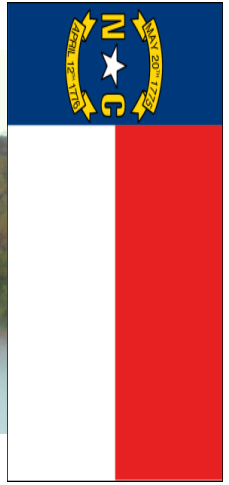




WNC MOAA MOUNTAIN NEWS



WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, Inc. Summer 2010

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE MAJ BOB SMITH, USA-Ret.

Hope all are weathering the summer. Your board of directors has approved continuing support of the Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry (ABCCM) Veteran's Restoration Quarters (VRQ). Some of us attended another graduation of the Culinary Arts students and were served an awesome meal. We had the opportunity to meet several residents and learn of their experiences. It was a moving experience. An extension of the program is a catering operation in support of the VRQ. The former Azalea United Methodist Church is part of their facility and is available for events.

As part of our support to the VRQ, I have suggested, and the board has approved, holding our next General meeting there on August 21. I have been asked by some members that we occasionally consider a different venue. In the past we have met at the Land of The Sky Shrine, and while the events were well received and very enjoyable, we had to have a minimum of 100 in attendance. We lost money the last time. This is not a permanent relocation as our usual location is perfect.

This is not a reflection on the Club, or anyone's dissatisfaction, just a desire to try a change once in a while. The Hendersonville Country Club (HCC) is a world class operation in my opinion and I cannot envision a place where we would be treated any better. The staff treats us like royalty and the food is unsurpassed. As I travel to Council of Chapters events, I get to go to other chapters' general meetings and only one came even close to what we have at our "home base" at the HCC. We are extremely lucky!

This meeting will be an afternoon one and casual dress is appropriate. It will be over in plenty of time for folks to get home well before dark. Car pooling is encouraged as always. We will be able to do our own refreshments and plan to have limited wine, beer, and Bloody Mary's available as a fund raiser for the chap-

ter. I have asked Rev. Scott Rogers, ABCCM Executive Director, to provide the program and hope to be able to offer tours of the rest of the facility. I have included and posted a list of items needed at the facility on our website. Please look it over and see if you have any of these items you would like to donate or purchase to support this worthwhile operation that is making a difference in so many Veterans' lives. ABCCM also operates a thrift shop and is always happy to receive sellable items. Our by-laws call for the August meeting to be our Annual meeting and set the dues for the upcoming year. The board has recommended maintaining the existing rate structure of \$20 for regular member and spouse and \$5 for Auxiliary (surviving spouse). National MOAA has a chapter recruiting program where they will pay \$15 toward new chapter member's first year dues. The board approved waiving the \$5 balance for any one recruited under that program.

I have arranged for a local shop to embroider the MOAA logo and WNC Chapter on shirts, hats, or jackets of your choice. You can purchase the items and drop them off at "A Stitch In Time" at 1259 Sweeten Creek Rd in Asheville (828-275-5193). They can put it on the sleeve or the chest, just ask for MOAA. The cost is \$8 total per item. I have found that the Ultimate Polo shirts from Target seem to be very good quality and are \$12.99 (sometimes on sale for \$10). Wal-Mart also has one that looks pretty good for \$8 (Faded Glory pique mesh).

Bob

**MAJ Bob Smith, USA-Ret.
WNC MOAA President**



**ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!!
REVISED LOCATION/TIME
FOR AUGUST 21ST
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SEE PAGE 2 FOR DETAILS**



**SUMMER 2010 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING (Casual Dress)
SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2010
REVISED LOCATION: ABCCM ACTS Center;
1401 Tunnel Rd, Asheville (See Map)**

4:00 p.m. Social Hour
5:00 p.m. BBQ Dinner and Program
COST: \$18.00/person
SPEAKER: REVEREND SCOTT ROGERS
ABCCM Executive Director

