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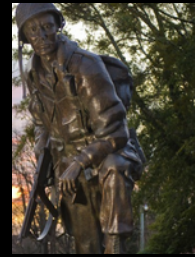
**FOR ALL ACTIVE DUTY, RETIRED, AND FORMER OFFICERS OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES AND THEIR SURVIVING SPOUSES**

## United States Army Birthday

As we enter the month of June 2026, the United States Army will celebrate its 251<sup>st</sup> birthday. June 14<sup>th</sup>, 1775 was the date in which the Continental Army was established. The United States Army has gone through many challenges and changes throughout its lengthy history and still remains the strongest Army in the world.



Editor - Retired Army CW4 Harold Thacker



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter Board of Directors Meeting**

**June 14th Flag Day  
U.S. Army Birthday**

**June 19th Juneteenth**

**June 26th Independence Day Picnic**



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cape Fear Chapter:

May was a time of celebrating the chapter's efforts from the generosity of our Golf Tournament donors, sponsors and supporters. We awarded eight scholarships to local JROTC and ROTC cadets in our catchment area. The scholarship recipients will enroll in university ROTC programs in order to receive commissions, or they are currently enrolled and will continue in their programs. All the young men and women are outstanding representatives from their programs, and we enjoyed having them at our May 1<sup>st</sup> Awards Luncheon.

We also awarded grants to nine JROTC programs supporting their summer leadership camps. Air Force, Navy and Army JROTC instructors identify promising cadets to attend their respective camps in order to develop leadership, instill teamwork and encourage esprit décor. Most will return to leadership positions in their programs in the fall.

Last but not least, Cape Fear Chapter received two grants from MOAA National in order to support two of our community engage activities. First, we received another generous grant to help defray the cost of our Golf Tournament which has been and continues to be our primary means to raise funds in support of grant and scholarship programs. Second, we received a grant to engage with Fayetteville Habitat for Humanity Veteran's Build. We plan for two events with them this year.

There's also good news for Facebook users. Teresa Bond Vaughn has revived our chapter webpage. You may visit our webpage by searching: Cape Fear MOAA. Teresa is posting photos and messages for the chapter. Thanks, Teresa!

Please put a "save the date" on your calendars for June 26. We plan to have a picnic to celebrate our nation's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. Our tentative location is the pavilion at Smith Lake. You'll soon see flyers with details.

Thanks for all that you do for our communities and one another.

Never Stop Serving!

*Gregory K. Williamson*

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Colonel, USA Retired  
President, Cape Fear Chapter MOAA

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

By  
Bill Bell

**SAVE THE DATE**

Cape Fear Chapter's  
**ANNUAL  
BASEBALL  
OUTING**

with the Fayetteville Woodpeckers



**July 18, 2026**

6:00 pm

Segra Stadium, Fayetteville

**“Take Me Out to the Ball Game”**





## **SECRETARY**

By  
Steven Cage

**Chapter Life Membership Update:** Three of the first tranche of 25 distinctive Chapter Life Membership cards have been presented by President Greg Williams at CFC events in May. The first three presented were to Lois Ives, Carol Ivey, and Lt. Col. Joe Tcich. The next major CFC event where Chapter Life Membership cards will be presented is the June picnic. **Members who can get their cards there include COL Rudolph Baker, Mrs. Ilse Bass, CW3 James Fleming, MAJ Phil Flynn, LTC John Hazlett, COL John Hermann, MAJ Henry Simpson, LTC Dennis Franken, LTC Tim Arkinson, COL David Baggett, Mrs. Tammy Beshlin, LTC Bruce Brown, LTC David Cheney, COL John Dunnigan, MAJ Tim Fitzpatrick, LTC George Glann, Mrs. Michelle Lame, LTC Arturo Macal tao, MAJ Warren "Ron" O'Brien, LTC Frank Stump III, CW4 Don Talbot, and MAJ Byron "Lee" Young.**

**Becoming a Chapter Life Member:** As our Life Membership program continues, cards will continue to be provided to those who achieve that status. Those who want to become life members before reaching their 90th birthday (when CFC Life Membership becomes free) can access the Chapter website ( <https://cfmoaa.org/> ) and go to membership renewal or go directly to <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/capefear-chapter-payments/items> and find the appropriate age payment button for Officer members or Surviving Spouses. Once there, follow the prompts to pay. One note: if you have (or think you have) previously paid annual dues in advance (including 2026) and want to apply that to a life membership send a note to [capefearmoaa@gmail.com](mailto:capefearmoaa@gmail.com) to help clarify how much you will owe before making the payment.

**Annual Dues Reminder (skip if you're a Life Member or current through at least 2026):** We've made some progress in this area, but as of mid-April we still have a number of members who have not yet renewed their membership for 2026. As this is written, that includes more than 59 officer and Surviving Spouse members who are on our membership rolls. The Chapter membership year goes from January through December, so those who prefer to pay annually and **who haven't yet renewed for 2026 already, please renew NOW!** Annual dues for 2026 remain \$20 for officer members and \$10 for Surviving Spouses. Reminders will continue to be sent as needed while you're on our membership rolls. If you've moved out of the area or otherwise changed your mind about being a CFC member, please update us at [capefearmoaa@gmail.com](mailto:capefearmoaa@gmail.com). As with most organizations that serve and advocate, keeping an active membership is crucial. Doing so not only keeps our Chapter viable, but helps us better influence state and federal legislation affecting the military. Politicians understand numbers; the larger they are, the more they pay attention. An active membership also helps with our various Chapter service projects and other activities. There are two ways to renew. The easiest and fastest way to renew is by going online ( <https://cfmoaa.org/membership/> ) and clicking on "Renew online HERE" to follow the prompts and add your card data, which takes less than five minutes. Or, if you prefer, you can send a check made out to CFC MOAA to CFC MOAA, PO Box 53621, Fayetteville, NC 28305.

