



**ECAC**

# ECAC Newsletter

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## Date: Thursday, Jan 18th Guest Speaker: Gordon Bugg



COL Gordon Bugg, Ret., the treasurer for the ECAC-MOAA chapter, will be giving a presentation on his career experiences at the general meeting. Many of our older members have done presentations in the past, but with the number of new members, the board was hoping to learn about those members backgrounds and career experiences.

### List of Legislative Priorities for MOAA in 2024:

- Military access to quality family child care (FCC)
- Military employment and economic opportunities
- Defining armed forces in state policy
- Military community representation on state boards and councils
- State support for military families with special education needs
- Open enrollment flexibility
- Child abuse identification and reporting
- Military family anti-discrimination status
- State response to military interpersonal violence
- Concurrent juvenile jurisdiction

Order from the menu below,  
and each person/couple pays their own bill.

*Appetizers:*

Chicken Egg Rolls \$11  
Fried Green Tomatoes \$14

*Salad:*

Clubhouse Caesar \$8/\$12  
House \$8/\$12

Add Chicken \$8, Add Shrimp \$13, Add Salmon \$12

*Dinner:*

All Served with Mashed Potatoes  
and Grilled Asparagus  
8 ox Filet Mignon \$40  
Grilled Salmon \$25  
Panko Crusted Chicken \$25

**Next Dinner Meeting  
18 January 2024  
1800 –Thursday– 6 PM**

**1650 Yarbrough Farms Blvd.  
Auburn, AL 36830**

Take Shug Jordan Pkwy to  
North Donahue Dr. and go north.  
After 1/2 mile turn left  
onto Yarbrough Farms Blvd.,  
and the AU Club is on the right.

**Please RSVP at 334-826-1107  
or by email to  
bohler1107@charter.net  
by Tuesday, 16 January by 9PM.**

## Board Meeting was Monday, January 8, 2024.

As of December 31, 2023, the chapter has:	<b>2024 Dues</b>
73 Regular Members	<b>\$20</b> Per regular member.
9 Surviving Spouse Members	<b>\$15</b> Per dual member.
2 Associate Members	<b>\$5</b> Per Widow/Associate/ROTC student
<b>84 Total Chapter Members</b>	

*Per Chapter By-laws, you must become a member of National MOAA to belong to the chapter.*

February Board of Directors meeting will be Monday, Feb. 5th, at 1130 at Chappy's. Any member wishing to attend should contact a Board member for an invitation.



**Treasurer Report by Gordon Bugg**  
**\$3187.32    12-31-23    Bank Balance**  
**No outstanding**  
**checks, debits, or deposits.**

# Minutes from December General Meeting

- ✦ The meeting was held at the Saugahatchee Country Club on Saturday, December 9th, and was called to order by Mike Horsefield at 11:27 a.m. There were 23 members and guests present.
- ✦ The Pledge of Allegiance was led by BJ DeBardeleben.
- ✦ The prayer for lunch was offered by Jim Matthews.
- ✦ Mike Horsefield welcomed everyone to the Christmas party and passed on holiday wishes to all present. Mike and everyone thanked Judy and Jeff Bohler for all of their hard work in setting up and organizing the party.
- ✦ Jeff Bohler introduced his Aunt Mary Bohler and gave a summary of her life in the area.
- ✦ Judy Bohler announced that Distaff would be having their luncheon at Another Broken Egg on Dec 13 at 11:30 a.m. Judy also reminded everyone about making donations to Wreaths Across America and the chapters sponsorship of Ft. Mitchell National Cemetery as mentioned in the newsletter.
- ✦ After enjoying the wonderful lunch Judy and Jeff led us through a round of holiday themed charades at each table. Everyone enjoyed the games and getting to know their table a little better through wild hand gestures and fun expressions. The winners were Ron Mussig, Vernon Allison, Michele Riche, Gary DeMars, Kathy Holtz, Sue Hooper, Mary Bohler, Ginger Brannon, Martha McKnight, Charlotte DeBardeleben, and Crystal Allison (again)! Congratulations to all the winners!
- ✦ The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Secretary  
BJ  
DeBardeleben