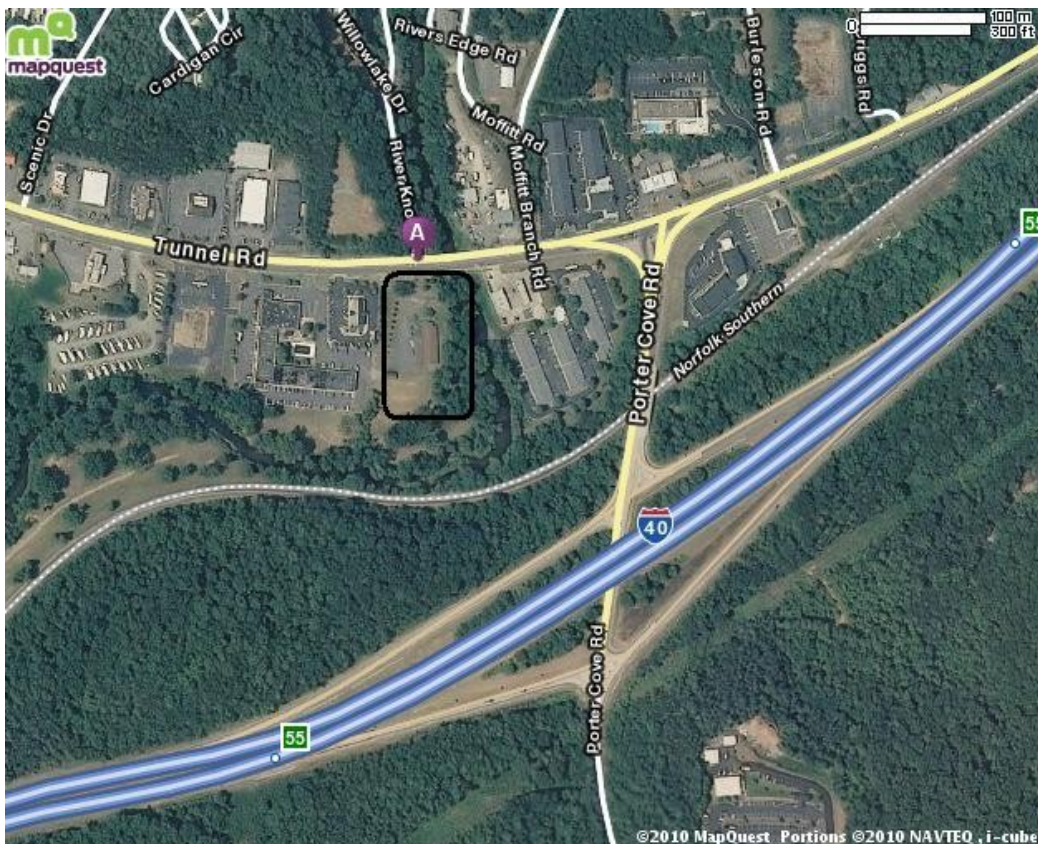
Menu
BBQ Chicken
BBQ Pork
Baked Beans
Cole Slaw
Potato Salad
Tossed Salad
Banana Pudding
Iced Tea/Coffee

REVEREND SCOTT ROGERS – BIO

Reverend Scott Rogers has been Executive Director of the Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry (ABCCM) since October 1, 1981. ABCCM provides emergency assistance each year for over 40,000 men, women and children in the areas of Crisis Ministry (4 locations), Jail Ministry, Shelter Ministry (2 locations -- includes the Veterans Restoration Quarters), Medical Ministry, Donations Center and Thrift Store with over 3,200 volunteers from 264+ churches. Reverend Rogers is also an ordained minister in the Christian Church as well as a licensed Marital and Family Therapist in N.C., and a clinical member of the American Association of Marriage & Family Therapists. He has World Missions from Lincoln Christian College, a B.A. in Church Growth and World Missions from Lincoln Christian College,

Lincoln, IL, and a Master's Degree from the University of Illinois at Springfield in Human Development Counseling. Reverend Scott Rogers has been in human services for 32 years, with the last 26 with ABCCM. The Reverend has a long list of community involvement with numerous organizations since 1977 and an equally long list of awards and achievements. Most notably, Reverend Rogers was honored by the Department of Labor with their "Best Practice" award in the USA for putting homeless veterans back into the work place and was the keynote presenter at their national conference in August, 2008. Reverend Rogers and his wife Shirley have three children.

LOCATION IS HIGHLIGHTED AT "A"



**Directions
1401 Tunnel Road**

I-40 to exit 55

**Go to Tunnel Rd (US-70)
And head west**

**1401 Tunnel Rd is a
brief drive and located
on the left when going
west on Tunnel Rd**

**Problems: call Bob
Smith at cell 828-925-
7070**

JROTC Report – School Year 2009-2010

The Western North Carolina Chapter of MOAA supports two recognition programs for the 17 JROTC units in our area of responsibility. For an outstanding eleventh grade cadet, nominated by the Senior Military Instructor, the Chapter awards the MOAA ROTC Medal and certificate. In addition, the recognized cadet receives a \$100.00 U.S. Savings Bond. This year 16 of the 17 units recommended a cadet for this award. The awards were presented by a member of the chapter at the School's JROTC annual award ceremony.

