



**WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.
Spring 2016/May**

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS: Who’s Counting?

Thank you again for the privilege of serving you as WNC MOAA President. Here are some numbers from my first meeting in February. 100 - the exact number of people who came! I am still trying to figure out why we had one of the best crowds ever. Was it our speaker, the weather, or the camaraderie? Not sure, but everyone sure seemed to have a good time. Fifteen - the number of minutes by which the end time was breached! I promise to do better next time. Ten - the number of folks who told me how much they liked the program about Stoneman’s Raid. Kudos go to our speaker, Judge David Fox. He was terrific! Thirty - the approximate number of Vietnam Veterans present at our last meeting. Forty one- the number of years since that war ended. And One - a thank you note from a Tuscola High School JROTC cadet for helping her to fund participation in an important training event with her peers.



I hope you will be able to join us in May when our speaker will be Ed Harrelson, a local attorney and Revolutionary War re-enactor, who will talk about the battle of Cowpens and its significance to victory in the South (*see the article in this newsletter*). Ed and I share a passion for local military history and I know you will enjoy his talk. Finally, a team from the NC MOAA Council of Chapters "Stormed the Hill" last week, visiting many Congressman and our Senators. They ask that we all keep contacting our elected officials on behalf of MOAA's 2016 objectives. Spence

2016 DUES ARE DUE!!

Regular membership dues may now be paid by credit card. Log on to www.MOAA.org. Select **Chapters** from the drop down tab at the top of the page. When on the Chapters page, select **Online Chapter Dues Payment**. Complete the form, and your dues will be paid for the year. You have just saved time and postage. You can only pay for the current year. Auxiliary Members are not eligible for this service. ****Please note that chapter regular member’s dues have been increased from \$25 to \$30 per year beginning January 1, 2016, when they are due and payable. If your newsletter has 2016 above your address, then you are current and not in arrears.**

If you have any questions, contact Herb Mensch. george.mensch@gmail.com or 828-693-3817.

Our program will feature Mr. Ed Harrelson—"Third Continental Light Dragons"

Edward Harrelson is a local attorney with Coiner, Harrelson & Shelton. He has been engaged in the private practice of law in Hendersonville since 1993, focusing on Real Estate, Estate Planning and Small Business law. His undergraduate degree in History is from the University of N.C. at Chapel Hill, and he received his Law Degree from the UNC School of Law.

Since 1994, Edward has participated in cavalry living history, either portraying a trooper in the War Between the States or a dragoon during the American Revolutionary War. He is a member of the Third Continental Light Dragons, though his unit also portrays British Legion when necessary. The Third Dragons regularly recreate the historic battle at Guilford Courthouse (NC) and they annually commemorate the battle of Cowpens (SC). They have travelled to fields in Virginia, Pennsylvania and Delaware.



Edward has a small farm in Polk County, where he lives with his wife, Petra, his two sons, three horses, two dogs and a cat (*and a large pet food bill.*)



East High School JROTC Cadets Speak at Our January Meeting

It is our custom to invite JROTC honor guards to post the colors and stay for lunch and the program. At our last meeting, however, cadets of the East High JROTC Honor Guard also spoke to us about their experience at the 2015 JROTC summer leadership conference at Converse College. Thanks in part to a donation from our chapter, 14 members of the East High JROTC program, including those in the photo, attended the conference. Left to right, they are Cadets Karla Valdez, Colton Gardner, Nick Zajd, and Samantha Ward. Karla is in the 10th grade and the others are in the 11th grade. Cadets Valdez and Gardner were first year or "basic" cadets while Zajd and Ward were returning for the second year as members of the training cadre. Zajd and Ward both earned outstanding Flight Cadre awards. Their presentations during the luncheon were truly outstanding. Well done,



2016/17 OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS

Board of Directors

President	Spence Campbell Col USA-Ret
1 st VP	Mike Covell CAPT USN-Ret
2 nd VP	Gary Gresh COL USA-Ret
Secretary	Marleen Vamer Aux
Treasurer	Herb Mensch CAPT USN-Ret
Past Pres.	John Knapp CAPT USNR-Ret
USA	Jerry Tanner LTC USA-Ret
USMC	Robert Smith LtCol USMC-Ret
USN	Jerry Beschta CDR USN-Ret
USAF	J. Grigsby/J. Wilkerson LtCol USAF- Ret Shared
At Large	Frank Ortiz MAJ USA-Ret
Satellite Rep	Vacant

