



**WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.
Summer 2016/August**

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Hi All, and happy summer! Our chapter Board of Directors just met and here are a few key items of interest. We welcomed LtCol John Wlikerson, USAF (Ret), as our new 2d VP. He will be working on recruiting new members. John is a recent retiree and currently Senior Military Instructor at East Hendersonville High School. Welcome John and Cindy. We recognized the on-going efforts of LTC Don Jackman, USA (Ret) and LTC Len Baker, USA (Ret), Webmaster, to upgrade the chapter website, which is now a resource for basic information and current activities. Thanks Don and Len. Not many members know that we have a Facebook page and that it is also a source for current information. Thank you, Marleen Varner for getting our Facebook page up and running. Speaking of Marleen, she is our new representative on the VA Volunteer Services Committee, and will facilitate our volunteer efforts at the Asheville VA Medical Center. The board also discussed ways to improve our efforts to get information to members. We are using email and our on-line accounts to let members know about general membership programs and other activities. Our Speakers Bureau concept is still being developed with the goal of having it ready in time for Veterans Day. Our programs to support Hospice, the VRQ and JROTC continue. I encourage you to spend some time exploring our on-line presence and see the big-picture of chapter goings-on. You will find the web addresses elsewhere in the newsletter. Hope to see you on August 19th. Respectfully, Spence

Our Aug 19th program will feature Detective Jeff Brooks, Henderson County Sheriff's Office

Topic: *The Local Threat of the Islamic State (ISIS)*

From 2012 to 2016, Jeff was assigned to the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force working on national security and counter-terrorism cases. Prior to coming to Henderson County, Jeff was assigned to the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force in the Boston Division. He has worked on hundreds of national security and counter-terrorism investigations involving domestic and international networks and individuals, with threats ranging from weapons of mass destruction, material support for terrorism, conspiracy, money laundering and other crimes. Jeff's presentation is intended to increase the ability of attendees to recognize local ISIS or other threat-related activities. Before entering law enforcement Jeff had a 25-year career as a communications consultant for corporate, defense and military clients. Henderson County **Sheriff Charles McDonald** will also attend.

TAPS

John Pinckney Clement III

John Pinckney III, a long time summer resident of Saluda, NC, died on June 30, 2016, in Hendersonville, NC, after a short illness. Mr. Clement, the son of Colonel Joseph Taylor Clement and Vilma Louise Wallace, MD, was born January 19, 1937, in Washington, D.C. He grew up on East Bay Street Charleston, SC. He attended Clemson University graduating in 1958, with a degree in Civil Engineering. After graduation he entered the US Army. He was a combat engineer unit commander and parachutist serving in Germany, Vietnam and New Guinea. In addition to other medals, he also received the Bronze Star.

While in the Army he earned a Master's Degree in Astrodynamics from UCLA in 1963, and a Bachelor of Law Degree from La Salle University in Chicago. He continued serving in the reserves for 30 years, retiring at the rank of Colonel. After his active service in the Army, he had a long civilian career with Exxon Corporation serving as vice president of domestic and international oil exploration.

During his retirement summers in Saluda, NC, he was socially active in the town. He was a bridge and poker player with his many friends. He was also active in his church in Saluda and with the church men's club. He is best remembered for his affectionate, disarming smile, genuine laughter, and pervasive generosity. Mr Clement married the former Cloeann McDowell on June 29, 1963, and they celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary the day before he died. He is survived by his widow, a daughter, Ashleyann Clement of Denver, CO, and a son, Dr. John Pinckney Clement IV and his wife Susan of San Antonio, TX. He was also blessed with four grandchildren.

Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington at a later date.

Tom Moore Davis

Tom Moore Davis died Saturday, April 2, 2016, at the JF Keever Solace Center. He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances King Davis, who died in 2014. He was also preceded in death by his parents, William Burch Davis and Olive L. Norton Davis, his sisters, Maurine and Martha. He is survived by his daughter, Katherine and her husband, John, a sister, Alice, and many nieces and nephews and their families.

Tom was born November 15, 1922, in Sylva, NC, and lived there the first nine years of his life when his family relocated to Shelby, NC. He graduated from Shelby High School and attended Mars Hill College and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill majoring in Business Administration. He was commissioned a naval aviator in 1943, and served in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, four Air Medals and numerous other medals for combat against the Japanese. He continued on active naval service for twenty-six years and retired in 1968.

Following retirement from naval service, he served as Chief Pilot for Baker Wibberley and Associates in Hagerstown, Maryland, for several years. He was a member of Hagerstown Rotary Club and a member of Fountain Head Country Club. Following retirement from active aviation, he lived in Asheville, NC, and Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. He attended Central United Methodist Church and was a member of Biltmore Forest Country Club and the Sawgrass Country Club in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. He served on the Mars Hill College Board of Advisors for several years and was a loyal benefactor of that institution where he endowed several scholarships. A private, family interment will take place in the Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery in Black Mountain.

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WNC MOAA wishes to express our sincere condolences to the Clement and Davis families.

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2016 CALENDAR

General Meetings *(all at Hendersonville CC)*

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

Upcoming Board Meetings-12 Noon *(at HCC)*

Oct 12, 2016

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 19 September at noon at the Rendezvous Restaurant in Maggie Valley. All MOAA members are welcome. The next meeting will be 21 November at same time and location. For info, contact Brent Ramsey, shrblr@bellsouth.net or 828-452-4783.

Surviving Spouse Activities: Nancy McCarthy

Nancy McCarthy, surviving spouse representative, is asking all surviving spouse members to join her at a special table at the next meeting.

Website: www.wnc-moaa.org

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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

Reminder: Update on Meal Cost and Charges

The Board has approved a \$5 per meal increase from \$20 to \$25 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.

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General Chapter Meeting Registration and Renewal Form

Chapter Meeting/Lunch REGISTRATION: Friday, August 19, 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: *Friday, August 12, 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, August 19, 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:** _____

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