

# **2022 Report to Members**

**Military Officers Association  
of America  
Middle Tennessee Chapter (MTC)**

# MOAA Levels of Excellence 5 Star Chapter

- In September 2021 MTC was designated a MOAA 5 Star Levels of Excellence (LOE) Chapter for the year 2020. This is our eighth consecutive year to receive this award.
- Pictured at right Lt. Col.(Ret.) Karon Uzzell-Baggett, USAF accepting the Award from Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Dana Adkins, USAF, MOAA President and CEO, and General Skip Sharp, USA Retired, Chairman of the MOAA Board at the 15 October 2021 MOAA Annual Meeting.



# Annual Financial Report

# 2021

## Annual Financial Report

	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Income</b>				
Dues	\$3,545.00	\$3,200.00	\$3,025.00	\$3,415.00
MOAA National Incentive	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$165.00	\$150.00
Scholarship Donations	\$5,680.00	\$5,374.00	\$6,614.20	\$8,154.20
Miscellaneous Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$115.00
Luncheon Checks	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$520.00	\$1,400.00
Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.51	\$1.27
Total Income	\$9,325.00	\$8,664.00	\$10,426.71	\$13,235.47
<b>Operating Cost</b>				
Luncheons (net of cash received)	(\$445.00)	(\$238.00)	(\$507.00)	(\$1,466.87)
Administrative	(\$1,804.95)	(\$1,750.00)	(\$2,084.05)	(\$2,579.43)
Donations	(\$1,439.04)	(\$1,250.00)	(\$1,600.00)	(\$1,600.00)
Scholarships Given	(\$5,680.00)	(\$5,374.00)	(\$6,614.20)	(\$8,154.20)
Total Operating Cost	(\$9,368.99)	(\$8,612.00)	(\$10,805.25)	(\$13,800.50)
Net Gain/(Loss)	-\$43.99	\$52.00	-\$378.54	(\$565.03)
Bank Balance Forward January 1st	\$6,267.40	\$6,263.41	\$6,511.53	\$6,123.20
Net Gain/(Loss)	(\$43.99)	\$52.00	(\$378.54)	-565.03
Prepaid Dues	\$40.00	(\$40.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reconciling	\$0.00	\$236.12	(\$9.79)	\$0.00
Ending Bank Balance December 31st	\$6,263.41	\$6,511.53	\$6,123.20	\$5,558.17



# Legislative Affairs Surviving Spouses

# Legislative Updates – Surviving Spouses

- Phase out of the SBP/DIC Offset
  
- Three New Bills Were Introduced:
  - (H.R. 2214) (S.1669) “Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act
  - (H.R. 3402) (S.976) “Caring for Survivors Act of 2021”
  - (H.R. 2827) CAPT James C. Edge Gold Star Spouse Equity Act  
“Remarriage Bill 2021”

# Legislative Affairs



# Legislative Liaison

## State

- Public Chapters Approved by 112<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the State of Tennessee
  - #35: Designates June 12<sup>th</sup> as “Women’s Veterans Day”
  - #222: Honorably discharged veterans who have certified occupational training can receive equivalent credit toward certain occupational licenses
  - #445: Major Trevor Joseph Act dedicated to burial services
  - #521: Discounted rates offered to veterans at state parks & year-around discounts for camping/cabins
- Tennessee Veterans (TN Vet) Priorities for the Coming Year:
  - COVID-19 and Death Indemnity Compensation
  - Electronic Voting for Active Duty
  - Medical Marijuana
  - Restoring Second, Free-of-Charge , Disabled Veteran License Plate

## Federal

- 2022 National Defense Authorization Act was passed on Dec 15, 2021
- MOAA National Priorities for Coming Year:
  - Healthcare: Protecting value of earned Tricare benefits
  - Pay and Benefits: (1) Sustain pay raises for active-duty troops and COLA raises for retirees  
(2) Ensure Coast Guard, NOAA and Public Health Service continue to receive pay during a government shutdown



