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Program: Lethality and Joint Warfighting By: Dr. David Bottomlee

Dr. David Bottomlee is the Dean of the U.S. Air Force Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. The Air War College is the Air Force's senior professional military education institution, providing post-graduate senior leader development programs focused on joint, multinational, multi-agency warfighting and international security operations, air, space, and cyberspace force strategy development and national security planning. Dr. Bottomlee earned a Ph.D. from Auburn University as an Air Force Institute of Technology fellow where his research focused on leadership in Public Administration.

Dr. Bottomlee retired from the USAF as a Colonel following a 30 year career. His last operational assignment was the NATO Director of Air Operations in Kabul, Afghanistan. In this role, he was responsible for the planning and execution of all combat aviation flights including close air support, airlift, MEDIVAC, space, helicopter, and unmanned aerial vehicles.

Dr. Bottomlee entered the Air Force in 1993 as graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science, while also commanding the Cadet Soaring Instructor Pilot Squadron, serving as the Academy's Soaring Aerobatic Team captain, and lettering on the golf team. Later, he was a distinguished graduate from the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training Program and then served as an F-16 instructor pilot, evaluator pilot, and mission commander for multiple assignments including several combat deployments. Additionally, he served at the U.S. Embassy in Cairo, Egypt while also instructing Egyptian Air Force F-16 pilots as part of the Office of Military Cooperation's Peace Vector program. Dr. Bottomlee was a command pilot, accumulating 2,500 hours in multiple aircraft including the F-16 and AT-38C while also flying 100+ combat missions.

In addition to the Ph.D. from Auburn University, Dr. Bottomlee earned Master's degrees in Business Administration from California State University; in Counseling & Leadership Development from University of Colorado; and in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. He lectures on leadership, the Profession of Arms, moral courage, and ethics.



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 oz Filet Mignon \$40
Grilled Salmon \$25
Panko Crusted Chicken \$25

Next Dinner Meeting
18 May 2023
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 May 2023.

Board Meeting was Tuesday, May 9, 2023.

As of April 30, 2023, the chapter has:	2023 Dues
69 Regular Members	\$20 Per regular member.
8 Surviving Spouse Members	\$15 Per dual member.
1 Associate Members	\$5 Per Widow/Associate/ROTC student
78 Total Chapter Members	

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

The August Board of Directors meeting will be Tuesday, August 1st, at 1130 at Chappy's. Any member wishing to attend should contact a Board member for an invitation.



Treasurer Report by Gordon Bugg
\$3773.58 4-30-23 Bank Balance
No outstanding checks or deposits.

Minutes from April General Meeting

- ✦ The meeting was the Annual ROTC/JROTC MOAA Awards Banquet and was held at Saugahatchee Country Club. It was called to order by Mike Horsefield at 6:35 p.m.
- ✦ Mike Horsefield welcomed 67 guests which included honorees and their guests, chapter members and ROTC school representatives.
- ✦ The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chris Richie.
- ✦ The Invocation was offered by Mike Horsefield.
- ✦ Dinner was served.
- ✦ Jeff Bohler emceed the ceremony by describing the background and accomplishments of each award recipient. Mike Horsefield, assisted by Chris Richie, presented the certificates to each honored cadet with a handshake containing a MOAA chapter coin.
- ✦ The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.
- ✦ Judy Bohler took photographs of the group and of the individual awardees.



Secretary
Jerry Williams



ECAC-MOAA's 2023 Meeting Dates

May 18 th	Thursday	6 PM	Auburn Univ Club
Jun	None		
Jul	None		
<i>Aug 19th</i>	<i>Saturday-Luau</i>	<i>4 PM</i>	<i>Grove Hill House</i>
Sept 21 st	Thursday	6PM	Auburn Univ Club
Oct 19 th	Thursday	6PM	Auburn Univ Club
Nov 16 th	Thursday	6PM	Auburn Univ Club
<i>Dec 9th</i>	<i>Saturday-Party</i>	<i>11AM</i>	<i>Saugahatchee</i>



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Wreaths Across America

If you or a friend would like to donate to Wreaths Across America, you can click on this website to go directly to the chapter's page for donations helping the Ft. Mitchell Cemetery receive wreaths for the Wreath Laying Ceremony. You can even donate (purchase wreaths) in memory of someone.

<https://wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/159330/Overview>

Memorial Day is at the end of the month and if you post on the "Remember Wall" you will be entered into a random drawing to have 100 wreaths place at a participating location. Our chapter supports Ft. Mitchell Cemetery or you can choose one of your own.

Who Can Join?

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.



Why join MOAA or a Chapter?

