

HIGH COUNTRY CHAPTER NEWS

BOARD NEWS:



Your board members meet the first Tuesday of every month at Bocca Bistro, near Walmart, at 4:30pm. MOAA members are invited to attend. The following are discussed:

- 1) Reviewing past activities
- 2) Planning upcoming activities
- 3) Monthly reports

Your board is open to recommendations and suggestions, and you are invited to attend.

If you would like to become a board member let us know!!



Don't Forget

When: Saturday 14 February
5:30 Social
6:00 Dinner

Where: Blue Ridge Energy Community Room
2491 Old US Hwy 421 (Heading to Wilkesboro
at intersection near Nissan and GMC dealerships.

Guest Speaker: Capt Donna Culp USAF (Frm)
President MOAA NC Council of Chapters

Cost \$30.00/person – Cash or check at door

RSVP: NLT 10 Feb 2026 at hccmoaa@gmail.com or 828-963-3475



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

Website: www.hccmoaa.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/HCCMOAA
E-Mail: hccmoaa@gmail.com

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UPCOMING EVENTS



ALSO - Don't Forget Chapter Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast

When: Saturday 18 April 2026

Where: Boone United Methodist Church,
471 New Market Blvd. Boone

Volunteers needed

More info to follow but mark your
calendars now!!

Blue Ridge Honor Flight

Blue Ridge Honor Flight started as a dream in 2005. To date, the National Honor Flight programs have been responsible for flying over 170,000 WWII, Korean and Vietnam veterans to our nation's capitol to experience their memorials. The next Honor Flight from Asheville NC will be on 18 April 2026. For more information you can contact the organization at info@blueridgehonorflight.com or 828-776-0650.



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JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2026

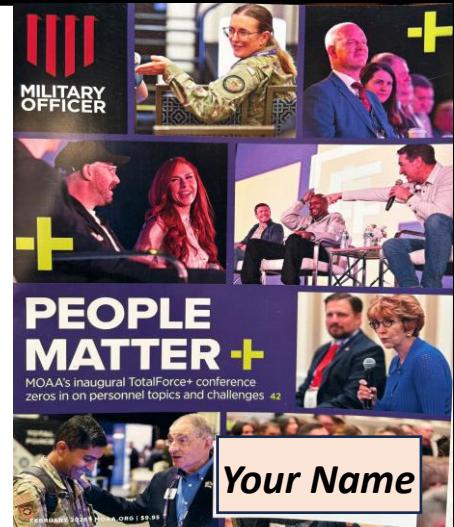
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NATIONAL NEWS

MOAA PUBLICATIONS

The February issue of MOAA magazine contains a series of fascinating articles centered around a variety of topics to include the Legacy of War Brides, Taxes, and Desert Storm 35 Years Later.

Of particular interest are the articles addressing the necessity to advocate military personnel within the venue of Washington DC politics. As a lobbyist organization MOAA remains active “fighting the fight” in support of it’s members needs and requirements.



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.



President's Day, officially Washington's birthday, is a federal holiday celebrated on the third Monday of February. It is often celebrated to honor all those who served as presidents of the United States.



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

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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REMEMBER OUR HISTORY PAGE



February Military Events

Feb 03 1945 – WW2: Sinking of allied troop ship Dorchester results in Congress declaring this as Four Chaplains Day. 674 of 904 aboard drown.



Feb 04 1957 – The first nuclear-powered submarine, the USS Nautilus (SSN-571), logs its 60,000th nautical mile.



Feb 05 1968 – Vietnam: Battle of Khe Sanh begins.



Feb 13 1991 – Gulf War: Two laser-guided "smart bombs" destroy a bunker in Baghdad. It was being used as a military communications outpost and unknown to allied forces, as a shelter for Iraqi civilians.

Feb 13 1951 – Korea: Battle of Chipyong-ni, which represented the "high-water mark" of the Chinese incursion into South Korea, commences. Casualties and losses: China 5,079 - UN 343.



Feb 23 1836 – The Battle of the Alamo begins



Feb 24 1942 – Battle of Los Angeles: A UFO flying over wartime Los Angeles causes a blackout order at 2:25 a.m. and attracts a barrage of anti-aircraft fire, ultimately killing 3 civilians.



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.

If you know of former or retired military officers within your sphere of influence, encourage them to become a member of the MOAA High Country Chapter of North Carolina. For more information about becoming a member go to our website at www.hccmoaa.org or email at hccmoaa@gmail.com