" Williams' remains depart from

the Capitol. Speaker Pelosi and Leader Schumer will be joined by

Congressional Leadership.

This event is a mandatory pool. Congressional media credentials will be required to NOTE:

cover the Lying in Honor Ceremonies. Please contact the appropriate Congressional

media gallery for further information: House Radio-TV Gallery: 202-225-5214 House Daily Print Gallery: 202-225-3945 House Periodical Gallery: 202-225-2941 Senate Photographers' Gallery: 202-224-6548

LIVESTREAM: Livestream of the Lying in Honor Ceremonies will be available here.

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"Dying for freedom isn't the worst thing that can happen. Being forgotten is."
~ Georgie Carter-Krell, Gold Star Mom

August 27th, 2022 5 - 8 pm

Sheraton Imperial Hotel 4700 Emperor Blvd., Durham, NC

COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Tanya Randle, Volunteer Coordinator - Tanya.Randle@YMCATriangle.org

WE NEED YOU! - There are (4) ways you can HELP! GoldStarFamilyDinner.org

- <u>VOLUNTEER</u>: The Gold Star Family Dinner is 100% volunteer managed and we are in need of volunteers who will help strategize, organize, and execute the event. We also need "day-of" volunteers to help make the dinner a success.
- BECOME A SPONSOR: Each sponsorship level provides FREE TICKETS to attend the dinner!
 We are currently soliciting donations, which will be used solely to pay for the event. The Purple
 Heart Foundation of NC is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit, all donations are tax deductible and
 100% of all donations received goes to facilitating the dinner.
- <u>SPREAD THE WORD!</u>: Know a Gold Star recipient? Please extend this invite, the dinner is on us!
 Tell your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to attend, volunteer or sponsor. Share with your
 place of worship. Are you a member of Rotary, a Lodge, Legion, Women's Club, Men's Club?
 If so, SHARE SHARE!
- ATTEND THE DINNER: General admission tickets are \$30/person and can be purchased at GoldStarFamilyDinner.org. Tickets may also be obtained by becoming a sponsor.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

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FOR MORE INFORMATION: Patti Elliott

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GoldStarFamilyDinner.org



• DEATH GRATUITY - A one-time, nontaxable payment to help surviving family members deal with the financial hardships that accompany the loss of a service member.

- SSSB Social Security Survivor Benefits are monthly benefits paid to eligible family members of a deceased service member who has worked and paid Social Security taxes.
- SSIA Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance is a benefit for surviving spouses who receive a Survivor Benefit Plan annuity that is offset by a Dependency and Indemnity Compensation payment from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- SGLI Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance is life nsurance coverage for a service member.
- TSGLI Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Traumatic Injury Protection is financial assistance for service members who incur physical losses due to traumatic injuries.
- FSGLI Family Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance is life insurance coverage for a service member's spouse and dependent children.
- DIC Dependency and Indemnity Compensation is a tax-free monthly payment to survivors provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- SBP The Survivor Benefit Program is a taxable annuity for survivors paid through the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.
- TRICARE The uniformed services' health care program.
- DEA Dependents Educational Assistance is an educational benefit provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs

This milestone guide outlines the change in benefits survivors can expect and what decisions a survivor may need to make.

Primary and Secondary Next of Kin (Includes Spouses)

Within 14 Days

- Meet your casualty assistance officer.

 - > Verify family information.> Choose whether to authorize the disclosure of information to other government organizations for benefits and support.
- Review the will and any estate planning documents.
- Plan a funeral if you're the person authorized to direct
- Track and submit reimbursement claims for the
- funeral and related travel.

 Obtain a new dependent ID card (if applicable). (www.dmdc.osd.mil/self_service)

Within First Year

- Update vehicle title and registration.
- Settle bank accounts, loans and credit cards.
- Connect with your service's long-term care management program.
- Request a copy of appropriate investigative reports.
- Inventory personal effects and submit claims for missing or damaged items if you're a person entitled to receive effects.
- · Receive free financial counseling and online will preparation from FinancialPoint Plus if you are an SGLI recipient (www.financialpointplus.com).