The Cyrus E. Anderson Scholarship is awarded annually to the outstanding graduating senior who applies that has been accepted to an institution of higher learning. Five highly qualified students applied for the scholarship this year. This year's winner of the \$1,000.00 scholarship was Cadet Jesse Mashburn, Corps Commander of the Enka High School AFJROTC unit. Cadet Mashburn will attend North Carolina State University College of Aerospace Engineering. Upon graduation he hopes to be a USAF pilot. The WNC-MOAA Chapter President strongly encourages chapter members to volunteer to be a liaison with a JROTC unit to coordinate joint MOAA and JROTC activities. In addition, the liaison should attempt to be the presenter of the MOAA ROTC medal to the outstanding junior cadet and contribute to the purchase of the Annual Savings Bond. If you are interested in this opportunity to become more closely connected with these motivated high school students, contact 2nd VP Mike Covell who will assist in making it happen.

Summary of May Guest Speaker Remarks

Our guest speaker at the May General Membership Meeting was CPT Adam Bennett, USA who gave an inspiring talk about his year-long deployment to Tal Afar, Iraq, in support of 'Operation Iraqi Freedom.' CPT Bennett spoke about how beautiful the area he was deployed to and some harrowing instances that happened to him as a helicopter pilot to include the necessity of closely watching fuel levels in order to return to base safely, and the biggest hazard—flying with all the dust around them. He also demonstrated the typical gear he used while deployed to include his specially designed helmet. CPT Bennett also spoke about his current job as Company Commander of the Asheville USA Recruiting Center and the challenges he faces with potential recruits in regards to their education level and weight issues. He cited how so many potential recruits are simply very overweight and provided some graphic charts to help illustrate his challenges.



PHOTO: Cadet Jesse Mashburn, Corps Commander of the Enka High School AFJROTC unit (2d from left) is this year's \$1,000 Cyrus E. Anderson Scholarship Award. He is surrounded by his parents, Mr and Mrs Mashburn as well as his Military Instructor, Lt Col Mick Dove, USAF (far right).



Heroes

There are many books about heroes. Will Durant and Paul Johnson have excellent books on the subject.

As career military officers, we all have our lists of heroes. Alvin York, Audie Murphy, Billy Mitchell, Joe Foss, Greg "Pappy" Boyington, David Shoup and James B. Stockdale are well known American heroes.

However, a lesser known hero of the Korean War is on my list of heroes. His name is Holland Hope. Hope was an Army chaplain who served with distinction during World War II and Korea. Chaplain Hope was a part of a massive airborne drop of the 187th Airborne Regiment near Sukch'on to rescue American prisoners.

Chaplain Hope suffered a fractured vertebra from the jump. He learned that "I" Company of the 3rd Battalion had been cut off. The Chaplain organized a rescue force from "L" Company. Hope was a recognized marksman as well as a man of faith and spiritual leader.

Led by Chaplain Hope, the men followed him to rescue the wounded and recover the dead. For his action he was awarded the Silver Star, the Purple Heart and an additional badge that was unprecedented for a chaplain. Holland Hope was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Holland Hope responded with courage and decisiveness in a moment of crisis. And that is what makes a hero in any situation.

Chaplain (COL) Robert E. Lair, Jr., USA-Ret.

Veterans Restoration Quarters Needs List & Volunteer Opportunities

Men's Needs List

Coats/Hats/Gloves
Bus Tickets
Back Packs/Duffle Bags
Shampoo & Conditioner Combo
Powdered Laundry Detergent
Sweat Pants/Shirts
Disposable Razors
New Clothing
Computers
Cologne
Tums/Roloids
Socks/Underwear
Tees
Air Fresheners
Crossword Puzzles
Chap Stick
Alcohol-Free Mouthwash
Sugar-Free Candy

Kitchen

Commercial Food Chopper
Commercial Juicer
Industrial Food Processor
Commercial Grader
Commercial Pans & Equipment
Commercial Coffee Pots
Baking Pans
Any Commercial Kitchen Pans
Commercial Coffee Grinder

