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MOAA CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S NOTES

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

Our Chapter partnered with Georgia SFA Chapter 59, and we hosted our Annual Military Christmas Party. We had over 50 participate. By all accounts it was a total success.



The Christmas Party included really good food, fellowship, nice music, and a number of our participants enjoyed dancing. Some even enjoyed having fun throwing snow balls (cotton ones of course) and everyone had some fun. The Fiddler Blues Band, and Christmas tree decorations, and guessing contest (number of decorations) in a bowl, a photographer, and a nice cash bar setup, were all made possible by a super volunteer committee

Next year the **Army will celebrate its 250th Anniversary**. This was the start of what became the War Department and today's Department of Defense. We are looking for ways to celebrate in our programs this next year. This is a major milestone in our history. If you have ideas please share them.

This year our membership dropped by about 10%. Help us recruit members as this next year will be a historic marker in time. Let's 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.

Our **next meeting is January 14**, and will be held at **Hilton Garden Inn, Brookstone Center**. We will assemble at 11:30.

Mayo "Biff" Hadden, President



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WELCOME OUR NEW CHAPTER MEMBERS

Jon Hanshus
Mark Hollis

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; Glenice Myers; Stacy Poydasheff.

NEW CHAPTER LIFE MEMBER: Roger Buterbaugh

GUN RAFFLE for SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Our Chapter held a Gun Raffle to raise funds to grow our Scholarship fund. Thanks to our members as we sold over 650 tickets. We had two weapons at Alan's Armory. One was a **Ruger 8500 AR-556**, and the other was a **Springfield Armory 45 caliber, 1911** model. To those who have purchased or sold tickets, a huge THANK YOU.



On Dec 2, Alan Vestal, owner and retired Army, Alan's Armory, drew two tickets, captured on a video and we placed this on our web site. Our Scholarship fund is the big winner, increasing by \$5,000. To all THANK YOU. Cleveland Ashley had the winning ticket for the pistol, and Tim Cripe had the winning ticket for the Ruger. Congratulations to both.



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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

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 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](#)



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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



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

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

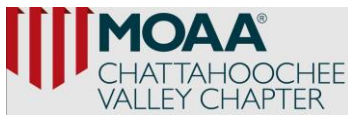
[VA wants \\$6.6B in extra funding for FY25, down from \\$12B request](#)

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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WE COLLECTED DONATED TOYS

We give our donated toys to Warrior Outreach, and CSM (Ret) Sam Rhodes. He coordinates with Santa's Castle, and they make sure they don't duplicate toys to children who otherwise would not get any or maybe one. This is a great effort, and we collected close to 100 donated toys this year. We want to thank everyone who brought toys for this great program.



Sam Rhodes, Warrior Outreach, Handed out the Toys to junior service member families.

PHOTO GALLERY OF OUR **CHRISTMAS PARTY**





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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!

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 Cemetery Richard

Monday & Tuesday Evenings:
8:30pm (Advanced) &
6:30pm (Beginners)
Range Outreach Center
1022 2nd Ave

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

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6:30pm (Beginners)
Landbottom Park Track
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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.

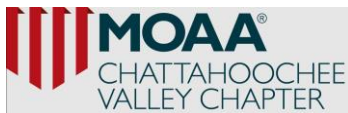
Stay Tuned
to AAF Social Media
for inclement weather
workout locations.

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**Watch for our MILITARY CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT IN 2025, & HELP US
CELEBRATE 250 YEARS OF ARMY!!**
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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.



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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 Chapter Leadership

CVC MOAA 2023 – Officers

President/Chairman	COL Biff Hadden	706-615-2455
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Asst Secretary	LTC Roger Buterbaugh	706-587-1910
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Asst Treasurer	Need a Volunteer	
Staff Judge Advocate	MAJ Bill Ward	706-587-8793
Chaplain	MAJ Tony Mayne	813-981-3840

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

Committee Chairs – (Information on Key Volunteers)

Surviving Spouses	Liaison Betty Burns	706-563-0740
CVVC/FMC	Sam Nelson	706-568-4592
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Newsletter		
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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