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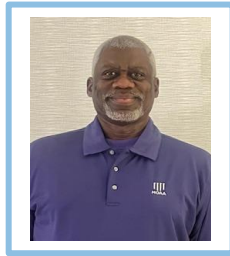
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Next Meeting
Sunday Sept 15th, 2024, 3 pm
Red Rocks Café
4223 Providence Road,
Charlotte

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 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. 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

TOGETHER WITH TRUIST



LAST NEWSLETTER - CW4 Jay E. Garbus is stepping down as the editor and publisher effective as of 25 OCT 2024. He has served in that position for 7 years. With the duties of the North Carolina Council of Chapters the burden needed to be shortened. To do a good newsletter it takes a lot of time. I will still do other jobs in the council such as send out notices. Thank you for your support.

CDR CAROL ALJETS PASSING – On October 3rd Past President and Past Council Secretary passed. She will be missed by all. Memorial services will be held on October 26th. Carol's services are at 1:00 PM on this coming Saturday, October 26 at South Park Christian Church, 6650 Park South Drive, Charlotte. Reception to follow. Gary will be glad to see you pay tribute to Carol.

FROM DONNA WILLIAMS - After attending this last MOAA meeting on 10/20, I was glad to hear that you were compiling many of our remembrances of Carol to be shared with Gary.

As the daughter of Rex and Jean Hoffman, I had the responsibility (in 2010) of organizing the full honor burial for my father in Arlington, VA.

Carol provided so much valuable information for me along with contact numbers and references for walking me thru the steps I needed to follow. Both Carol and Gary were such a comfort for me with their knowledge and guidance.

I only knew Carol thru MOAA meetings and I was always amazed at her dedicated involvement with MOAAs mission.

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

☐ Nov 12 - MOAA-CMC BOD meeting

Q Nov 17 - MOAA-CMC membership meeting

☐ Dec 10 - MOAA-CMC BOD meeting



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.

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. 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.

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

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 15th and 16th. 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 or call 800-234-6622.

