



**WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER  
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.  
FALL 2015/November**

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Welcome to Fall in the mountains. For many--if not most of us--this is our favorite time of year. Days are cooler (and shorter!). Air conditioners become silent until next summer. Leaves take on spectacular colors. And, let’s not forget football!

This upcoming general meeting of our chapter on 21 November marks my last as your president. We will be swearing in the newly elected slate of officers who will “steer the ship” for the next two years under the leadership of President Spence Campbell. As I reflect upon my last two years as your president I am humbled and grateful for the tremendous support you all have given me. I am also very proud of what WE as a chapter have been able to achieve. Some of the highlights that come to mind would include... Establishing our new Smokey Mountain Satellite Chapter; working with Four Seasons Hospice to support our veterans with “Pinning Ceremonies”; having two of our area JROTC instructors named the first of this state’s “Instructor of the Year” (one officer and one NCO); beginning and sustaining our monthly support of the VRQ kitchen in Asheville; supporting the VA Hospital’s CRC with ice cream socials; and co-hosting the bi-annual state convention in Cashiers this past June. I could go on with other activities; but I think you get my point. And, of course becoming a MOAA 5-Star chapter for 2014 only validates that we’ve been doing the “Right Stuff”. All of these activities and accomplishments are the result of a TEAM effort. I’ve been blessed with an exceptional board of directors and officers. And we couldn’t have done any of this without the support of the many volunteers who have stepped up and asked, “What can I do?” In closing, there is one thing that I would ask of ALL chapter members. If you like what we’re doing... If you like the comradery of being with others at our general meetings... If you think what we’re about is worthwhile and good for our fellow vets... Tell someone! Reach out to other active or former officers and invite them to become a part of what we’re all about. If this is worthwhile for you; it should be worthwhile for them. If we are to continue to be a strong presence we need new blood.

Finally, our very special guest at the 21 November meeting will be Congressman Mark Meadows of the 11<sup>th</sup> district. He was with us 2 years ago; and we welcome him back to provide an update on what’s happening in Washington and in Western NC. He will speak briefly and then take questions. Mark knows that we aren’t a shy bunch...so he will be prepared!

See you on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Until then, please enjoy the fall. And thanks for allowing me to be your president for these past two years. Best Regards; John

## Nov 21 Meeting

Our program will be Congressman Mark Meadows of the 11<sup>th</sup> district. We appreciate him taking the time to visit with us and update what is going on in Washington and listening to our input.

After working as a small business owner for 27 years, Representative Mark Meadows brings a business-style approach to Washington, D.C. During his time in Congress, he has championed pro-growth jobs policies, a sensible approach to reducing the national deficit, and a robust national defense.

Mr. Meadows serves on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee where he Chairs the Subcommittee on Government Operations. Additionally, Mr. Meadows served as a congressional delegate to the 68th session of the United Nations General Assembly and as a commissioner on the Congressional-Executive Commission on China.



He is dedicated to providing top-notch constituent services to North Carolina's 11th Congressional District and is committed to upholding his Christian values and conservative principles while serving in Congress.

Mark lives in Jackson County with his wife Debbie. They have two adult children, Blake and Haley.

### Menu

Baked Breast of Almond Chicken Lemon Cream, Flounder Almandine, Rosemary Roasted New Potatoes, Sautéed Yellow Squash and Onions, Garden Salad Bowl and Dressings, Greek Pasta Salad, Spinach and Mushroom Salad, Ice Cream Table with Assorted Desserts with Toppings, Cookie Tray and Fruit Crisp

### Help Wanted: Newsletter Editor Needed

This is my last newsletter as editor. This shortened version is one of the options we have considered to reduce costs and allow more funds to be used for our core support projects. If anyone is interested in doing a newsletter in the format of their choosing contact Spence, our new President. Thanks to all for your input and support.  
Bob Smith

### Legislative News

LTC Karen McKay has prepared her final report and it is published in its entirety on our website [WWW.WMC-MOAA.org](http://WWW.WMC-MOAA.org) at the legislative affairs tab. LTC Larry Wilson will return to this position, thanks to you both!