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is the country's leading organization protecting the rights of military service members and their families. Those who belong to MOAA not only lend their voices to a greater cause, but they also gain access to extensive benefits tailored to the needs and lifestyles of military



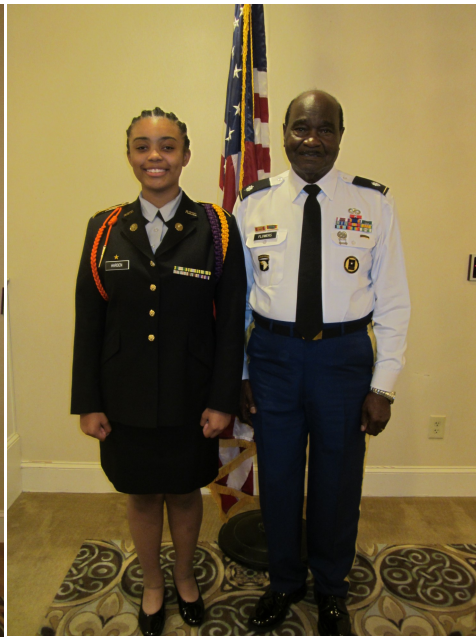
Thirteen Students Receive ECAC-MOAA Awards



ECAC-MOAA High School JROTC Award Winners



Above -L: Auburn High School JROTC instructor LTC Anthony Benitez -L with student Emily Lehr -R



Above-C: Booker T. Washington High School JROTC student Cheryl Harden-L with instructor LTC Chip Flowers-R



Above-R: Smith Station High School JROTC student Emily Ludwig-L with instructor 1st Major William Bolden-R



Above: Central High School JROTC student Philip Spencer-R with MOAA member Jim Matthews, Jr.-L

ECAC-MOAA Military Academy Award Winner

Right: Southern Preparatory Military Academy instructor 1SGT Lee Kolb-L with student Gavin Lamberty-R





ECAC-MOAA Tuskegee Univ. ROTC Award Winners



Photo Left:
Instructor
MAJ Nicole
White-L with
student Jas-
mine
Donehue-R
Air Force
ROTC



Photo Right:
Instructor
Capt. Nicoles
Dorantes -L
with student
De'Asia Ford
-R Army
ROTC



Photo Above: Instructor LT Joel
Cruvant-L with student Jona-
than Licea-R Naval ROTC-Navy

Future Leaders Of America



Photo Above: Instructor Capt
Nicolas Novak-L with student
Luke Fair-R Naval ROTC-
Marine



ECAC-MOAA Auburn Univ. ROTC Award Winners



Photo Left:
AU Instructor
LTC Mike
Quinn –R with
student Chris-
tian Brown –L
Air Force ROTC



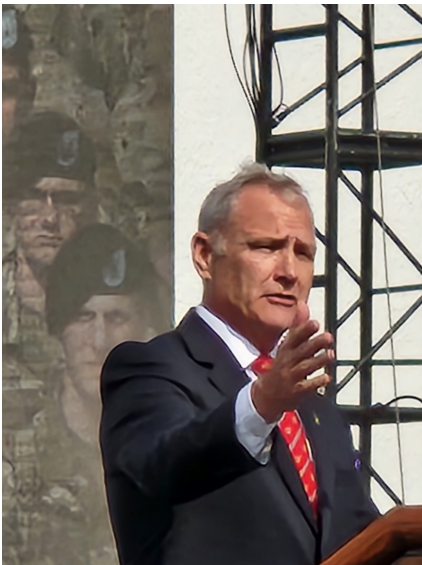
Photo Right:
AU Instructor
Capt. Justin
Hitt-R with
student Major
Dwyer –L
Army ROTC



Photo Left:
AU Instructor
Capt Nicols
Novak –R with
student James
Mims –L
Naval ROTC
Marine



Photo Right:
AU Instructor
LT Michael
Taylor-L with
student Jona-
than Goforth -R
Naval ROTC
Navy



Dave Moore talked about his parents and their love of the army life.



A ceremony for naming the military base in Columbus Fort Moore after the couple LTG Harold and Julia Moore happened on May 11th.



Installation Management Command Flag with soldiers in the Doughboy Stadium.

Fort Moore was named after LTG Harold Moore and Julia Moore. He fought as Infantry in Korea, Cavalry in Vietnam and was a paratrooper while his wife Julie served as a Red Cross volunteer in Army hospitals and dental clinics and supported other Army wives who received news that their husband had been killed. The couple was married in 1949, and both have been laid to rest in the base cemetery with the service members who were killed in action at the Landing Zone Xray in Vietnam as well as Julie's parents.



The name change was set in motion by the 2021 National Defense Authorization Act. The initiative to honor both Hal and Julie was led by their sons Dave, Greg and Steve Moore. LTG Hal Moore wrote a book We Were Soldiers Once... and Young with Joseph Galloway about the first major battle of the Vietnam War in the Ia Drang Valley in 1965. Julie followed every taxi to offer comfort to the widows and attended every local funeral of every soldier lost in combat in her husband's command leading to change in notifications.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

In Memory Of Virginia Edwards



Virginia Mitchell Edwards passed away on the evening of April 17th in her home and was reunited with her late husband, Col. (Ret.) Ollie Herbert Edwards. Virginia was born in Pheba, Mississippi and attended school in nearby West Point. She graduated from West Point High School and the next month married 2nd Lt. Ollie Edward on June 18th. Ollie was her high school sweetheart, love of her life, and beloved husband of 65 years.

