



# CHATAHOOCHEE VALLEY CHAPTER MOAA



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MOAA CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S NOTES MARCH

## Moral Courage



Our March meeting was about programs to help entry level Soldiers with gaining an understanding about Moral Courage. We want thank Tony for the invocation.

Our speaker was Jeff Bearden, local Director, CRU Military. He is a 22 year Army veteran of Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He gave a very informative presentation on the work by CRU Military and their volunteers. He had his regional director, Jeff McCormack, attending as well. They support all branches of the armed services and are at every Training Center. They volunteer to assist the Chaplains, by providing some of the Religious Education and spiritual fitness to entry level soldiers, and family members, and they work with the Command Group, and local Churches. For those of us who have trained for combat or have been in combat and faced dire situations, we understand the role of Moral Courage, and how important it is.

Chaplains conduct all Religious Services, but are understaffed, so CRU Military assists with the Religious Education classes. We are proud of John and Vicky Mulhall, David Cripe, and Tony and Nicole Mayne, who are some of the volunteers. CRU Military works with recruits, active duty, veterans and retirees. They also with this who have combat trauma and PTSD. These are valuable services they provide.

Ben Stahl has updated the MOAA CVC Scholarship application. He has a committee, similar to last year. He has completed the application form and instructions, and we have sent them out. If you need an application let me know [bhadden@mindspring.com]. Target for submission is 15 April, and selection by 15 May, and presentation at the June meeting. We look forward to recognizing outstanding young future leaders.

Our May meeting will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at St Luke Church, Community Center, and our speaker hopefully will be Herman Ivey, Fatherhood Initiative director for 'Right from the Start'. He has been recommended by Tony Mayne. He needs mentors for youth, specifically boys in Columbus. The work Herman has done has been extraordinary, and veterans who are willing can become mentors, which is a worthy endeavor. A good meeting to attend.

Mayo "Biff" Hadden, President



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## 2024 Membership Drive

**IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED YOUR DUES for this year, PLEASE DO - WE NEED YOU!!!**

We are conducting our annual membership renewal campaign. If you have not yet sent in your 2024 dues, please do. Send to MOAA CVC, P.O. Box 6613, Columbus, GA 31917-6613. We are about 70% on membership renewals, and we Need your support. When we meet or talk with Congressional Staffers, or State Legislators, our membership numbers represent Voters and are very important.

## Georgia and MOAA's Legislative Action Center

**Advocacy involves communication with local, State, and Federal Legislators, as well as DOD and VA officials, on each issue.** We need volunteers to prepare draft letters on each issue that can be sent by our members to Federal and State Legislators, by our members.

- H.R.1413 ANC – only 3 GA cosponsors
- H.R. 1282/S.344 STAR – 7 Reps. 2 Senators
- H.R.1277/S.596 Spouse Hiring- 6 Reps 1 Sen
- H.R.2537/S.1823 BAH – 1 Rep 1 Sen
- H.R.3232/S.1588 – Respect for Grieving Families – 1 Rep no GA Senators (yet)
- H.R.1083/S.414 Caring for Survivors act (DIC increase) – no GA cosponsors (yet)

These are the Bills in Congress that MOAA is asking MOAA Members and service members to support through the Legislative Action Center.

Please go on line to the MOAA web site – go the Legislative Action Center – indicate support for each of these pending bills. It does make a difference.

## Chapter Advocacy Opportunities

Support the GUARD Act.

Homeless Veterans – we support local homes that provide for Homeless Veterans, and other solutions for the homeless, like a Tiny Home project. (Mac Plummer, Jim Crosse, & others)

Support relocating the VA Clinic on Ft Moore to vacant space on Martin Army Community Hospital - moving from the temporary VA facility. (Advocate Jay Wilkoff) (See article on similar action at Ft Campbell Military Hospital partnering with VA, below)



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## FEDERAL ELECTIONS - A THOUGHT TO CONSIDER

Illegal immigrants are prohibited from voting in federal elections by law, so they're restricted from participating in that manner. However, Elon Musk and others have noted that the congressional reapportionment process gives states with larger populations of illegal immigrants more clout in the House of Representatives and the Electoral College.

