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MOAA CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Our Region's History – Revolutionary War

The History of the Infantry starts officially in June 1775, and we are approaching the 250th Anniversary of our Branch, and the beginning of the formation of the War Department, later called the Department of Defense. Thank you to every member of MOAA and those who have made the decision to be part of, and support our local Chapter. Our primary mission as an organization is Advocating for all those serving, their families, and those who have served.



MOAA National recognized one of our members, David Cripe, with a National Leadership Award. He been our superb Treasurer for about five years. Congratulations to David. Kevin Loncher and Mac Plummer presented our Chapter with plaque thanking our members for support of the Plummer Home.

We enjoyed an outstanding review of the Military History of our region during the American Revolutionary War. The presentation was by David Stieghan, Historian for the Infantry Branch. He covered the political setting, and the major moves of British, Spanish, and Colonial elements, in this region, and this included a look at the many Native American Tribes who occupied this area, and the roles they played. It was a look at the history in this area that very few ever take the time to review, and yet it is how this area was affected during this time in our history. Everyone commented how much they enjoyed the presentation.

We had a special guest, Alton Russell, and Wayne Johnson, a former CPT in the Army, who is running for the 2nd Cong District.

Our **next meeting is SEPTEMBER 10**, and will be held at **ARMOR CAVALRY TRAINING FACILITY, FT MOORE**. We will assemble at 11:30. Our Guest Host is Ricky Young, Armor Cavalry Association.

Mayo "Biff" Hadden, President



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NEW CHAPTER MEMBERS: Welcome

Al Lugo

Colin Martin

Chatahoochee Valley Chapter – Chapter Life Members

Cleveland Ashley; Jim Brinson; John Bush; Myles Caggins Jr; Jim Grimshaw; Biff Hadden; John Hargrove; Seth Harp; Bob Hoidahl; James Jackson; Joe Kmiecik; John Mitchell; Sam Nelson; Tom Royer; George Scruggs; George Sommerfield; Rob StClair; Jack Tidwell; Ray Wagner; Jay Wilkoff; Honorary: Judge (Ret) John Allen;

Surviving Spouses: Pauline Fabrigar; Loretta Mulcahey; Glenice Myers; Stacy Poydasheff.

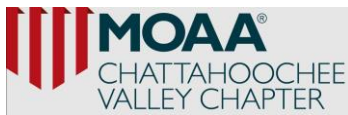
NEW Chapter Life Member: John House

GUN RAFFLE for SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Our Chapter is holding a Gun Raffle to raise funds to grow our Scholarship fund. We have two weapons at Alan's Armory. One is a **Ruger 8500 AR-556**, and the other is **Springfield Armory 45 caliber**, 1911 model. To those who have purchased or sold tickets, THANK YOU.



We are encouraging every MOAA member to support this raffle and to sell 10 tickets each, and a few more if you want. Our goal is to sell 1,000 tickets. We have sold about 600+ so far which is a good start. WE CAN GIVE ANY MEMBER 10 TICKETS TO SELL!!!!



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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 members. The Link:

www.moaa.org/takeaction

Active Legislative Campaigns

Retirees, Veterans May See Only a Small Cost-of-Living Benefit Boost Next Year

One recent estimate puts the figure "substantially lower" than the 2024 adjustment.

'Put Aside Politics': Window Closing Fast on Critical Veterans' Benefits Legislation

Congress left for its summer recess without advancing the comprehensive Dole Act. Ask your lawmakers to pass this bill.

How MOAA Works to Support Maternal Mental Health for TRICARE Beneficiaries

A recent roundtable outside Washington, D.C., offered a chance for stakeholders to voice their concerns.

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 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 and Updates

[#VetResources](#) is a weekly newsletter for Veterans, their Families, Caregivers, and Survivors.
[VIEW/SHARE](#) | [EVENTS](#) | [WELCOME KIT](#)



Urgent Care Benefits: What You Need to Know

urgent care benefits.

Did you know...eligible Veterans can get easy access to urgent care? Here's the bottom line about accessing

WATCH

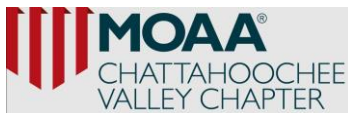
Learn About Your GI Bill Benefits



videos, and get answers to all your GI Bill questions.

Whether you are active duty, Guard, Reserve, Veteran or family member, learn how you can use your VA education benefits to obtain a bachelors, masters or doctorate, use it for on-the-job training, apprenticeships, and much more. Click on the links below or check out the full playlist of more than 30

- [3 Tips for Maximizing Your GI Bill Benefits](#)
- [Transferring GI Bill to Spouse & Children](#)
- [Using GI Bill for Online Classes](#)



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- [Retro-Active Pay for GI Bill](#)
- [GI Bill: Failing a Class](#)

PLAYLIST



Free Online Business Training

Are you a Veteran with aspirations of entrepreneurship and business ownership? Do you need guidance to put your idea into action? Warrior Rising is offering free online courses for Veteran entrepreneurs. Apply by August 26.

