



# CHATAHOOCHEE VALLEY CHAPTER

## MOAA



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### MOAA CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S NOTES

#### JUNE 14, ARMY CELEBRATED ITS 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

It was 250 years ago that the Continental Congress, faced by the British, and Taxes, and by the French north in what we now call Canada, and Indians along our western edge of our fledling states, the Second Continental Congress was determining what to do to protect our nation. This year we will celebrate some of the events put in motion 250 years ago that produced the original Army, Navy and Marines, and laid the foundation for today's Armed Forces.



July saw the Chapter finish the 2025 membership year the last day of June, and start the 2026 membership year. We finished a little less than we had in 2024, finishing with 77 members and 5 Surviving Spouses. MOAA and Georgia deserve better support.

We were fortunate to have CAPT (Ret) Frank Michael, USN, Senior Director, Affiliated Councils and Chapters, visit from Washigton, DC, to bring up an update from MOAA National. He gave a very informative update on current Advocacy issues being worked by MOAA National. He also discussed the crucial role membership plays, in terms of numbers, and Congress. He also discussed Community Integration like scholarships, State level legislation, etc, and how important these are, and this was highlighted by our Scholarship program, and the presentation of our final 2025 Scholarship.

**MEMBERSHIP:** We started July with our Life Members and 8 members already paying their 2026 dues. We also picked up a new Life Member, Vince Hartmann, in July.

**MOAA Chapter Scholarships.** We gave our our final 2025 Scholarship at the July meeting to an outstanding young man, Henry "Hank" Wiley. We are now starting to receive donations toward our 2026 Scholarship campaign. We have one member, Vince Hartmann who almost donates one scholarship a year in regular small donations.

Our **next meeting is Tuesday, AUGUST 12**, a lunch meeting, and Our Guest Speakers will present a short overview of how Special Operations got its start during the Revolutionary War. This will be presented by 2-3 short presentations.

Mayo "Biff" Hadden, President



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### 2026 CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

#### WELCOME 2026 CHAPTER MEMBER RENEWALS

Craig Butera; David Kubik; Carlos Lock; Tom Lokey; Al Lugo; Michael Risher; Ben Stahl;  
Bill Ward

#### WELCOME NEW CHAPTER MEMBERS

#### Chattahoochee Valley Chapter – CHAPTER LIFE MEMBERS

Cleveland Ashley; Jim Brinson; John Bush; Roger Buterbaugh; Myles Caggins Jr; Bobby Goolsby; Jim Grimshaw; Biff Hadden; John Hargrove; Seth Harp; Bob Hoidahl; John House; James Jackson; Joe Kmiecik; Patricia Krause; John Mitchell; Sam Nelson; Steve Patillo; Mac Plummer; Martin “Marty” Reyna; Tom Royer; George Scruggs; Sam Seetin; George Sommerfield; Rob StClair; Jack Tidwell; Ray Wagner; Duke Walsh; Jay Wilkoff;  
Honorary: Ga Sen Ed Harbison.

#### NEW CHAPTER LIFE MEMBER:

LTC (Ret) Vince Hartmann

#### SURVIVING SPOUSES LIFE MEMBERS:

Betty Burns; Pauline Fabrigar; Glenice Myers; Stacy Poydasheff.

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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 Chapter and our members. The Link:

## Active Advocacy Campaigns

# 2025 ISSUES

### Incentivize Military Spouse Hiring

- **The Ask:** Actions to combat stagnant, high rates of unemployment among military spouses must include measures to incentivize their hiring. [Cosponsor the Military Spouse Hiring Act](#) to add a military spouse target group to the Work Opportunity Tax Credit program.
- **Learn More:** [Military Spouses Can't Wait: Add Them to the Work Opportunity Tax Credit](#)
- **MOAA Resources:** Download the issue paper ([PDF](#)) | [Watch the video](#)

### Continue Unaccompanied Housing Improvements

- **The Ask:** Transparency is key to supporting lawmaker oversight of this ongoing issue and addressing a \$137 billion maintenance backlog. [Ask Congress to require DoD to make reports on unaccompanied housing installation conditions publicly available.](#)



