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Next Meeting  
Wednesday MAR 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2025,  
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM  
Red Rocks Café  
4223 Providence Road,  
Charlotte

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## NEWSLETTER MARCH 2025



President's message

Greetings Leaders



### Greetings Leaders

Thank you for your continued dedication in serving and supporting MOAA. Our chapter leaders are diligently working on communication improvements, especially to our members who are not able to make the chapter meetings. Please anticipate new information posted in future newsletters and on our website.

I strongly recommend reading CAPT Carman's, MOAA V-P Council/Chapter & Member Support, letter on the Federal Budget and Workforce Reductions. His final paragraph, "MOAA stands ready to work in a bipartisan way to ensure that we, as a nation, fulfill the promises made to those who serve and have served — along with their families.

Now is not the time to erode our servicemembers' earned benefits. Rather, it's time to find solutions." encapsulates the goals of MOAA. Please continue to monitor the MOAA Legislative Action Center and support those MOAA goals of importance.

Our Surviving Spouse Liaison, Emily McClain, is doing phenomenal work. Her impressive and dedicated work is ensuring the spouses of our former leaders are equipped with the needed information, assistance, and fellowship. Thank you, Emily, for a continued job well done!

Our next chapter meeting is 11:45 am Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at the Red Rocks Café, 4223 Providence Road, Charlotte. Our guest speakers are Peter Amendola and Issac White from the USO – North Carolina. It promises to be another great informational event. I hope to see you there.

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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 DUES** - IMPORTANT - 2025 dues are due (past due). Pay with check included with renewal form or pay via website

### **MEETINGS**

**March 19, 2025: CMC meeting at Red Rocks Café (11:45 – 1 pm)**

**April 8, 2025: BOD meeting via Zoom at 4 pm**

**April 23, 2025: CMC meeting at Red Rocks Café (11:45 – 1 pm)**

**May 13, 2025: BOD meeting via Zoom at 4 pm**

**May 17, 2025: CMC meeting: cook-out (Time: TBD)**

**June 10, 2025: BOD meeting via Zoom at 4 pm**

**July 8, 2025: BOD meeting via Zoom at 4 pm**

**August 12, 2025: BOD meeting via Zoom at 4 pm**

**September 9, 2025: BOD meeting via Zoom at 4 pm**

**September: CMC meeting TBD**

**October 14, 2025: BOD meeting via Zoom at 4 pm**

**October: CMC meeting TBD**

**\*November 10, 2025: BOD meeting via Zoom at 4 pm**

**November: CMC meeting TBD ~ Chapter elections & Toys-4-Tots**

**CHAPTER MARCH SPEAKER –** March meeting speaker — *The USO's Mission is to strengthen the well-being of the people serving in America's military and their families.*

Since 1941, the USO has been the nation's leading organization to serve the men and women in the U.S. military, and their families, throughout their time in uniform. From the moment they join, through their assignments and deployments, and as they transition back to their communities, the USO is always by their side.

Today's USO continuously adapts to the needs of our men and women in uniform and their families, so they can focus on their very important mission. We operate USO centers at or near military installations across the United States and throughout the world, including in combat zones, and even un-staffed USO service sites in places too dangerous for anyone but combat troops to occupy.

USO airport centers throughout the country offer around-the clock hospitality for traveling service members and their families. Our trademark USO tours bring America and its celebrities to service members who are assigned far from home, to entertain them and convey the support of the nation. And our many specialized programs offer a continuum of support to service members throughout their journey of service, from the first time they don the uniform until the last time they take it off.

The USO is not part of the federal government. A congressionally chartered, private organization, the USO relies on the generosity of individuals, organizations and corporations to support its activities, and is powered by a family of volunteers to accomplish our mission of connection.

**Our speakers are Peter Amendola and Isaac White.**

**Peter Amendola is a retired 44-year Financial Services professional. Originally from New York, he has resided in Charlotte the last 22 years. Peter was a volunteer at the USO since 2018 and amassed 2,000**



**hours of service before accepting the Center Specialist role in September 2023.** Sergeant First Class (SFC) Retired Isaac White is a retired U.S. Army veteran with 20 years of service as a 19K, M1A1/A2 Main Battle Tank Armor crewman, including three deployments. Originally from Poughkeepsie, NY, he now serves as the Center Operations Specialist for the USO, dedicated to supporting service members and their families.

**LEGISLATION** – Tony Castle -This is a busy time of year for MOAA Legislative activity. Probably the most important item is that “Advocacy in Action”, MOAA’s annual effort to speak to members of Congress, takes place in early April. Each year this effort takes place with representatives from each state in the Union putting forth the issues which national MOAA feels are most important to address. There are five issues which will be presented to the legislators which I have listed below.

- 1) Improve the quality and safety of unaccompanied housing for active duty members.
- 2) Address the long wait time for members eligible for benefits under the PACT Act.
- 3) Pass the Military Spouse Hiring Act.
- 4) Enhance stability and availability of the Military Health System.
- 5) Improve caregiving support for families.

These issues can be followed by looking in the “Legislative Action Center” on the MOAA website ([moaa.org](http://moaa.org)).

On the state level, there are several bills in the NC House and Senate relating to property tax benefits for disabled veterans. The NC Council of Chapters endorses this effort and we are hopeful at least one of these bills will pass. Please feel free to contact me with further questions and we have been asked to remind all our members in this time of political upheaval that MOAA is a non-partisan organization.

**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 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 [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 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://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.



## NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS NEWS

The APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> Council meeting will have Victoria Twyne, MOAA Nation, Council and Chapters review the new CM/NCR. The meeting will be on zoom if anyone wants to attend.

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.





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# 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament



## Olde Sycamore Golf Plantation

(7500 Olde Sycamore Drive · Mint Hill, NC 28227)

## Thursday, April 17, 2025

9:00 a.m. Grab-and-Go Breakfast (Metro Diner)

10:30 a.m. Shotgun Start

After Tournament Grab-and-Go Dinner (Red Rocks Cafe)

1. Gold Sponsor: \$6,000 (includes 2 foursomes, display corporate tent & banner, name/logo on tournament signage, recognition in print/social media, lunch dinner and awards program)
2. Silver Sponsor: \$5,000 (includes 2 foursomes, display of corporate banner, name/logo on tournament signage, recognition in print/social media, lunch, dinner and awards program)
3. Bronze Sponsor: \$4,000 (includes 1 foursome, corporate name/logo on tournament signage, recognition in print/ social media, lunch, dinner and awards program)
4. Putting Contest Sponsor: \$1,500 (include 1 individual round of golf, T-box signage, table promotions and media advertisement)

Please Check One:

\_\_\_ Individual Player: \$125 \_\_\_ Hole Sponsorship: \$150 \_\_\_ Foursome: \$500 \_\_\_ Foursome & Hole Sponsorship: \$650

(Mulligan Package: \$40 – 2 Mulligans per player, 2 Putting Contest Tickets, 1 Raffle Ticket, 1 Air Gun Shot)

Team/Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form by March 24, 2025 with payment to Blessed Assurance Adult Daycare (Charity Golf Tournament),  
13001 Idlewild Rd., Matthews, NC 28105

Information only may be faxed to 704-845-1562 or emailed to [nate@blessedadultcare.org](mailto:nate@blessedadultcare.org). Payments may also be made online  
via PayPal at [BlessedAdultcare.org](https://www.blessedadultcare.org) and we will send you a receipt. For more information contact Blessed Assurance at  
704.576.4754 or 704.845.1359.





## 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.

