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### MOAA CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S NOTES

#### World Class Armor/Cavalry Display

Fort Moore has a gem that few have really been able to see. This is the Armor/Cavalry Training Facility. Back when we started the National Infantry Museum we had hoped this facility would actually be located to the south of the current NIM, but the Army had other ideas. In the end they provided a complex to house the growing Armor/Cavalry collection. This is one of the four largest collections in the world, and we believe it is the best collection. It's first vehicles are from the WW I era, from 1916, 1917, & 1918. The collection of US and foreign vehicles and equipment goes up to the recent past.

CSM (Ret) Ricky Young, Armor/Cavalry Foundation was able to help us get approved to visit this facility, since it not open the public, except by request. We also want to thank the Collection Curator, Robert Cogan, for his presentation.

Thank you to every member of MOAA and those who have made the decision to be part of, and support our local Chapter. Our primary mission as an organization is Advocating for all those serving, their families, and those who have served. We want to thank two of our volunteers this month. First we thank Jay Wilkoff. He monitors all Veterans Administration emails and correspondence, and keeps us focused. He also does some selective VSO assistance, when his time permits. He is an invaluable team member and friend and resource for our Chapter. Second we thank George Sommerfield. He is now our Secretary. He has always been ready to step forward when we needed support, and he maintained all of the Chapters Military Service Flags. He and Glenda are a team and their support is really appreciated.

We had several guests, and they included Tom Mulhall, John Mulhall's brother,

Our **next meeting is OCTOBER 8**, and will be held at **Hilton Garden Inn, Brookstone Center**. We will assemble at 11:30. Our Speaker will be CSM (Ret) Ricky Young, Armor Cavalry Foundation, Executive Director. We will learn what their Foundation does.

Mayo "Biff" Hadden, President





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#### NEW CHAPTER MEMBERS: Welcome

#### Chattahoochee Valley Chapter – Chapter Life Members

Cleveland Ashley; Jim Brinson; John Bush; 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;

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

#### 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 8500 AR-556**, and the other is **Springfield Armory 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!!!!



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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 members. The Link:

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

### **Active Legislative Campaigns**

#### **Urge Your Elected Officials To Support Comprehensive VA Health Care**

A bipartisan package of veterans legislation was introduced in May in the House and will expand VA improve caregiver support, remove unfair penalties from surviving spouses, and address a host of other priorities.

The Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act (H.R. 83 months of negotiations and engagement with House and Senate Veterans' Committee leadership and s veterans organizations, which have worked nonstop to keep pressure on lawmakers to ensure the pack

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#### **Urge Your Legislators to Support Concurrent Receipt for Combat-Injured**

Contact your senators and urge them to support the Major Richard Star Act, which would authorize combat-injured veterans to receive their earned DoD retirement pay for years of service and their VA disability compensation for lifelong injury.

Currently, these combat-injured (and often seriously disabled) veterans are subject to a cost-saving offset where their retirement pay is reduced for every dollar of VA disability received. To reduce earned retirement pay because of a combat disability is an injustice; the compensation for these injured veterans is not the place to achieve savings.

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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)

### VA News and Updates

[#VetResources](#) is a weekly newsletter for Veterans, their Families, Caregivers, and Survivors.  
[VIEW/SHARE](#) | [EVENTS](#) | [WELCOME KIT](#)



### Can Veterans with 100% VA Disability Work?

Learn the difference between a 100% disability rating and Total Disability Individual Unemployability and how it affects work earnings.

WATCH



### Patriot Week | ShopVCS.com

ShopVCS proudly salutes those who served. Veterans get an extra 20% off at checkout and every purchase helps support the well-being of other Veterans within your community.



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SAVE NOW



### Free Entrepreneur Training and Mentorship for Post-9/11 Veterans

American Corporate Partners Ventures program provides Veteran entrepreneurs with 1-on-1 year-long mentorship, on-demand resources, and access to other Veteran entrepreneurs and industry experts.

APPLY



### 2024 Veterans Day Teacher's Resource Guide Available for Download

As a new school year begins and Veterans Day nears, now is a great time to acknowledge those who fought and served in harm's way to preserve our freedom and the freedom of others. [Download](#) the 2024 Veterans Day Teacher's Resource Guide.

READ MORE



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### The Bottom Line Up Front on Avoiding Foreclosure

What support options are available to you if you're worried about foreclosure? With VA's [Home Retention Waterfall](#), there are a series of steps designed to provide you with multiple options to remain in your home and avoid foreclosure.

WATCH

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[Tour of Duty course introduces federal employees without military backgrounds to the life of a military member](#)

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### Welcome Military Families Transitioning to Civilian Life to Their New Communities

Join the Blue Star Welcome Week campaign September 21-29. Americans are invited to welcome military families into their new communities, and raise awareness about the importance of creating community.

LEARN MORE

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## Upcoming Events

We have hundreds of free events for Veterans and their families, caregivers and survivors. Check out the full list of upcoming events on the outreach events site, including:





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[Online: Addressing the Needs of Rural Veterans - Sept. 12, 2024 from 2 - 3 p.m. ET](#)

EVENTS

## 9/11 a Day of Service and Remembrance

Join over 25,400 volunteers

READ MORE



## Post-9/11 Veterans on Managing PTSD

Hear Veterans who served in the post-9/11 era share their experiences of living with PTSD. These Veterans discuss their emotions and symptoms and what led them to get the help they needed to start their path to healing.

