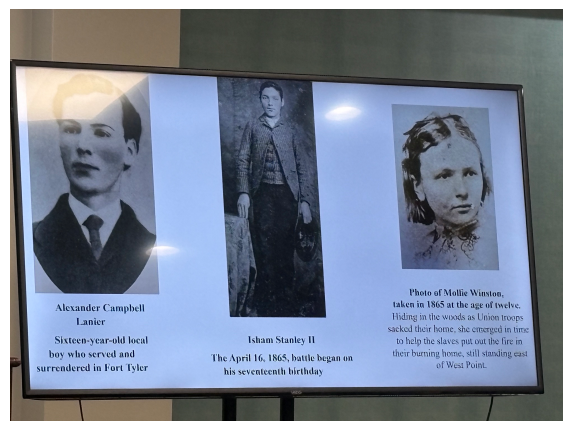
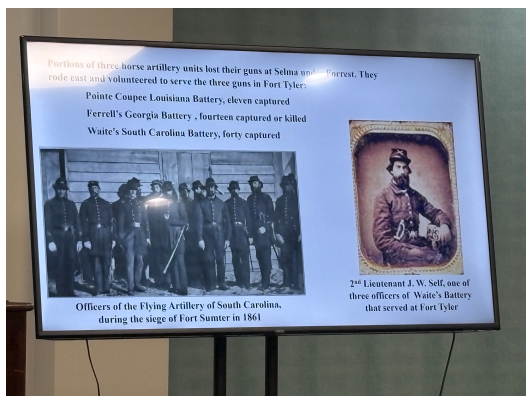
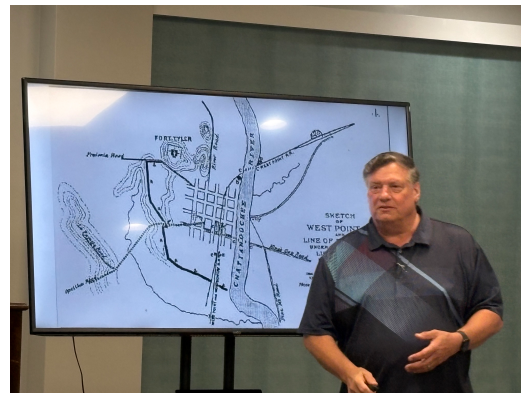


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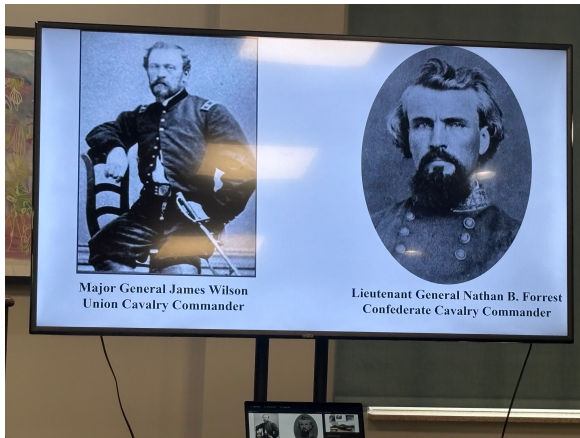
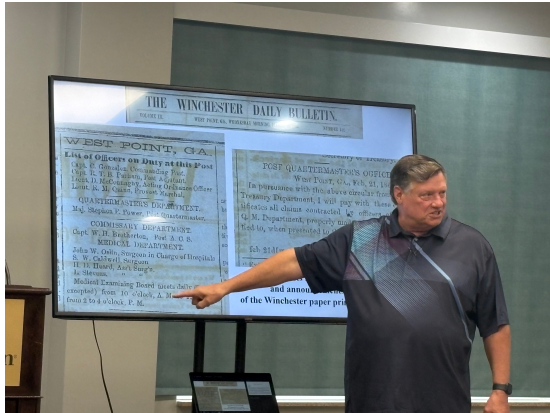
The chapter board met September 1 at the Maple Ridge golf course. Discussion topics were guest speakers, a new venue for 2027, scholarship and the gun raffle status. We need your assistance in finding new guest speakers, advertising the scholarship opportunity and we need you all to buy at least one raffle ticket and try to sell at least 10. Currently we have only sold about a third of 1000 tickets. This raffle is our main funding source for the yearly scholarships that we award.

The chapter met on September 8 and our guest speaker was chapter member Dr. David Stieghan, US Army Infantry School Historian. David gave a terrific presentation about the Battle of West Point GA, 16 April 1865. Many had heard about the Battle of Columbus on the same day being the last land battle of the Civil War, That battle was fought in the hours of darkness so correct factually however the Battle of West Point was fought during the daylight hours the same day. Another interesting fact- rail gauge was not uniform at this time, Alabama and Georgia had different rail gauge making the logistics of moving troops, civilians, cargo etc a major operation needing a secure transfer site.



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SPECIAL EVENTS:

Our **next meeting is Tuesday, October 13**, a lunch meeting, and our guest speaker will be Carmen Rice, GA State Representative District 139.

MCoE Maneuver Conference, **September 15-17**, McGinnis-Wickham Hall (Bldg 4), Ft Benning

House of Heroes Bids and Bubbly **September 17, 6pm** at Bibb Mill event center. COL (R) David Moore is the keynote speaker. <https://www.houseofheroescvc.org>

US Army Armor and Cavalry Collection open house, **Friday September 25, 1000-1600**.

The 5th annual "Back Columbus Blue" golf tournament is scheduled for **October 1** at Bull Creek Golf Course. For more information get with John House jmhouse6@gmail.com, check out their Facebook page or for sponsorship information email organizers at backcolumbusbluega@gmail.com

November 5-8, 2026 the Georgia MOAA Conference will be hosted at the Athens MOAA Chapter. Registration information will be available soon.

Our November meeting is **Tuesday, November 10**, a lunch meeting. Guest speaker TBD.

Our December meeting is **Saturday, December 12**, an evening Christmas party. We need to establish a committee to put the party together.

AUSA Chattahoochee Valley Chapter Industry Day, **24 February 2027**, Columbus Iron Works

Chapter Membership - Update

New Chapter Members

New Chapter Life Members

New Surviving Spouse Members

Taps



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MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Craig Butera and CSU invites fellow supporters and history enthusiasts on a unique journey to St. Augustine, Tybee Island, and Savannah, exploring sites that played significant roles in the American Revolution. Participants will experience firsthand the locations and stories that helped shape our nation's history.

The tour will be led by **Dr. David Kieran** and will feature **Dr. Ricardo Herrera**, offering expert insights into military history and the Savannah Campaigns.

In addition to providing an engaging educational experience, participation supports Columbus State University's **Institute for the Study of the American Military Experience (ISAME)** and its mission to advance teaching, research, public engagement, and the preservation of America's military heritage.

For additional information and registration, please visit:

[Savannah Campaigns Tour Information & Registration](#)

Folks should not hesitate to reach out to me (butera_craig@columbusstate.edu) or Dr. David Kieran with any questions.

Tony Mayne and Gallant Few invite you to donate or participate in this year's Run Ranger Run, September 1 through October 3, 2026. Contact Tony at tony@gallantfew.org or go directly to <https://gallantfew.org>.

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. Please use the MOAA advocacy center.

Active Advocacy Campaigns

H.R. 9105: SAFEGUARD Veterans Act of 2026

H.R. 3726: Fisher House Availability Act of 2026

H.R. 8732: Pensions for Retired Uniformed Servicemembers Act

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



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

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

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