Virginia and Ollie lived an Air Force life for the next twenty-two years, living in Little Rock, AK; Merced, CA; Fairborn, OH; and Auburn, AL. During those years, Virginia was an active and supportive Air Force wife, raised three children, and attended both Auburn University and Wright State University, graduating in 1977 with her Bachelor of Education Degree in Education and Journalism. Once they retire from military service and moved back to Auburn, Virginia received a Master of Education degree from Auburn University and taught high school English and Journalism for twenty years, mostly at Notasulga High School.

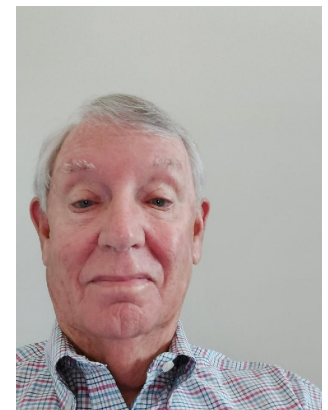
A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, May 13th at 1 PM in the chapel of Jeffcoat-Trant Funeral Home in Opelika, AL. Interment will follow at Auburn Memorial Park Cemetery. A time of visitation with the family will be held following the services at the family home.

Mark your calendar for the Summer Luau Party on Saturday, August 19th, from 4PM to 8PM at the Grove Hill club house. Look for the invite at the beginning of August. Have a fun summer.



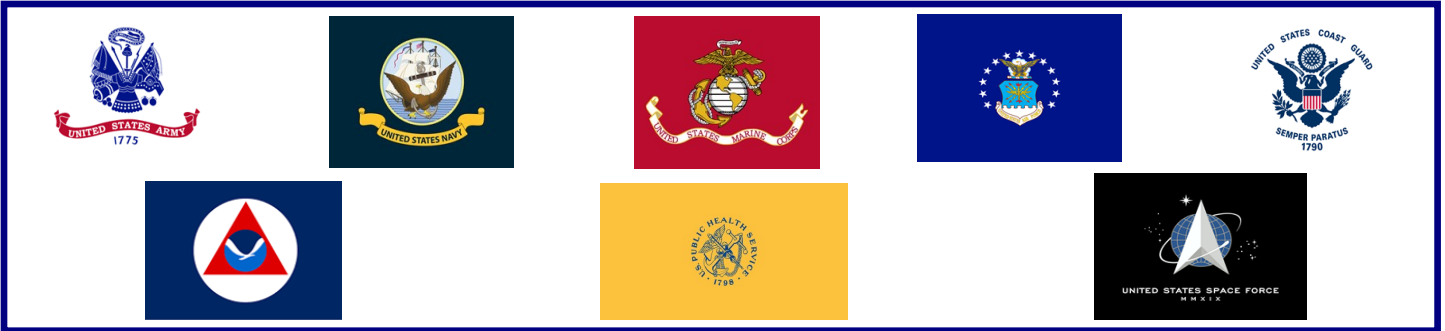
New Member

Photo to the Right: Ron Mussig
Ron is a retired LCDR in the US Navy and attended the banquet last month. Please welcome him at the next meeting, too.



National Nurses Day was May 6th.
 Thank you to all the military nurses in our chapter.

******Friday, May 12th, is Military Spouse Appreciation Day. Thank you to all the spouses for the hard work and for the support to the military personnel.******



Memorial Day

Monday, May 29th



You're invited to join us as we honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice at the 23rd annual Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast. The event will begin at 8 a.m. on May 29th at the Hotel at Auburn University & Dixon Conference Center.

Retired Navy CAPT Dick Phelan will be the guest of honor and the recipient of this year's Distinguished Veteran Award. The Auburn Heroes Remembered Award will be presented to the family of retired Air Force Capt. Randal Hudon.

Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased at City Hall, 144 Tichenor Ave. in Auburn.

A free memorial wreath laying will follow the breakfast at 10 a.m. at the Auburn Veterans Memorial Monument (northeast corner of Ross Street and Glenn Avenue).

Attendees are encouraged to park at the Douglas J. Watson Municipal Complex, Felton Little Park and the East Glenn Avenue Municipal Parking Lot. Ross Street between Glenn and Harper avenues and Glenn Avenue between Burton and North Debardeleben streets will be closed during the ceremony to provide room for on-street accessible parking.

*****At the May MOAA chapter meeting at the AU Club on Thursday the 18th, the treasurer will have 10 tickets for sale. These tickets are for the seats at the Memorial Day breakfast table with the MOAA sign.*****



The Empty Man Table

A slice of lemon reminds us of the bitter fate of those captured or missing in a foreign land. A pinch of salt symbolizes the tears of our missing and their families who long for answers. The glass is inverted to symbolize their inability to share a toast. The chair is empty because loved ones are still missing.

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.

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<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 2021-2023

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

Chair Positions

Surviving Spouses Liaison: Open	Monthly Meeting: Judy Bohler
Tops: Mike Horsefield	Guest Speakers: Chris Richie
Membership: Judy Bohler	By-Laws: Open
Personal Affairs: Ron Carson	State Council: Open
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Digital Communications: Jeff Bohler	Chaplain: Mike Golden
News Release: Jeff Bohler	
ROTC Awards: Jim Matthews	



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