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Newsletter October 2023

President's message

Hello everyone!! After months of planning, the Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter's Annual JROTC Scholarship Benefit Golf Tournament took place on October 6, 2023. After a drizzly start, it turned out to be a perfect day weatherwise and otherwise for golf, fun, and fellowship. Thank you to all chapter members who played a role in making this a very successful event. As you know, the golf tournament is the primary source of funding for our scholarship awards. As a result of your hard work, we are positioned to award scholarships to deserving students for another year. Again, thank you for your support of this signature event of Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter.

We look forward to seeing you at our next chapter meeting this coming Sunday, October 15 at 3 p.m. at Red Rocks Café for a good time of fellowship as we will celebrate Oktoberfest. We know that a good time will be enjoyed by all!

We look forward to seeing you then. Until then.....

**NEVER STOP SERVING**

LTC Joe L. Anderson, USA (Ret) President,

Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter, MOAA, 336-324-1008

TOGETHER WITH TRUIST



**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.

**Publisher and Editor – CW4 Jay E. Garbus, USA**

The **Newsletter** is published monthly for members and friends of Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter, MOAA.

**Editorial Policy:** The Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter is affiliated with national MOAA. As such, the Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter is nonprofit, politically nonpartisan. Editorial policies are established by the Chapter's Publisher and Editor and are in consonance with MOAA's. Advertising and sponsorship are accepted based on MOAA policies and standards.

### **CHARLOTTE METROLINA CHAPTER NEWS**

#### **OTHER CHAPTER MEETING DATES**

November 19, 2023

December 2023 – NO MEETING

**NOMINATIONS (ELECTIONS) 2024 CHAPTER OFFICERS AND BOARD** – "In accordance with our Chapter By-Laws, elections of officers for the 2024 Calendar Year will take place at our November meeting. If you are interested in serving our chapter as an officer or as a board member, please contact Joe Anderson NLT Sunday, November 1. He can be reached at mobile # 336-324-1008 or email: [joeanderson1970@yahoo.com](mailto:joeanderson1970@yahoo.com). Thank you for your attention to this matter and for the fact that you are.....STILL SERVING AMERICA." COMMITTEE MEMBERS ALSO NEEDED:

**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS** - From Tony Castle ([ccastle645@gmail.com](mailto:ccastle645@gmail.com), 717-519-7093).

Mark Sandvigen, Legislative Chair of the North Carolina COC that the Major Richard Star Act (H.R. 1282) has been approved in House Committee and has been moved to the full House. We are very hopeful this bill comes to a vote soon. As a reminder, this bill allows what is called "Concurrent Receipt" which means that service members who were seriously combat injured, requiring their release from active duty (and thus preventing retirement benefits) would be eligible not only for V.A. disability pay, but also an adjusted benefit based on their years of service in lieu of retirement. MOAA has been advocating for this benefit for many months and we are now getting closer to passage.

**Please support this effort by contacting your Congressional Representative and Senators.** The easiest way to do this is from the MOAA website (MOAA.org) in the Legislative Action Center. You will need to login (separate from the MOAA login) and then go to the Legislative Campaign entitled "Support Concurrent Receipt". Pre-written letters are there to all your legislators which you may very easily submit. There is strength in numbers, so the more people submit letters, the more powerful the message.

#### **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 Paraphernalia



"CMC Members: There's no better way to show your pride of MOAA and the Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter than wearing official merchandise, found at the [MOAA Store](#) online. There's a good selection of quality men's and women's apparel; it costs no more than you'd pay at the mall; and they deliver it to your front door. Wear it at official functions and in the community, where it can be a great conversation starter and generate more interest in our chapter by local veterans. Please check it out! Eric Kelly (USAF-Ret), Chapter Secretary."

## 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 [msc@moaa.org](mailto:msc@moaa.org).

**MOAA'S NEVER STOP SERVING PODCAST** tackles issues you care about most: your pay and benefits, health care, career transition tips, and more. Each week, host [Lt. Col. Olivia Nunn, USA \(Ret\)](#), talks with currently serving officers, veterans and veteran service organization leaders to provide expert guidance and insights.

Each episode can be streamed below, or access the podcast on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), [Amazon Music](#), [Google Podcasts](#), [PodChaser](#), or [TuneIn](#). Check back for even more platforms!

### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS & WEBSITES:

**THE SURVIVORS OUTREACH SERVICES OFFICE (SOS):** Find your nearest SOS coordinator at <https://dcsg9.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/rsl](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl)

**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 <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. burial benefits for Veterans, their families, caregivers and survivors; read the guide at



**Charlotte-Metrolina Military Officers Association of America**

**24<sup>th</sup> Annual Oktoberfest**

Red Rocks Café, 4223 Providence Road

Sunday, October 15, 2023

3:00 Social Time 3:30 Business Meeting

4:00 Dinner with German Music

Soft Pretzel with Mustard and Butter

Schnitzel with Mushroom Gravy on the side and Slice of Lemon

or

Roasted Chicken

Home Fries

Red Cabbage

Apfelstrudel with Vanilla Ice Cream

Coffee or Iced Tea

\$20.00 per person cash or check prepaid (if needed, can pay at door but will be charged if no show)

RSVP NLT October 10, 2023 with your choice of entrée and cash or check made to Charlotte-Metrolina MOAA to: Mrs. Carol Morgan, 9440 Duckhorn Drive, Charlotte, NC 28277 Ph. 704 708-8866 or by email with reservation and meal selection to: [morgancc43@aol.com](mailto:morgancc43@aol.com)

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NAME(s) _____	# of Schnitzel Meals _____
	# of Chicken Meals _____
	Total Meals X \$20.00 _____

**NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS NEWS**  
**MEETING DATES -**

11 November 2023 – Carnival Cruise 5 days

14 December – Election Council Officers



**JOIN US FOR A FREE, FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT!**

## **CAROLINAS VETERANS DAY FESTIVAL**



**VETERAN BUSINESS EXPO**



**LOWE'S KIDS ZONE**



**COMMUNITY AWARDS**



*Elle King* **CONCERT**  
PRESENTED BY TRUIST

**NOVEMBER 11 FROM 2PM-8PM AT AMERICAN LEGION MEMORIAL STADIUM**



**TRUIST** 



Join Veterans Bridge Home, in partnership with Truist and Lowe's, for our 2023 Carolinas Veterans Day Festival at American Legion Memorial Stadium on Saturday, November 11th from 2pm - 8pm.

This free, family-friendly, community celebration will include a Veteran expo, a free fall parachute demonstration, community awards presentation, and will be capped off with a special concert presented by Truist, featuring [Elle King](#). Admission is free, but space is limited. Please share with your company employees. To reserve a spot, click [here](#).

If your company would like to host a table at our Expo (2pm-5:30pm) and showcase your commitment to Veterans and their families, please click the same link above. For more information, please email [development@veteransbridgehome.org](mailto:development@veteransbridgehome.org).



## 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.