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Next MTC Monthly Meeting:

28 July 2026; 11:30AM - 1:00PM

MTC Monthly Luncheon Meeting

“Williamson County Law
Enforcement”

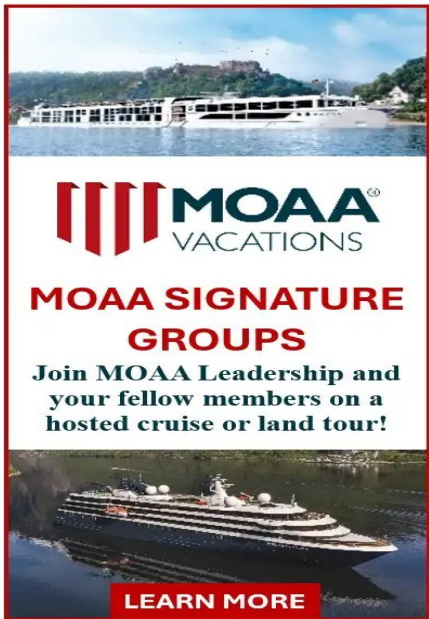
Sheriff Jeff Hughes

ONCC, 115 Gardengate Drive, Franklin, TN
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Sheriff Jeff Hughes has dedicated nearly four decades to his career in law enforcement. Beginning his journey with the Fairview Police Department in 1983, he transitioned to the Brentwood Police Department in 1986, where he worked his way up from Patrol Officer to Chief of Police. He retired from Brentwood in 2022. He was subsequently elected as the Williamson County Sheriff in the March 2024 election.

Sheriff Hughes earned his undergraduate degree from Middle Tennessee State University, majoring in Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology. Additionally, he is a graduate of the Southeastern Command and Leadership Academy at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga.

Residing on his family farm just outside Fairview (which has been passed down through four generations), Sheriff Hughes remains deeply connected to his roots. He actively participates in the Walnut Street Church of Christ and holds lifetime memberships in several prestigious organizations, including the Brentwood Noon Rotary Club, Morris Heithcock Lodge #41 Fraternal Order of Police, and the NRA.



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We Still Need Your Assistance

The MTC Board is now in the process of conducting a review of our Chapter member records (mailing address, email address, phone number, MOAA membership level) and have identified various items that are missing or out of date on many of our members.

We can see erroneous data or where the data should be but due to privacy restrictions only the actual member can revise or update his/her profile.

We really need our members to log into their MOAA accounts and review/update their profiles. Once you have updated your account, you should be able to make corrections or additions to bring your information to a current state.

If you are unable to accomplish the modifications, please let us know!

President’s Letter

I hope everyone is staying cool as we enter July and approach our nation’s 250th birthday!

We need your input! At the July Luncheon we will have an MTC Chapter vote. The executive board has been in discussions regarding what to do with scholarship funds raised above and beyond the amounts we have historically allocated from our chapter. In years past, we have funded three local scholarships for Veteran students at TSU, Belmont and Lipscomb in the amount of \$1500 each. We have fully funded four National Scholarships, and we have begun sending the funds raised above our local allocations to the National MOAA Scholarship Fund rather than beginning to build a fifth endowment. This fund has now been incorporated into a MOAA Charities fund. The Board’s recommendation is that moving forward, starting with this fall 2026 fundraiser, to now send additional funds to the newly formed MOAA Charities fund. We want to capture this with a Chapter vote at the July meeting, so please attend and make your voice heard.

Earlier this year the Nashville VA Hospital put out a Veteran Needs List through the TNVETS organization. Items were collected at the May luncheon, and I delivered them to the Nashville VA campus afterward. They greatly appreciated the chapter’s donation and mailed the chapter a very nice thank you letter. So, thanks to all who donated items for the needy veterans.

Please take note that the November Luncheon will now occur on 10 November 2026, due to a conflict with a National MOAA training event being held in Chattanooga, TN that many of the Chapter Executive Board members will be attending.

CDR Ted Edwards is seeking to step down from the Legislative Affairs position at the end of the year. LTC Wanda Graham has also expressed interest in having a replacement for the Personal Affairs position. Please speak with either of them or a board member to find out more, we need your involvement in the MTC Chapter!

