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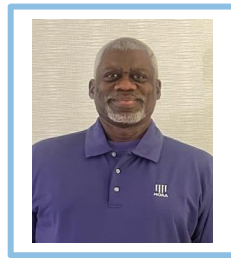
Next Meeting

Sunday Sept 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 3 pm

Red Rocks Café

4223 Providence Road,  
Charlotte

## NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2024



### President's message



Greetings Leaders,

Thank you for your continued dedication and contributions with MOAA, our Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter and to all who serve our Nation.

Our summer cookout was grand. Thank you to everyone who attended.

We owe a very special thank you to Susan Bryant who spearheaded the event and ensured its success. I'm hopeful that our chapter will support an annual cookout each summer. It provides an opportunity to recruit new members as well as fellowship with our current members.

Our annual JROTC Golf Tournament is set for October 4, 2024, at the Olde Sycamore Golf Course. Ron Morgan and Walter Harrison are leading the charge and can use your support. All proceeds support our ROTC/JROTC higher education cadet scholarship program.

The MOAA Summer Advocacy Program is in progress through September 6. Please log onto

<https://moaa.quorum.us/campaign/65997> to read these measures and encourage our Congressional leaders to include these provisions in the National Defense Authorization Act.

I hope to see you at our next chapter meeting, 3 pm Sunday, September 15, 2024, at the Red Rocks Café, 4223 Providence Rd, Charlotte. Our guest speaker will be Mathew Winston of Truist Bank.

**NEVER STOP SERVING!**

Nelson W. English, Lt Col, USAF (Retired)  
President, MOAA-CMC

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### **CHAPTER MAILING ADDRESS**

Members, please note that the Charlotte Metrolina Chapter's mailing address has changed to: **P.O. Box 79276, Charlotte NC 28271**, effective immediately. You may use this new address for offline payment of membership dues or other correspondence

### **CHAPTER MEETING DATES**

☐ Sep 10 - MOAA-CMC BOD meeting

Q Sep 15 - MOAA-CMC membership meeting

☐ Oct 8 - MOAA-CMC BOD meeting

Q Oct 20 - MOAA-CMC membership meeting

☐ Nov 12 - MOAA-CMC BOD meeting

Q Nov 17 - MOAA-CMC membership meeting

☐ Dec 10 - MOAA-CMC BOD meeting

### **MOAA – CMC – 2024 – Speaker – 15 September – 2024**

#### **Matthew Winston**

As you know, **TRUIST** has been a Lead Sponsor of Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter of MOAA since 2023, when the company made it possible for our chapter to celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Carmel Country Club where 150 supporters were in attendance.

**TRUIST** is the Lead sponsor of Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter again in 2024, which will make it possible for our chapter to continue it's tradition of awarding scholarships to JROTC students in the Charlotte area. We are very grateful for the generous support of **TRUIST BANK**. See page 3 and 4.

Our speaker for this month's meeting is Matthew Winston, a Financial Inclusion Leader with **Truist Bank** where he supports Charlotte, NC. He started his banking career in 2011 in Glen Allen, VA where he was quickly promoted, and has since moved up the corporate ladder while living out his personal purpose and inspiring others. He holds a bachelor's degree in management from Bellevue University and is currently working towards his Master of Business Administration. Matthew has a true giving heart and takes pride in giving back to the community at large and helping others. Having over 13 years' experience in the financial services industry his passion is helping people and small businesses achieve goals, they didn't believe were possible.

**Truist Financial Corporation** is a purpose-driven financial services company committed to inspiring and building better lives and communities. As a top 10 U.S. commercial bank with leading market share in many high-growth markets, Truist is headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, and offers a wide range of services including retail, small business and commercial banking; asset management; capital markets; commercial real estate; corporate and institutional banking; insurance; mortgage; payments; specialized lending; and wealth management.



# **JROTC Scholarship Fund** **BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT**



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*All tournament proceeds go to support higher education scholarships for outstanding JROTC cadets in Charlotte-Metrolina area high schools.*

**TOURNAMENT CO-CHAIRS - WALTER HARRISON & RON MORGAN**

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**Friday, October 4, 2024**  
**Olde Sycamore Golf Plantation - Mint Hill, NC**

7:30a - 8:45a Registration, Continental Breakfast, Driving Range Balls, Practice Putting Green  
9:00a Tee Off Captain's Choice / Scramble Format & Tournament Play (until 2p)  
2:00p - 3:30p Barbecue Buffet Dinner, Awards, Door Prizes & Raffle Winners

**PRIZES AWARDED to 1st, 2nd, 3rd place teams, Closest to the Pins, Longest Drive & more!**

**(SEE PAGE 2 FOR PRICING, SPONSORSHIP LEVELS AND REGISTRATION FORM)**

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*The Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter of MOAA is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit entity. The JROTC Scholarship Fund falls under that tax-exempt status and all donations are tax-free. Chapter Tax ID/EIN #38-3779812*



## **JROTC Scholarship Fund Benefit Golf Tournament - Oct 4, 2024**

### **LEVELS & REGISTRATION**

**PRICE INCLUDES:** Green fees, Cart, 2 Beverage Tickets on Course, Raffle Ticket, Continental Breakfast, Buffet Dinner, Door Prizes & Gifts.