### Dues

Note the form at bottom of back page, dues have been increased and 2016 will be due Jan 1. If your newsletter has 2014 above your address this will be your last newsletter and you will be dropped from the rolls unless you have made arrangements by the Nov meeting.

### August 21 meeting

This meeting was a departure from our usual type program and was enjoyed by almost 100 members/guests. Many thanks to Ms Lisa Whitfield. The slate of officers provided by the nominating committee was approved/elected and it was voted to raise dues as indicated on the back page.

<p><b>WNC-MOAA Treasurer's Summary</b> <b>Bank Balance 1/1/15: \$9230; Bal 9/30/15: \$9237</b> <b>Major expense 2nd quarter: VRQ-\$500</b></p>
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## 2016 CALENDAR

### **2016/17 OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS**

#### **Board of Directors**

President	Spence Campbell Col USA-Ret
1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Mike Covell CAPT USN-Ret
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Gary Gresh COL USA-Ret
Secretary	Marleen Varner Aux
Treasurer	Herb Mensch CAPT USN-Ret
Past Pres.	John Knapp CAPT USNR-Ret
USA	Jerry Tanner LTC USWA-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 MajGen USAF-Ret
Chaplain	Bob Lair Col USA-Ret
JROTC LNO	Jeff Snyder Col USAF-Ret
NL Editor	Vacant
Legal Affairs	Micky Parnell Capt USA-Ret
Legis. Affairs	Larry Wilson LTC USA-Ret
Pers. Affairs	Vacant
VA Hosp LNO	Marleen Varner
Webmaster	Len Baker LTC USA-Ret
Auxiliary LNO	Rev Nancy McCarthy

*Go to: [WNC-MOAA.org](http://WNC-MOAA.org) for contact info*

#### **General Meetings** (all at Hendersonville CC)

Feb 20 Saturday at 11AM Check-in/social  
May 20 Friday at 4 PM check-in/social BBQ/cookout  
Aug 19 Friday at 4PM Check-in/social BBQ/cookout  
Nov 19 Saturday at 11AM Check-in/social

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

Jan 20, Apr 13, Jul 13, Oct 12

#### **VRQ Lunch Servings** (Contact Jeff Snyder)

Each fourth Wednesday 9:30-12:30

#### **Black Mountain Satellite**

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**

Every odd numbered month on fourth Thursday at Noon,  
Location varies. Contact Brent Ramsey at  
shrblr@bellsouth.net or phone 828-452-4783

#### **VA Hospital CLC Ice Cream Social**

By the time you receive this we will have done our third Ice  
Cream Social at the VA CLC, contact Spence Campbell if  
interested in becoming part of this great operation.

#### **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.

#### **2015 Patriots Parade**

Come join the MOAA crew at the parade in Columbus,  
NC for our third participation in this event. Wear your  
uniform if you can or veteran motif clothing. Meet up at  
McDonalds just off I-26 in Columbus at 9:30.

#### **Vacancies**

Please note the positions above listed as vacant. Not listed is membership Chairperson. To make the chapter work and accomplish the goals established by the board and approved by the membership takes a lot of hands. Most do not take a lot of time but all add up to make things go well. Note that the chapter received a five star rating, jump in and do your part to help maintain ratings like this.

#### **New Members**

LCDR Hal Butts USNR-Ret, wife Jeanne, Black Mountain and Daytona Beach, FL

CWO John Lemley USN-Ret, wife Jane, Franklin

COL Michael Padgett USA-Ret, wife Sheila, Sylva

Welcome and hope to see you at next meeting in addition to Satellite meetings.

#### **Taps**

Myron (Mike) Corets, LTC USA-Ret, Los Angeles, CA (former member)

Marshall Monroe, LTC USA-Ret, Columbus

Noah Web Gokey CAPT, USN-Ret, Columbus

Further info and obituaries are on Web Site under Taps

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***General Chapter Meeting Registration and Renewal Form***

Chapter Meeting/Cookout REGISTRATION: **Saturday Nov 21, 2015 11 AM** 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, Nov 17, 2015***

Make Checks payable to: WNC MOAA Enclosed is my check for \_\_\_\_ meal (s) At **\$20 per person.**

I/We plan on attending the WNC MOAA General Chapter Meeting on Saturday, Nov 21, 2015

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Guest:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

***2016 Dues are 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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