

The Summit (FEB 2017)

# The Summit Newsletter



The High Country Chapter of the MOAA was formed in 2004 and serves Avery, Mitchell, and Watauga counties. The Military Officers Association of America is a non-profit veterans' association dedicated to maintaining a strong national defense and to preserving the earned entitlements of members of the uniformed services and their families and survivors. Membership is open to those who hold or have ever held a warrant or commission in any component of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, or NOAA and their surviving spouses.



Where our Battles Take place

## President's Remarks

Please reserve March 25<sup>th</sup> on your calendars. We will be hosting our quarterly general membership meeting at the Fairway Café starting with a cash bar at 6:00 pm followed by a buffet dinner (Salmon with a lemon wine sauce, herb marinated and grilled chicken, salad, vegetables, rolls, desert, etc.). The cost per person is \$32. Our guest speaker is David Jackson, Boone Chamber CEO. More details will be provided but you can sign up anytime. Please contact me or Dave Garvin with your reservations.

MOAA and other military support groups will be closely monitoring the upcoming legislative process at the state and national levels. MOAA's non-partisan mission of advocating for active duty military, veterans and their families is the one constant in a sometimes volatile legislative environment. MOAA remains consistent with our mission statement. I urge you to stay current by reading the MOAA Legislative Updates. They are great summaries of pending legislation which could impact our military families. Go to the MOAA home page or [moaa.org/legislative](http://moaa.org/legislative) to sign up.

You recently received a mailing from Secretary Dave Garvin regarding the North Carolina Council of Chapters 2017 State Convention September 7-10 in Williamsburg, Va. This is an all-inclusive package and I ask you to consider attending. Please note that deposits are due by April 14<sup>th</sup>. Details regarding registration are in the mailing.

Thanks  
Fred Schmitt

# CHAPTER BOARD MEMBERS

President: Capt Fred Schmitt USCG

1st VP: Vacant

2nd VP: Vacant

Secretary: LTC Dave Garvin USA

Treasurer: MAJ Dinah Pinney USAF

Past President: MAJ Bob Gibbard USA

## BOARD MEMBERS:

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CPT Nick Friedman USA (PP)

LTC Ron Branch USA

COL Ben Covington USA (PP)

LTC Ed Groff USA

Capt Doug May USMC

CoL John Alley USA (PP)

LTC Michael Halus USA

## Upcoming Events

1. First Wed of the Month March 1<sup>st</sup> board meeting. 5:pm at Sagebrush Restaurant.
2. The next general membership meeting for the Chapter will be Saturday, March 25th at the Fairway Café, Boone Golf Club. The speaker is David Jackson, CEO of the Boone area Chamber of Commerce.
3. Last Thursday of the Month, March 30th Officers Call Thursday, 5:15 PM at the Appalachian Brewing Company.
4. First Wed of the Month April 5<sup>th</sup> board meeting. 5: pm at Sagebrush Restaurant.
5. Last Thursday of the Month, April 27th Officers Call Thursday, 5:15 PM at the Appalachian Brewing Company.

## Resources

Please copy and paste the following links to your links list on your computer. [www.facebook.com/hccmoaa](http://www.facebook.com/hccmoaa)  
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<http://hccmoaa.org/index.html>

North Carolina Council of Chapters Home Page  
<http://www.moaa-nc.org/>

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