



# CHATAHOOCHEE VALLEY CHAPTER

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### MOAA CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S NOTES

#### Scholarship Presentations

Our Chapter has been recognized by MOAA National. We have dedicated members, and many give of their time and support throughout the year, while others give when they can. Every minute donated to our Chapter is important. Our Chapter received a 5 STAR LOE for 2023. MOAA National recognized one of our members, Carlos Lock, with a Leadership Award. He has supported the membership efforts for several years, and has represented our Chapter at MOAA Regional and State Council meetings. Congratulations to Carlos.



We want to thank both our Scholarship committee, led by Ben Stahl, but also a Special Thanks to the Daughters of the U.S. Army (DUSA), and their leader Sally Lasseter. Because of our partnership with this program our combined team awarded 9 Education Grants (Scholarships) of \$1,000 each to 9 outstanding High School Seniors.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Genevieve Carrigee, Franciscan College in Ohio; Alexa Fontanez-Virella, LaGrange College; Madeline Jerome, Auburn; Ava Knight, Georgia Southwestern; Paige Koeller, UGA; Chassidy Lock, Columbus State Univ; Lillian Robinson, Georgia Tech; Michael Spinello, UGA; Sean Strasser, CSU. We wish all of you the very best.

Special thank you to the local campus of Georgia Military College for providing us a location for our July meeting. We also want to thank Joy Gor, and our Guest speaker LCDR (Ret) Craig Pearson, Georgia Military College, who gave a presentation on the College and its programs.

We had a special guest, Alyse Wolf, from the Columbus regional office for SEN Ossoff. She provided some very good information and comments.

Our **next meeting is AUGUST 13**, and will be held at **the Hilton Garden Inn, Brookstone Center**. We will assemble at 11:30. Our Guest Speaker is David Stieghan, Military Historian for the Infantry School, 2001 to the present, and he has interesting information on the history of Fort Benning/Fort Moore and its early history.

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. To those who have purchased or sold tickets, THANK YOU.



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 600+ so far which is a good start. WE CAN GIVE ANY MEMBER 10 TICKETS TO SELL!!!!

### 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](http://www.moaa.org/takeaction)

### **Active Legislative Campaigns**

### **5 Reasons Why Short-Term Budget Fixes Are Failing Our Military and Our Nation**

These continuing resolutions have been a regular feature for decades. It's time for Congress to do its job.

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### **'Put Aside Politics': Window Closing Fast on Critical Veterans' Benefits Legislation**

Congress left for its summer recess without advancing the comprehensive Dole Act. Ask your lawmakers to pass this bill.

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### **How MOAA Works to Support Maternal Mental Health for TRICARE Beneficiaries**

A recent roundtable outside Washington, D.C., offered a chance for stakeholders to voice their concerns.

#### 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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### **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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### **THOUGHTS FOR DISCUSSION – WORLD NOTES**

Our World has never been more dangerous. We are supporting the war between Ukraine and Russia; we have seen Russian and Chinese Bombers attempt to fly into Alaskan Air Defense Air space; we have been sending mixed signals to Israel, our partner, in their efforts to remain safe within their borders; we have known terrorists entering our country through the southern border; we have thousands of acres of our farmlands purchased by the CCP, and a lot near our bases; we have Turkey, a member of NATO, threatening to invade Israel, a partner; so this election is more important than ever.

(Biff Hadden)

### **VA News and Updates**



### **Temporary 100% VA Disability**

Did you know Veterans can temporarily qualify for 100% VA Disability depending on their unique situation? In this week's episode of theSITREP they discuss one of them.

### **Hiring Veterans: Jobs of the Week**

Employers are looking to hire Veterans across the country. We're now posting all jobs in "Hiring Veterans" on VA News. Check out this week's list of **23 jobs** and four upcoming job fairs, including: [Houston, TX Combined Arms Veteran Resources and Career Opportunities – July 18, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm CT](#)

[Virtual National Military Hiring Fair with MilitaryHire and Walmart – July 25, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. ET](#)

**JOBS OF THE WEEK**

### **MHS GENESIS Patient Portal Makes Refilling Prescriptions Easier**

Do you get prescriptions at a military pharmacy? If you need to request a refill or a renewal for your prescription, the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal makes it easy.



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The Defense Health Agency launched the refills feature in late February, and it's already popular with beneficiaries.

