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MOAA CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S NOTES

THE YEAR OF THE ARMY'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY

It was 250 years ago that the Continental Congress, faced by the British, and Taxes, and by the French north in what we now call Canada, and Indians along our western edge of our fledgling states, the Second Continental Congress was determining what to do to protect this nation. This year we will celebrate some of the events put in motion 250 years ago that produced the original Army, Navy and Marines, and laid the foundation for today's Armed Forces.



Our MAY meeting was presented by COL Rita Springer, COL (Ret) USAF. Her presentation was both informative and educational. She started with the use of Hot Air Ballons during the Civil War, to support Artillery, and moved on to the beginning of Aviation. During World War I she discussed how the Army Signal Corps began to acquire aviation assets, and how after the war the formation of the Army Air Corp element slowly began. She discussed how it was expanded into a huge force during World War II, and how it outgrew the Army to become its own branch, the Air Force. She walked up through new aviation models and recently how the Space Force was created. The powerpoint was supported by very interesting maps, and material on display. A really great presentation. Thank YOU Rita.

MEMBERSHIP: To be a viable Chapter we need your 2025 membership. Your dues support an active scholarship program, a ROTC And JROTC Awards program, the Plummer Home for homeless veterans, House of Heroes, and programs helping veterans and family members. A small portion supports our Advocacy mission (Georgia Income Tax on Military Retirement – ended). **Thank you for RENEWING your Dues.**

MOAA Chapter Scholarships. We sought up to 10 applications, awarded one to CSU, and the other 8 will be presented at our June 11 Chapter Dinner.

Our **next meeting is JUNE 9**, and will be a MOAA Charity Golf Tournament held at Maple Ridge. June 11 we will have a dinner at the **Hilton Garden Inn, Brookstone Center**. We will assemble at 5:30 pm, and present 8 Scholarships.

Mayo "Biff" Hadden, President



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WELCOME 2025 CHAPTER MEMBER RENEWALS

David Kubik; Douglas Linden; Kenneth Smith

WELCOME NEW CHAPTER MEMBERS

Chattahoochee Valley Chapter – Chapter Life Members

Cleveland Ashley; Jim Brinson; John Bush; Roger Buterbaugh; Myles Caggins Jr; Bobby Goolsby; Jim Grimshaw; Biff Hadden; John Hargrove; Seth Harp; Bob Hoidahl; John House; James Jackson; Joe Kmiecik; Patricia Krause; John Mitchell; Sam Nelson; Steve Patillo; Mac Plummer; Martin “Marty” Reyna; Tom Royer; George Scruggs; Sam Seetin; George Sommerfield; Rob StClair; Jack Tidwell; Ray Wagner; Jay Wilkoff; Honorary: Ga Sen Ed Harbison.

NEW CHAPTER LIFE MEMBER:

SURVIVING SPOUSES:

Betty Burns; Pauline Fabrigar; Glenice Myers; Stacy Poydasheff.

TAPS:

CAPT Stephen “Steve” Scott, USN Retired



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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 Chapter and our members. The Link:

www.moaa.org/takeaction

Active Legislative Campaigns

Military Spouses Can't Wait - Add Them to the Work Opportunity Tax Credit

Military spouses face a 21% unemployment rate, five times the national average, due to frequent moves and challenges tied to military life. Congress must incentivize employers to hire military spouses by adding them as a target group under the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) program.

Ask Congress to Address the Hazardous Unaccompanied Housing Conditions Rampant in the Military

Thousands of servicemembers live in unsafe, substandard military housing due to years of underfunding and lack of oversight. Congress must require DoD to publicly report the condition of unaccompanied housing and ensure funding is used for necessary improvements.

Stop the 34-Year Wait - Deliver Toxic-Exposed Veterans the Care They've Earned

Millions of veterans exposed to toxic substances during their service are forced to wait decades –more than 34 years, on average – before they can access VA care and benefits for service-connected illnesses. Congress must pass legislation to bolster the legal framework for creating presumptive conditions, ensuring toxic-exposed veterans receive timely care.