#### **PARTICIPATION**

Individual Golfer \$125      4 Person Team \$500

#### **SPONSORSHIPS**

##### **HOLE/TEE SPONSORSHIP**

Individual \$100      Company Signage \$250      4 Person Team + Signage \$600

##### **PRIME COMPANY SPONSORSHIP**

**ALL LEVELS INCLUDE:** Acknowledgement at Tournament Dinner, and company name and/or logo on printed material, and press releases. A representative of each Prime Sponsor will be invited to and be recognized at the JROTC scholarship awards dinner/ceremony in May 2024.

##### **Signature Sponsor \$5,000**

- (3) Foursomes
- Signature Sponsor Banner
- Opportunity to speak at Awards Dinner
- MOAA Challenge Coin to each golfer
- On MOAA website for 12 months

##### **Platinum Sponsor \$3,000**

- (2) Foursomes
- Title Sponsor Banner
- Opportunity to speak at Awards Dinner
- MOAA Challenge Coin to each golfer
- On MOAA website for 12 months

##### **Gold Sponsor \$2,000**

- (2) Foursomes
- Title Sponsor Banner
- MOAA Challenge Coin to each golfer

##### **Silver Sponsor \$1,000**

- (1) Foursome
- Title Sponsor Banner
- MOAA Challenge Coin to each golfer

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### **Registration Form - JROTC Scholarship Fund BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT 2024**

**Please Check One or Several:** (Mulligan packages available at Registration)

PARTICIPATION: ☐ Individual Player \$125      ☐ 4 Person Team \$500

SPONSORSHIPS: ☐ Individual \$100      ☐ Company Hole/Tee \$250      ☐ 4 Person Team Hole/Tee \$600  
☐ Prime Company Sponsorship (Level \_\_\_\_\_)

Team Captain/Player 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Player 3. \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4. \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Payment and Registration Due by October 1, 2024**

**ONLINE:** Go to Charlotte-Metrolina MOAA website [www.charlottemoaa.org](http://www.charlottemoaa.org) to register and make payment

**BY CHECK:** Detach this form and make check payable to "MOAA Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter"

Mail to: Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter MOAA, ATTN: MOAA Scholarship Golf Tournament  
PO Box 79276, Charlotte, NC 28271







May 30, 2024

Greetings Fellow Leaders,

Your assistance is needed now and until early Fall to get tournament sponsors. The Chapter's **Annual Golf Tournament** is **October 4th, 2024**, at the Olde Sycamore Golf Plantation in Mint Hill. Your active participation and actions will ensure this year's golf tournament is a financial success!

The Chapter awarded six \$2,000 scholarships to very deserving JROTC Cadets from 41 JROTC programs in the greater North and South Carolina area. Two \$1,000 scholarships were also awarded to deserving ROTC Cadets enrolled in the Army and Air Force detachments at UNCC.

This year's goal is to recruit sponsors to raise money to replenish the ROTC scholarship funds to continue the Chapter's support to the higher educational endeavors of JROTC and ROTC cadets in the local community. The attached tournament flyer provides the details about Individual/Family sponsorships at \$100 and Company/Business sponsorships at \$250. Each sponsorship will receive a tee box sign with the sponsor's name. The sign design can also read "In Memory of..." or "In Honor of...". Company/Business sponsorships at the \$250 level will include a tee box sign with the company name and brand logo. A golf team providing support at the \$600 level will also receive a tee box sign.

If you have a special relationship with a company/organization, please solicit their sponsorship for the Silver (\$1,000), Gold (\$2,000) or Platinum (\$3,000) sponsorship. The many benefits at these sponsorship levels are listed in the tournament flyer. The Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter is a 501 (c)(3) tax exempt entity and all donations are tax deductible.

Sponsorship payment for the golf tournament can be made via our Chapter website, using credit card, debit card or check. When you are successful in securing sponsors or golfers, please keep our golf tournament leaders Ron Morgan ([colronmorg@gmail.com](mailto:colronmorg@gmail.com)) and Walter Harrison ([colonelharrison39@gmail.com](mailto:colonelharrison39@gmail.com)) informed. They will assist our treasurer in tracking sponsorship payments.

Your active recruitment of sponsors is critical for the success of this year's Annual Golf Tournament. Please contact me if you need further information on this outstanding event.

Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

*Nelson English*

NELSON ENGLISH, President  
MOAA Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter



**MOAA PARAPHERNALIA** - 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 from local veterans. Please check it out! Eric Kelly (USAF-Ret), Chapter Secretary."