**ECAC-MOAA’s 2024 Meeting Dates**

Jan 18th	Thursday	6PM	Auburn Univ Club
Feb 15th	Thursday	6PM	Auburn Univ Club
Mar 21st	Thursday	6PM	Auburn Univ Club
<b>April 18th</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6PM</b>	<b>Saugahatchee</b>
May 16th	Thursday	6PM	Auburn Univ Club
June & July	No Meeting		
August 17th	Saturday	4PM	Grove Hill Luau



The ECAC-MOAA Board has been discussing ways to help the veteran communities and facilities in the local area. At the next general meeting on January 18th a discussion on this topic will be presented to the chapter members. Please let us know if this is a committee you would like to support.



**Veteran Support**



**MOAA Scholarship [edassist@moaa.org](mailto:edassist@moaa.org)**

**Application Window Now Open for 2024-2025**

To be eligible for an interest-free loan, you must meet the following requirements:

- 24 years of age or younger (your 24th birthday must be on or before March 1, 2024)
- If parent is military officer-
  - Parent must sign up for a paid MOAA membership if child is selected to receive financial assistance and continue the membership until the child is no longer in the program.
- If parent is enlisted military personnel-
  - Parent must be active duty, Reserve, National Guard, or retired. No membership is required. **Children of former enlisted personnel are not eligible.**
- High school or college GPA must be 3.0 or higher.
- Children attending U.S. military academies and academy prep schools are not eligible.

**Who Can Join MOAA Chapter?**

Membership in the East-Central Alabama Chapter is open to any National MOAA member who is on active duty, reserve, retired, or a former commissioned officer or warrant officer in any component of the Seven Uniformed Services of the United States (U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Space Force, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Public Health Service, or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration). The Surviving Spouse of these individuals are also eligible to join and participate as regular members. Additionally, we offer Associate memberships to 4th year ROTC cadets at Auburn University and Tuskegee University as well as to the living spouse of a regular Chapter member.



## Time to Pay for 2024 Chapter Dues

71 Regular Members at \$20 each

2 Dual Regular Members at \$15 each

9 Surviving Spouses at \$5 each

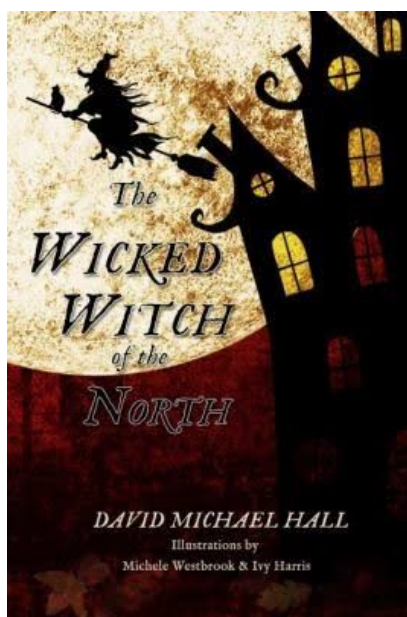
Please pay at the January or February General Meeting. If you can't make either one, then mail a check made to "ECAC-MOAA" to the treasurer, Gordon Bugg, at P.O. Box 1706 Auburn, AL 36831 or membership chair, Judy Bohler, at 1384 Lake Hills Rd. Auburn, AL 36830. The chapter would like to have all of the dues by March. Several members paid at the Christmas Party. Thank You.

Member David Michael Hall who loves to tell jokes at meetings, recently wrote a children's book,

### Wicked Witch of the North

It is illustrated by Michelle Westbrook and Ivy Harris.

It's on Amazon for \$11.95



### New Year, so Check Your Military ID Expiration Date

#### Is the retired military ID card going away?

Advancements in installation security access control systems and procedures, and the implementation of the REAL ID Act, have necessitated the termination of the DOD Civilian Retiree ID card. **Previously issued cards will remain valid through Aug. 31, 2023.**

#### Do military retirees need new ID cards?

Legacy USID cards remain valid through their expiration date, however **individuals with an indefinite (INDEF) expiration date on their legacy USID card may replace those ID cards with a Next Generation USID card.**



Join the 2023 Combined Federal Campaign  
Official Solicitation Period September 1, 2023 -  
January 15, 2024

We are now using login.gov to provide a more flexible and secure login experience.

