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MOAA CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S NOTES

JUNE 14, ARMY CELEBRATED ITS 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 fledling states, the Second Continental Congress was determining what to do to protect our 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 our HERITAGE, and laid the foundation for today's Armed Forces. August saw the Chapter get the 2026 membership year slowly going. With the Sprit of the Infantry, Armor and Cavalry, MOAA and Georgia should see us as the State's leading Chapter.

Our meeting was a discussion of near term events and need for volunteers. September 9-10-11 MCOE at Fort Benning hosted the annual Warfighter Conference. We supported a MOAA National information table in the hallway during these three days. MOAA picked up 52 new members. Special thanks to Mark Hollis who helped me augment the MOAA National team. Both Brittni and Aria did a magnificent job. On Friday we set up a table from 7:30am – 6:00 pm in the Civic Center, to support the first "WE CARE VET FAIR" with about 2,000 veterans and others participating. Special thanks to Carlos Lock who shared the MOAA Chapter table with me.

SPECIAL EVENTS: September 22-26, the 5th SFGA held its annual reunion. This year they dedicated a memorial with 798 names of Green Berets killed in action, or missing in action, in the Southeast Theater during the war. September 25-26, Fort Eisenhower, renamed back to Fort Gordon, in honor of MSG Gordon, who earned the Medal of Honor in Mogodishu.

MEMBERSHIP: We picked up a new Life Member, Guy Smith, in September.

Our **next meeting is Tuesday, OCTOBER 14**, a lunch meeting, and Our Guest Speaker the second branch of the Army formed during the Revolutionary War.

Mayo "Biff" Hadden, President



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2026 CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP - UPDATE

THANK YOU - 2026 CHAPTER MEMBER RENEWALS

Lauren Byrd; Kate Vogel

WELCOME NEW CHAPTER MEMBERS

Dr. (LTC) Florentino Santana, WHINSEC

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; Vince Hartmann; 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; Ed Summey; Jack Tidwell; Ray Wagner; Duke Walsh; Jay Wilkoff; Honorary: Ga Sen Ed Harbison.

NEW CHAPTER LIFE MEMBER:

LTC (Ret) Guy Smith

SURVIVING SPOUSES LIFE MEMBERS:

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

TAPS:

LTC (Ret) Julio Campos



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ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED IN SEPTEMBER

During the month of September we had members support the following:

MOAA Chapter meeting. September 9.

Infantry Doughboy Dinner, Honoring GEN (Ret) Brooks, CSM (Ret) Gerry Klein, and Mr Paul Vorhees. September 9

MOAA Information Table at MCOE Warfighter Conference at McGinnis-Wickham Hall, Fort Benning. September 9-11.

The "We Care Vet Fair" held at the Civic Center. This event included the VA, and Georgia Department of Veterans Services, the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs, and about 80-100 other organizations. We manned a Chapter MOAA Information Table. There were between 1,500-1,800 visitors during the day from 7:30am-6:00 pm. September 12.

The 5th SFGA 64th Annual Reunion at Fort Campbell, and the unveiling of a new Memorial honoring the Names of 798 Special Forces soldiers either KIA or MIA during the Vietnam War, and within the Vietnam Theater of Operations. September 23-28.

The renaming of what was Fort Gordon, which became Fort Eisenhower, and is now back to Fort Gordon, in Honor of MSG Gary I. Gordon, who earned the Medal of Honor in the Battle of Mogadishu. His exploits are seen in the Movie "Black Hawk Down". September 25-26.

Our members are also giving time and support to the following, just to name a few:

AUSA, various Ranger Associations, OCS Association, NIA and NIM, the Plummer Home's, and VACC.

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:



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This Week's Top 5 >

What the Shutdown Means for Servicemembers, Retirees, Veterans, and Military Families

From pay to health care to VA services and other benefits, learn how the funding lapse will impact you (and find resources for financial aid).

ACT NOW: Tell Congress to Pay Troops During the Shutdown

Don't wait to make your voice heard -- send a message today!

ID Update: Latest on Planned Changeover for Retiree Cards

A DFAS message addresses recent confusion and offers next steps for those with paper-based cards, including "INDEF" expirations.

Benefits for 'Legacy' Caregivers Safe Until 2028

The MOAA-backed move ensures needed assistance remains in place for those supporting our veterans.

Member Spotlight >>

Surviving Spouse Corner: Protecting Your Health and Wealth

Consider these long-term options when looking at potential costs.

More From MOAA.org >

Upcoming Event >>

Oct. 7: MOAA's Virtual Career Fair and Hiring Event

Register and connect with military-friendly, veteran-ready employers.



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[Recommended Reads >>](#)

Old-School Standouts: 5 Vintage Books for Your Reading List

World War II through the lens of a Japanese submariner, a century-old guide to keeping troops healthy, and more finds from our reviewer.