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- **Learn More:** [Fighting for Better Unaccompanied Housing: Why It Matters, and How You Can Help](#)
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## Improve Access to Health Care for Military Families

- **The Ask:** Servicemembers and military families must have a better option for reporting and getting assistance with access-to-care problems within the Military Health System (MHS). MOAA is asking Congress to establish a Digital Access Assistance System for MHS patients.
- **Learn More:** [Have You Faced Access Barriers? Tell MOAA](#)
- **MOAA Resources:** Download the issue paper ([PDF](#)) | [Watch the video](#)

## Ending the Wait for Toxic-Exposed Veterans

- **The Ask:** Pass legislation to [shorten how long millions of veterans must wait before receiving service-earned care and benefits.](#)
- **Learn More:** [The Push for a More Perfect PACT Act](#)
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## Support Veteran Caregivers



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- **The Ask:** Champion/cosponsor the passage of the [Veteran Caregiver Reeducation, Reemployment, and Retirement Act](#).
- **Learn More:** [Caregivers Sacrifice for Our Veterans – Now Congress Must Support Them](#)
- **MOAA Resources:** Download the issue paper ([PDF](#)) | [Watch the video](#)

### 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 Benning 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)

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

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

Consider supporting CSU Student Football Program.



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### VA News (Jay Wilkoff)

## VA Center for Faith (VA CF) Information Sharing VA to extend caregiver support program eligibility for “legacy” Veterans, caregivers

**WASHINGTON** — The Department of Veterans Affairs today announced that it will soon propose a rule to extend Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers eligibility for certain Veterans and their family caregivers through Sept. 30, 2028.

The new rule will extend program eligibility for legacy participants, legacy applicants and their family caregivers for three years while VA continues [the rulemaking process](#) to refine the program. The extension will ensure that legacy participants and applicants can maintain their benefits and stability during this time.

Legacy participants are Veterans, service members, and their family caregivers who were participating in PCAFC as of Sept. 30, 2020, and legacy applicants are Veterans, servicemembers, and their family caregivers who applied for PCAFC before Oct. 1, 2020, and were accepted into the program on or after Oct. 1, 2020.

“Legacy caregivers have helped shape VA’s Caregiver Support Program for many years,” **said VA Secretary Doug Collins**. “This decision underscores VA’s commitment to Veterans and caregivers across the nation and will help provide consistency and stability to nearly 15,000 legacy participants for years to come.”

PCAFC is part of VA’s broader [Caregiver Support Program](#), and offers enhanced clinical support for family caregivers of eligible Veterans who incurred or aggravated a serious injury in the line of duty, and meet other eligibility criteria. PCAFC benefits include education and training, respite care, counseling, technical support, a monthly stipend and access to health care through the [Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs](#) and certain travel expenses.

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Reporters and media outlets with questions or comments should contact the Office of Media Relations at [vapublicaffairs@va.gov](mailto:vapublicaffairs@va.gov)



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## Protecting Veterans From Fraud



The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)'s National Center for PTSD (NCPTSD) is dedicated to serving Veterans and their families. We want to raise awareness of potential scams affecting the Veteran community.

**The VA will never contact you to request money.** Scammers may pretend to be affiliated with VA organizations, government officials, charities, and military personnel. Additionally, these scammers may:

- Ask for personal information
- Use an urgent and aggressive tone
- Demand money via wire transfer or gift cards
- Send you suspicious links claiming they are for VA websites
  - Federal government websites often end in **.gov** or **.mil**
  - **https://** ensures that you're connecting to an official website

Please report any suspicious requests to your local authorities. For more information about how to protect yourself from fraud, [visit VSAFE](#). You can also [access this VA Fraud Protection Kit](#).

Use VSAFE Resources





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**AUGUST 12 is our regular lunch meeting, Tuesday.** It will be a lunch meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn. Check in at 11:30am and it will end around 1:00pm. It will be a special presentation on how Special Operations started during the Revolutionary War. Hear about Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys; Rogers Rangers; and Francis Marion, Swamp Fox.