**If you are an existing Giving System user, please make sure your Login.gov account uses the same email address registered to your Giving System account.**

Simply create a new account on Login.gov with your Giving email address or add it to an existing Login.gov account.

## Changes to Your TRICARE Prescription Drug Copayments in 2024

Copayment changes for your prescription drugs will go into effect January 1, 2024. Copayments will change at TRICARE Home Delivery and retail network pharmacies. There is still a \$0 copay for prescriptions filled at military pharmacies.

### Why the change?

Congress determined this change to prescription drug copayments in the Fiscal Year 2018 National Defense Authorization Act. Your prescription copayments vary based on where you fill your prescription and on the prescription's formulary status (generic, brand-name, or non-formulary).

If you are an active-duty service member (ADSM), you will continue to have \$0 copays for covered drugs at military pharmacies, retail network pharmacies and TRICARE Home Delivery. Copayments for dependent survivors of ADSMs and medically retired service members and their dependents will remain the same.

### What are the copayment changes as of January 1, 2024?

#### TRICARE Home Delivery (Up to a 90-day supply)

- Generic formulary drugs will increase from \$12 to \$13
- Brand-name formulary drugs will increase from \$34 to \$38
- Non-formulary drugs will increase from \$68 to \$76

#### Retail network pharmacies (Up to a 30-day supply)

- Generic formulary drugs will increase from \$14 to \$16
- Brand-name formulary drugs will increase from \$38 to \$43\*
- Non-formulary drugs will increase from \$68 to \$76\*

#### Non-network pharmacies (Up to a 30-day supply) for non-TRICARE Prime plan

- Generic formulary drugs and brand-name formulary drugs will cost \$43 (up from \$38) or 20% of the total cost, whichever is more, after you meet your annual deductible.
- Non-formulary drugs will cost \$76 (up from \$68) or 20% of the total cost, whichever is more, after you meet your annual deductible.

Beneficiaries with a TRICARE Prime plan will pay a 50% copayment after meeting the point-of-service deductibles.

\*Select [maintenance medications](#) (taken for long-term conditions) may only be filled twice at retail network pharmacies and then must be filled via home delivery or military pharmacy. Acute (short-term) use medications are available at re-





**Christmas Raffle Winners: L-R**

Row 1: Vernon Allison, Gary De-Mars, and Martha McKnight

Row 2: Mary Bohler, Ron Mussig, and Ginger Brannon

Row 3: Kathy Holtz and Charlotte DeBardeleben

Row 4: Sue Hooper, Michele Richie, and Crystal Vernon



# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## In Remembrance Of

Mrs. Teresa Molinari Moore, 57, passed peacefully among family in Auburn, Alabama, on Monday, December 11. Born in Brooklyn, New York, on June 7, 1966, Teresa was the second child of Lester E. Molinari and Josefa Molinari. Teresa's larger-than-life character and personality were built on the streets of Brooklyn. In Brooklyn, if you didn't know someone, you knew someone who did know someone. By this, Teresa built a personality founded upon knowing everyone or knowing someone who knew you. Teresa and her friends ran the streets of Brooklyn from Breezy Point, Marine Park, Kings Plaza Mall, and the points around the boroughs.



When a friend from Brooklyn attended West Point, she and the Brooklyn crew often visited the campus. Here, she met her future husband. At age twenty, on July 26, 1986, Teresa and David were married. Exiting the chapel under crossed sabers, she was welcomed to the Army with a swat across her rear end. After a honeymoon, Teresa joined Dave in Wiesbaden, Germany. Here, she began her lifelong commitment to Soldiers and their families, assuming a most important role as an "Army Spouse." Teresa welcomed new soldiers and their wives to the unit, helped new wives understand German phone bills, talked endlessly with single soldiers at the "Charge of Quarters" desk, and always internalized everyone's story. Teresa traveled with Dave and others all over Europe. From the beachheads of Normandy to the Island of Capri to saluting Russian guards while traveling through East Germany, Teresa loved adventure and the people she shared life with.

Over time, Teresa became a mother to daughters Elizabeth, Mary, and Sarah.

