2024 Report to Members

Military Officers Association of America Middle Tennessee Chapter (MTC)



MOAA Levels of Excellence 5 Star Chapter

- On 7 September 2023, MTC was designated a MOAA 5 Star Levels of Excellence (LOE) Chapter for the year 2022. This is our tenth consecutive year to receive this award!!
- The chapter received its award emblem during a MOAA National visit in October by Captain W.G. "Bud" Schneeweis, USCG, Ret.







2023 Annual Financial Report



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	2020	2021	2022	2023
Income				
Dues (Online & Local)	\$3,025.00	\$3,415.00	\$4,275.00	\$3,745.00
MOAA National Incentive	\$165.00	\$150.00	\$140.00	\$30.00
Scholarship Donations	\$6,614.20	\$8,154.20	\$12,954.92	\$6 , 489.20
MOAA Community Outreach Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,228.00	\$4,250.00
MOAA Community Sponsorship				\$300.00
Miscellaneous Donations	\$100.00	\$115.00	\$1,636.26	\$1,100.01
Luncheon	\$520.00	\$1,400.00	\$2,915.00	\$3,745.00
Interest	\$2.51	\$1.27	\$12.98	\$15.23

Total Income



\$10,426.71 \$13,235.47 \$30,162.16 \$19,674.44

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Operating Cost	2020	2021	2022	2023
Luncheons (Net of Cash Received)	\$507.00	\$1,466.87	\$3,352.99	\$3,936.14
Administrative	\$2,084.05	\$2,579.43	\$4,426.02	\$4,250.54
Local Charity Donations/Grants	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$9 <i>,</i> 886.02	\$5 <i>,</i> 800.00
MOAA Community Sponsorship				\$289.91
Scholarships Given	\$6,614.20	\$8,154.20	\$10,779.92	\$5,175.00
Total Operating Cost	\$10,805.25	\$13,800.50	\$28,444.95	\$19,451.59
Bank Balance Forward Jan 1st	\$6,511.53	\$6,123.20	\$5,558.17	\$7 <i>,</i> 275.38
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$378.54	-\$565.03	\$1,717.21	\$222.85
Ending Bank Balance Dec 31st	\$6,123.20	\$5,558.17	\$7 <i>,</i> 275.38	\$7,498.23

*Note: Net amount for 2023 is **\$3,759.03** (Deduct \$3,489.20 in scholarship donations and \$250 in MOAA Community Outreach Grant funding).



Legislative Affairs Surviving Spouses



Legislative Updates – Surviving Spouses

- Three New Bills Were Introduced:
 - ≻ (H.R. 3232) (S.1588) "Respect for Grieving Military Families Act"
 - ≻ (H.R. 1083) (S. 414) "Caring for Survivors Act of 2023"
 - ≻ (H.R. 3651) (S. 1266) "Love Lives on Act 2023"







Legislative Affairs



Legislative Liaison

• <u>State</u>

- Public Chapters Approved by 113th General Assembly of the State of Tennessee and Signed by Governor Bill Lee
 - * <u>#311</u>: Creates a new pathway for honorably discharged veterans to receive an occupational teaching license
 - * <u>#404</u>: An honor guard grant program is created to offset expenses associated with honor guard duties at military funerals
- ➤ Tennessee Veterans Day on the Hill Wednesday, January 31, 2024
 - * Electronic Voting for Active Duty
 - Medical Cannabis
 - * Restoration of the 2nd Free Auto License Plate for 100% Disabled Veterans
 - Identify and implement processes/procedures that document what the state is accomplishing in hiring qualified veterans within its departments
 - * Tax equalization involving changes to state law calculations to stop penalizing 100% disabled veterans for property tax relief based on yearly market value fluctuations



Legislative Liaison (cont)

• Federal

- FY 2024 National Defense Authorization Act was passed and signed on Dec 22, 2023
 - Defense Department received \$883.7 Billion
 - * Provides a 5.2% pay raise for military members and civilian employees
 - Modifies the Basic Allowance for Housing calculation rates for junior enlisted
- Continued action will be needed on:
 - * Defending service-earned burial benefits by supporting H.R. 1413, <u>the</u> <u>Expanding America's National Cemetery Act</u>
 - Continuing the ongoing push for passage of the <u>Major Richard Star Act</u>, which grew in co-sponsors throughout the year and now has the support of more than two-thirds of lawmakers





Chapter Outreach



2023 Scholarships

- Chapter Scholarship donations totaled \$6,489.20
- MTC MOAA funded Veteran Scholarships \$1,000 each
 - * Belmont University
 - * Lipscomb University
 - * Tennessee State University



- MTC MOAA's Endowed Veterans Scholarship at Lipscomb University funded its first gift in 2023
- MTC MOAA fully funded our <u>fourth</u> MOAA Family Scholarship in 2023 (\$2,840.87) and provided an additional \$648.33 check to the MOAA Foundation



2023 Scholarships (cont)

- Chapter now has four \$25,000 MOAA National Scholarships for dependents
 - * This year's recipients published in November 2023 edition of *Military Officer Magazine*
 - * One of the four funded MOAA National Scholarships was named after LTC Charles Flemming, USA, Retired
- Noteworthy donations
 - Mrs. Nancy Willems (executor of the Fleming Family Trust) donated
 \$2,000
 - * One chapter member donated \$1,000
 - * Several chapter members donated \$100 \$200