Appointed Positions

Sr Advisor	Rick Devereaux Maj Gen USAF- Ret
Chaplain	Bob Lair Col USA-Ret
JROTC LNO	Jeff Snyder Col USAF-Ret
NL Editor	Gerry Lawton CDR USN-Ret
Legal Affairs	Micky Pamell Capt USA-Ret
Legis. Affairs	Larry Wilson LTC USA-Ret
Pers. Affairs	Vacant
Membership	Vacant
VA Hosp LNO	Marleen Vamer
Webmaster	Len Baker LTC USA-Ret
Auxiliary LNO	Rev Nancy McCarthy

[Go to: WNC-MOAA.org](http://WNC-MOAA.org) for contact info
[Like us at WNC-MOAA](#)

2016 CALENDAR

General Meetings (all at Hendersonville CC)

May 13 Friday 4PM Check-in/social BBQ/cookout
Aug 19 Friday 4PM Check-in/social BBQ/cookout
Nov 19 Saturday 11AM Check-in/social

Upcoming Board Meetings-12 Noon (at HCC)

Jul 13, Oct 12

VRQ Lunch Servings (Contact Jeff Snyder)

Each fourth Wednesday 9:30-12:30

Black Mountain Satellite of WNC MOAA

Every odd numbered month on second Wed at 11:30. Givens Highland Farms in Black Mountain, for info contact Gaye or Len Baker

Smoky Mountains Satellite of WNC MOAA

The Smoky Mountains Satellite of WNC MOAA will meet on 23 May at noon at the Rendezvous Restaurant in Maggie Valley. All MOAA members are welcome. Future meetings will be on 18 July, 19 September and 21 November at same time and location. For info, contact Brent Ramsey, shrblr@bellsouth.net or 828-452-4783.

Auxiliary Activities: Nancy McCarthy

Nancy McCarthy, Auxiliary representative, is asking all Surviving Spouse members to join her at a special table at the next meeting.

Help Keep Our Roster Current

If there is a change in your address, phone, email, etc, please inform us, and we'll update our local roster and newsletter mailing list. Returned newsletters are costly.

Menu For Cookout

Back Yard Cookout!! Burgers, hot dogs, chicken and BBQ Pork, baked beans and salads, ice cream and cobbler. For Gluten free or vegetarian options contact Ms Dayna Kelsey, clubhouse manager (828-692-2261 ex 115). Email: clubhousemanager@hendersonvillecc.com

Update on Meal Cost and Charges

The Board has approved a \$5 per meal increase to defray the expense of the following; meals for the ROTC cadets (*Color Guard*); the invited speaker; and the Hendersonville Country Club's new \$100 surcharge for Saturday events.

THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
CHAPTER MILITARY OFFICERS
ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, Inc.
WWW.WNC-MOAA.org

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

WNC MOUNTAIN MOAA NEWS

Is the official publication of the WNC
Chapter Of MOAA
Published Quarterly
Editor:
CDR Gerry Lawton USN-Ret.
P. O. Box 1984
Hendersonville NC 28793
g.c.law2009@gmail.com



General Chapter Meeting Registration and Renewal Form

Chapter Meeting/Lunch REGISTRATION: **Friday, May 13, 2016** 4 PM Check-in/Social Hour

Clip or Copy and Mail To: **WNC MOAA; P. O. Box 1984; Hendersonville, NC 28793**

DEADLINE: Payment must be received NLT: *Tuesday, May 10, 2016.*

Make Checks payable to: WNC MOAA Enclosed is my check for ____ meal (s) At **\$25 per person.**

I/We plan on attending the WNC MOAA General Chapter Meeting on Friday, May 13, 2016

NAME: _____ **Guest:** _____

Phone #: _____ **E-mail:** _____

This is the 1st WNC MOAA event attended: **Y/N**

2016 Dues were Due and Payable Jan 1, 2016, past due March 1

Chapter Membership RENEWAL 2016 :\$30 Regular member and spouse; \$10 Surviving Spouse (aux)

Name: _____ **Rank:** _____ **Service:** _____ **Spouse:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **ST:** _____ **Zip:** _____

National MOAA#: _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

I would also like to contribute \$ _____ to : _____