# Chapter Outreach

# Reserve Officer Training Corps Support

- 2021 MOAA Outstanding Cadet medals and certificates awarded to three cadets from the respective four-year ROTC programs
  - ✓ Army ROTC (Vanderbilt University) –  
Cadet Allison F. Spence
  - ✓ Navy/Marine Corps ROTC (Vanderbilt University) –  
Midshipman 2/C Brian Duncan
  - ✓ Air Force ROTC (Tennessee State University) –  
Cadet Corwin A. Cordell
- Area ROTC Detachment Commanders advised of MOAA National scholarship and grant opportunities

# Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Support

## 2021

- Supported 13 JROTC units in 2021.
- Chapter members presented nine awards to cadets at the JROTC units in Middle Tennessee high schools. Four other awards were delivered to the JROTC Senior Instructors who presented them to awardees due to restrictions caused by COVID-19.

## 2022

- Continuing to support 13 JROTC units in 2022

# 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
- Joshua Chamberlain Society
- USMCR Toys for Tots Program
- Wreaths Across America - Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery

# 2021 Scholarships

- Chapter Scholarship donations totaled \$8154.
- For the seventh year, MTCMOAA funded Veteran Scholarships at Belmont and Lipscomb Universities in the amount of \$1,000 each.
- Our Chapter continued the MTCMOAA Endowed Veterans Scholarship at Lipscomb University with \$4154.
- MTCMOAA currently provides three MOAA National Scholarships for dependents. This year's Chapter gift of \$2,000 and individual members generous donations of \$1,243 increased to \$9,769 our goal towards a fourth \$25,000 National endowment.
- The MTCMOAA facilitated a one-time Brentwood Rotary Club donation of \$1000 each to this year's military scholars at Belmont and Lipscomb Universities. These contributions were in the name of former MTCMOAA and Rotary Club member BG (Ret) Roger Wheelwright.

# MTC Programs

# 2021 MTC Programs

**January** – Annual Program Update

**February** – Personal Affairs (Tennessee Ombudsman Program) – Ms. Jane Zeismer, Military Spouse

**March** – God’s Word for Warriors – Dr. Tom Seals, USMC

**April** – District 20 Legislative Issues - State Senator Heidi Campbell

**May** – Belmont University Men’s Basketball Coach – Coach Casey Alexander

**June** – District 65 Legislative Issues - State Representative (COL, Ret) Sam Whitson



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## MTC Programs (cont.)

**July** – MOAA National Issues – CAPT (ret) Erin Stone

**August** – Department of Homeland Security Issues – Mr. Ron Hughes and  
Mr. Mark Collier

**September** – Matthew 25 Nonprofit Organization – Mr. Jim Ward

**October** – Brain Health (Alzheimer's Association) – Ms. Ashley Briggs

**November** – United States Space Force Overview – Lt Col (ret) Lane Gilchrist and  
Lt Col Mike Wilson

# 2022 MTC Programs

**January – Annual Program Update**

**February – Metro Nashville Police Department – Chief John Drake**

**March - Nashville International Airport Modernization – Ms. Traci Holton**

**April – Personal Affairs – Dr. Jackie Pair, Ed.D. VA Vocational Development**

# Membership

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- As of December 31 2021 our membership totaled 248.
- Our membership mix is 5% currently serving, 12% former officers, 13% surviving spouses, 69% retired officers, and 1% Honorary member.
- In 2021 we added 14 new members; however we lost a number of members that moved, or requested to go inactive, as well as those that passed away (10 in 2021).
- We have 118 members that are MOAA National Life Members, 58 members that belong to MOAA National on an Annual basis, 45 members that have taken advantage of the Basic Membership program, and 27 members that are not currently members of MOAA National.

# MTC, MOAA Chapter Website

<https://www.mtcmoaa.org>



# President's Comments

# 2021

## MTC Officers & Directors

- President – LTC (R) Mike Patenaude, USA
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Lt Col (R) Karon Uzzell-Baggett, USAF
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – COL (R) Kent Crossley, USA
- Treasurer/Director – 1LT Deryl Bauman, USA
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