



CHATAHOOCHEE VALLEY CHAPTER MOAA



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MOAA CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S NOTES MAY

BEING A MENTOR



During our May meeting we had a chance to meet and talk with Herman Ivey. He is associated with St Luke Church and was recommended by Tony Mayne. THANK YOU Tony also, for our new web site: cvcmoaa.org

Our speaker was Herman Ivey. Herman Ivey has a 501.c.3., called MANHOOD COLUMBUS, and he is the Coordinator. Herman partners with several other organizations. He works with young men who don't have a role model or mentor in their lives, and he works with them or helps find men who are willing to be mentors. A mentor assists a young man on a periodic basis. He has found that former service members make outstanding mentors. If you are willing to become a mentor, please contact Herman Ivey, at coordinator@manhoodcolumbus.org.

Ben Stahl provided an update on the Scholarship program. He distributed our Chapter MOAA Scholarship applications and we have had fantastic success. He received 9 completed applications, all from future young leaders. We need three volunteers each year to work with Ben on this action. We want to let all 9 of these outstanding young future leaders know their packets and accomplishments are outstanding. We will make an announcement shortly on the outcome. Thank YOU Ben Stahl.

On May 17-18, Trish and I attended and participated in the MOAA Southeast Regional National level training. We both brought back valuable information. There are some 400 MOAA affiliates/Chapters around the country, and there were 168 nominated for recognition. Out of the 15 Chapter in Georgia, we are one of three recognized as a 5 STAR Level. It is because of our Members and our hard working board. We are proud this recognition to all MOAA in or Area. Our Challenge to everyone is "NEVER STOP SERVING" as it is natural for leaders to continue to do something to support others.

Our next meeting is 11 JUNE, 2nd Tuesday at Maple Ridge Golf Course. We can always use volunteers. We will assemble at 7:45 and most volunteers will be done by 8:30am but you can return for Lunch around 12:30, when awards will be presented and Lunch served. Need a good headcount for lunch.

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, including at least one scholarship, and to recognize the ARMY's 249th Birthday. We have 12 sponsors and to them we say a sincere THANK YOU. We have 16 teams signed up and all Golfers are ready for a FUN tournament.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped bring in a sponsor and those who helped recruit a team to play. Thank You all Volunteers!!!! JUNE NEWSLETTER WILL COVER THIS EVENT.

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. Your Chapter membership goes a long way. PLEASE RENEW if you have not.

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.

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.

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.

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 TO CONSIDER – 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](#)

VA - Don't Delay - Complete Your Claim Today.

Did you submit an Intent to File (ITF) for VA benefits last fall? If you haven't filed your claim yet - act now! You only have 365 days to submit your claim. [Check the status of your ITF today.](#)

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 MAY MEETING



Herman Ivey, Manhood



Lunch at the River Club



Thanking Herman Ivey for his Presentation



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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.

Any Twist
to AAF Social Media
for inclement weather
workout locations

Tuesday & Wednesday Mornings:
6:20am-6:57 (Intermediate)
Columbus Karate
Academy International
5770 Mages Rd
James Earl Ray's Jackson Branch

Monday & Tuesday Evenings:
8:30pm (Advanced) &
6:30pm (Beginners)
Ranger Outreach Center
3022 8th Ave

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

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ANNUAL CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP COSTS \$2 PER MONTH AND IT SUPPORTS OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



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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

President/Chairman	COL Biff Hadden	706-615-2455
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Asst Secretary	LTC Roger Buterbaugh	706-587-1910
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)

Surviving Spouses	Liaison Betty Burns	706-563-0740
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"Never Stop Serving....Take ACTION "

Mayo ("Biff") Addison Hadden III
COLONEL United States ARMY (RETIRED) SF
President CVC MOAA Chapter