Spouses

Within First Year

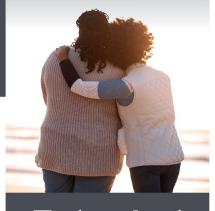
- Update your status in the DEERS (Defense Eligibility
- Enrollment Reporting System) registry.
 Apply for Veterans Affairs DIC (Dependency and Indemnity Compensation), SBP (Survivor Benefit Plan), and Social Security (if applicable).
- Review initial Survivor Benefits Report with casualty assistance officer.

For additional resources, visit:

Long-term care at https://go.usa.gov/xAztY

Days Ahead Binder at https://go.usa.gov/xAzt2

Survivors Guide to Benefits at https://go.usa.gov/xAztT



ONESOURCE

Today And Tomorrow

Department of Defense milestone guide for survivors of service members who died in an active-duty status



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- (https://go.usa.gov/xAztW). Create a VA eBenefits account
- (www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/apply).
 Access your Interactive Online Survivor Benefits Report (https://go.usa.gov/xAztK).
- Access free financial counseling from Military OneSource.
 File income taxes with free software and support from MilTax (www.militaryonesource.mil/miltax).

- HEART (Heroes Earning Assistance and Relief Tax) Act eligibility for applicable survivors expires.
- · "Final Move" deadline for survivors in government housing.

Three Years

- "Final Move" deadline for survivors not in government housing. You may request an extension.
- "Qualifying widow/widower" federal income tax status expires.
- TRICARÉ Prime and active-duty dental plan expire. You're automatically enrolled in TRICARE Select for retirees. You may choose to enroll in TRICARE Prime for retirees and TRICARE Dental Program Survivor Benefit Plan.

20 Years

• Spouse Dependents' Educational Assistance eligibility ends.

Age 55

- Remarriage restrictions on SBP payments lifted.
- Remarriage restrictions on DIC payments lifted.

- Remarriage restrictions on Social Security survivor benefits lifted.
- Reduced-rate Social Security retirement benefits available.

Children

Within First Year

- · Obtain ID card (any age).
- Eligible for 40 hours of respite care at military Child Development Center.

· Social Security survivor benefits for child(ren)'s parental or nonparental caregiver ends.



Age 21

• TRICARE and TRICARE Dental Program Survivor Benefit eligibility ends. Full-time college students remain eligible through age 23, if they meet certain conditions. They may also qualify to buy TRICARE Young Adult (age 21-26). (https://www.tricare.mil/ TYA)

Age 23

 TRICARE and TRICARE Dental Program Survivor Benefit Plan eligibility ends for students; TRICARE Young Adult can be purchased

Age 26

• DEA eligibility ends.

Age 33

• Fry Scholarship eligibility ends if eligibility began before Jan 1, 2013. Time limit lifted if eligibility began after

Financial Beneficiary

Within First Year

- Free financial counseling and online will preparation are available from Financial Point Plus for SGLI
- recipients (www.financialpointplus.com).
 If applicable: Nonparent guardian of Surviving child(ren) should establish legal guardianship.

One Year

 HEART (Heroes Earning Assistance and Relief Tax) Act eligibility expires (applicable to SGLI and Death Gratuity recipients).

TAKE ACTION



These important issues require your immediate attention. Send your elected officials a MOAA-suggested message today.

<u>Urge Your Elected Officials to Support Comprehensive Toxic Exposure Reform Legislation</u>

Comprehensive toxic exposure reform is needed to ensure we avoid the problems faced by Vietnam veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange.

Urge Your Elected Officials to Fix the TRICARE Young Adult Coverage Gap

MOAA continues efforts to build support for The Health Care Fairness for Military Families Act of 2021, H.R. 475 in the House, and S. 1972 in the Senate. These bipartisan and bicameral pieces of legislation would expand TRICARE eligibility to young adult dependents up to age 26, bringing TRICARE in line with commercial plan requirements.

Ask Your Lawmakers to Support the Military Hunger Prevention Act

Food insecurity among junior servicemembers is not a new concern, but like many ongoing problems, it's been made worse by the economic fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Military Hunger Prevention Act would establish a Basic Needs Allowance (BNA) for these servicemembers, helping them overcome financial difficulties and allowing them to concentrate on their duties.

