



CHATAHOOCHEE VALLEY CHAPTER

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MOAA CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Independence Day Reflection

Celebrating Independence Day

As we celebrate our nation's Independence Day, we pause to honor the courage, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment of the men and women who secured our freedom and those who have defended it throughout our nation's history.

The Fourth of July reminds us that the freedoms we enjoy today were earned through the dedication of generations of Americans who answered the call to serve. As members of the Military Officers Association of America, we share a special bond through our commitment to military service and our continued support of those who wear the uniform today, our veterans, military families, and surviving spouses.

This holiday is also an opportunity to reflect on the values that unite us—duty, honor, integrity, and service. These principles have guided our armed forces for nearly 250 years and continue to strengthen our communities and our nation.

As you gather with family and friends to celebrate, please remember those who are serving far from home, those who have borne the wounds of war, and the families whose sacrifices often go unseen. Their dedication ensures that the promise of liberty endures for future generations.

On behalf of the Chapter leadership, we wish you and your loved ones a safe, joyful, and meaningful Independence Day. Thank you for your continued service to our chapter, our community, and our country.

Happy Independence Day!

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Our **next meeting is Tuesday, August 11**, a lunch meeting, and our guest speaker will be chapter member Kate Vogel who will discuss the new COL Ralph Puckett VECTR Center.

November 5-8, 2026 the Georgia MOAA Conference will be hosted by the Athens MOAA Chapter, GA. Registration information will be available soon.

July 14 MOAA Chapter meeting. Ten \$1000 scholarships were awarded to students



representing the Muscogee County, Harris County, Phenix City Schools and Private schools. Seven awardees were present and the others were delivered. Thanks to Ben Stahl and Betty Burns for putting this together this year. Be sure to get the word out about the scholarship to young people you come across in your daily life, it can make a difference.

Chapter Membership - Update

New Chapter Members

LTC (R) Michael Brabner, USA

New Chapter Life Members



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New Surviving Spouse Members

Taps

Activities supported in July

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Tony Mayne, Executive Director for 501c3 Gallant Few, was selected as a 2026 recipient of the GSOF Gives Back program from the Global SOF Foundation. GSOF selects recipients from non-profits that demonstrate a measurable track record of impact while maintaining high standards of financial transparency. The \$11,813 award will be earmarked for the execution of a defense-industry-specific Ranger for Life Symposium during Special Operations Forces Week 2027 in Tampa, Fla.

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. Please use the MOAA advocacy center .

Active Advocacy Campaigns

Protect service member pay during shutdown <https://moaa.quorum.us/campaign/142300/>

Stop predatory claims agents <https://moaa.quorum.us/campaign/154789/>

Help fight MTF access <https://moaa.quorum.us/campaign/154789/>

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 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.

VA News

<https://news.va.gov/148252/new-features-arrive-to-the-va-mobile-app/>

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Darin M. Nunn, MAJ (R) AR

President CVC MOAA

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