

The Western North Carolina Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, Inc.

MOUNTAIN MOAA NEWS

FALL 2008

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SATURDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2008

HENDERSONVILLE COUNTRY CLUB

Cash bar opens at 1100 hours. Buffet Luncheon begins at 12 noon.
The menu includes trout and pork loin with various vegetables, desserts and drinks. The cost for the General Membership Meeting remains at \$18.00 per person.

GUEST SPEAKER

COL John T. Hoffman, USA-Ret, is the Senior Advisor for Bio-Surveillance to the Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, U.S. Department of Homeland Security. COL Hoffman is a Vietnam Veteran having served with the 48th Assault Helicopter Company. He will discuss Bio-Terrorism and Food Defense.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE RESERVATION FORM ON
THE BACK PAGE AND SEND IN ASAP**

WNCMOAA, Inc. President's Remarks

By LTC Larry Wilson, USA-Ret

With election time approaching, WNCMOAA, Inc. has asked candidates for US House of Representatives and US Senate their position on four major MOAA issues. Candidates responded to a questionnaire on Medicare Improvements, SBP-DIC Offset for Survivors, Concurrent Receipt of Military Retired Pay and VA Disability Compensation, and Health Care Cost-Shifting to Military Beneficiaries. Both Senator Elizabeth Dole and her opponent, Ms. Kay Hagen, fully support all four of these MOAA issues. Representative Heath Shuler is also in full support of all four issues; however, his opponent, Dr. Carl Mumpower, only supports changing the SBP-DIC Offset for Survivors and is firmly against the MOAA positions on the remaining three issues. (continued on page 2)

(President's Remarks continued from page 1)

CYRUS E. ANDERSON JUNIOR ROTC SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Our Chapter received a telephone call from Ms. La Rose, our 2008 scholarship winner, who expressed her deep appreciation for our assistance in helping her pursue higher education. She is attending Penn State University and is majoring in Forensic Science. Also in the scholarship area, the Board of Directors has voted to increase our scholarship from \$1,000 to \$2,000 and added a \$250 grant to the JROTC unit of the winning student. Hopefully, this will stimulate greater interest in the scholarship program and provide initiative to the various JROTC Senior Military Instructors to encourage qualified students to apply. Contributions may be made directly to the scholarship fund and are greatly appreciated.

DUES NEWS

The Board of Directors voted to make a change in the method in which dues notification are made. Instead of noting dues on the General Membership Meeting form in the news letter, WNCMOAA, Inc. will send out dues notifications in February of each year only to members who are not paid for that year. It should make it easier for you, the membership, to keep track of when your dues were paid, and will make it far easier for the Treasurer to post dues. Streamlining the dues process and separating it from the General Membership Meeting form should benefit all.

HELP WANTED!!

Once again, the Board of Directors is asking for your help. The positions of Second Vice President, Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Legal Affairs, and Legislative Affairs are open. Regretfully, MAJ Ron Botsford, USAF-Ret, the current Second Vice President, cannot continue in the position due to health issues. The Second Vice President is the key position in our JROTC award/scholarship program and must be filled. Fortunately, Ron has agreed to continue until a replacement is found. The position of Secretary has been streamlined and does not require the amount of work that it has in the past. Many thanks are due to our Treasurer, LTC Milton Thompson, USMC- Ret, for his efforts in this area. Milton has stood solid like the proverbial oak tree and his contributions are greatly appreciated. LTC Charles Luce, USA- Ret, is again continuing to edit the Newsletter and our thanks go out to him once again, but, he can not continue indefinitely. The Board of Directors has appointed COL Robert Lair, USA-Ret, and MAJ Richard Swift, USAF- Ret, as co-chairs of the Nominating Committee. They have both graciously agreed to serve. I might add both are doing double duty as COL Lair is our Chaplin and MAJ Swift is our Personal Affairs Representative. If we are to remain a viable organization we must have your help.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This newsletter contains two forms. One is the reservation form for the General Membership Meeting for 15 November (on page 4) and the second is a form for each member to update their mailing address, e-mail address and telephone number (on page 3). This second form may either be mailed in or dropped off at the Treasurer's desk at the General Membership Meeting. **This update is critical as we have found that much of the information on the Roster of Members is incorrect.**

Those wishing to contact me in regard to the General Membership Meeting or any other matter may reach me at 828-890-8438. My new e-mail address is bobear6@att.net. I thank you for your support and looking forward to seeing all at the Fall General Membership Meeting.

ADDRESS UPDATE FORM

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

Please fill out form and mail to: WNCMOAA, P.O. Box 1984, Hendersonville, NC
28793

FINANCIAL REPORT

As of September 30, 2008

LTC Milton Thompson USMC-Ret

Checking Account.....	\$9,950
Scholarship Fund	\$637

Hendersonville Country Club

August 16, 2008

Income.....	\$1,692
Expenses.....Meals, Services and Entertainment.....	\$1,357
Profit / (Loss).....	\$.335

Dues Status

Total Members on Our Roster 259

As of September 30, 2008

Members with Dues Paid Through 2008: 217 (84%)
Members who have not paid dues for 2008: 42 (16%)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!

The dates for the 2009 General Membership Meetings are 21 February,
23 May, 22 August, and 21 November.

The date for the next Board of Directors' Meeting is 13 January 2009 at a
location to be announced as the Hendersonville Country Club is closed at
that time.

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If the year on your address label above is less than 2009,
Please pay your dues prior to the Membership Meeting of
February 21, 2009. Send your check to the address above.

Clip this form and mail today!!

LUNCHEON MEETING SIGNUP

Mail to: WNCMOAA, P.O. BOX 1984

HENDERSONVILLE, NC 28793

Name _____

Event: 15 NOVEMBER 2008, Luncheon, \$18 per person

Total number to attend _____ Amount paid _____

**NOTE: YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE RECEIVED BY
12 NOVEMBER! FILL OUT THIS FORM NOW AND MAIL IT IN!!**