Garden

Tiller
Fertilizer (10-10-10 & Lime)
Rolls of Plastic or Cloth
Seeds
Plants
Fruit Trees
Mulch

Housekeeping: new towels & washrags; laundry detergent; new twin & double sheets & blankets; new comforters & quilts; new mattresses & box springs; trash bags

Arts & Crafts: supplies; craft kits; clay; chalk; leather kits; paints; model cars; planes

Maintenance landscaping cloth; ladders; pressure washer; air compressor

Chaplain's Wish List: study bibles; New Believers Bible (New Living Translation); New Living Bible (Large Print); New Living Life Application Study Bible

Miscellaneous: Color Photo Printer (Photos only); table cloths & holiday flowers; votive candle holders & candles; hangers; plastic storage containers

Volunteer Opportunities (call Kelley Freeman at 298-7952 ext 115 for dates/times): cook teams; clothing closet; front desk; kitchen; garden; arts and crafts; points room (reward items); decorating; administrative clerk

Attention MOAA Members!! Please consider bringing a selection of the above items with you to the General Membership Meeting!! Your generosity would be much appreciated by the VRQ vets

Send Your Thoughts and Prayers for the Palmer Family

Mrs Zeb Palmer (Bev), the wife of our chapter treasurer Zeb Palmer, has been experiencing some serious health issues. Most recently, she suffered a severe fall, hitting her head very hard, and broke one of her neck vertebrae. Surgery was required, but they were unable to complete the operation due to complications during the operation. At press time, she is resting comfortably awaiting a 2d surgery.

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RECRUITING UPDATE

LTC Don Jackman, USA-Ret., 1st Vice President

Early this year MOAA provided our Chapter a roster of over 1000 retired military officers residing in western North Carolina, who are not members of our Chapter. By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have mailed an invitational letter to these officers asking them to join our Chapter. We need all the members we can recruit to continue our effective support of our young leaders (JROTC) and Veterans living at the Veterans Restoration Quarters (VRQ) and the V.A. Hospital in Asheville. In fact our next quarterly Chapter meeting will be held at the VRQ on August 21. This facility is a success story for Veterans living in our chapter area. We are pleased to be a part of the good work that is going on daily with these veterans who need our help.

The bottom line is that we want to get our members involved with the JROTC program and local veterans. As our chapter grows larger, MOAA provides financial incentives, but we need your help as well. Do you know a retired officer who is not a member of MOAA or our Chapter? If so, contact me and we can get them MOAA and or Chapter membership.

In order for our Chapter to "Make a Difference" we need members who are willing to roll up their sleeves and get involved. Be active. Paying it forward pays huge dividends!

I will report the success of our recruiting efforts in our fall newsletter.

THIS AND THAT FROM THE CHAPTER SECRETARY, COL KAT SPENCER USAF-Ret.

WELCOME NEW CHAPTER MEMBER

Capt Dustin Degman, USAF-former officer, and his wife Jennifer

SPELLING CORRECTION FOR NEW MEMBER LISTED IN SPRING NEWSLETTER

(UNFORTUNATELY SOME MIS-SPELLINGS SQUEAK THROUGH THE SYSTEM)

So please welcome

COL James T. Ferguson, Sr., USAR-Ret., and his wife Carol

THANK-YOU TO JROTC SPONSORS FOR ANNUAL SAVINGS BOND DONATION:

- Bob and Linda Smith, McDowell High School
- Kat Spencer, T.C. Roberson High School

NOTE: Contact CAPT Mike Covell, USN-Ret., if you too would like to sponsor a High School

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **August 4, 2010:** *Happy Birthday* United States Coast Guard – since 1790
- **August 11, 2010:** WNC MOAA Chapter sponsoring one of the VA Hospital Community Living Center monthly breakfasts and Memorial Service. The breakfasts have omelets made to order and are held once a month for the residents. The Memorial Service is an opportunity for residents, staff, and families to remember, honor, and reflect on who've passed away. The Chapter donated \$300 to cover cost of both events.
- **September 6, 2010:** Labor Day
- **September 15, 2010:** Black Mountain Satellite Chapter Meeting; Black Mountain NC – Speaker TBD
- **September 16-18, 2010:** National MOAA Chapter Presidents symposium, Jacksonville FL
- **September 18, 2010:** *Happy Birthday* United States Air Force – since 1947
- **October 13, 2010:** *Happy Birthday* United States Navy – 1775-83; since 1789

POSTING OF THE COLORS

At May 15, 2010, General Membership meeting, the chapter was honored by three very sharp looking members of the North Henderson High School JROTC (USAF) who did the honors. We thank them for taking their time to do this for us on a beautiful Saturday.

