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## Newsletter February 2023

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#### Next Meeting

February 19, 2023; 3:00 p.m.  
Red Rocks Café  
4223 Providence Road  
Charlotte



### President's message



I hope you are having a good month of February so far. It is a month with many opportunities to celebrate – It is Black History Month, also taking place....Abraham Lincoln's birthday, Valentine's Day, President's Day...and much more. Whatever it is you celebrate...ENJOY!!

During our February Chapter meeting, I, as Chapter President, will discuss how we will operationalize the MOAA National goals at the Chapter level and what each chapter member needs to do for MOAA as an organization to achieve its goals for 2023. Of course, another major topic of discussion will be the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter on April 6 at the Carmel Country Club. As you know by now, our keynote speaker will be Lt. Gen. Brian Kelly, President/CEO of Military Officers Association of America. This will be a rare privilege to have our national president in our midst and we are looking forward to it.

During this year, we want to continue to encourage the involvement and participation of EVERY chapter member, including Surviving Spouses. Opportunities for involvement include being a member of a committee such as the Membership Committee, Program Committee, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee, Surviving Spouse Affairs Committee, Legislative Affairs Committee, and others. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact me or a member of the Board of Directors. This is going to be a great year in the nearly 50-year history of Charlotte Metrolina Chapter. Just how impactful it will be will depend largely upon the extent of your engagement. Thank you, in advance, for committing to making a difference.

### NEVER STOP SERVING.

Joe L. Anderson, LTC (RET) President, 336-324-1008  
Charlotte Metrolina Chapter, MOAA,



See Flyer for more details.  
In this newsletter

**Our mission statement** is in concert with the Military Officers Association of America purposes and objectives. The goal is to foster fraternal relations among retired, active, and former officers of the uniformed services and their Reserve and National Guard components. Our aim is to actively promote the protection of the rights and interests of members of the uniformed services, their family members, including survivors, provide useful services for members and their families, and serve the community, the active military forces (past, present, and future) and our nation.

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<http://www.moaa.org/>

**MOAA "Take Action"** [http://www.moaa.org/take Action/](http://www.moaa.org/takeAction/)

## **CHARLOTTE METROLINA CHAPTER NEWS**

### **Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter MOAA 2023 Dues Notice**

January 1, 2023, marked the beginning of the new fiscal year for CMC. Annual dues for regular Chapter members are \$30.00 and for Surviving Spouse it is \$10.00. If you have not already paid your dues, please do so immediately. You may pay your dues at any time by several methods. If attending the February meeting, we will take cash or check. Or you can mail your check to:

Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter NC04  
P.O. Box 31394 Charlotte, NC 8231

We now have online payment via two methods. You can pay through your MOAA national account, or you can now go to [charlottemoaa.org](http://charlottemoaa.org) (Chapter Website) and click on Membership at the bottom of the home Page menu left side and then select regular or surviving spouse. Scroll down for your credit card info and follow the prompts. After you click the final Button, it will take several minutes to deliver an email message that will be your receipt.

### **CHAPTER MEETING DATES - 2023**

**(All meetings will be dinner meetings at Red Rocks Café at 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated)**

- February 19.
- March 19.
- April 6 – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration (Carmel Country Club).
- **April (no general membership chapter meeting);**
- May 21.
- June-Aug (Summer Recess (no general membership meetings);

### **CHAPTER MEETING DATES - 2023**

- September 17.
- October 15.
- November 19.
- December (no meeting)

### **FEBRUARY 19, 2023 – SPEAKER: CHAPTER PRESIDENT-JOE ANDERSON.**

Joe will discuss how Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter will operationalize the MOAA National goals at the Chapter level and what each chapter member needs to do for MOAA as an organization to achieve its goals for 2023. There will also be an in-depth discussion of the 50th anniversary celebration of Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter which will take place on April 6 at the Carmel Country Club and what chapter members need to do to make it successful.

### **50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION; CHARLOTTE-METROLINA CHAPTER**

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY!!**: APRIL 6, 2023; 6:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.; 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION; CHARLOTTE-METROLINA CHAPTER-MOAA; CARMEL COUNTRY CLUB, [4735 Carmel Road, Charlotte, NC](#); Speaker: Lt. Gen. Brian Kelly, USAF (Ret) -President/CEO, MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA.



### **SURVIVING SPOUSE CORNER:**

**Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter:** Membership continues to grow, with 210 members from 38 states. The chapter meets on the third Tuesday of each month. Every other month is a business meeting with a speaker, and alternate months are an informal gathering to exchange information and ideas. For more information, send an email to [mssvc02@gmail.com](mailto:mssvc02@gmail.com).

### **MOAA NATIONAL NEWS**



MOAA is the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers. We are a powerful force speaking for a strong national defense and representing the interests of military officers and their families at every stage of their careers. It is an independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organization. To reach our Member Service Center, please call 1-800-234-6622 or email us at [mssc@moaa.org](mailto:mssc@moaa.org).

### **MOAA'S NEVER STOP SERVING PODCAST**

In the third season of *MOAA's Never Stop Serving Podcast*, we are sharing first-person accounts from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Each week, you will hear directly from the men and women who survived these battles, and how their combat experiences shaped the people they are today.

Each episode can be streamed below, or download/follow/subscribe to the podcast on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), [Amazon Music](#), [Google Podcasts](#), [PodChaser](#), or [TuneIn](#).

### **HELP SUPPORT MILITARY FAMILY ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH CARE**

Help MOAA build support for H.R. 4824, the Stop Copay Overpay Act, which would reduce TRICARE copays for mental health visits and address the financial barrier to accessing mental health services.