The congressional reapportionment process that occurs every 10 years and after the Census to redraw the lines of the 435 seats in the House of Representatives is based on the entire population of a prospective district — not solely the number of American citizens who live in that area. On average, each congressional district had an average of about 761,000 constituents as of 2023. This partly explains what we are seeing.

## VA Commitment

### IMPORTANT NEWS FOR SPOUSES:

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently signed the 4+1 Commitment – a partnership between government and private employers developed by Blue Star Families, Hiring Our Heroes, and the Department of Defense's Military Spouse Employment Partnership to hire and support military spouses.

The 4+1 Commitment, championed by Dr. Jill Biden, is an actionable way for employers to improve military spouse employment outcomes. This voluntary commitment asks employers to adopt at least one of the employment policies below (plus consider joining an existing government spouse employment program), which VA supports in the following ways:

- **Facilitate job transferability:** VA supports the reassignment of military spouses to vacant funded positions for which they are qualified when required to move as part of the Service member's military service.
- **Offer remote or telework:** VA offers telework and remote work positions into which military spouses can be appointed.
- **Offer flexible working hours:** Recognizing the ever-changing demands of military life, VA policy provides military spouses opportunities to request flexible work hours or compressed work schedules.
- **Provide paid or permissive Permanent Change of Station (PCS) leave:** VA leave-approving officials can approve up to five paid administrative leave days for PCS.

Learn more about [VA adopting the 4+1 Commitment and what it means for you!](#)

This effort is part of [Executive Order 14100](#), "Advancing Economic Security for Military and Veteran Spouses, Military Caregivers, and Survivors."

(This is reprinted from VA Veteran Employment services Office - News)



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CHAPTER WEB SITE

We have a new web site being prepared and hope to unveil it in the very near term. This is thanks to another one of our super volunteers.

## PHOTO GALLERY OF OUR JANUARY MEETING



Welcome





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Thanking our Speaker

## MEMBER SUPPORT

Some of our members operate small businesses. We encourage you to consider supporting them.

**Chattahoochee Valley**  
**All About Fitness Family, Inc. AAF**  
 ® Ministry  
**STARTING MARCH 4TH!**

*Dawayne Webb,*  
 President/  
 AFAA-Certified Trainer

**Mission:**  
 Encourage our global communities to live totally fit – physically, mentally, financially, legally, relationally and, most importantly, spiritually – free.

**Vision:**  
 A Global Fitness Family dedicated to improving our communities worldwide. We aim to serve as a catalyst of positive global change through our dedication to giving back to our global communities.

*Stay Tuned*  
 to AAF Social Media  
 for inclement weather  
 workout locations

**Tuesday & Wednesday Mornings:**  
 8:00am-9:07am (Intermediate)  
 Colombian Karate  
 Academy International  
 5770 Milgen Rd  
 (across from Merry's) Johnston, Richard

**Monday & Tuesday Evenings:**  
 8:30pm (Advanced) &  
 9:30pm (Beginners)  
 Ranger Outreach Center  
 1022 2nd Ave

**Thursday Mornings:**  
 8:30am (Intermediate)  
 Leebottom Park Track  
 \*meet by bleachers near  
 bathrooms

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## MILITARY CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Hosted by Chattahoochee Valley MOAA Chapter

June 11, 2024; Starting at 8 am; Shotgun Start

Tournament is open to everyone and you can enter as an Individual or part of a two, or four, Member Team



## Help Celebrate Army's 249<sup>th</sup> Birthday and Flag

Actual day is Friday, June 14

SIGN UP FOR A GREAT ROUND OF GOLF, Helping some of those in Need

And

HAVE FUN

Be A Sponsor for a Great Cause!