[Read the article to learn more](#)

### ON LINE ID CARDS FOR RETIREES AND FAMILY MEMBERS:

Link for the Online USID card is <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/>. Online renewal is under the "Family ID Cards" tab.

(Thank you to Charles Auer, and to the Fort Moore DHS)

### PHOTO GALLERY OF OUR JULY MEETING



Hoidahl's and Mulhall's Get Thanks for Golf Tournament Support

### SCHOLARSHIPS PRESENTED – MOAA PARTNERED WITH DUSA



Michael Spinello receives Scholarship



Carlos Lock receives Scholarship for Chassidy in Class





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### SPECIAL COMMENTS OR AWARDS PRESENTED



Ms Alysa Wolf,  
Sen Offoss Office



Chapter Received 2023 5 STAR LOE



Chapter Received 4 Star for Newsletter



Carlos Lock Recognized with MOAA National  
Leadership Award



LCDR Craig Pearson, GMC, Thanked for  
Presentation



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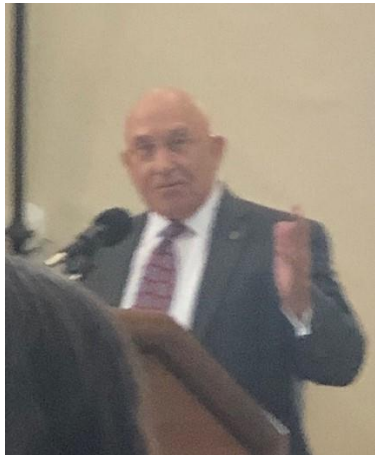
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#### ARRIVAL AND WELCOME OF THE NEW FORT MOORE GARRISON COMMANDER



Director IMCOM Training

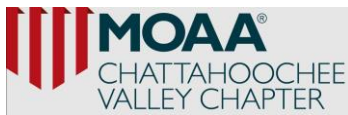
William Kidd



COL James D Evans



COL JD Evans has just arrived from Saudi Arabia. A couple of his prior assignments at Fort Moore include, the Infantry Officers Maneuver Captain Career Course, and serving in the office of Chief of Armor. He and his wife Tori will be a great addition to the Fort Moore team.



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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/  
AAFA-Certified Trainer

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

**Monday & Tuesday Evenings:**  
8:30pm (Advanced) &  
6:30pm (Beginners)  
Ranger Quinlan Center  
3022 2nd Ave

**Thursday Mornings:**  
6:30am (Intermediate)  
Lanokotton Park Track  
near by bleachers near  
bathrooms

**Thursday Evenings:**  
8:30pm (Advanced) &  
6:30pm (Beginners)  
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**MISSION:**  
Encourage our global communities to live totally fit –  
physically, mentally, financially, legally, relationship  
and, most importantly, spiritually – lives.

**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.

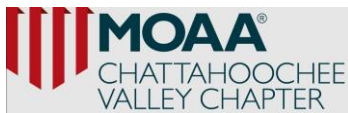
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**Watch or MILITARY CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT IN 2025, & CELEBRATE 250  
YEARS OF ARMY!!**  
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### CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

We finished 2024 membership campaign about 10 short of where we were in 2023. THANK YOU to every one of our current members for your continued support.

**All Newsletters are available via email.**





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**BELOW PLEASE FIND THE 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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### 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:

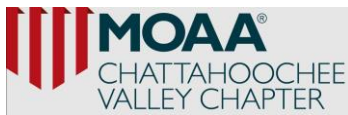
<b>Bobby Goolsby</b>	<b>OCS</b>
<b>LTC Darrell O'Steen</b>	<b>Speakers/Programs</b>
<b>LTC Carlos Lock</b>	<b>ROTC/JROTC Coord/Membership</b>
<b>COL Dick Nurnberg</b>	<b>Installation Retiree Council</b>
<b>LTC Sam Nelson</b>	<b>CVVC &amp; Veteran Groups</b>
<b>LTC Ben Stahl</b>	<b>Scholarships</b>
<b>Jay 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
Newsletter	Trish Hadden	trishhadden1@gmail.com
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
Webmaster	Tony Mayne	813-981-3840

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***Become part of the solution. Join MOAA.***

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

Mayo ("Biff") A. Hadden III

COLONEL United States ARMY (RETIRED) SF

President MOAA CVC Chapter