### **URGE YOUR SENATORS TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION HALTING CUTS TO MILITARY MEDICINE**

Please contact your senators and urge them to support H.R. 7900 Sec. 780, which would halt medical billet cuts for three years and increase congressional oversight and DoD reporting.

### **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS & WEBSITES:**

**THE SURVIVORS OUTREACH SERVICES OFFICE (SOS):** Find your nearest SOS coordinator at <https://dcs9.army.mil/safr/sos/sos-find.html> Use the dropdown lists to find survivor coordinators by state/county or country/region. If a coordinator is not listed, please call 855-707-2769 for survivor assistance.

**TO REPORT THE DEATH OF A MILITARY RETIREE:** Call DFAS at 1-800-321-1080, or use the form at <https://corpweb1.dfas.mil/askDFAS/ticketInput.action?subCategoryID=18004>

**VA:** 1-800-827-1000 <http://www.va.gov>

**Social Security:** 1-800-772-1213 <http://www.ssa.gov>

**Update ID cards:** 1-800-538-9552; [www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsi](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsi)

### **VA BURIALS & MEMORIALS PAGE:**

VA burial benefits can help service members, military retirees, veterans, and their family members plan and pay for a burial or memorial service, whether in a local cemetery or in a VA national cemetery. Family members can also order memorial items to honor the service of a Veteran. The VA Burial and Memorial Products Quick Start Guide (QSG) provides clear and concise information on VA burial benefits for Veterans, their families, caregivers and survivors; read the guide at <https://www.va.gov/burials-and-memorials-guide.pdf> Go to <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/#get> to find out how to apply for burial benefits and how to plan for a burial in advance or at time of need.

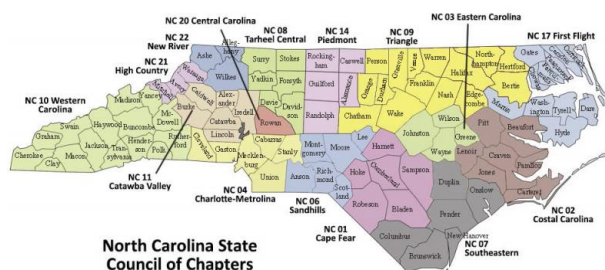


MOAA Chapter coin  
\$10.00 - contact Ron



### **NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS NEWS**

**MEETING DATE** - Council Cruise November 11, 2023, out of Charleston, SC see flyer below.





CHARLOTTE-METROLINA CHAPTER  
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

# 50<sup>TH</sup> *Anniversary* CELEBRATION

**Thursday, April 6, 2023**

**6:00pm - 9:00pm**

Cocktails, Dinner, and Program

CARMEL COUNTRY CLUB  
4735 Carmel Road | Charlotte, NC 28226  
(Business/Cocktail Attire)

**SPEAKER: LT. GEN. BRIAN KELLY, USAF (Ret)**  
**President and CEO, Military Officers Association of America**



For event/sponsorship information, contact:  
Joe Anderson - President, Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter  
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**Registration and Payment Form – MOAA Chapter 50th Anniversary Celebration**

**PAYMENT AND RESERVATIONS DUE BY MARCH 23, 2023**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ x \$75.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$75.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

**ONLINE:** Go to website: [www.charlottesmoaa.org](http://www.charlottesmoaa.org) to register/make payment by credit card  
**BY CHECK:** Detach bottom of this form. Send with check payable to "MOAA Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter". Mail to: Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter MOAA, PO Box 31394, Charlotte, NC 28231-1394

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## SHOP ONLINE FOR VETERANS CRUISE LOGO APPAREL FROM QUEENSBORO APPAREL CO.

Please Login – MOAA Store ([qbstores.com](http://qbstores.com))

Step 1. Begin by Registering for your personal account.  
That will open an online store with available logo apparel for our cruise.

Step 2. When you see an item that interests you, select it.

Step 3. Then insert a number in the box next to size and color for the quantity desired.  
That action will send it to your cart.

Options.

Step 1. Additional shopping is an option.

Step 2. When you are ready for checkout, you will be asked for shipping and billing  
address plus credit/debit card info.



Logo for the cruise will be embroidered on all items you select.

If you need help with the ordering, suggest you send an email to Queensboro  
at <https://www.queensboro.com> or you can call Ken Klassen, VP-1 for NCCOC at 910-616-9614.

Note: Guests will receive berthing info, details for final payment and other details later this spring  
from AAA Travel agent Lorna Tiller. She can be contacted by  
email: [ltillertravels@gmail.com](mailto:ltillertravels@gmail.com) or ph. 910-540-3390. It is shaping up to be a major  
social event in November. Dress to impress, sell the MOAA brand and wave the  
Flag!!

Bon Voyage



## Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter

### ENROLLMENT/RENEWAL FORM

New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Branch \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address : \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ National Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

Ph/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Dues - \$30.00**

**Surviving Spouse Dues remain at \$10.00 annually.**

Please remit check and completed renewal form to: Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter MOAA  
PO Box 31394  
Charlotte, NC 28231-1394

**Membership Requirements:** Commissioned and Warrant Officers of the eight uniformed services ( Army, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and U.S. Public Health Service) and the reserve and other components of these services may become regular members.

Widows and widowers of any deceased individual, who would, if living, are eligible for membership. Regular members must hold and maintain membership in both the national organization as well as the local Chapter. Spouse members are encouraged but not required to hold both memberships. (Surviving spouses of deceased MOAA Life Members retain their spouses membership.)

Not a MOAA national member yet? A basic membership is free. A Premium membership is available for \$48.00 per year. Get all the details at [msc@moaa.org](mailto:msc@moaa.org) or call 800-234-6622.