### JULY 12 MEETING







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Sam Seetin – Life Mbr Badge



CAPT (Ret) Frank 'Tank' Michael, USN



Thanking "Tank"



Presenting Henry 'Hank' Wylie with his Scholarship, Ga Tech Bound



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### SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

**CONGRATULATIONS** TO ALL EIGHT OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL RECIPIENTS OF THE CHAPTER MOAA AND DAUGHTERS OF THE US ARMY SCHOLARSHIPS. GPA AVERAGE 4.28, SAT AVERAGE 1260. ALL ARE ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC LEADERS, AND SERVANT LEADERS.

We are going to work on getting all photos onto our web site so you can download these and others. [www.CVCMOAA.org](http://www.CVCMOAA.org)

## JUNE 14 THE ARMY CELEBRATES 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

### 2025 Open House Schedule

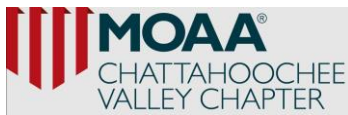
We are thrilled to share the 2025 Open House schedule for the US Army Armor and Cavalry Collection at Ft. Moore, GA!

Come explore rare historical artifacts, meet passionate experts, and get a close-up look at the machines that shaped history. We are offering more dates than ever before, so mark your calendars and plan your visit!



### Don't miss your opportunity!

This is your chance to step inside the rich history of America's armored forces, with events throughout the year offering something for everyone! Whether you're a military enthusiast, history buff, or just looking for an exciting day out, you won't want to miss these dates.



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- **Friday, August 29** | 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
  - **Saturday, September 6** | 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (*Maneuver Center of Excellence Maneuver Warfighter Conference*)
  - **Friday, September 26** | 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
    - **Saturday, November 1** | 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (*Armor in Scale Model Show*)
- FREE ADMISSION!**

### MEMBER SUPPORT

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

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AFAA-Certified Trainer

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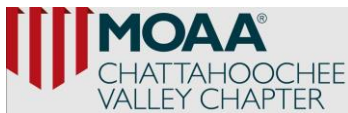
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workout locations

**Class Schedule:**

- Tuesday & Wednesday Mornings:**  
6:30am-8:30am (Intermediate)  
Columbus Karate Academy International  
5770 Miles Rd.  
(across from Mary's American Restaurant)
- Monday & Tuesday Evenings:**  
5:30pm (Advanced) &  
6:30pm (Beginners)  
Ranger Outreach Center  
3022 2nd Ave
- Thursday Mornings:**  
6:30am (Intermediate)  
Lanabottom Park Track  
\*meet by bleachers near bathroom
- Thursday Evenings:**  
5:30pm (Advanced) &  
6:30pm (Beginners)  
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**HELP US CELEBRATE 250 YEARS OF OUR ARMED SERVICES!!**  
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## THE 2026 CVC MOAA MEMBERSHIP /RENEWAL FORM

### Chattahoochee Valley Chapter MOAA

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM – PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Date \_\_\_\_\_; **2026** 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 \_\_\_\_\_

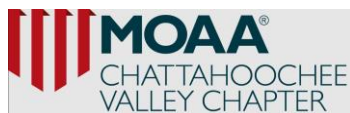
Programs \_\_\_\_\_  
ROTC/JROTC Awards \_\_\_\_\_  
Newsletter/Web Site \_\_\_\_\_

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## CVC MOAA Chapter Leadership

### CVC MOAA 2025 – Officers

<b>President/Chairman</b>	<b>COL Biff Hadden</b>	706-615-2455
Vice President, Programs	<b>MAJ Darin Nunn</b>	706-763-7125
Vice President, Membership	<b>LTC 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>LT 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>CPT 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
Newsletter		
Personal Affairs	William Ward	706-464-0538
Retiree Council	Dick Nurnberg	706-329-0038
ROTC/JROTC	Carlos Lock	703-576-7840
Transition Asst	Biff Hadden	706-615-2455
Scholarships	Ben Stahl	706-464-0538
Webmaster	Tony Mayne	813-981-3840

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***Become part of the solution. Join MOAA and Your Local Chapter.***

**"Never Stop Serving....Take ACTION "**

Mayo ("Biff") A. Hadden III, COLONEL (RETIRED) SF  
President MOAA CVC Chapter