COUNCIL AND CHAPTER AWARDS

MOAA Levels of Excellence Award - Each year, councils and chapters may request to be recognized for one of two <u>Levels of Excellence awards</u>. Councils and chapters that want to be considered for a Levels of Excellence Award need to submit a nomination by May 1.

A standard set of rating criteria will be used to evaluate all councils and chapters that submit a package. Last year, 162 councils and chapters earned 5-star awards. Your council or chapter could be among the winners recognized at a dinner in Kansas City later this year.

Col. Marvin J. Harris Communications Awards - MOAA's annual contest identifying those councils and chapters that do an outstanding job communicating with their members.

Colonel Steve Strobridge Legislative Chair/Liaison Award - This annual award recognizes an affiliate Legislative Chair or Liaison who has demonstrated superior service to their council/chapter and national MOAA in support of national and/or state legislation which affects servicemembers, veterans, retirees, and their families.

2021 Surviving Spouse Liaison Excellence Award- Surviving Spouse Liaisons work at the Council and Chapter level to ensure fellow survivors remain connected to the military family and participate in local and national programs and advocacy efforts.

MOAA ROTC/JROTC Awards Program - MOAA has PDF fillable certificates for ROTC and JROTC available for leaders to add their chapter name and the name of the award recipient.

- ROTC fillable PDF certificate
- JROTC fillable PDF certificate

Medals and certificates can be purchased at the <u>MOAA Store</u>. Note for high schools and universities requesting that someone from MOAA make a presentation: If there is a local MOAA chapter in your area, you may want to consider contacting them. Many of our 400-plus MOAA affiliates are still supporting ROTC/ JROTC programs in their area. These programs are entirely voluntary; no MOAA chapter is under any obligation to present a certificate to ROTC and JROTC units. You can use <u>the Chapter Locator</u> to find your closest available chapter.



ADVOCACY NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

MOAA - 2022 Advocacy in Action - Major ASKS

MOAA is conducting our annual spring campaign throughout the month of April. Some of our 350,000 members from across the country will soon be reaching out to your legislators to schedule in-person or virtual meetings to discuss this year's campaign topics.

Even if you are not participating in this year's advocacy campaign, we need your help reaching out to your elected officials to let them know about the event, what topics we are advocating for, and what their offices should expect in the coming weeks. MOAA's three advocacy topics this year are:

- The Major Richard Star Act (H.R. 1282/S. 344) would provide concurrent receipt of retired pay and disability pay for combat-injured veterans. This bill already has 205 co-sponsors in the House adding 54 since January and 56 in the Senate. If you already have co-sponsored, I want to thank you and ensure support through floor votes and potential amendments to the FY 2023 NDAA.
- The Stop Copay Overpay Act (H.R. 4824) would overturn the doubling of TRICARE copays for mental health care for uniformed services families and retirees. By co-sponsoring this legislation, you can help remove the costly barrier to mental health care.
- Ensuring a 4.6% military pay raise as a minimum across all ranks would keep faith with members of all eight uniformed services, maintaining the link to the Employment Cost Index (ECI) established by statute. Keeping this full raise intact in the NDAA remains one of MOAA's constant priorities.

We are pleased that a major issue of TOXIC EXPOSURE has been receiving excellent support. The topics above need extra support. Certainly, there are additional legislative concerns but in this annual big campaign, we usually focus on 3 main topics.



WHY JOIN MOAA

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. MOAA members proudly hail from every branch of the uniformed services. To them, we have made the same promise that they have made to their country: Never Stop Serving.

Website MOAA - Why Join MOAA

JOIN US - Join a North Carolina Chapter our website www.moaa-nc.org and click JOIN NOW menu.



By Dr. Vivianne Wersel, MOAA Surviving Spouse Advisory Council member

This spring, MOAA members contacted all 535 members of Congress during the association's annual Advocacy in Action event, conducting more than 235 meetings and sending over 7,500 letters. Due to COVID-19 restrictions and the challenges of security on Capitol Hill, MOAA members met with their elected officials either in face-to-face or virtual meetings.

MOAA's three legislative priorities were supporting the Major Richard Star Act, supporting the Stop Copay Overpay Act; and ensuring a competitive military pay raise.

