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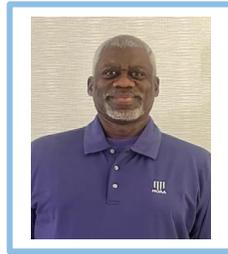
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Next Meeting  
Sunday NOV 17<sup>TH</sup> ,2024, 3 pm  
Red Rocks Café  
4223 Providence Road,  
Charlotte

### NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2024



#### President's message



Greetings Leaders,

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

The highlight of our November meeting is the Toys-4-Tots drive. Please consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy that will support the local US Marine Corps Auxiliary. This group presents toys to underprivileged children in the Charlotte Metrolina Area.

Thank you for your support for our annual ROTC-JROTC Scholarship Golf Tournament. It was another grand event and was successful. The planning for the 2025 golf tournament begins now. The proceeds for this tournament will provide funds for our future National and state leaders. Our chapter elections will also be held in our November meeting. There are nomination vacancies which, when filled, will assist in maintaining the excellence of our MOAA chapter. I recognize that there is some reluctance to accept these leadership positions, but I can assure you that our current members and especially the new chapter members will appreciate your efforts. Plus, the workload is not that extensive with our Board of Directors team working together.

The holidays and cold weather season are here. Please take the time to check on family, friends, and chapter members whom you haven't seen or spoken to in a while. Consider keeping an emergency clothes kit of heavy coat, wool hat and gloves in your car. And always alert your family of your travel plans.

Our next chapter meeting is 3 pm Sunday, November 17, 2024, at the Red Rocks Café, 4223 Providence Rd, Charlotte. Please remember to bring your donation to our Toys-4-Tots event. We will meet again in January 2025. If you are not able to make our November meeting, please stay safe and have a blessed holiday season.

**NEVER STOP SERVING!**

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

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**LAST NEWSLETTER** – After a very long hiatus (2 weeks) I am back. Did you all miss me!

**ELECTIONS CHAPTER OFFICERS** - Election of Officers will be held at the November meeting.

Please come if you can for this important gathering.

**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** No chapter meeting for December. You can still go to the Red Rock to eat.

Nov 12 - MOAA-CMC BOD meeting

Dec 10 - MOAA-CMC BOD meeting

Q Nov 17 - MOAA-CMC membership 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](mailto:msc@moaa.org).

**MOAA HAS SEVEN 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 Moajavc@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 seventh virtual chapter — approved by the board of directors last week — will assist councils and chapters with their public affairs and communication efforts while supporting the association's overall mission.

### **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/rs/](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rs/)

**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 its 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.

**YOUR “INDEF” DOD IDENTIFICATION CARD LIKELY WON’T BE AS “INDEFINITE” AS ADVERTISED.**

While no date has been set for the expiration of the paper-based Uniformed Services Identification Card (USID), DoD “is currently evaluating the potential phase-out” of those cards, a DoD spokesperson told MOAA on Oct. 17 – even cards with “extended or indefinite expiration dates.”

Previous DoD guidance listed 2026 as a likely cutoff date, though the spokesperson did not provide any date in an emailed response to questions. However, DoD does “encourage all holders of paper-based ‘INDEF’ cards, to include all retirees, to replace them with Next Gen USID Cards by scheduling an appointment at their nearest ID card issuance facility at their convenience,” per the email.

Some retirees and family members may be able to renew their “INDEF” cards online and skip the in-person appointment. If you have a paper-based ID card and want to upgrade, here’s a walk-through of the process for in-person and online renewal/replacement.

**In Person**



- Find your nearest ID office [at this link](#). You'll be able to search by location, find hours and contact information for nearby offices, and make your appointment online.
- Ensure you bring [all required documents](#) for an ID card renewal/reissuance.

## Online

First, you'll need to determine your eligibility for online renewal. According to DoD, in order to skip the in-person appointment:

- The sponsor must have a common access card (CAC) or a DoD Self-Service Logon (DS Logon).
- The sponsor and the cardholder must have authorized DoD to use their email to contact them via the ID Card Office.
- The cardholder must have a current mailing address in the U.S. (or an APO/FPO/DPO address; no post office boxes) and a photo taken in the last 12 years, both on file with the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). Learn how to update your DEERS record [at this link](#).

If you are eligible, visit the ID Card Office Online [at this link](#) and click the "Family ID Cards" block. You'll need to log in via CAC or DS Logon to begin the process; you can learn more about eligibility, requirements, and proof of identity [at this link](#).

Further ID card questions should be directed to the Defense Manpower Data Center. Its customer support team can be reached at (800) 538-9552 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., excluding federal holidays.

## **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.