Benefits: Plummer Home (Homeless Veterans); Warrior Outreach; Gallant Few (Helping Rangers and their Families, the Army's most deployed); MOAA Scholarship Program





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## IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED – WE NEED YOU FOR 2024

**BELOW PLEASE FIND THE CVC MOAA MEMBERSHIP /RENEWAL FORM**

### Chattahoochee Valley Chapter MOAA

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM – PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Date \_\_\_\_\_; **2024** RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_ NEW \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Last, First, MI) \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Nick Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Widow(er) \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Service \_\_\_\_\_ Active Duty ( ) Retired ( ) Former Off ( )

Dates of Military Service: (Yr-Yr) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Qualify as a War Veteran Chapter, treated like 501.c.3)

Regular ( ) Reserve ( ) NG ( ) Retired ( ) Date Commissioned \_\_\_\_\_

Member of MOAA National – Yes ( ) No ( ) Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Thank You for your dues & supporting the Chattahoochee Valley Chapter. We are proud of Your service. Annual Membership Dues are \$25. **Chapter Lifetime Dues option at Age 70; \$250 for member; \$100 Surviving Spouse. Mail to: CVC MOAA, PO Box 6613, Columbus, GA 31917-6613.**

If you have a little time and would like to volunteer to serve on a committee and/or special project please, let us know. We always need and welcome volunteers.

If you are willing to volunteer, we need you:

Membership	_____	Programs	_____
Fund Raising	_____	ROTC/JROTC Awards	_____
Legislative Advocacy	_____	Newsletter/Web Site	_____

[www.MOAA.org](http://www.MOAA.org)

[www.evemoaa.org](http://www.evemoaa.org) Pending

**NEVER STOP SERVING Take Action**



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## CVC MOAA Chapter Leadership

### CVC MOAA 2023 – Officers

<b>President/Chairman</b>	<b>COL Biff Hadden</b>	706-615-2455
Vice President, Programs	<b>Darin Nunn</b>	706-763-7125
Vice President, Membership	<b>Carlos Lock</b>	703-576-7840
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>LTC George Sommerfield</b>	770-417-0280
<b>Asst Secretary</b>	<b>LTC Roger Buterbaugh</b>	706-587-1910
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>LTC David Cripe</b>	706-505-5450
Asst Treasurer	<b>Need a Volunteer</b>	
<b>Staff Judge Advocate</b>	<b>MAJ Bill Ward</b>	706-587-8793
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>MAJ Tony Mayne</b>	813-981-3840

### Directors:

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<b>Bobby Goolsby</b>	<b>OCS</b>
<b>LTC Darrell O'Steen</b>	
<b>LTC Carlos Lock</b>	<b>ROTC/JROTC Coord/Membership</b>
<b>COL Dick Nurnberg</b>	<b>Installation Retiree Council</b>
<b>LTC Sam Nelson</b>	<b>CVVC &amp; Veteran Groups</b>
<b>LTC Ben Stahl</b>	<b>Scholarships</b>
<b>Jay Wilkoff</b>	<b>VA, Legislative Affairs</b>

### Committee Chairs – ( Information on Key Volunteers)

Surviving Spouses	Liaison Betty Burns	706-563-0740
CVVC/FMC	Sam Nelson	706-568-4592
Flags/Special Spt	George Sommerfield	770-417-0280
Legislative	Darrell O'Steen	
Membership	Carlos Lock	703-576-7840
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Personal Affairs	William Ward	706-464-0538
Retiree Council	Dick Nurnberg	706-329-0038
ROTC/JROTC	Carlos Lock	703-576-7840
TOPS Liaison	Biff Hadden	706-615-2455
Scholarships	Ben Stahl	706-464-0538
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## Thank You SPONSORS



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*“Professional Leaders belong to Professional Organizations.”*

*Become part of the solution. Join MOAA.*

**“Never Stop Serving....Take ACTION “**

Mayo (“Biff”) Addison Hadden III  
COLONEL United States ARMY (RETIRED) SF  
President CVC MOAA Chapter