

**WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF
AMERICA, INC.**

Spring/May 2017

**President's Remarks
by Spence Campbell**

Since our last newsletter there have been some interesting developments in the MOAA world and our place in it. Under MOAA's new leadership, national MOAA has been seriously tightening its economic belt. Of concern to many has been a reduction in financial support to councils and chapters. In fact, at the recent NC Council meeting, the consensus view was that chapters took an unfair hit across the board relative to MOAA HQ. For example, we now have to pay for things like JROTC medals and certificate at a cost of about \$300 for 18 schools. Other MOAA changes reduce the frequency of national meetings, and the annual Level of Excellence awards are now presented every other year. Some council members felt like national MOAA doesn't appreciate our contribution to their efforts to support the troops. Maybe, but it seems too soon to know what the impact of the changes at national MOAA will be on the programs our chapter supports.

Speaking of chapter expenses, you will have noticed that you received this newsletter by email. There is no printed version in an effort to reduce further the cost to the membership of paper mailings.

Congratulations to the Smoky Mountains Satellite folks for their recent recognition of Vietnam Veterans under the DOD commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

Finally, LtCol Bob Smith, USMC (Ret.) will be our newsletter editor for the remainder of this year. Thanks, Bob!

May Program

Henderson County Sheriff Charles McDonald will be our guest speaker for the May meeting and luncheon at the Hendersonville Country Club. Sheriff McDonald will tell us what we can do to improve our own and our family's personal safety. We'll learn about some simple things that we can do to make our homes safer places. You won't want to miss the sheriff's important and timely presentation.

<p align="center">Menu for General Meeting of 20 May 2017</p> <p align="center">Whitefish w/lemon cream sauce Beef Burgundy Assorted salads and desserts</p> <p>For gluten free or vegetarian options contact Ms. Dayna Kelsey, Clubhouse Manager, 828-692-2261 Ext 115</p>	<p align="center">WNC MOAA Board of Director Vacancies 2017</p> <p align="center">Army Service Director At Large Service Director Personal Affairs Liaison</p> <p>Any member interested in serving in a position for 2017, please contact Spence Campbell, president at 243-9067</p>
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FROM THE TREASURER

Mail Delay

When mailing your meeting reservations, keep in mind that there is normally a four-day delay between mailing and delivery even when posted in Hendersonville. Local mail is processed in Greenville and then returned to Hendersonville for delivery.

Refunds

The board has approved the following policy regarding refunds. Meal cancellations received prior to reservation closeout will be refunded upon request. Those received after the reservation closeout date will not be refunded. Once deposited member dues will not be refunded.

2017 Financial Summary

INCOME	YTD	EXPENSES	YTD
FUND RAISING:	\$1,909	ADMIN:	\$700
MEAL INCOME	\$1,708	CHARITY	\$0
MEMBER DUES:	\$3,295	JROTC:	\$1,004
OTHER:	\$700	MEAL EXP:	\$1,650
		OTHER:	\$853
		SATELLITE:	\$0
	\$7,612		\$4,207
Gain/(Loss)		\$3,405	
Cash Balance	3/31/17	\$14,543	

Newsletter by E-Mail

With this issue of the newsletter we began electronic distribution. To those members for whom we have no e-mail address (about 25) we mailed a paper copy. In an effort to reduce further the cost to the membership of postal mailing, there is no printed version. The newsletter also was posted to the website (wnc-moaa.org). Send comments about the distribution process to the editor hardess@bellsouth.net.

**MOAA Smoky Mountains Satellite
2017 Meeting Schedule**

The Smoky Mountains Satellite {SMS} normally meets on the third Monday of odd numbered months at the Rendezvous Restaurant in Maggie Valley. Future meetings for 2017 will be held on 5/15, 7/17, 9/18, and 11/20. For more information on the activities of SMS or to make a reservation for an upcoming meeting, contact Brent Ramsey at shrblr@bellsouth.net or 828-734-1146

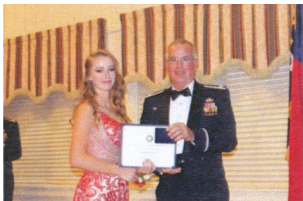
**JROTC Corner
by
Jeff Snyder**

Spring is a busy time for the region's 18 JROTC units. Field trips and annual award ceremonies are the highlights. The western NC chapter helped two units with donations to defer travel expenses for some of their cadets. We donated \$250 to Enka High School in Candler and \$500 to Pisgah High School in Canton. Of note, Pisgah High School's Navy JROTC was selected to represent western NC in the 2017 NJROTC National Academic, Athletic and Drill Championship in Pensacola FL on 7-8 April. Pisgah was one of only 25 Navy JROTC units in the country to be selected based on their performance during regional competitions. Our \$500 donation went to help with travel expenses for this great opportunity.

As part of their ongoing efforts to support the five JROTC units in the far western part of our region, the chapter's Smoky Mountain satellite raised over \$1,000 in a raffle this spring. The proceeds of the raffle were distributed to the five units to help defer the costs of running their units.

If you are like I was several years ago when I became the chapter's JROTC liaison, you may think the JROTC units are fully funded between their host high school and their parent service. The truth is that many of the expenses incurred by the units, from field trips to local transportation in order to compete in JROTC competitions to even procuring the medals presented to their students by national organizations, are not funded either by the school or their parent service. To make up the funding shortfall, all JROTC units conduct various fund raisers throughout the year and, when that is not sufficient, they have to pass the remaining costs along to their cadets. Often times, the units' instructors make up the costs for their financially challenged cadets out of their own pockets. For these reasons, this chapter (and the Smoky Mountain satellite) remain committed to helping out the area's 18 JROTC units whenever the opportunity (and funds!) allow. We believe the JROTC mission of teaching citizenship, leadership and service to these young people is an effort worth supporting.

This year, the chapter will once again present the MOAA leadership award to a rising senior at each of the region's 18 high school JROTC units' annual award ceremony. If you have an interest in a particular local high school and would like to represent the chapter and present this award at that school, please contact Jeff Snyder at jsnyder243@aol.com.



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General Chapter Meeting Registration and Renewal Form

Meeting/Lunch REGISTRATION: Saturday, May 20, 2017, 11 am Check-in/Social; Lunch/Program

DEADLINE: Payment must be received NLT: Tuesday, May 16, 2017.

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 Saturday, Feb 18, 2017

NAME: _____ **Guest:** _____

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

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

2017 Dues are Due and Payable Jan 1, 2017, past due March 1

Chapter Membership RENEWAL 2017 :\$30 Regular member and spouse; \$10 Surviving Spouse

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

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

National MOAA Number _____

Donation: _____ (donations are to the chapter general fund)

Checks payable to WNC MOAA

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1. Go to www.MOAA.org.
2. Select **Chapters & Councils** at the top of the page.
3. On the Chapters page, select **Chapter Dues**, fill out the form and your dues are paid.

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