Why get involved with Advocacy in Action? Volunteers are well trained to understand the process of setting up meetings and communicating with elected officials as well as having a better understanding of legislation. In addition, participation cultivates relationships with staffers and members of Congress from your district and state. The experience you gain is beneficial to help support other legislation as a constituent or with a group to help improve survivor benefits.

Military survivors are the stakeholders to the legislation at large. Congress continuously adjusts military survivor benefits. It is important surviving spouse members exercise their rights to educate staffers and members of Congress and remain vigilant to protect and improve survivor benefits. MOAA headquarters' staff does an outstanding job educating members so they can participate in grassroots advocacy efforts.

Here are some ways to contribute and keep MOAA's priorities on Congress' radar:

Send pre-written letters to Capitol Hill using MOAA's Legislative Action Center.

- Call elected officials using MOAA's direct line to the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at 1-866-272-6622.
- Engage with congressional members via social media, including Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Stay current with MOAA's legislative efforts and subscribe to *The MOAA Newsletter*. Check your MOAA's newsletter subscription preferences <u>at this link</u>.

Customize your letters and conversations with elected officials; embed a personal story.

Congress will act only if they are inspired by their voters. Join MOAA's effort to help improve benefits for military, veterans, retirees, family, and survivors.

Read past Surviving Spouse Corners.



VETERANS ADMINISTRATION - VETERANS'BENEFITS

VA Changes Hours before Biden's address, <u>the VA announced</u> plans to add nine new cancers to the list of <u>presumed service-connected ailments</u>:

Squamous cell carcinoma of the larynx.

Squamous cell carcinoma of the trachea.

Adenocarcinoma of the trachea.

Salivary gland-type tumors of the trachea.

Adenosquamous carcinoma of the lung.

Large cell carcinoma of the lung.

Salivary gland-type tumors of the lung.

Sarcomatoid carcinoma of the lung.

Typical and atypical carcinoid of the lung.



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS & WEBSITES:

THE SURVIVORS OUTREACH SERVICES OFFICE (SOS): Find your nearest SOS coordinator at https://dcsg9.army.mil/safr/sos/sos-find.html Use the dropdown lists to find survivor coordinators by state/county or country/region. If a coordinator is not listed, please call 855-707-2769 for survivor assistance.

TO REPORT THE DEATH OF A MILITARY RETIREE: Call DFAS at 1-800-321-1080, or use the form at https://corpweb1.dfas.mil/askDFAS/ticketInput.action?subCategoryID=18004

VA: 1-800-827-1000 http://www.va.gov

Social Security: 1-800-772-1213 http://www.ssa.gov

Update ID cards: 1-800-538-9552; www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl

<u>VA BURIALS & MEMORIALS PAGE:</u> VA burial benefits can help service members, military retirees, veterans, and their family members plan and pay for a burial or memorial service, whether in a local cemetery or in a VA national cemetery. Family members can also order memorial items to honor the service of a Veteran. The VA Burial and Memorial Products Quick Start Guide (QSG) provides clear and concise information on VA burial benefits for Veterans, their families, caregivers and survivors; read the guide at https://www.va.gov/burials-and-memorials-guide.pdf Go to https://www.va.gov/burials-and-memorials-guide.pdf Go to https://www.va.gov/burials-and-memorials-guide.gdf Go to https://www

MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS: The National Defense Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-65) authorizes Military Funeral Honors to Active Duty Soldiers, Retirees and Veterans. Under the law, at a family's request, every eligible veteran will receive military funeral honors, to include the presence of a military funeral honors detail that will oversee folding and presenting the U.S. flag and playing "Taps". Your funeral director is responsible for making the necessary arrangements. Go to https://iris.custhelp.va.gov/app/answers/detail/a id/183/~/how-do-i-arrange-for-military-funeral-honors%3F for details. A complete list of resources for funeral directors and planners is at https://www.militaryonesource.mil/leaders-service-providers/casualty-assistance/funeral-directory-and-planner-resources/

November 11-16, 2023



5 nights Aboard Carnival's "Sunshine of the Seas" Departing from Charleston, SC Destination- Nassau, Half Moon Cay (Little Salvador Island), Bahamas Open to all MOAA Members, Family and Friends Prices:

\$1245 Interior Cabin \$1370 Ocean View Cabin \$1680 Balcony Cabin

Prices are per couple including all taxes, fees,

port charges, gratuities and food in Main Dining Room and the Lido Deck – No Surprises! Accessible Cabins at no additional charge. Single rates, Suite rates and rates for up to 5 in a cabin available - Contact POC below. Covered secure parking available at Port \$15 per day.

