



## CHATAHOOCHEE VALLEY CHAPTER

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### MOAA CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S NOTES

#### MILITARY CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our Chapter hosted a MOAA Military Charity Golf Tournament. This was the first one in many years. We also celebrated the Army's 249<sup>th</sup> Birthday.



While we made a decision to hold a special event this year we only started planning and organizing two months out. As a result it was non-stop planning until June 11. We worked with Maple Ridge Golf Course, and Mike Gill, and he was fantastic to work with. Mike Gill, Susan McCollum, Jake Keen, Steven, and the Snack Bar crew all were wonderful and supportive. No major event, even a Golf Tournament can be successful without volunteers.

#### VOLUNTEERS

David Cripe set up accounting ledgers, and added Golf Tournament income/expenses to his volunteer work. Our lead volunteer in Sponsor donations was Jay Wilkoff, "Great Job". Others bringing in Sponsors were Tony Mayne, Ben Stahl, and myself. Getting ready for the Tournament was George and Glenda Sommerfield, with all of the Service Flags, and the flags were beautiful. The day of the tournament we were blessed to have John & Vicky Mulhall, Bob & Leann Hoidal, Jay Wilkoff, David Cripe, Tim Maggart, and Carlos Lock. They were registering golfers, selling mulligans, moving flags, answering questions, watching over give away gifts, and just available to assist. What a GREAT Team.

#### SPONSORS

Our two major sponsors were "**Banner Buildings**" and "**Pezold Management & Pete's Eurotec**". To all Sponsors we say a sincere THANK YOU.







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Others who helped were Maple Ridge Golf Course, and all who purchased Mulligans.

### GOLFERS

We had 16 teams enter and complete the Tournament. The winning team was known as Grip & Sip. We had a team 'Mike & Eds'; Fitness 1; MOAA WHINSEC; MOAA MACH; Capital Wealth Management; Actalent; Banner Buildings; Tango Delta; Pin High; Chicks; Omni Solutions; MOAA Board; MOAA Jim Brinson's Team; Colony Bank; and Pezold Management. Everyone seemed to have a good time, and a nice lunch at the Club House. We all started on Holes 1-16 and finished at about the same time, and ready for Hamburgers and Hot Dogs.

### SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME

At the end of the tournament we had a short celebration. Our MOAA Chapter presented a donation to Gallant Few of \$1,500; and a donation of \$1,500 to The Plummer Home; and a donation of \$1,500 to Warrior Outreach. We accomplished a real mission. We have also partnered with Daughters of the US Army (DUSA). They are a great organization. This we received, reviewed, and wanted to award 3 scholarships to High School Seniors. We received applications from nine outstanding High School Seniors, all bound to higher education. THANKS to DUSA and our partnership, this year we have combined to be able to award each of these Students with a \$1,000 education grant or scholarship.

Scholarship recipients are: Genevieve Carrigee, Franciscan College in Ohio; Alexa Fontanez-Virella, LaGrange College; Madeline Jerome, Auburn; Ava Knight, Georgia Southwestern; Paige Koeller, UGA; Chassidy Lock, Aviation program; Lillian Robinson, Georgia Tech; Michael Spinello, UGA; and Sean Strasser, CSU.

Our **next meeting is JULY 9**, and will be held at **Georgia Military College, Manchester Expressway**. We will assemble at 11:30. We will learn about their new facility, and award the remaining scholarships.

Mayo "Biff" Hadden, President





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### 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 5.56 AR-15 model, and the other is Smith & Wesson 45 caliber 1911 model.



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 300 so far which is a good start. I CAN GIVE ANY MEMBER 10 TICKETS TO SELL!!!!

### OAA'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.

#### **Active Legislative Campaigns**

##### Urge Your Elected Officials To Support Comprehensive VA Health Care

This bipartisan package of veterans legislation will expand VA assisted living programs, improve caregiver support, remove unfair penalties from surviving spouses, and address a host of other MOAA legislative priorities.

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##### Support Military Family Access to Children's Hospitals

MOAA and The Military Coalition are working to preserve access to care for families who need it most.

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Urge Your Legislators to Support Concurrent Receipt

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.

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Urge Your Legislators to Pay Full Housing Costs for Servicemembers

MOAA seeks to restore the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) to 100%. Our nation expects 100% from servicemembers and we need to ensure they get 100% of their housing allowance by supporting BAH restoration.

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### 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)

### THOUGHTS FOR DISCUSSION – BATTLEFIELD CHANGES

Technology is moving more rapidly than the majority thought possible. We see these rapid technology advances in Ukraine. The battlefield is really different, with the use of UAVs and AI, and the tools for advanced intelligence collection and assessment. There is new version of rapid relocation of forces on the battlefield. Aviation has new threats. Command Posts have new threats. It is a time when technological advancements are needed even more quickly. It is also a time for Doctrine to be continuously reassessed to see if it is addressing the critical changes.

(Biff Hadden)

### VA News and Updates

#### Military Spouse Fellowships Information Session

Wednesday, June 5 and 19

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. ET





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Join the Hiring Our Heroes' information sessions to learn about the Military Spouse Fellowship Program (MSFP) and the Military Spouse Career Accelerator Pilot (MSCAP). Check out the programs' [overview video](#) before attending.