# It's Tee Time.....



## ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT MISSION

CAPE FEAR CHAPTER MOAA WILL CONDUCT THE ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2026 TO FUND GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS IN SUPPORT OF THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES: **25 HIGH SCHOOL JROTC PROGRAMS\***, **5 UNIVERSITY ROTC PROGRAMS\*\***, FT BRAGG FISHER HOUSE, FT BRAGG ASYMCA, AMERICAN RED CROSS, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VETERAN'S BUILD AND THE USO IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THE LIVES OF YOUNG PEOPLE, THOSE PREPARING TO SERVE, VETERANS, AND MEN, WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO CURRENTLY SERVE.

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We set donation records last year, and we hope to break it again this year. Great job, Cape Fear Chapter!



## CHAPLAIN

By  
Timothy Atkinson

“June: Army Heritage Month”

So much relates to our military in the month of June.

- **D-Day Anniversary (June 6):** Marks the historic 1944 Allied invasion of Normandy, France, a pivotal turning point in World War II.
- **Women Veterans Day (June 12):** Recognizes the contributions, sacrifices, and history of women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.
- **U.S. Army Birthday & Flag Day (June 14):** Celebrates the birth of the U.S. Army, established by the Continental Congress in 1775. June 14 also marks the 1777 adoption of the official American flag
- **Korean War Armistice Start & End:** Commemorates the beginning of the Korean War in 1950 (June 25) and the signing of the armistice in 1953 (June 27).
- **PTSD Awareness Month & Day (June 27):** A dedicated focus on raising awareness and highlighting treatments for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder among veterans and active-duty troops.

We have such a strong heritage in our county that should make us all honor those who have served our nation. Also, we must honor God who has kept us free for these 250 years. On our dollar is the Latin phrase, "Annuit Coeptis," meaning "He (God) favors our undertaking." Truly the grace and mercy of almighty God has blessed us and enabled us to be "the land of the free and home of the brave."

I recently got back from a mission trip to Nigeria. There I was able to see the sights where so many killings have happened over the years. Primarily Christians have been murdered by Muslims. While there I sat with a blind man of God, and we listened to Ray Charles on Youtube. He was doing a concert of gospel songs in a church. The last song that he sang was "America." As we listened tears came to my eyes. I appreciate so very much our nation and our safety and freedoms. The Bible says, "Blessed is that nation whose God is the Lord," Psalms 33:12. God has indeed given us so very much. I know we are thankful and love our land and her people. Let us always pray for our military, and family members, and those who are deployed for our freedoms.

This is why MOAA and our local chapter are so important. We can bring those issues to our representatives that will help us to remain free and prosperous until the Lord's return. Let's pray and stay involved. Lastly, I hope to see you at our upcoming Woodpecker's Game, and annual golf tournament. Until next month, which is the wonderful Fourth of July, may the Lord Jesus bless and keep you in His matchless love and care.

## WEBMASTER

By  
Joe Tichich

## BIRTHDAYS!!!!!!!

To access the MOAA Take Action (**Legislative Action Center**), go to the main MOAA website ([www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org)) and log in to your account; this online portal lets members find legislators, track bills, and send messages to Congress about key military-related issues like healthcare, housing, and spouse employment. You'll need to be a Premium or Life Member for full access to these advocacy tools, as basic accounts have limited features.

### Steps to Access the Legislative Action Center:

**Go to MOAA.org:** Open your web browser and navigate to MOAA.org.

**Log In:** Use your credentials to log in to your MOAA account.

**Find the Action Center:** Look for links to "Legislative Action Center" or "Take Action" on the site, often found in the advocacy or membership sections.

**Start Taking Action:** Once logged in, you can use features like:

Sending pre-written messages to your representatives.

Finding your elected officials' contact info.

Tracking MOAA's priority legislation

### Key Things to Remember:

**Membership:** Most robust features require a Premium or Life membership, so upgrade if you're a basic member.

**Stay Logged In:** Enable cookies on your browser to stay logged in for easier access to campaigns.

### June Birthdays\*

LTC (USA, Ret.) Timothy Brennan  
LTC (USA, Ret.) James E. Chrishon, Jr.  
COL (USA, Ret.) Stanley Dodson  
COL (USA, Ret.) Ronnie Foxx  
MAJ (USA, Ret.) Hubert Gibson  
Lt. Col. (USAF, Ret.) Thomas Glockzin  
CW5 (USA, Ret.) Clyde Green  
LTC (USA, Ret.) Karl Ivey  
LTC (USA, Ret.) John Laub  
LTC (USA, Ret.) Peter Leone  
LTC (USA, Ret.) John R. "Bob" White  
CPT (USA, Ret.) Del Williams

\*If your birthday is in June and you didn't see your name (or need to update your rank or status), please send a note to [capfearmoaa@gmail.com](mailto:capfearmoaa@gmail.com) so we can update our records.



# INDEPENDENCE DAY 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PICNIC

By  
Juan Chavez



## Independence Day Anniversary Celebration Picnic

Pavilion E  
Smith Lake Recreation Area  
Q 5144 Smith Lake Road  
Fayetteville, NC 28311

1130 hours, Friday, June 26, 2026

Cost: \$15 per person

Attire: Picnic Casual



RSVP NLT 24 June 2026

Send reservations and check  
(payable to CFC MOAA) to:

Bill Bell  
6408 Cattlesmore Road  
Fayetteville, NC 28311

Reservations Request

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservations  
\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of guests: \_\_\_\_\_

or

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QR Code



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