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President's message Greetings Leaders

Our Nation celebrates Memorial Day this weekend. Many civic organizations participate in honoring the sacrifices and loss of

those who served and died in the service of our Nation. One of the first Memorial Day celebrations was observed by newly freed slaves on May 1, 1865, in Charleston, South Carolina.

These citizens honored the dead by singing hymns and placing flowers on the graves of Union troops who died in the Civil War. Union General John A. Logan called for an official nationwide day of remembrance on May 30, 1868. In 1950, Congress passed a resolution requesting that the president issue a proclamation calling on Americans to observe Memorial Day as a day of prayer for permanent peace.

However, it wasn't until 1968 that Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May. This act became an official federal holiday in 1971. This year, Aaron Harper of the Veterans Bridge Home invited our Chapter to join in their annual Memorial Day Remembrance at Cedar Grove Cemetery on Monday, May 26, 2025, at 10 AM.

This special event provides an opportunity for neighbors, veterans, and civic leaders to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation. The program will include a Color Guard, invocation, music, wreath-laying, and a roll call of honored veterans interred at Cedar Grove. Cedar Grove Cemetery is located at the University Park Creative Arts School, 2400 Hildebrand Street, Charlotte, NC, 28216. I hope that your schedule will allow you to attend. All Chapter members are invited to attend our Zoom meeting on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 7 PM. This important meeting will detail information on future meeting locations and dates, as well as vital information on our Fall meetings. Please attend and participate in this meeting.

The Zoom log-in link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89420690529?pwd=FisTOFg6i4buzrAPDyyCHXS7nn1Fhw.1> The Meeting ID: 894 2069 0529. Passcode: 181472. Thank you for your continued dedication in serving and supporting

NEVER STOP SERVING!

Nelson English, Lt Col, USAF (Retired)

President, MOAA~CMC

Next Meeting

June 11th 2025

1900hrs

Zoom

TOGETHER WITH TRUIST



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

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

June 11, 2025; Zoom Membership meeting

*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

Thanks!!

MOAA~CMC Representative: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

Can't make the webinar? No problem. Register now and we'll send you a link to the recording.

Have you considered Space-Available, or Space-A, travel but are unsure where to start, or even whether you are eligible? Join Stephanie Montague, expert military traveler and founder of the popular military travel website [Poppin' Smoke](#), as she returns to offer a new webinar on the basics of flying Space-A.

This online event will cover everything you need to know to take your first "military hop," including:

- Determining your eligibility and where you can fly.
- Where, when, and how to sign up.
- How to use the information in the online flight schedules.
- Preparing for your first Space-A flight.
- What to do the day of travel.

Don't miss this chance to learn how to maximize your service-earned travel benefit!

MOAA Premium and Life members have access to all recorded MOAA webinars at any time via [MOAA's Webinar Archive](#). Want to join MOAA? See [Why Join MOAA](#) for details.

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 non-partisan 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.



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.