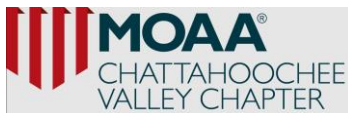
LEARN MORE

[Hear Veterans talk about the challenges they experienced while pursuing education after returning to civilian life. Learn about the resources that helped these Veterans manage their stresses and succeed.](#)



Vortex Week. 20% Off on ShopVCS.com

Discover optics essentials with the brand leader, Vortex. This week, save 20% off scopes, red dot sights, binoculars, and more. In addition to our Vortex sale, this week, members can receive free shipping on all sunglasses orders, and Veterans receive an extra 20% off at checkout.



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[GET THE DEALS](#)

[Get 1-on-1 assistance at VA VetFest events across the country](#)

Upcoming Events

We have hundreds of free events for Veterans and their families, caregivers and survivors. Check out the full list of upcoming events on the outreach events site, including:

[Call of Duty WarZone 3v3 Friendlies Bracket - Aug. 24 at 2 p.m. ET.](#)

[EVENTS](#)



Donate Your Garden Harvest

Help Veterans and others in your community who are struggling with food insecurity by donating some of your garden produce. Learn how to donate your surplus fruits and vegetables, and how your donation may be tax deductible.

[LEARN MORE](#)



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Find Resources About Fraud Targeting Veterans

Learn about the new single phone number 1-833-38V-SAFE (8-7233) and website that gets you information and support for fraud attempts targeting Veterans, service members, and their families. [VSAFE.gov](https://vsafe.gov) provides information from across federal agencies that can be accessed in one place for education, reporting and response.

VISIT [VSAFE.GOV](https://vsafe.gov)

Hiring Veterans: Jobs of the Week

Employers are looking to hire Veterans across the country. We're now posting all jobs in "Hiring Veterans" on VA News. Check out this week's list of **19 jobs** and **14 upcoming job fairs**, including:

- [Kirtland AFB, NM Hiring Fair – August 23, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm ET](#)
- [Joint Base Charleston, SC Military & Family Readiness Career Fair – August 28, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm ET](#)

JOBS OF THE WEEK

Check on Your Veteran Buddy!

RallyPoint connects members and provides them with the tools to succeed along their entire lifetime journey, from recruit through retirement and beyond. Within the community, members can build their professional network, ask questions, share photos and stories, connect with members in a secure environment, and explore educational and career opportunities.



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Connect to Peers for Help Navigating VA & Community Services

Join us on Aug. 22 from 1 – 2 pm ET to participate in our National VeTALKX Q&A Chat on RallyPoint to gain access to Veteran peer support resources. Get connected to a Veteran peer to help you navigate VA and community services. **Post your questions on how to get peer support now!** (Typed Q&A format. No audio/visual)



[SUBMIT YOUR QUESTION](#)

THOUGHTS FOR DISCUSSION – WORLD NOTES

We TRUST our National Leaders to protect us.

9/11 Islamic Terrorists struck at three locations in the US killing several thousand

10/7 Islamic Terrorists stuck outside of Gaza and still hold several hundred hostages

Always read looking for patterns – Stay Vigilant and Prepared

2024 Recent ISSUES

05-03 A couple of terrorists attempt to get into Camp Lejune in back of truck

05-03 A SF COL confronts two aliens spying on his home, confronts and kills one, all next to Fort Liberty

08-05 Two vehicles pass main gate at Joint Base San Antonio, shots fired

08-19 Army Base in Germany has finds opening in wire, security compromised

In each of these and possibly others, you can watch and document responses, times to respond, nature of force to respond, response with what equipment/weapons, etc.

(Biff Hadden)



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PHOTO GALLERY OF OUR AUGUST MEETING



