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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 fledgling 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 our HERITAGE, and laid the foundation for today's Armed Forces. August saw the Chapter get the 2026 membership year slowly going. With the Spirit of the Infantry, Armor and Cavalry, MOAA and Georgia should see us as the State's leading Chapter.

Our presentation was a three person approach. It was a look at how Special Operations got its root in our Army during the Revolutionary War timeframe. I briefly discussed Ethan Allan and the Green Mountain Boys, and Fort Ticonderoga, and its importance. In 1776 they became the N.Y. Continental Rangers. Mark Hollis talked about them, Rogers Rangers, and several other Ranger Companies formed during this period. The importance of Rogers Rangers, is they codified the Rangers actions, still in use today. Then George Sommerfield talked about the southern colonies and Francis Marion, the Swampfox and guerilla warfare. We welcomed for guests; Charley Proctor; Dale and Loraine Hill, visiting MOAA members, visiting with Ed Summey; and Maria Steen guest of Tony Chavana.

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

**MOAA Chapter Scholarships.** We are now starting to receive donations toward our 2026 Scholarship campaign. Watch for our 2026 Golf Tournament for Scholarships.

Our **next meeting is Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 9**, a lunch meeting, and Our Guest Speaker the second branch of the Army formed during the Revolutionary War.

Mayo "Biff" Hadden, President



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### 2026 CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP - UPDATE

#### THANK YOU - 2026 CHAPTER MEMBER RENEWALS

Lauren Byrd; Kate Vogel

#### 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; Vince Hartmann; 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) Ed Summey

#### 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)

## — — — Hybrid Outreach Event — — —

### Veterans Outreach – Miami

Veterans Outreach – Miami: This hybrid outreach event provides information on the collaborative efforts of the Holy Temple M.B. Church of Opa-Locka, FL, Volunteers of America, Post 29 Midtown Trust, and the Bruce W. Carter Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in engaging our Veterans, their families and beneficiaries.

This hybrid outreach event and webinar is open in person & via Cisco Webex to Veterans, their families, their beneficiaries, and the general public.

### In person Outreach Event

#### *Veterans Outreach – Miami*

Thursday, September 25, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. EDT

[Register to watch live here](#)

### Join us in person at

[Sherbondy Village Community Center](#)

[215 N. Perviz Avenue](#)

[Opa-Locka, Florida 33054](#)

### Breakout Sessions

— VA S.A.V.E. Suicide Prevention Training

— VA Efforts to End Veteran Homelessness

— Beyond Shelter: Advocating for Quality Housing for Veterans in Transition presented by Volunteers of America – Florida

### VA Mobile Van Unit will be onsite

— Veterans and their family members and survivors will have the opportunity to file new claims and receive updates on existing claims. Including VA benefits related to compensation, pension, survivor benefits, and PACT Act claims

We hope you can join us!!

If you have any questions or require special accommodations, please contact

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**SEPTEMBER 9 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 on the second branch of the Army started during the Revolutionary War. Should be a good one.

### WE CARE VET FAIR

The We CARE Veterans Resource Fair recently returned to Rome!

Veterans will be able to meet with GDVS staff and receive help with their claims on-site.



Where: Civic Center

When: Friday Sept 12

From: 8:00 – 1 pm

MOAA will have a Table  
and can always use a  
volunteer





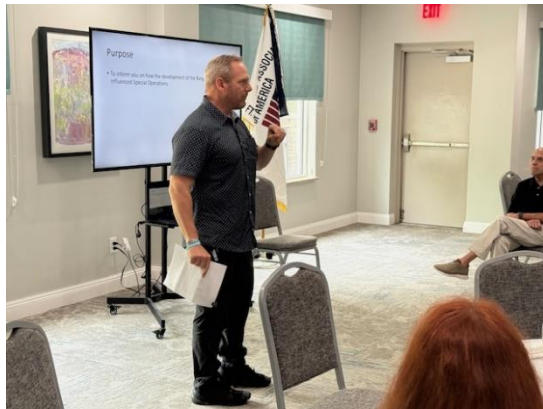
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### AUGUST MEETING PICTURES







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

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## 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.

- **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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**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 Quinash Center  
3022 2nd Ave

**Thursday Mornings:**  
6:30am (Intermediate)  
Laneshottom Park Track  
next to bleachers near  
bathrooms

**Thursday Evenings:**  
8:30pm (Advanced) &  
6:30pm (Beginners)  
Laneshottom Park Track  
next to bleachers near  
bathrooms

**MISSION:**  
Encourage our global communities to live totally fit –  
physically, mentally, financially, legally, relationship  
and, most importantly, spiritually – free.

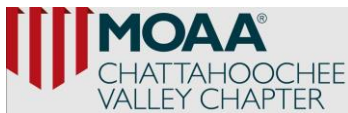
**VISION:**  
A Global Fitness Family dedicated to improving our  
communities worldwide. We aim to serve as a result of  
positive global change through our dedication to giving  
back to our global communities.

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

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**HELP US CELEBRATE 250 YEARS OF OUR ARMED SERVICES!!**  
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ALL NEWSLETTERS ARE AVAILABLE VIA EMAIL AND CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM OUR  
WEB SITE;

**2026 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE HAS STARTED. PLEASE RENEW AND INVITE  
AN OFFICER ACTIVE/GUARD/RESERVE/RETIRED/FORMER TO JOIN**



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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

#### Social Media

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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