

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

MOUNTAIN MOAA NEWS

SUMMER 2008

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SATURDAY, 16 AUGUST 2008

HENDERSONVILLE COUNTRY CLUB

IT'S A PICNIC!

Our August General Membership Meeting will be a casual picnic held at the Hendersonville Country Club on 16 August 2008. Hopefully, our menu will strike the fancy of all. The menu will be hot dogs, hamburgers, BBQ and fried chicken. There will be corn on the cob, baked beans, Old Fashion Cole Slaw, German potato salad, four bean salad and ice cream and cookies and watermelon for desert! The dress will be casual and Bermuda shorts are acceptable. However, the Hendersonville Country Club has a dress-code which does not allow DENIM, TANK TOPS or T-SHIRTS. Men's shirts should have a collar.

GUEST SPEAKER

Our Guest speaker will be Col. Barry Wright, USA, Ret., Deputy Director of MOAA's Council and Chapter Affairs. I have spoken to him on the telephone and believe that his comments will be timely and enjoyable. Get you questions together and we can get the answers from the top! MOAA is sending out flyers to all MOAA members who are not members of WNCMOAA, Inc. Hopefully this will bring a good crowd and increase our membership.

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WNCMOAA, Inc. President's Remarks By LTC Larry Wilson, USA-Ret

The longest day has passed and we are heading for the dog days of August and then Fall, which this year will be full of political rhetoric. As we did during the last election period, we will be sending questionnaires to our North Carolina candidates for National Office to see where they stand on the MOAA issues. Their answers will be published in our Fall Newsletter. Hopefully, all candidates will answer promptly! Our pressing issue, today, is the
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MEDICARE question. In two votes in the Senate to pass a bill eliminating the proposed cuts in fees for services in accord with the MOAA position, Senator Burr voted NO on both occasions and Senator Dole voted YES. Perhaps the most disturbing bit of information that I gleaned from talking to staffers in both offices was that they did not know that there was any tie-in between MEDICARE and the retired military community! In fact, on one occasion, a call made by my wife, Gail was asked why she was calling as the military, both retired and active, were not affected by the issue. It appears that we have an educational process to go through. A public thank you to Gail for helping to "knock on Senator's doors"

HELP WANTED!!

We are still looking for a Secretary and an Auxiliary member to fill positions on the Board of Directors. We have solved, temporarily, the newsletter problem, thanks to the efforts of LTC Charles (Chuck) Luce, USA-Ret, who will continue to use his computer skills to put the document together and LTC Milton Thompson, USMC-Ret, who has located and negotiated with a commercial printer in Hendersonville. We all, especially me, owe them a great debt of gratitude. If it were not for their efforts there would be no newsletter.

\$ MONEY MATTERS \$

During the 8 July, 2008, Board of Directors meeting several financial issues were addressed and voted on. We have increased our contribution to the Asheville Veteran's Hospital from \$300.00 to \$500.00 per year. The amount of the JROTC annual scholarship had been raised from \$1000.00 to \$2000.00. In addition, the board voted to approve a motion to contribute \$250.00 to the JROTC unit of the scholarship winner. This will be publicized to all JROTCs in our area with the hope that we can increase the number of applicants.

YOU HAVE AN IDEA??

Remember good ideas are not limited to the Board of Directors. If you have any ideas to improve WNCMOAA, Inc. please let us know. The only bad idea is one that is not expressed.

Looking forward to seeing all at the August General Membership Meeting!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors will meet with Col. Wright at 10:00 AM, 16 August 2008 at the Hendersonville Country Club.

The next Board of Director's Meeting will be 7 October 2008. Any Board member wishing to find another location for this meeting please contact me.

TAPS

CDR Reuel L. Davis, USN-Ret. CDR Davis was a great contributor to our Chapter . For many years he edited the newsletter. His work with the Chapter was, and still is, greatly appreciated. He was indeed a "Gentleman and a Scholar."

Betty Davis, wife of the late CDR Reuel Davis, died recently.

COL R. Payton Tabb, USA-Ret.

LTC Ross C. Alm, USAF-Ret.

LTC Edward E. Dougherty, USA-Ret.

FINANCIAL REPORT

As of June 30, 2008

LTC Milton Thompson, USMC-Ret.

Checking Account.....	\$9,364
Scholarship Fund	\$2,002

Hendersonville Country Club

May 17, 2008

Income.....	\$1,332
Expenses.....Meals, Services and Entertainment.....	\$1,165
Profit / (Loss).....	\$167

Total Members , 255. Dues Paid 213.

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Event: 16 August 2008, PICNIC Luncheon, \$18 per person

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