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MOAA CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S NOTES APRIL

VALUE OF A SERVICE DOG



Our April meeting was about a service person's best friend, his or her Dog. The program's theme was a local Service Dog named Brinks, and the service member he is connected with, Matt Burgess. We want Thank Tony for the invocation, and sharing a quick review of our New web site, before departing for the SOCOM Care Coalition Conference in Central Florida. THANK YOU Tony for our new web site: cvcmoaa.org

Our speaker was Matt Burgess, and BRINKS. Matt created a 501.c.3., called FREEDOM FIDO'S. He is an Army veteran with several combat tours and was a victim of several IED explosions. He has severe PTSD and some level of TBI, and he credits his current state of health to BRINKS, his service dog. Special thanks to Roger Buterbaugh for recommending Matt. Matt talked about how to find a potential service dog and some of the training they go through. He has found and trained, or assisted with training, through his 501.c.3, a number of these service dogs and they are then given to service members who need a partner. BRINKS came around at the end with a small bucket in his mouth for those who wanted to make a donation to Freedom Fido's 501.c.3. THANK YOU - Matt and Brinks.

Ben Stahl has updated the MOAA CVC Scholarship application. He has a committee, standing by. He has completed the application form, and we have sent them out. If you need an application let us 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.

We had a special visitor LTC (Ret) Mike Dugan, Infantry/Airborne/Ranger, and Ranger Instructor. Mike was accompanied by Ben Jarrard, son of a former Georgia Attorney General, and Blayne Barlow, who has been a college student at West Georgia University, and just enlisted in the US Air Force. We introduced Mike Dugan and he talked a little about his military career, and mentioned his 10 years in the Georgia Senate. He is running for Rep Drew Ferguson's 3rd District seat, and is friend of Fort Moore.

Our May meeting is 14 May, 2nd Tuesday at St Luke Church, Community Center. More to follow.

Mayo "Biff" Hadden, President



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GOLF TOURNAMENT

We are conducting a Charity Golf Tournament on 11 June, at Maple Ridge Golf Course. This is raise some funds for several Charities, for at least one scholarship, and to recognize the ARMY's 249th Birthday. We have 8 sponsors so far. We have 8 teams signed up and more with checks in the mail.

We need Golfers and Sponsors. If we all work together it will be successful. We have about half of the holes sponsored, and have several teams already registered.

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. Part of your Dues goes to the Scholarship fund to help future leaders.

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.

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

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)



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A THOUGHT TO CONSIDER

Our students attending many Colleges are being radicalized. They are being influenced by paid agitators and given items and material for hostile occupancy of many of our College and University Campuses. We all have a right to protest. However when they are supporting a TERRORIST group, and shouting about death to a group of people because of their religious belief, which is a guaranteed right, it is time to become vocal and defend all Americans. There is a line of distinction between Freedom of Speech and verbalizing a Death Threat to a group because of their beliefs.

A violent threat issued should carry some of punishment. Consider as a minimum, expulsion from that College or University for a year. Alan Dershowitz commented he will provide Pro Bono legal assistance to pursue Civil Court charges against Students and Faculty, and the organizations that support them, for violations of the Civil Rights Act. This spewing of hatred across our Nation can become part our downfall.

(Biff Hadden)

VA News and Updates

Military Spouse Hiring Event: Entry Level

Wednesday, May 8

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. ET

Connect with employers using the Brazen platform featuring text chat, resume upload, and a customizable profile. This event, sponsored by Hiring Our Heroes, is open to Veterans, transitioning Service members, military spouses, and caregivers interested in solar energy employment opportunities.

[Register online for this virtual event.](#)

VA and AHA Create New Program to Help Over 2 Million Veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has partnered with the American Heart Association (AHA) to create a new program they expect to help over 2 million veterans suffering from atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD).

The goal of the program is to help veterans dealing with ASCVD to get a better handle on their cholesterol and ultimately reduce their risk of cardiovascular issues.

ASCVD occurs when plaque deposits accumulate in the arteries, resulting in a range of conditions such as cerebrovascular disease, peripheral artery disease, aortic atherosclerotic disease, and coronary heart disease. These conditions can cause major complications when left unchecked, including amputations, heart attacks, and strokes.



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The new program is being launched in 50 VA medical facilities across the nation. Over the course of the next few years, they expect to treat around 30,000 veterans and help them find ways to better manage their cholesterol.

The program itself is being called the Veterans Affairs Lipid Optimization Reimagined Quality Improvement (VALOR-QI). Along with helping veterans, it will also work to help doctors get a better understanding of ASCVD and how to best treat it.

"This program will help identify strategies to decrease cholesterol levels and improve health outcomes. VALOR-QI and the American Heart Association's overarching Integrated ASCVD Management Initiative will ultimately aid in reducing the incidence of heart disease and stroke for millions of people," [stated AHA CEO Nancy Brown in a press release](#).

Cardiovascular disease is currently the leading cause of hospitalizations in the VA health care system. Hopefully by launching this new program the VA and AHA will be able to better help veterans dealing with this complicated issue.

Final MHS GENESIS Go-Live Marks the End of Historic Rollout

New electronic health record now operational at every military hospital and clinic worldwide. The Defense Health Agency now sets sights on continuous enhancements and improvements.

Georgia Department of Veteran Services - Update

Governor Brian Kemp signed new legislation for Georgia's military service members, veterans, and their families earlier this month.

Bills signed include changes to expedited licensing, a new provisional practice allowance for military medical personnel, and more.

[Find out more](#) about the new legislation and how it could impact you and your family.



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PHOTO GALLERY OF OUR JANUARY MEETING



Former GA Sen LTC (Ret) Mike Dugan



BRINKS



Matt Burgess & Brinks



Thanking Matt



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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
® Ministry

STARTING MARCH 4TH!

Dewayne Webb,
President/
AFAA-Certified Trainer

MISSION:
Encourage our global communities to live totally fit --
physically, mentally, financially, legally, relationally
and, most importantly, spiritually -- *Yes*.

VISION:
A Global Fitness Family dedicated to improving our
communities worldwide. We aim to serve as a root 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:
6:20am-6:57am (Intermediate)
Columbus Karate
Academy International
5770 Mages Rd
(Across from Mary's American Restaurant)

Monday & Tuesday Evenings:
8:30pm (Advanced) &
9:15pm (Beginners)
Ranger Outreach Center
1022 2nd Ave

Thursday Mornings:
6:30pm (Intermediate)
Landbottom Park Track
*next to bleachers near
bathrooms

Thursday Evenings:
5:30pm (Advanced) &
6:15pm (Beginners)
Landbottom Park Track
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ANNUAL CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP COSTS \$2 PER MONTH AND IT SUPPORTS OUR SCHOLARSHIPS



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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 249th 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

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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 _____
Fund Raising _____
Legislative Advocacy _____

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

www.MOAA.org

www.cvcmoaa.org Pending

NEVER STOP SERVING Take Action



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CVC MOAA Chapter Leadership

CVC MOAA 2023 – Officers

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Staff Judge Advocate	MAJ Bill Ward	706-587-8793
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Directors:

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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

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Thank You SPONSORS



"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