WATCH THEIR STORIES

## 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 **five upcoming job fairs**, including:

- [Corporate Job Opportunities for Veterans and Transitioning Military - Dallas, TX | Sept. 12 - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. CT](#)

JOBS OF THE WEEK



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### **Check on Your Veteran Buddy!**

- Why do Veterans and active duty members still stereotype by rank after someone has retired or left the service? [Answers here >](#)
- I am a 100% disabled retired Veteran. Does VA have a program or consideration for a Veteran with no family or friends? [Answers here >](#)

Continue serving and join other Veterans using their skills to provide disaster response with Team Rubicon. Team Rubicon is a Veteran-led humanitarian organization, built to serve global communities, before, during, and after disasters and crises. Their vision is to support humanity and build resiliency for vulnerable communities across the world.

Team Rubicon is powered by people and there's a role you can fill. Learn how to connect and get involved: [How to Get Involved - Team Rubicon \(teamrubiconusa.org\)](https://teamrubiconusa.org)



### **BOG2 Instant Coffee! Double Time Your Cuppa Joe**

Veteran-owned Alpha Coffee is offering buy 1 get 2 on their new instant coffee Seven Summits. Add three instant coffees to your cart and apply the discount code below. Cannot be used with the GOVX discount or any other discount codes. Discount Code: VABOG224

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## **THOUGHTS FOR DISCUSSION – ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION**

Sometimes all we have to do is look at history, as it repeats itself. The Roman Empire lasted well over 500 years. It was not destroyed from a larger enemy, but from within. One of its major problems was its use of foreign labor, which had no faith or ties to Rome. Eventually their numbers were such they dominated sections of the Roman Empire from within, and then there were no Roman leaders. There were growing language issues, and loyalty issues to Rome and its leaders/politicians, and then the empire collapsed from within.

Our nation has allowed an estimated 20 million illegal immigrants who are initially offered funds and shelter. This ends and they have language issues. They have NO loyalty to our Nation, or our Constitution, or our leaders. No one knows for sure how many have been allowed to enter, but if the number is close, it is getting close to 6+ percent of people in our nation of 330 million are not here legally. Many are military age, and near our bases and infrastructure. If we allowed the best from other countries it would be one thing, but to bring many undesirables, it creates a bigger problem for us.

The financial burden is affecting all of us as it weakens the dollar, and our security is weaker at every level. If they are allowed to vote, in some areas they can elect their own leaders.

(Biff Hadden)



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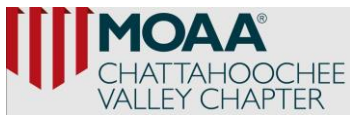
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## PHOTO GALLERY OF OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING





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**Most of those who walked among the Armor/Cavalry Story of Vehicles**



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# 2024-2025 Lecture Series: The United States and the Final Years of World War II

SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

**"The Big Red One & The End of World War II: From the Beaches to Pursuit"**

**COL (RET.) GREGORY FONTENOT**

*Author, No Sacrifice Too Great: The First Infantry Division in World War II*

Winner of the Army Historical Foundation's Excellence in U.S. Army History Award



OCTOBER 10, 2024

**"To the End of the Earth: The U.S. Army and the Downfall of Japan, 1945"**

**JOHN C. MCMANUS**

*Author, The Pacific War Trilogy*

Winner, Gilder-Lehrman Prize for Military History



- On **November 11, at 7:00PM at the Bo Bartlett Center** (921 Front Ave, Columbus, GA 31901) we will welcome the **Richard R. Hallock Distinguished Lecturer for 2024**. Lieutenant General (Retired) Ben Hodges is former Commanding General of US Army Europe as well as a CSU alumnus and a recipient of CSU's Distinguished Military Alumni Award. This year marks the 75th anniversary of the formation of NATO, and LTG Hodges will be speaking on the current and future state of that alliance. Given the ongoing war in Ukraine and that LTG Hodges' talk will come the week after the 2024 Presidential election, his talk promises to be very timely. You won't want to miss it!





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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!**

**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)  
Lakelinton Park Track  
near by bleachers near  
bathrooms

**Thursday Evenings:**  
8:30pm (Advanced) &  
6:30pm (Beginners)  
Lakelinton Park Track  
near by bleachers near  
bathrooms

**MISSION:**  
Encourage our global communities to live totally fit –  
physically, mentally, financially, legally, relationally  
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.

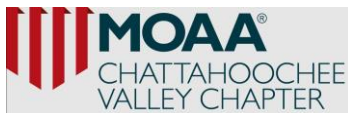
**Stay Tuned**  
to AAF Social Media  
for inclement weather  
workout locations.

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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. **It is time for 2025 Membership.**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## CVC MOAA Chapter Leadership

### CVC MOAA 2023 – Officers

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Asst Treasurer	<b>Need a Volunteer</b>	
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<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)

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Legislative	Darrell O'Steen	
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ROTC/JROTC	Carlos Lock	703-576-7840
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**"Never Stop Serving....Take ACTION "**

Mayo ("Biff") A. Hadden III

COLONEL United States ARMY (RETIRED) SF

President MOAA CVC Chapter