While remaining active with Army support groups and Army life, she devoted herself full-time to raising and nurturing her children. Teresa created a home atmosphere where the children and their friends wanted to be. She loved activities in the home and being deeply involved in the girl's activities. Her mantra, drawn from the experiences of her Army Spouse mother-in-law, was to "bloom where you are planted." Teresa sought to sow the family's roots quickly in all her ten moves over twenty-seven years of Army life. These roots allowed her daughters to establish themselves, overcome diversity, and bloom quickly. Teresa often served in many wives' club leadership positions, managed countless fundraisers, and supported her husband's career demands.

During the family assignments to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, Teresa began to sponsor cadets attending the United States Military Academy Preparatory School. Rather than asking for one or two cadets, Teresa asked for all unsponsored cadets.

The family would sponsor many future West Point Cadets and their friends each year. She even stood in front of a disciplinary board, seeking to defend the infractions of a cadet. Teresa was fiercely protective of her children and all of these adopted children. She kept up with over a hundred friends and friends of friends through her "Momma Moore" Facebook page.

As the family established itself in Auburn, Alabama, and the Saint Michaels Church community, Teresa became active in the parish council. Also, she led a "mother-wise" religious interaction group. She often attended mass during the week and closely bonded with fellow parishioners. As a mother's religious education program leader, Teresa loved helping guide and nurture young mothers.

Teresa is survived by her husband of 38 years, Colonel (Ret.) David M. Moore and their three children: Elizabeth Moore of Los Angeles, California; Mary Moore of Auburn, Alabama; and Sarah Moore of Auburn, Alabama. She has a brother, John L. Molinari of Staten Island, New York.

**Funeral Services will be held at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Auburn, Alabama, at 10:00 a.m. (CST) on Monday, December 18. Visitation will be at the Jeffcoat-Trant Funeral Home in Opelika, Alabama, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on December 17. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Michael's Catholic Church, 1100 N College St, Auburn, AL 36830.**



## ECAC Mission Statement

The East-Central Alabama Chapter is an affiliate of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) and was chartered in 1970. It serves the cities of Auburn and Opelika, Alabama, as well as the surrounding areas of Lee, Chambers, Russell, Tallapoosa, and Macon counties in Alabama. The mission of the East-Central Alabama Chapter is to benefit the members of the uniformed services, their families and survivors, and to advocate for a strong national defense, while providing needed support to the community and its members.

**Join ECAC Online!**  
<https://ecacmoaa.com/join-ecac>

### FYI: Distaff Club

If you are somewhat new to ECAC MOAA, you may not be aware that there is a local organization called Distaff Club for military spouses. They restaurant hop on the second Wednesday of the month in the Auburn/Opelika area. Traditionally, the February meeting includes a bring a spouse/friend/Valentine to lunch and the December meeting has an ornament exchange. They enjoy getting together to socialize and getting to know one another. Dues are only \$5.00 a year and collected at the restaurant in the summer. If interested, please contact Judy Bohler, President, (334) 826-1107 or Cathy Golden, Treasurer, (334) 246-7142. Come join us!

### Executive Officers, Board of Directors, Chair Positions for Oct 2023-Oct 2025.

President: Mike Horsefield  
 Vice President: Chris Richie  
 Secretary: BJ DeBardeleben  
 Treasurer: Gordon Bugg  
 Director Chapter Affairs: Ron Carson  
 Director Communication: Jeff Bohler  
 Director Banquet: Judy Bohler  
 Director Legislative: Ron Barto  
 Past President: Mike Golden

#### Chair Positions

Surviving Spouses Liaison:	Kathy Barto	Monthly Meeting:	Judy Bohler
Tops:	Mike Horsefield	Guest Speakers:	Chris Richie
Membership:	Judy Bohler	By-Laws:	BJ DeBardeleben
Personal Affairs:	Ron Carson	State Council:	BJ DeBardeleben
Newsletter Editor:	Judy Bohler	Legislative Updates:	BJ DeBardeleben
Web Site:	Jeff Bohler	MOAA News:	BJ DeBardeleben
Digital Communications:	Jeff Bohler	Chaplain:	Mike Golden
News Release:	Jeff Bohler		
ROTC Awards:	Jim Matthews		



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