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MOAA CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S NOTES

THE YEAR OF THE ARMY'S 250TH 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, that they felt the need to create an Army. There have been a few changes along the way. This year we will celebrate some of the events over this 250 year period that produced the Army, the other branches, and today's Departmet of Defense.



We kicked off this year with an outstanding presentation by Chris Goodrow, Weapons Archivist, for the National Infantry Museum. He put together and presented a 30 min presentation on how our Army was first created. Who were the key leaders, what were the circumstances, what was our initial Army looking like, where did it come from, and who led it. We had almost 30 attendees who heard his presentation and enjoyed this look at our beginning.

This year our membership dropped by about 10%. Help us recruit members as this next year will be a historic marker in time. Lets get our membership back over 100 active members. We support an active scholarship program, the Plummer Home for homeless veterans, Warrior Outreach and its work helping veterans and family members, and other veteran activities. Several of our members are involved with the Veterans Action Committee of Columbus, and its efforts, and we have members who are very active with the VFW, DAV, MOPH, SFA, and other veterans groups. We share information to help others increase their benefits to those serving, and veterans.

MOAA Chapter Scholarship applications are available from Ben Stahl, Biff Hadden, David Cripe, Carlos Lock, or Darin Nunn.

Our **next meeting is February**, and will be held at **Hilton Garden Inn, Brookstone Center**. We will assemble at 11:30, and we will learn how the Cavalry, and Armor elements in our Army were started.

Mayo "Biff" Hadden, President



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NEW SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

It is an honor to announce our new Secretary of Defense, the Honorable Pete Hegseth.

WELCOME 2025 CHAPTER MEMBER RENEWALS

Marty Reyna; Richard Nurnberg; Guy Smith; Robert Madayag; John Mulhall;
Tony Mayne; and Steve Scott;

Chattahoochee Valley Chapter – Chapter Life Members

Cleveland Ashley; Jim Brinson; John Bush; Roger Buterbaugh; Myles Caggins Jr; Jim Grimshaw; Biff Hadden; John Hargrove; Seth Harp; Bob Hoidahl; John House; 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 USAF;

NEW CHAPTER LIFE MEMBER: Bobby Goolsby

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

NEW CHAPTER SURVIVING SPOUSE LIFE MEMBER: Betty Burns

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

As the legislative slate is wiped clean for the 118th Congress, grassroots support becomes even more vital to achieving MOAA's advocacy objectives.

MOAA needs your help to keep momentum for existing priorities such as the Major Richard Star Act, which would benefit tens of thousands of combat-injured veterans and had the support of two-thirds of Congress at the end of last session. We also need your work on behalf of new objectives and emergent issues, often via immediate action to



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keep up with the stop-and-go pace of legislation. To keep connected, ensure you are signed up for [The MOAA Newsletter](#) and [register as an advocate](#) at our Legislative Action Center.

Here is a look at MOAA's priorities, in support of the 50th anniversary of our all-volunteer force and to address the challenges facing our uniformed community. Note: Our advocacy team remains active on many other issues not listed here; our priorities will be shaped throughout the year depending on concurrent successes or emerging issues that warrant an all-hands approach. Additionally, we share many interests with The Military Coalition and other stakeholder groups, and leverage those relationships to expand our reach on Capitol Hill.

- [Compensation and Service-Earned Benefits](#)
- [Military Housing](#)
- [Health Care for Currently Serving and Retirees](#)
- [Health Care and Benefits for Veterans](#)
- [Service Families](#)
- [Survivors](#)
- [Guard and Reserve](#)

CRISIS RELIEF FUND – MOAA

One of our former members, CPT Lauren Byrd, from five years ago, recently rejoined MOAA National, and our Chapter. She was medically discharged due to injuries. She took up Kayaking, and recently placed 8th in International Competition, and has made the USA Team for Open Water Kayaking. While she and her fiancé were kayaking in Kentucky, they offered to deliver emergency supplies and wound up delivering Insulin to an isolated former E-4, whose mobile home suffered damage from Hurricane Helene. They met with former SPC Gunter, and took some pictures, and we submitted an emergency request to the MOAA Crisis Relief Fund, and we received very quickly approval for a \$1,000 grant for this former service member. This is an example of teamwork and helping former service members in crisis.

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)



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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



[Vets can opt for 'green' burials at VA cemeteries through new pilot](#)

Three cemeteries will begin offering environmentally friendly burial options immediately. [Read More](#)

[VA wants \\$6.6B in extra funding for FY25, down from \\$12B request](#)

Officials revised their initial ask downward after criticism from lawmakers over previous inaccurate estimates. [Read More](#)



[Lawmakers advance plans to boost veteran caregiver support](#)

Bipartisan legislation passed by the House would improve at-home care options for ailing vets and mandate protections for community care programs. [Read More](#)



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PHOTO GALLERY OF OUR JANUARY MEETING



We are going to work on getting these onto our web site so you can download these and others.

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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!

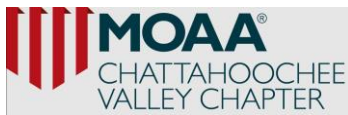


Don't miss your opportunity!

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.

- **Friday, January 31** | 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- **Friday, February 28** | 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- **Friday, March 28** | 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- **Friday, April 25** | 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- **Saturday, April 26** | 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (*Armor Week / Gainey Cup*)
- **Sunday, April 27** | 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (*Armor Week / Gainey Cup*)
- **Friday, May 30** | 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- **Friday, June 27** | 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- **Saturday, July 12** | 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (*85th Anniversary of the Armored Force*)
- **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!



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MEMBER SUPPORT

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

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STARTING MARCH 4TH!

Dawayne Webb,
President/
AFAA-Certified Trainer

Tuesday & Wednesday Mornings:
6:30am-8:30am (Intermediate)
Colombian Karate
Academy International
5770 Migen Rd
James Earl Ray's Jackson Heights

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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6:30pm (Beginners)
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MISSION:
Encourage our global communities to live totally fit –
physically, mentally, financially, legally, relationally
and, most importantly, spiritually – free.

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.

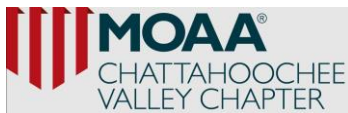
Stay Tuned
to AAF Social Media
for inclement weather
workout locations.

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**Watch for our MILITARY CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT JUNE 9, 2025, & HELP US
CELEBRATE 250 YEARS OF OUR ARMED SERVICES!!**
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CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

It is time for **OUR 2025 Membership DRIVE**. Please invite a candidate to one of our meetings.

**ALL NEWSLETTERS ARE AVAILABLE VIA EMAIL AND CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM OUR
WEB SITE;**



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BELOW PLEASE FIND THE 2025 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 2023 – Officers

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Asst Treasurer	Need a Volunteer	
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Directors:

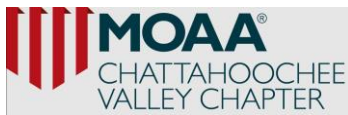
Bobby Goolsby	OCS
LTC Darrell O'Steen	Speakers/Programs
LTC Carlos Lock	ROTC/JROTC Coord/Membership
COL Dick Nurnberg	Installation Retiree Council
LTC Sam Nelson	CVVC & Veteran Groups
LTC Ben Stahl	Scholarships
Jay Wilkoff	VA, Legislative Affairs

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Newsletter		
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Mayo ("Biff") A. Hadden III

COLONEL United States ARMY (RETIRED) SF, President MOAA CVC Chapter