



HIGH COUNTRY CHAPTER NEWS

VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION:

One of two major events sponsored by the MOAA High Country Chapter is our annual Veteran's Day Celebration in the Boone Mall. On 11 November at 11:00 AM our community gathered to remember and honor our area veterans from multiple wars. Veterans, and their family members, were present from World War Two, the Korea War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and, in the general the War against Terror. Our community is fortunate to have such citizens that reside and work along side us.



Watauga High School JR-ROTC provided a flawless presentation of National Colors. Inspirational and patriotic music resounded throughout the Boone Mall provided by our own Watauga Community Band. Dignitaries honored us with their presence, and of course, the veterans and family members among us were the reason and example of patriotism, bravery, and love of country that so motivate us.

You can contact the High Country Chapter of MOAA through the following avenues:

Website: www.hccmoaa.org
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Serving our Veterans and Community



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In addition to honoring all military veterans in the High Country, the chapter also installed new members of the HCC Board. We offer our thanks and appreciation for outgoing board members who have served faithfully for many years. We also welcome new board members who have assumed leadership roles in the organization. Those members include the following:

OFFICERS

- President – Ms. Frankie Groff
- 1st Vice President – Capt. Fred Schmitt, USCG
- Secretary – LTC Lance Campbell, USA
- Treasurer – LtCol George Brudzinski, USMC

BOARD

- Col Ben Covington, USA
- Maj T. Marvin Williamsen, USA
- Capt Jim Fisher, USN
- Ms. Patsy Alley
- Lt Bob Love, USN
- Maj Melanie Trado, USA
- Capt Richard Williams, USN



Events like our Veterans Day Celebration are made available through the financial support of individuals, businesses, and organizations. Many provided support in memory of a loved one:

- Capt. Walter Jacob Egger, USMC
- Col Worth "Sonny" Sweet, USA
- HV Morris, USN
- Joseph "Ned" Jones, USA
- LtC Edward Earl Groff, USA
- SSGT Lloyd Ralph Pennington,

USN/USAF

Others provided support through personal generosity:

- Col Benjamin W. Covington III, USA
- Cookies and Cream owned by Capt Eric and Cdr Joy Timmens, USN



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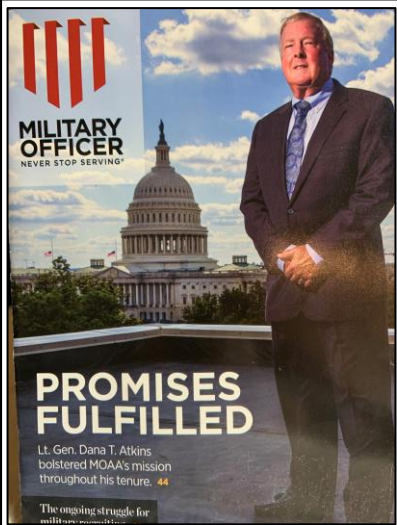
As we near the end of the year have you considered making a tax donation to The High Country Chapter of MOAA? We are registered with the IRS as a legitimate recipient for receiving tax donations. Consider sending in a donation before the end of the year. Checks can be sent to MOAA High Country Chapter, PO Box 3312, Boone NC, 28607-3312.





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MOAA NOVEMBER and DECEMBER MAGAZINES:

Have you contacted the VA regarding Presumptive Benefits yet? (note the October edition) Novembers edition of MOAA Magazine addresses caregiver issues. For most of us, not all, our spouses are our primary caregivers. MOAA is helping to support them, in their support of us.



Likewise, the December edition recognizes the many achievements of LtGen Dana Atkins on behalf of all veterans, officer and enlisted. Regarding the magazine, on a personal note, this editor was the Deputy Chaplain of the US Coast Guard back in the day. There is an article about the first female commandant of the Coast Guard and her charting the path forward. Interesting reading. "Semper Paratus!!"



NATIONAL MISSION STATEMENT:
The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is a nonprofit veteran's association dedicated to maintaining a strong national defense and ensuring our nation keeps its commitments to currently serving, retired, and former 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, Space Force, Public Health Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and their surviving spouses.



GETTING INVOLVED WITH MOAA ON A NATIONAL LEVEL:

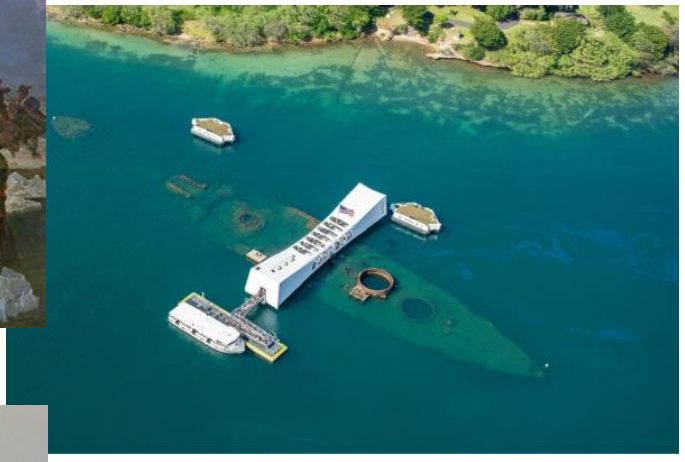
1. As a nonprofit veteran's association MOAA is a nonpartisan organization that does not lobby for any political party or affiliation.
2. National MOAA does have opportunities for members to impact legislation on national and state levels. Go to MOAA's online legislative Take Action Center at www.moaa.org/takeaction for more information.
3. Go to [Help \(indeed.com\)](http://Help.indeed.com) for information about jobs for veterans and spouses seeking new job opportunities.



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Operation Linebacker II



HIGH COUNTRY CHAPTER 5 GOALS:

1. To protect the rights and interests of members by supporting national and state initiatives.
2. To highlight the contributions of the military throughout the Chapter area.
3. To contribute to Chapter area communities by focusing on military related projects and programs.
4. To support and enhance interaction among and between all Chapter area military organizations.
5. To foster fraternal relations among those who serve and have served and family members of deceased member officers.