The speaker for July is Sheriff Jeff Hughes of Williamson County. Join us and get updates on department staffing, threats to the community and updates on the new county jail being constructed. This department seems to be ever evolving with new demands and threat levels, so come hear what he anticipates the future will require.

J. Dale’ Kiser, Col, USAF, Ret,
MTC President

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Upcoming Programs & Events

15 July 2026; 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
“TN Council of Chapters Meeting”

Sammy B's Restaurant, 705 Cadet Court, Lebanon, TN.

28 July 2026; 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

MTC Monthly Luncheon Meeting

“ Williamson County Law Enforcement”

Sheriff Jeff Hughes

ONCC, 115 Gardengate Drive, Franklin, TN 37069

28 July 2026; 5:30 - 7:30 PM

God’s Word for Warriors Fundraiser

“Rise, Renew, Reconnect”

Lipscomb University Shinn Center, Nashville, TN

<https://www.godswordforwarriors.com/gala>

6 August 2026; 7 - 8:00 AM

“MTC Monthly Board Meeting”

NGATN, 4332 Kenilwood Drive, Nashville, TN 37204

25 August 2026; 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

MTC Monthly Luncheon Meeting

“ Singing Second”

CPT Dean Wegner, USA

MTC Chapter Member

ONCC, 115 Gardengate Drive, Franklin, TN 37069

3 September 2026; 7 - 8:00 AM

“MTC Monthly Board Meeting”

NGATN, 4332 Kenilwood Drive, Nashville, TN 37204

19 September 2026; 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

"Ft. Campbell, KY Retiree Appreciation Day"

Soldier Support Center

2702 Michigan Avenue, Fort Campbell, KY

22 September 2026; 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

MTC Monthly Luncheon Meeting

“Disaster - Financial Preparation”

MAJ Gary Ward, USA (Ret)

Retired Financial Planner & MTC Chapter Member

ONCC, 115 Gardengate Drive, Franklin, TN 37069

25 September 2026: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

"MTC Operation Commissary"

MTC MOAA Grant - Food Bag Service Event

OSDTN, 1125 12th Ave S, Nashville, TN 37203

Legislative Update

Welcome to July with our major event of the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. It is in the news everywhere, and I hope you are enjoying the celebration.

Before anything else: Our primary election date is 6 August preceded by early voting. Do remember to participate by voting. We have primaries for the House of Representatives, the Governor, and more.

The first day of July also begins a whole package of new laws passed by the 114th General Assembly and signed by the Governor. It is the normal calendar that the legislative changes all begin on 1 July every year. It is quite a long list and worth your time to read online. A few highlights are:

- New/updated driver’s license requirements
- Domestic violence registration requirements
- Restrictions on hemp
- Immigration and confidentiality requirements
- Free speech protections in public schools
- And a few dozen more

Being a nationally oriented organization, MOAA usually draws our attention to those issues on the larger scale for earned benefits relating to those currently serving and those who have served in the past. Your monthly issue of *Military Officer* magazine makes for great reading to keep current. There are always initiatives, changes, requirements, and benefit programs under consideration. This never stops, and an amazing amount of energy is contributed to creating and adjusting benefit programs on our behalf.

An interesting comment from our national leadership when I went to Advocacy-in-Action Week in April was how many surviving spouses do not close the mailing of the magazine to our members because they enjoy reading the magazine and getting so much helpful information from it.

A new and interesting item came through recently about the MOAA SLEF Legislative Action Center – oriented to the state-level of legislative action. Just beginning, it is only yet carrying news about Michigan, Minnesota, and Pennsylvania – but others will be added. It can be visited at: www.slef-moaa.com/slec. More on that will surely be coming.

Meanwhile, Congress is in recess for the Independence period and will return in mid-July. They will take the normal August recess and return after Labor Day. And then the push will be on for federal budget matters before the crunch date of 30 September. We will keep an ear to the ground about the NDAA legislation to come. Best Wishes to you for America 250 and a wonderful summer.

CDR Ted Edwards, USN (Ret), MTC Legislative Chair