David Cripe receives MOAA Leadership Award



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Enjoying Lunch



Guest Wayne Johnson, Former CPT Army
Running 2nd Cong District



David Stieghan our Guest Speaker

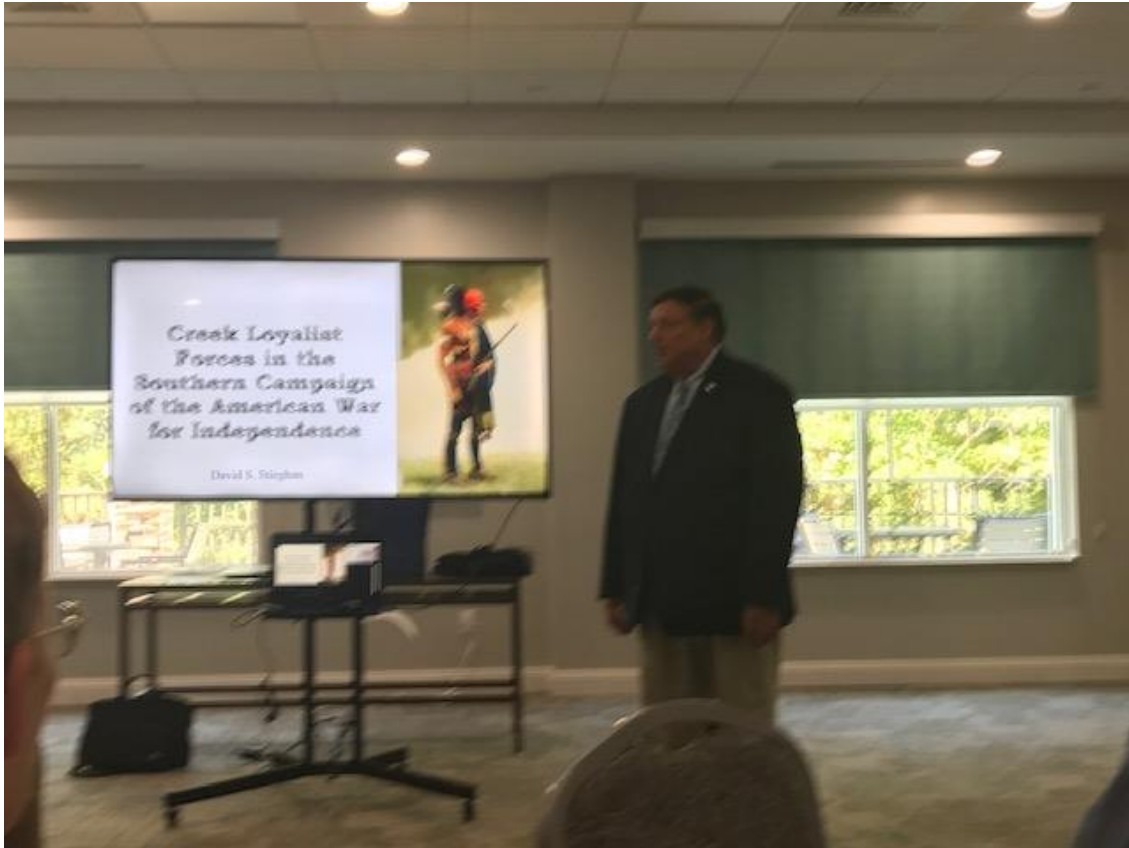


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Thanking David Stieghan for his Presentation



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2024-2025 Lecture Series: The United States and the Final Years of World War II

SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

"The Big Red One & The End of World War II: From the Beaches to Pursuit"

COL (RET.) GREGORY FONTENOT

Author, No Sacrifice Too Great: The First Infantry Division in World War II

Winner of the Army Historical Foundation's Excellence in U.S. Army History Award



OCTOBER 10, 2024

"To the End of the Earth: The U.S. Army and the Downfall of Japan, 1945"

JOHN C. MCMANUS

Author, The Pacific War Trilogy

Winner, Gilder-Lehrman Prize for Military History



- On **November 11, at 7:00PM at the Bo Bartlett Center** (921 Front Ave, Columbus, GA 31901) we will welcome the **Richard R. Hallock Distinguished Lecturer for 2024**. Lieutenant General (Retired) Ben Hodges is former Commanding General of US Army Europe as well as a CSU alumnus and a recipient of CSU's Distinguished Military Alumni Award. This year marks the 75th anniversary of the formation of NATO, and LTG Hodges will be speaking on the current and future state of that alliance. Given the ongoing war in Ukraine and that LTG Hodges' talk will come the week after the 2024 Presidential election, his talk promises to be very timely. You won't want to miss it!



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MEMBER SUPPORT

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

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Dawayne Webb,
President/
AFAA-Certified Trainer

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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:
6:30am-8:30am (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:
6:30am (Intermediate)
Lanobottom Park Track
*next to bleachers near
bathrooms

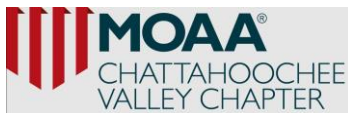
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Watch or MILITARY CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT IN 2025, & CELEBRATE 250 YEARS OF ARMY!!
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CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

We finished 2024 membership campaign about 10 short of where we were in 2023. THANK YOU to every one of our current members for your continued support.

All Newsletters are available via email.



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BELOW PLEASE FIND THE 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:

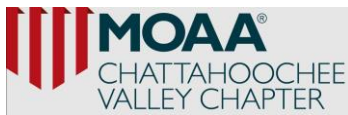
Membership _____
Fund Raising _____
Legislative Advocacy _____

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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Treasurer	LTC David Cripe	706-505-5450
Asst Treasurer	Need a Volunteer	
Staff Judge Advocate	MAJ Bill Ward	706-587-8793
Chaplain	MAJ Tony Mayne	813-981-3840

Directors:

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
Jay Wilkoff	VA, Legislative Affairs

Committee Chairs – (Information on Key Volunteers)

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CVVC/FMC	Sam Nelson	706-568-4592
Flags/Special Spt	George Sommerfield	770-417-0280
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Mayo ("Biff") A. Hadden III

COLONEL United States ARMY (RETIRED) SF

President MOAA CVC Chapter