MOAA Chapter coin \$10.00  
available at the meeting Contact  
Susan Bryant



### **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 HAS SIX VIRTUAL CHAPTERS**

They are: Uniformed Services Nurse Advocates Virtual Chapter, the Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter, the Public Health Service Virtual Chapter, Chaplains Virtual Chapter, Judge Advocate Virtual Chapter and the MOAA Advocacy for Servicewomen & Military Family Virtual Chapter. Inquiries can be sent via email to [Moaajavc@gmail.com](mailto:Moaajavc@gmail.com). Interested in participating in one of these virtual chapters, or in championing another group? Contact CAPT Pat L. Williams, USN (Ret), MOAA's Program Director for Engagement, at [patw@moaa.org](mailto:patw@moaa.org).

### **MOAA'S NEVER STOP SERVING PODCAST - MOAA President and CEO Discusses Organizational,**

#### **A spring advocacy**

Listen to Lt. Gen. Brian T. Kelly, USAF (Ret), on the "Frontlines of Freedom" program.

Listen to a recent appearance by Lt. Gen. Brian T. Kelly, USAF (Ret), on "Veterans Corner Radio."

### **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 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.

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



The council will have the annual meeting at the Hawthorne Inn, Winston Salem on November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Friday night there will be a guest speaker and dinner. Saturday will be the business meeting with CAPT Jim Carman from National MOAA.

The North Carolina Council website is hosted by the North Carolina council of chapters, an affiliate of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA).

MOAA and it's affiliated councils and chapters are independent, nonprofit and politically nonpartisan organizations per the mission statement shown here.

\* The ***North Carolina Council of Chapters (NCCOC)*** provides programmatic guidance and oversight for the 14 state chapters that serve 1350 members in 100 counties. As one of 35 state councils that support the *Military Officers Association of America*, we are serving the needs of military members in our state.

\* Whether you are already participating in MOAA, becoming part of one of our North Carolina Chapters will guarantee your access to the many valuable resources of the NCCOC.

\* The role of the **North Carolina Council of Chapters (NCCOC)** is to:

- Further the legislative and other objectives of MOAA.
- Foster fraternal relationships among retired, active, and former officers of the uniformed services and their National Guard or reserve components.



- Protect the interest of retired, active, reserve, and National Guard personnel of the uniformed services and their dependents and survivors
- Provide useful services for members and their dependents and survivors.
- Serve the community and the nation.
- Protect the interests of service retirees and active duty military members in matters of North Carolina state legislation. Organize and coordinate the collective action of the Member Chapters in the State of North Carolina.
- Provide the assistance necessary to Member Chapters to enable them to effectively serve their members, their communities, and the nation.

### **MOAA DATABASE TRANSITION TIMELINE AND IMPACT**

As a reminder, the transition of MOAA's database is not done as of this date. They hope to have it in place by the end of the year. Council and Chapter leaders do not have access to the Committee Module or NRT Report.

MOAA members received this [update on MOAA's system upgrade](#) and how this might impact their access to information during the transition. This message also explains how this transition will impact logging into MOAA.org, with the "email of record" replacing usernames when accessing online accounts. Members should [contact the Member Service Center](#) if they have multiple emails on file with MOAA to determine the email of record. Passwords will not change under the new system, and access to [MOAA's Legislative Action Center](#) will not be affected. Further instructions on using the new system will be available in the coming weeks.

### **TONYA STAR, WIDOW OF MAJ. RICHARD STAR, DIES AT 51 AUGUST 16, 2024**

*By MOAA Staff*

Tonya Star, a tireless advocate on behalf of combat-injured veterans and the legislation bearing the name of her late husband, passed away Aug. 12 at her home in Euless, Texas. She was 51.

Star's husband, Maj. Richard Star, USAR, was diagnosed with stage 4 metastatic terminal lung cancer in 2018. She immediately put personal ambitions aside as she was "thrust into becoming a full-time caregiver, advocate, and lung cancer researcher," she wrote in a [2020 MOAA.org article](#).

Maj. Richard Star succumbed to his illness [in February 2021](#). Tonya Star remained an active participant in ongoing advocacy work for the Major Richard Star Act, which would end a compensation offset faced by tens of thousands of combat-injured retirees.

"You could not ask for a better ally in this fight," said Lt. Col. Mark Belinsky, USA (Ret), MOAA's director of Government Relations for Currently Serving and Retired Affairs. "Tonya's presence motivated all of us to continue our work on the Hill, on the phone, anywhere we thought we could make a difference. Her work, both alongside her husband and after his passing, made our progress on this bill possible."







## 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  
**Note New PO Box/and Zip Code:** PO Box 79276  
Charlotte, NC 28271

**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 spouse's membership.)

Not a MOAA national member yet? A basic membership is free. A Premium membership is available for \$59.00 per year. Get all the details at [msc@moaa.org](mailto:msc@moaa.org) or call 800-234-6622.