Honor Veteran Caregivers - Pass the Reeducation, Reemployment, and Retirement Act

Veteran caregivers make profound personal and financial sacrifices to care for aging and disabled loved ones. Congress must pass the Veteran Caregiver Reeducation, Reemployment, and Retirement Act to provide these caregivers with the education, employment, and retirement support they deserve.



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Ensure Servicemembers Can Afford Housing—Restore Full BAH

Our troops don't get to choose where they serve—but they should always be able to afford a home. Tell Congress to restore full Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) and support military families.

Urge Lawmakers to Resume CFPB Operations for Servicemembers

Contact your representative and urge them to support the continued work of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) in conducting supervisory examinations for the Military Lending Act (MLA) and resuming work in the Office of Servicemember Affairs, which protects military families from predatory financial practices.

Stand with Our Wounded Warriors: Advocate for the Major Richard Star Act

Contact your representative and senators and urge them to support the Major Richard Star Act, which would authorize combat-injured veterans to receive their full DoD retirement pay earned for years of service and their full VA disability compensation for lifelong injury.

Don't Let Veterans' Life Insurance Fall Behind Inflation

Contact your senators and urge them to support the Fairness for Servicemembers and Their Families Act, which will require the VA to regularly review and update life insurance coverage limits for servicemembers and veterans, ensuring they keep pace with inflation and rising market costs.

Parity for Surviving Spouses: Increase Dependency and Indemnity Compensation

Bipartisan legislation in the House (H.R. 2055) would align Dependency and Indemnity Compensation payments with other federal survivor benefits. Ask your legislators to show their support and make a long-overdue correction to this injustice.

Love Lives On: Protect Surviving Spouses' Right to Remarry

Contact your representative and senators and urge them to support the Love Lives On Act to secure the right for surviving military spouses to remarry at any age and retain their benefits.



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Share Your Story: Have TRICARE Pharmacy Network Changes Impacted You?

Will you be impacted when community pharmacies leave the TRICARE network? Please share your story.

Support Leave Parity for USPHS Servicemembers

MOAA is committed to addressing parity gaps in U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) Commissioned Corps benefits and personnel policy. Please join us in urging members of Congress to support legislation that would align USPHS Commissioned Corps leave policy with that of the other uniformed services.

Support IVF Parity for Servicemembers and Their Families

The IVF for Military Families Act would require TRICARE to cover assisted reproductive technology, including IVF, for active duty servicemembers and their families. Urge your lawmakers to support this effort to give military families the same options as those that they have sworn to serve and protect.

Improve OB-GYN Access for Military Families

The TRICARE OBGYN Treatment and Access without Lags in Care Act (TOTAL Care Act) would launch a five-year pilot program allowing TRICARE Prime beneficiaries to receive obstetrical and gynecological care without a referral. Tell your lawmakers to support this effort to reduce delays and strengthen access within the TRICARE benefit.

Lend Your Support for the MOAA-Backed Bill to Support Military Sexual Trauma Survivors

Contact your representative and senators and urge them to support the Servicemembers and Veterans Empowerment and Support Act to improve essential care and services in the Veterans Health Administration and ensure greater assistance when military sexual trauma (MST) survivors are applying for disability benefits through the Veterans Benefits Administration.

Protect Veterans' Education Benefits from Predatory Practices

A recent House proposal included in the budget reconciliation bill would undermine protections for student-veterans by reopening the 90/10 loophole, allowing for-profit colleges to again target GI Bill and DoD education benefits. Congress closed this loophole in 2021 to prevent predatory



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institutions from exploiting those who serve and have served.

Georgia HB 266

Governor Kemp signed this legislation mid month

Beginning in the 2026 tax year, Georgia's retired veterans will pay less in taxes on their retirement income. Signed into law by Governor Brian Kemp on May 13, 2025, House Bill 266 expands the state's military retirement pay tax exemption to up to \$65,000 for those under the age of 65. Married couples filing joint returns may both claim the exemption if both receive military retirement pay. Georgians aged 65 and older are already entitled to an income tax exemption of \$65,000. Georgia is home to over 102,500 retired veterans, with nearly 92,000 qualifying for military retirement benefits, according to the Department of Defense. Expanding the exemption provides military families with a valuable benefit as they explore retirement options and transition into civilian life.

