



**WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF
AMERICA, INC.
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President’s Remarks

{Guest Columnist: CDR Rod Nunnelee, USN Ret, Membership Liaison}

WHY MOAA?

As the nation’s strongest and most effective military service organization, the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) supports military officers and their families at every stage of life and career. MOAA’s greatest mission is to improve the lives of those who serve in the military, and their families. This is achieved through advocacy efforts on issues affecting today’s career force, the retired community, and veterans.

In addition to representing our interests before Congress, MOAA offers a wide range of personal and financial services, exclusive to MOAA membership. Whatever the stage of your career, your MOAA membership delivers benefits geared specifically for you. The WNC chapter also offers quarterly luncheons with programs on military issues, and many rewarding opportunities for hands-on support for veterans in need. MOAA’s theme of “Never Stop Serving” leaves the “how” to each of us. Check out moaa.org for more information.

February Program: NC Military Veterans Partnership {NCMVP}

Ms. Rebekah Torres, NC NG Family Programs

Mr. John Mahshie, Veterans Healing Farm

Ms. Shannon Knapp, Heart of Horse Sense

NCMVP is a North Carolina consortium of public and private agencies that provide support to America’s heroes . Our program begins with an overview of NCMVP , followed by representatives from two outstanding Western North Carolina-based programs.

Veterans Healing Farm is a 501{c}{3} nonprofit community farm in Henderson County that supports veterans and care givers by providing access to fresh produce, farm activities, and seminars on holistic health and sustainability. They also empower veterans reintegrating into civilian life by fostering a thriving micro-community of veterans and civilians who build deep friendships and, implement innovative gardening techniques and help cultivate emotional, physical and spiritual health. Veteranshealing-farm.org

Heart of Horse Sense, based in Marshall, NC, is a nonprofit that supports free Therapeutic Horsemanship, including Equine Assisted Psychotherapy and Learning to veterans. Heartofhorsesense.org

Menu for General Meeting

Old Fashion Pot Roast Jardinière

Sautéed Chicken, Country Ham, Kale, Mushrooms,
Caramelized Shallot and Bourbon Sauce

Assorted Salads, Vegetables and Desserts

For Gluten free or vegetarian options contact Ms.
Dayna Kelsey, Clubhouse Manager
828-692-2261 Ex 115

**WNC MOAA Board of Director Vacancies
2017**

Army Service Director
At Large Service Director
Personal Affairs Liaison

Any member interested in serving in a position
for 2017, please contact Spence Campbell, Presi-
dent at 243-9067

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.

Newsletter by email

Our next Newsletter (May 2017) will be distributed by email only. Those members for whom we have no email address (about 25) will receive a hardcopy in the mail. To update the chapter roster, send your updated information to treasurer@wnc-moaa.org. The newsletter is also posted at wnc-moaa.org as soon as it is prepared.

2017 Chapter Dues

2017 chapter dues are due now. The Online Chapter Membership Dues Join and Renewal tool is available to regular members and surviving spouses. You may join or renew your chapter membership for up to 3 years. You may also include a donation (up to \$100) to our chapter general fund in addition to dues. Here is the link: <http://www.moaa.org/Content/Chapters-and-Councils/Chapters-and-Councils.aspx#Chapter-Dues>. Or you can use the dues form on the last page.

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. Member dues, once deposited, will not be refunded.

2016 Chapter Financial Summary			
Income		Expenses	
Dues	\$5,155	Admin	\$2,000
Fund Raising	\$1,568	Charity	\$2,842
Meals	\$7,827	Meals	\$7,557
Other	\$415	Other	\$1,363
		Satellites	\$136
	\$14,965		\$13,898
Gain/(Loss)			\$1,067
Cash Balance	12/31/16		\$11,102

**WNC 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. 2017 meetings will be held on 3/30, 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, please contact Brent Ramsey at shrblr@bellsouth.net or 828-734-1146

JROTC Corner

Chapter members met the region's newest JROTC unit when cadets from the Brevard High School Marine Corps JROTC unit, led by Lt Col (ret) Chuck Megown, presented the colors at the 19 November general membership meeting. The unit, which stood up in 2015, is already making an impact on the young cadets in the unit and in the Brevard community.

Chapter member and JROTC liaison, Jeff Snyder, had the opportunity to speak at two local JROTC units during their Veteran's Day commemoration. The AFJROTC units at Enka High School and E Henderson High School took the time on that day to talk with veterans and to better understand the meaning of being a military veteran. The cadets at Enka High School each wrote an essay on what Veteran's Day meant to them and each period's top essay was read to the class and visitors. Our goal is for the chapter to offer similar speaking opportunities to more local JROTC units as a way to help their cadets better understand the role of military service to this nation, their community and to our veterans.

This year, the chapter will once again present the MOAA leadership award to a rising senior at each of the region's 18 JROTC units' annual awards 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.

Veteran's Restoration Quarters (VRQ)

The chapter continues to support our community's Veterans Restoration Quarters by prepping and then serving the noon meal on the 4th Wednesday of each month. This facility, which houses and provides rehabilitation services to 200+ of our area's homeless veterans, has offered a great opportunity for this chapter to give back to those whose have served as we have but need help overcoming the challenges in their lives.

The chapter has three teams of volunteers who cover the 4th Wednesday lunch on a rotational basis but we find many of our volunteers showing up every month to help out. Many of us have also starting bringing along our neighbors who have heard about our effort and want to help out. Additionally, the chapter has, for a number of years, donated money and our services to provision and then operate the concession stand at the VRQ's major fundraiser each year, a classic car show in October. This chapter's support of the VRQ is an important part of who we are as MOAA's western NC chapter and what we represent as men and women who served in our nation's military and now serve the community where we now live.



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General Chapter Meeting Registration and Renewal Form

Meeting/Lunch REGISTRATION: **Saturday Feb 18, 2017** 11 AM Check-in/Social Hour; Lunch/Program

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

DEADLINE: Payment must be received NLT: *Tuesday, Feb 14, 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 2016 :\$30 Regular member and spouse; \$10 Surviving Spouse

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

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

National MOAA#: _____