



NEWS FROM THE BOARD

Your High Country Chapter board met at 4:30 pm on the first Tuesday in August, at South End restaurant on King Street to discuss both past and upcoming events. As always, the board welcomes MOAA members to

attend these meetings, as well as to consider becoming a member of the board.



Of particular note, MOAA member Bob Gibbard spoke at the board meeting and reminded us that because of our common military backgrounds, the local Watauga American Legion Post #130 building on Bear Trail Street was available for various functions. We appreciate that offer and will consider the use of the building for future events.

Other items discussed at the recent board meeting included:

- * Secretary Report
- * Treasure Report
- * Legislative Affair Issues
- * Member reports

September Board Meeting will be held at South End Brewing on King St, north of the Fire Dept. @ 1 Sept 2026 with a 4:30 Social and meeting commencing at 5:00.

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HAPPENINGS – PART ONE – 4th of July Parade

Our MOAA chapter participated in Boone's July 4th parade. Although extremely warm (90 degrees), our members battled the heat to finish the 1.3 miles in record-breaking time.

Well Done, Chapter. We "Never Stop Serving"



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HAPPENINGS – PART TWO -GMM

Our Annual Summer General Membership Meeting was held 13 August 2026 with a great showing of our membership family. With 40 attendees, we thank you for all those who joining us for a beautiful evening. Special thanks to Bob Gibbard for being our guest speaker for the evening.



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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS



LEGISLATIVE SNAPSHOT – QUICK REFERENCE – US Federal Legislation

Major Richard Star Act

The Major Richard Star Act remains MOAA's top legislative priority. The legislation would allow combat-disabled military retirees with fewer than 20 years of service to receive both military retired pay and VA disability compensation without offset.

Support for the legislation continues to grow. The House version now has well over 300 bipartisan cosponsors, while the Senate version enjoys broad bipartisan support. MOAA continues to advocate for passage either as a stand-alone bill or through inclusion in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

North Carolina Legislation

Bill	Purpose	Status	Recommended Member Action
H.B. 118	Increase Disabled Veteran Homestead Exclusion from \$45,000 to \$61,000	Awaiting final budget resolution	Contact NC legislators
S.B. 660	Expand veteran tax relief	Awaiting action	Contact NC legislators
H.B. 213	Require workplace posting of veteran employment benefits	Pending	Monitor
H.B. 114	Expand military spouse hiring preferences	Committee review	Monitor



Our High Country Chapter Legislative Affairs Advocate, Adam Greene, reminds us that we make a difference when we contact our elected officials. Here's what to do in 2 minutes:

- * Call your NC legislator and say - "I'm a constituent and veteran. I support H.B. 118 and S.B. 660. Please resolve the state budget so these benefits can take effect."
 - * Call your Member of Congress and say - "I'm a constituent and MOAA member. I support the Major Richard Star Act and caregiver legislation."
- Phone calls are the most effective.
Full report & contact info:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/19UwGXuVfjpO6cjbWkk2kHkIKNuMvjzTW/edit?>



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UPCOMING EVENTS

We're already planning our next General Membership Meeting. We're potentially looking at Thursday, October 8 2026 at the Daniel Boone Inn. It's not locked in and still two months away, but the planning stage is set. WE had fun at the last GMM with a great crowd. (Note the pictures of all the beautiful people in the preceeding pages!!) Let's do it again in October.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

VETERANS ENJOY A FREE ROUND OF GOLF,
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & LUNCH



HOUND EARS CLUB

VETERANS' GUEST DAY

GOLF TOURNAMENT

328 SHULLS MILL RD, BOONE, NC

WEDNESDAY, 9:30AM
SEPTEMBER 16, 2026



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"We Will Never Forget"



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