Chapter Advocacy Opportunities

Homeless Veterans – we support local homes that provide for Homeless Veterans, and other solutions for the homeless, like a Tiny Home project. Grant writers needed and if you would like to volunteer please let one of our Board know. (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)

VA News (Jay Wilkoff)

Veterans will soon find it easier than ever to access community care programs through VA. VA will remove secondary reviews previously required as part of the referral process to community or non-VA healthcare providers. Veterans will need only a review and approval from their referring VA physician after determining community care is in the veteran's best medical interest. Veterans can qualify for community care after meeting certain conditions, including care unavailable through VA, living in a state without a full-service VA medical center, or VA cannot meet wait time or distance standards. VA anticipates this policy change to increase health care access and flexibility—making care more convenient for veterans. BETTER ACCESS, BETTER HELP: VA UPDATES COMMUNITY CARE



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Eastern Region Virtual Career Fair for Veterans

Tuesday, June 17

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET

Join this virtual hiring event connecting Service members, Veterans, and military spouses with employers. Arrive 30 minutes early for a live training session with tips on networking and making the most of your experience. Don't forget to complete your RecruitMilitary profile and upload your resume in advance!

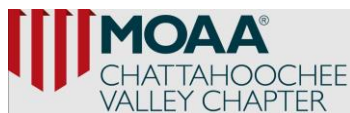
[Register online for this virtual event](#)

JUNE ACTIVITIES

June 9 is our 2025 Golf Tournament. Still looking for individual Golfers, and Volunteers.

June 11 will be our meeting on a Wednesday. It will be a dinner meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn. Social will be 5:30 – 6:00 pm, followed by Dinner. We will have some entertainment.

We will present up to nine Scholarships at this dinner to the outstanding applicants that applied and whose files met the criteria. Come and welcome these outstanding High School Students.



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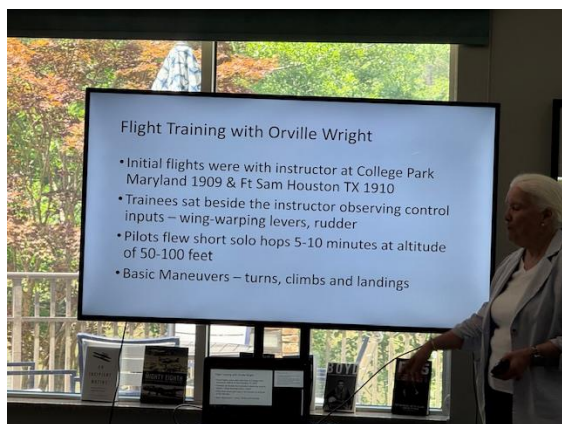
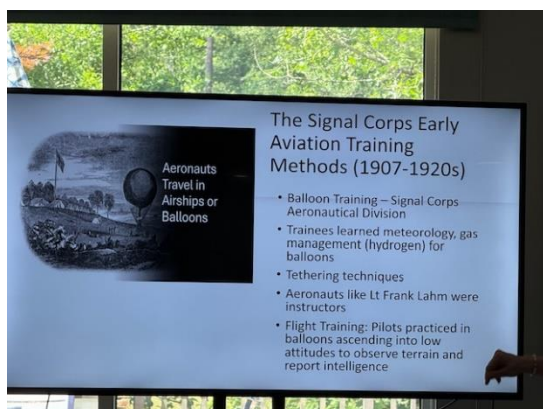
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PHOTO GALLERY OF OUR MAY 13 MEETING



A superb presentation and everyone enjoyed learning about how Aviation got its start and what it is today. Really enjoyable and great presentation – Rita.