[From Military Officer Magazine >>](#)

Planning for Long Term Care

Whether decades in the future or in the next few years, it's time to make this possibility part of your preparations.

[Ask The Experts >>](#)

Does TRICARE Cover My Travel Vaccine?

Planning a fall trip? Avoid a surprise bill. (Exclusive to Premium/Life members. Use promo code **EXPERT** to upgrade and save 10%!)

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 Benning 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)

Support Expanding VA Clinic patient support capabilities in Columbus, to include minor surgery, colonoscopy, and pharmacy.

Support the new VECTR Site and Facility which will be built just to the right and next to the Troops To Transportation location on Benning Road just before entering the installation old gate.

Consider supporting CSU Student Football Program.



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VA News (Jay Wilkoff)

As you may be aware, funding for some government agencies, including portions of the Department of Veterans Affairs, expired at midnight this morning.

President Trump opposes a lapse in appropriations, and on September 19, the House of Representatives passed, with the Trump Administration's support, a clean continuing resolution to fund the government through November 21. Unfortunately, Democrats are blocking this Continuing Resolution in the U.S. Senate due to unrelated policy demands.

During the current lapse in funding, the vast majority of VA benefits and services will continue uninterrupted, but the government shutdown is not without consequences to VA. Here is what you need to know:

The following critical Veterans care and assistance programs will be impacted by the government shutdown:

- VA will not provide Veteran career counseling or transition assistance program activities.
- The GI Bill Hotline will be closed.
- VA regional benefits offices will be closed.
- VA will cease public affairs and outreach to Veterans.
- VA will not permanently place headstones or maintain the grounds at VA national cemeteries.
- VA will not process applications for pre-need burials.
- VA will not print new presidential memorial certificates.

Thankfully, the government shutdown will not impact the following VA services:

- Veteran health care is not impacted. VA Medical Centers, Outpatient Clinics, and Vet Centers will be open.
- VA benefits will continue to be processed and delivered, including compensation, pension, education, and housing benefits.
- Burials will continue at VA national cemeteries. Applications for headstones, markers, and burial benefits processing will continue.
- The Board of Veterans' Appeals will continue decisions on Veterans' cases.
- VA Contact Centers (1-800-MyVA411) and the Veterans Crisis Line (Dial 988, Press 1) are open 24/7.



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SEPTEMBER MEETING PICTURES





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INFANTRY DOUGHBOY DINNER



MCOE WARFIGHTER CONFERENCE – WE CARE VET FAIR



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

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MEMBER SUPPORT

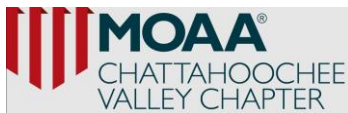
Some of our members operate small businesses. We encourage you to consider supporting them.

The poster is for the Chattahoochee Valley All About Fitness Family, Inc. Ministry. It features a man in a black t-shirt with a white 'AF' logo. The text reads: 'Chattahoochee Valley All About Fitness Family, Inc. Ministry', 'STARTING MARCH 4TH!', 'Dawayne Webb, President / AFAA-Certified Trainer', and 'AF' logo. It lists activities: 'Sunday & Wednesday Mornings: 8:30am-10:30am (Intermediate) Colombian Karate Academy International 5770 Migen Rd. (near K-Mart/Mary's Junction Richard)', 'Monday & Tuesday Evenings: 8:30pm (Advanced) & 6:30pm (Beginners) Range Outreach Center 1022 2nd Ave', 'Thursday Mornings: 8:30am (Intermediate) Lakelinton Park Track (next to bleachers near bathroom)', and 'Thursday Evenings: 8:30pm (Advanced) & 6:30pm (Beginners) Lakelinton Park Track (next to bleachers near bathroom)'. It also includes a 'MISSION' statement: 'Encourage our global communities to live totally fit - physically, mentally, financially, legally, relationally and, most importantly, spiritually - free.', a 'VISION' statement: '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.', and a 'Stay Tuned to AAF Social Media for inclement weather workout locations' section. There are two group photos of members.

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HELP US CELEBRATE 250 YEARS OF OUR ARMED SERVICES!!
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ALL NEWSLETTERS ARE AVAILABLE VIA EMAIL AND CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM OUR WEB SITE;

2026 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE HAS STARTED. PLEASE RENEW AND INVITE AN OFFICER ACTIVE/GUARD/RESERVE/RETIRED/FORMER TO JOIN



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THE 2026 CVC MOAA MEMBERSHIP /RENEWAL FORM

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CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM – PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Date _____; **2026** 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	_____	Programs	_____
Fund Raising	_____	ROTC/JROTC Awards	_____
Legislative Advocacy	_____	Newsletter/Web Site	_____

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CVC MOAA Chapter Leadership

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LTC Sam Nelson	CVVC & Veteran Groups
LTC Ben Stahl	Scholarships
CPT Jay Wilkoff	VA, Legislative Affairs

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