[Register online for these information sessions](#)

### **Corporate Fellowship and Skills-Based Fellowship Information Session**

Tuesdays, June 11 **and** 25

7:00 p.m. ET

Learn more about the [Corporate Fellowship Program](#), a SkillBridge program that provides transitioning Service members with professional training and hands-on experience in the civilian workforce. Before joining the information session, please watch the available overview video.

[Register online for this virtual event](#)

### **Eastern Region Virtual Career Fair for Veterans**

Tuesday, June 18

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET

Join the Eastern Region Virtual Career Fair for Veterans – free for Veterans, military spouses, transitioning service members, and members of the Guard and Reserve. Connect with recruiters from local and national companies, exclusively designed for those in the military community.

[Register online for this virtual event](#)

### **New Patient Resources Section on TRICARE Website**

Are you looking for information and tools to help manage your health care and TRICARE benefit? Check out the new Patient Resources section on [tricare.mil](#). This section makes it easy to find forms, track your health records, learn about disaster alerts, and more.

[Read the article to learn more](#)





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### PHOTO GALLERY OF OUR JUNE MEETING

#### VOLUNTEERS CHECKING IN GOLFERS AND MULLIGANS



#### GETTING READY FOR GOLF







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## CHARITIES SUPPORTED



The Plummer Home



Warrior Outreach



Gallant Few

## SCHOLARSHIPS PRESENTED



Genevieve Carrigee



Alexa Fontanez-Virella



Paige Koeller





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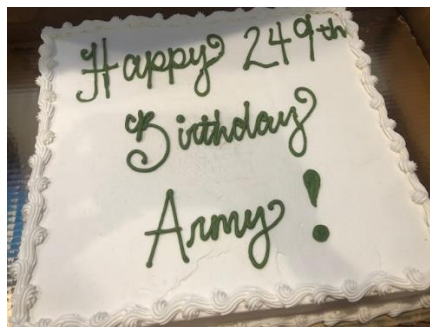
Lillian Robinson



Ava Knight



Mulligan Winner



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### MEMBER SUPPORT

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

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Deweyna Webb,  
President/  
AFAA-Certified Trainer

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**Monday & Wednesday Mornings:**  
8:30am-9:30am (Intermediate)  
Columbian Karate  
Academy International  
5770 Milgen Rd  
(James Earl Ray's childhood home)

**Monday & Tuesday Evenings:**  
8:30pm (Advanced) &  
8:55pm (Beginners)  
Ranger Outreach Center  
1022 2nd Ave

**Thursday Mornings:**  
8:30am (Intermediate)  
Lakewood Park Track  
\*meet by bleachers near  
bathrooms

**Thursday Evenings:**  
8:30pm (Advanced) &  
8:55pm (Beginners)  
Lakewood Park Track  
\*meet by bleachers near  
bathrooms

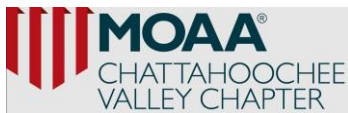
**Stay tuned**  
to AAF Social Media  
for inclement weather  
workout locations

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

If you have not yet renewed your 2024 membership Please Do. We are about 15 short on members from last year. You and Your membership does make a difference. Your dues are about the same as \$2 month and they support our Chapter and Scholarships. THANK YOU for your continued support.





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### IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED – WE NEED YOU FOR 2024

**BELOW PLEASE FIND THE CVC MOAA MEMBERSHIP /RENEWAL FORM**

#### Chattahoochee Valley Chapter MOAA

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](http://www.MOAA.org)

[www.cvcmoaa.org](http://www.cvcmoaa.org) Pending

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## CVC MOAA Chapter Leadership

### CVC MOAA 2023 – Officers

<b>President/Chairman</b>	<b>COL Biff Hadden</b>	706-615-2455
Vice President, Programs	<b>Darin Nunn</b>	706-763-7125
Vice President, Membership	<b>Carlos Lock</b>	703-576-7840
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>LTC George Sommerfield</b>	770-417-0280
<b>Asst Secretary</b>	<b>LTC Roger Buterbaugh</b>	706-587-1910
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>LTC David Cripe</b>	706-505-5450
Asst Treasurer	<b>Need a Volunteer</b>	
<b>Staff Judge Advocate</b>	<b>MAJ Bill Ward</b>	706-587-8793
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>MAJ Tony Mayne</b>	813-981-3840

### Directors:

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

### Committee Chairs – ( Information on Key Volunteers)

Surviving Spouses	Liaison Betty Burns	706-563-0740
CVVC/FMC	Sam Nelson	706-568-4592
Flags/Special Spt	George Sommerfield	770-417-0280
Legislative	Darrell O'Steen	
Membership	Carlos Lock	703-576-7840
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Personal Affairs	William Ward	706-464-0538
Retiree Council	Dick Nurnberg	706-329-0038
ROTC/JROTC	Carlos Lock	703-576-7840
TOPS Liaison	Biff Hadden	706-615-2455
Scholarships	Ben Stahl	706-464-0538
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*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