MEMBERSHIP DUES UPDATE

Congrats to the entire membership!!! All members are current on their annual dues as a minimum through December 31, 2010. My sincerest thanks to you all.

Women in U.S. Military History – Some of the “Firsts”

‘First’ Women known to serve:

USN: Loretta Walsh, 1st Yeoman; enlisted in March of 1917

USA: Margeret Corbin, who served with her husband at Fort Washington. In 1779, Congress voted Mrs. Corbin a disability pension of one-half a soldier's pay and one suit of clothes.

USCG: Twin sisters, Genevieve and Lucille Baker enlisted

USMC: Opha M. Johnson was first to enlist in 1918 when the Secretary of the Navy allowed women to enlist for clerical duty to free men for other service duties

USAF: Sgt Esther M. Blake, the "first woman in the Air Force" enlisted on the first minute of the first hour of the first day when the Women in the Air Force (WAF) were established as part of the USAF on July 8, 1948. The first woman to complete USAF Officer's Training School.

Women in the U.S. Military-Firsts (Continued)

First to Receive Notable Medals:

The Medal of Honor (1st and only woman): Dr. Mary E. Walker, surgeon during Civil War.

The Purple Heart: Lt Annie G. Fox, Hickam Field HI, during attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec 7, 1941.

The Bronze Star: 1Lt Cordelia E. Cook, Army Nurse Corps, during WWII in Italy and awarded The Purple Heart, becoming the first woman to receive two notable high awards.

The Soldiers Medal: Lt Edith Greenwood, 1943, for heroism during a fire at a military hospital in Yuma, AZ.

The Air Medal: Lt Elsie S. Ott, awarded for her actions in 1943 as an air evac nurse.

The Navy-Marine Corps Medal for Heroism: SSgt Barbara Olive Barnwell, 1953; Saved a soldier from drowning

U.S. Army Distinguished Service Medal: Colonel Oveta Culp Hobby, 1945

First Women to attain E-9 -- the highest enlisted rank:

WAVES: YNCM (Yeoman) Anne Dervartanian, 1959

WAC: Sgt Major Carolyn H. James, 1960

USMC: Master Gunnery Sgt. Geraldine M. Moran, 1960

WAF: SMSgt Grace A. Peterson, 1960

SPARS: Master Chief Yeoman Pearl E. Faurie, 1964

First Women to attain Star Rank:

USA: BG Elizabeth P. Hoisington, 1970

USN: RADM Fran McKee, 1976

USMC: Brig Gen Margaret A. Brewer, 1978

USAF: Brig Gen Jeanne M. Holm, 1971

NOAA: RADM Evelyn Fields, 1999 (also 1st Afro-American)

USCG: RADM Mary O'Donnell, 2000

First women in Nursing to attain Star Rank:

Army Nurse Corps: BG Anna May Hays, 1970

Navy Nurse Corp: RADM Alene B. Duerk, 1972

Air Force Nurse Corps: Brig Gen E. Anne Hoefly, 1972

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WWW.WNC-MOAA.ORG

APPLICATION FOR MOAA MEMBERSHIP: WNC CHAPTER

Name: _____

Spouse's First Name: _____

Rank: _____ Service: _____

Retired: _____ Retired Reserve: _____ Active Duty: _____

Former Officer: _____ Reserve Officer: _____ NG: _____

Widow(er): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Tel Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Nat'l MOAA Membership #: _____

Payment of Annual Membership Enclosed: Yes / No

(Membership valid 1 Jan – 31 Dec)

_____ \$20.00 for Regular Member (Includes Spouse)

_____ \$5.00 for Auxiliary Member (Surviving Spouse)

Make check payable to WNC MOAA

Complete and mail your application with your check to:

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Attn: Secretary

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General Chapter Meeting Registration Form

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DEADLINE: Payment must be received NLT: Monday, August 16, 2010

Make Checks payable to: WNC MOAA

I / We will attend the WNC MOAA General Chapter Meeting on August 21, 2010.

NAME: _____

Phone #: _____

Enclosed is my check for _____ meal(s) at **\$18.00 per person.**