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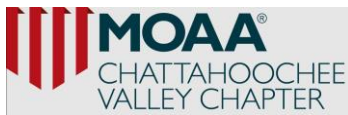
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Sabers and Scholarship to CSU Cadets (Sabers went to two of the TOP ROTC Cadets in Nation

Carlos Lock and I had the Privilege of making these presentations on behalf of the Chapter





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May 16-17, at the Georgia MOAA Council Meeting in Warner Robins, GA, all 15 Chapters in Georgia, our Chapter received a Level of Effort 5 STAR for 2025 as a Chapter; a 5 STAR for our Web Site (Congratulations to Tony Mayne); and a 4 STAR for the Newsletter (half a year by Trish Hadden then Biff Hadden)

We are going to work on getting these onto our web site so you can download these and others.

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**JUNE 14 THE ARMY CELEBRATES 250TH
ANNIVERSARY**

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2025 Open House Schedule

We are thrilled to share the 2025 Open House schedule for the US Army Armor and Cavalry Collection at Ft. Moore, GA!

Come explore rare historical artifacts, meet passionate experts, and get a close-up look at the machines that shaped history. We are offering more dates than ever before, so mark your calendars and plan your visit!



Don't miss your opportunity!

This is your chance to step inside the rich history of America's armored forces, with events throughout the year offering something for everyone! Whether you're a military enthusiast, history buff, or just looking for an exciting day out, you won't want to miss these dates.

- Friday, June 27** | 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- **Saturday, July 12** | 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (*85th Anniversary of the Armored Force*)
- **Friday, August 29** | 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- **Saturday, September 6** | 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (*Maneuver Center of Excellence Maneuver Warfighter Conference*)
- **Friday, September 26** | 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- **Saturday, November 1** | 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (*Armor in Scale Model Show*)

FREE ADMISSION!

JUNE IS THE LAST MONTH TO SEND IN YOUR 2025 DUES OR YOUR CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP WILL LAPSE, AND OUR CHAPTER LOOSES YOU AS A MEMBER



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MEMBER SUPPORT

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

Chattahoochee Valley
All About Fitness Family, Inc. AAF
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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 – lives.

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:
8:30am-10:00am (Intermediate)
Colombian Karate
Academy International
5770 Migen Rd
James Earl Ray's Cemetery Richard

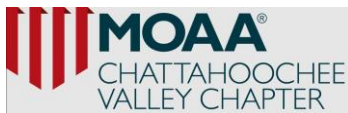
Monday & Tuesday Evenings:
8:30pm (Advanced) &
6:30pm (Beginners)
Ranger Outreach Center
1022 2nd Ave

Thursday Mornings:
8:30am (Intermediate)
Lanobottom Park Track
*next to bleachers near
bathrooms

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**Watch for our MILITARY CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT JUNE 9, 2025, & HELP US
CELEBRATE 250 YEARS OF OUR ARMED SERVICES!!**
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THE 2025 CVC MOAA MEMBERSHIP /RENEWAL FORM

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CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM – PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Date _____; **2025** 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: MOAA-CVC, 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 _____
Fund Raising _____
Legislative Advocacy _____

Programs _____
ROTC/JROTC Awards _____
Newsletter/Web Site _____

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CVC MOAA Chapter Leadership

CVC MOAA 2023 – Officers

President/Chairman	COL Biff Hadden	706-615-2455
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Asst Secretary	LTC Roger Buterbaugh	706-587-1910
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Asst Treasurer	Need a Volunteer	
Staff Judge Advocate	MAJ Bill Ward	706-587-8793
Chaplain	MAJ Tony Mayne	813-981-3840

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

Committee Chairs – (Information on Key Volunteers)

Surviving Spouses	Liaison Betty Burns	706-563-0740
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Flags/Special Spt	George Sommerfield	770-417-0280
Legislative	Darrell O'Steen	
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Newsletter		
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Mayo ("Biff") A. Hadden III, COLONEL (RETIRED) SF
President MOAA CVC Chapter