MOAA VETERANS DAY CRUISE Nov. 11-16, 2023

Registration Form

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Travel insurance is highly recommended for international trips. Coverage includes cancellation for medical reasons, medical and dental issues emergencies, medical evacuation. Most of our U.S. issued insurance is not recognized in foreign destinations. Contact POC Jim Jackson for a quote. To confirm your reservation please send a \$50 deposit per person and the registration form by September 10, 2022 to the address below. A second deposit of \$100 per person is required by July 14, 2023. Final payment is due by August 28, 2023.

Ken Hillman Treasurer NCCOC 4425 Arendell St. Unit 509 Morehead City, NC 28557





All tournament proceeds go to support higher education scholarships for outstanding JROTC cadets in Charlotte-Metrolina area high schools.

TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN - JOE L. ANDERSON

Friday, October 7, 2022 Olde Sycamore Golf Plantation - Mint Hill, NC

7:30a - 8:45a Registration, Continental Breakfast, Driving Range Balls, Practice Putting Green
9:00a Tee Off Captain's Choice / Scramble Format & Tournament Play (until 2p)
2:00p - 3:30p Barbecue Buffet Dinner, Awards, Door Prizes & Raffle Winners

(SEE PAGE 2 FOR PRICING, SPONSORSHIP LEVELS AND REGISTRATION FORM)

PRIZES AWARDED to 1st, 2nd, 3rd place teams, Closest to the Pins, Longest Drive & more!

The Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter of MOAA is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit entity. The JROTC Scholarship Fund falls under that tax-exempt status and all donations are tax-free. Chapter Tax ID/EIN #38-3779812

JROTC Scholarship Fund Benefit Golf Tournament - Oct 7, 2022 LEVELS & REGISTRATION

PRICE INCLUDES: Green fees, Cart, 2 Beverage Tickets on Course, Raffle Ticket, Continental Breakfast, Buffet Dinner, Door Prizes & Gifts.

PARTICIPATION

Individual Golfer \$125

4 Person Team \$500

SPONSORSHIPS

HOLE/TEE SPONSORSHIP

Individual \$100

Company Signage \$250

4 Person Team + Signage \$600

PRIME COMPANY SPONSORSHIP

ALL LEVELS INCLUDE: Acknowledgement at Tournament Dinner, and company name and/or logo on printed material, and press releases. A representative of each Prime Sponsor will be invited to and be recognized at the JROTC scholarship awards dinner/ceremony in May 2023.

Signature Sponsor \$5,000

- (3) Foursomes
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- Opportunity to speak at CMC MOAA 50th Anniversary Celebration 2023
- Opportunity to speak at Awards Dinner
- MOAA Challenge Coin to each golfer
- On MOAA wesbsite for 12 months

Gold Sponsor \$2,000

- (2) Foursomes
- Title Sponsor Banner
- MOAA Challenge Coin to each golfer

Platinum Sponsor \$3,000

- (2) Foursomes
- Title Sponsor Banner
- Opportunity to speak at Awards Dinner
- MOAA Challenge Coin to each golfer
- On MOAA wesbsite for 12 months

Silver Sponsor \$1,000

- (I) Foursome
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- MOAA Challenge Coin to each golfer

Registration Form - JROTC Scholarship Fund BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT 2022

Please Check One or Several: (Mulligan pa	ackages available at Registration)	
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Payment and Registration Due by October 1, 2022

ONLINE: Go to Charlotte-Metrolina MOAA website www.charlottemoaa.org to register and make payment BY CHECK: Detach this form and make check payable to "MOAA Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter"

Mail to: Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter MOAA, ATTN: MOAA Scholarship Golf Tournament PO Box 31394, Charlotte, NC 28231-1394



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