Reserve Officer Training Corps Support

- 2023 MOAA Outstanding Cadet medals and certificates awarded to three cadets from the respective four-year ROTC programs
 - * Army ROTC (Vanderbilt University) Cadet Bowman B. Talbot
 - * Navy/Marine Corps ROTC (Vanderbilt University) Midshipman 2/C Philip C. Chandler
 - * Air Force ROTC (Tennessee State University) Cadet Katelyn A. Carpenter



Orientation visits held with new Navy ROTC Detachment Commander



Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Support

≻ 2023

- * Supported 13 JROTC units in 2023
- Chapter members presented 13 awards to cadets at the JROTC units in Middle Tennessee high schools

▶ 2024

- Continuing to support 13 JROTC units in 2024
- First presentation will be in early February





MOAA Foundation Community Outreach Grants

2022 Community Service Project

- * Matthew 25 Career Development Project:
 - \$3,241.43 spent on computer equipment, printers and ink. Remaining grant funds used for printer supplies
 - Career development project held in March 2023
 - Over 20 residents received advice on career development topics

2023 Community Service Projects

- * Operation Stand Down Tennessee Holiday Market Project:
 - Held Dec 19, 23
 - \$2,000 in \$50 Publix gift cards distributed
 - 40 veterans benefited from the grant
- * <u>Alzheimer's Association Operation Wind Down:</u>
 - Slated for Mar 16-17, 24 at Wildwood Resort and Marina
 - Educational and self-care retreat for military-involved dementia caregivers







Additional Chapter Outreach Opportunities & Events

- MTC Memorial Day Service at the Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery
- Participation in Congressional Academy Selection Committees
- Transition Assistance
- ➤ TN Veterans Day on the Hill
- Centerstone Military Services
- Matthew 25 Foundation (Homeless Veterans)
- MOAA Military Family Initiative
- Operation Stand Down Tennessee (OSDTN)
- USO Nashville/Ft. Campbell
- Tennessee Fisher House
- A Soldier's Child Foundation
- ➢ USMCR Toys for Tots Program
- Wreaths Across America Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery









- January Annual Program Update
- <u>February</u> Battle of Nashville and the Pivotal Role of the United States Colored Troops – Mr. Richard White
- March The Mission Continues Mr. G. Daniel Collins, Jr.
- <u>April</u> Personal Affairs Major Chris Johnson, USMC, Retired
- <u>May</u> Tribute to Military and Surviving Spouses Mrs. Alex Denis





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- June Salute to Military Women Colonel Beverly Lee, USAF, Retired
- <u>July</u> National Cemetery Administration Dr. Les Melnyk
- <u>August</u> Veterans Benefits and Assistance Mr. Jon Foti
- <u>September</u> TN Valley Healthcare System Mr. Edward Payton
- <u>October</u> MOAA National Chapter Visit Captain W.G. "Bud" Schneeweis, USCG, Retired
- <u>November</u> The State of U.S. Army Recruiting LTC (P) Kirsten McFarland, USA







- January Annual Program Update
- <u>February</u> Veteran and Vocalist Brei Carter, Former USA Soldier & Officer
- March SCORE Business Mentoring Mrs. Lisa O'Dell
- <u>April</u> Tennessee State Veterans Homes Update Mr. Ed Harries



Membership



MTC Membership

≻ As of December 31, 2023, our membership totaled 228

- In 2023, we added 14 new members; however, we lost 8 members who moved, 15 requested to go inactive or ceased responding to emails/calls (4 were in their Free Year of Joining 2022), 3 transferred to another Chapter, and 10 passed away
- Our current membership mix is 9 currently serving, 18 former officers, 27 surviving spouses, 173 retired officers and 1 Honorary member
- Membership is an issue with most Veteran organizations these days; however, we have stayed ahead of the curve as a result of the efforts of our best recruiters -- YOU!



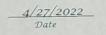
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2022 Col Marvin J. Harris Communications Award 4 Star

Middle Tennessee Chapter, MOAA Website COL Doug Minton, USA (Ret), Webmaster

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2023

MTC Officers & Directors

- President Lt Col Karon Uzzell-Baggett, USAF, Retired
- 1st Vice President CAPT Larry Cotton, USN, Retired
- 2nd Vice President COL Jacqueline Tubbs, USA, Retired
- Treasurer/Director LCDR Bea Henderson, USN, Retired
- Past President/Secretary/Director COL Doug Minton, USA, Retired
- Past President/Director CDR John Ohlinger, USN, Retired
- Past President/Director LTC Wanda Bruce-Graham, USA, Retired
- Past President/Director CAPT Larry Cotton, USN, Retired
- Past President/Director CAPT Dale Lewelling, USN, Retired
- Past President/Director LTC Mike Patenaude, USA, Retired
- Surviving Spouse Liaison/ Director Mrs. Patricia Bergquist
- Legislative Affairs Liaison/ Director- CDR Ted Edwards, Retired
- Transition Services Liaison Lt Col Arlie Haddix, USAF, Retired



President's Comments



2024 Change of Command and New President's Remarks

