

The Summit (Feb 2019)

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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.



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President's Remarks

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I hope this newsletter finds you each doing well as we move further into 2019. Happy New Year!

We held our annual Christmas/Holiday party and general membership meeting in January with a good number of you attending. We took advantage of the setting (App Ski Mtn.) to enjoy each other's company and to hear comments by our fellow High Country Chapter member, BGen Jim Walker as he addressed "Operation Heal our Patriots and the Impact of War." The setting was quite cozy but a wonderful opportunity to get together.

By now, you should be aware of our next Pancake Breakfast fundraiser to be held on Saturday, April 6th. Historically, this is our largest fundraiser of the year and we can certainly use your help and support. We have sent packets containing tickets and details on the event to each of you. We need everyone's help in making this a successful event so do not hesitate to contact LtCol George Brudzinski with any questions or sales results.

17george@bellsouth.net (preferred) or 828-963-3475

Volunteers will be needed for all areas and specific information will be sent in the next few weeks. Please sell the tickets from your packet as well as the placemat ads.

Just a quick reminder; we have regularly scheduled an Officers' Call (Happy Hour) at AMB (in Boone) on the last Thursday of each month at 1715. I hope to see you there.

Regards,

Doug May

CHAPTER BOARD MEMBERS/EVENTS INFO

President: Capt Doug May USMC

1st VP: CoL John Alley USA (PP)

2nd VP: CWO3 John Persad

Secretary: MAJ Marvin Williamson USA

Treasurer: Frankie Groff

Past President: Capt Fred Schmitt USCG

BOARD MEMBERS:

LtCol George Brudzinski USMC (PP)

MAJ Ted Alley USAF

COL Ben Covington USA (PP)

MAJ Dinah Pinney USAF

LTC Lance Campbell USA

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Veterans Corner. Coast Guard to build two new Icebreakers

The compromise federal funding package that President Donald Trump signed into law on Friday has received attention for its passage - which averted a second government shutdown - and for the relative shortage of border security funding in its 1,100-plus pages. It also contains significant good news for the Coast Guard, which received \$655 million to build one heavy icebreaker and \$20 million in long-lead-time funding for a second, [according](#) to USNI News. America only has one Ice breaker (The Polar Star) while the Russians have a fleet of 40 vessels and are expanding their territorial calms in the Artic. This comes on the heels of China who has no clams to the region but are planning to us what they are calling the Ice silk road for trade with northern Europe. No word on the rumors of Fred's plans to return to active duty.

Upcoming Events.

1. Officers Call last Thursday of every month Appalachian Mt Brewery 5:15
2. Mar 6th Board meeting at 5pm and the Sagebrush Restaurant. This meeting is open to all members. We are looking for members who wish to become active on the board.
3. April 3rd Board meeting at 5pm and the Sagebrush Restaurant.
4. Memorial Day 27 May Boone Mall. Mark your calendars, We normally need help with setting up chairs the morning of.

Resources

Please copy and paste the following links to your links list on your computer.

e-mail: hccmoaa@gmail.com

High County Chapter Home

<http://hccmoaa.org/index.html>

North Carolina Council of Chapters Home Page

<http://www.moaa-nc.org/>

National MOAA Home page

<http://www.moaa.org/>

Page Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/HCCMOAA/>

King Street Boone veteran's memorial photos below. Thank you for all your support

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