



# Piedmont Chapter



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### May 2026 Newsletter

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# Piedmont Chapter – President’s Message

## SPRING IS HERE!!!



- We welcome Ms. Donna Martin as our newly sworn-in Chapter Secretary. WELCOME DONNA: and thank you for stepping up to help us keep track of all the diverse and positive things we have going on. Donna is the wife of new member, LCDR Craig Martin; USN (Fmr) -- our welcome to the Martins.
- At our 19 March membership meeting we welcomed and presented lapel pins to 4 new members – LCDR Craig Martin mentioned above, COL Nick Fletcher, USA (Ret), and his wife, Vicki; MAJ (Rev) Mark Perkins, USA (Ret), and his wife, Anne; and Capt. John Carine, USMC (Fmr), and his wife, Kay. Welcome all!!! Great to have you with us. We also welcome Col Theresa Campbell, USAF (Ret) as our newest member. We look forward to welcoming her at our 21 May Membership meeting.
- We also have an addition to our Chaplain support – LTC (Chap) Howard Jones, USA (Ret) will be assisting us by visiting members and spouses hospitalized in ANMED. Please let Howard know of hospitalizations – 864-376-3768.
- If you missed our 19 March luncheon at Carson’s, you also missed a superb update from our Fundraising and Scholarship Committees - thank you CAPT Randy Bannister and COL John Benson, respectively.
- Speaking of our JROTC scholarships – as mentioned before in a “NEWS FLASH,” the Piedmont Chapter is awarding a \$1000 scholarship stipend to each of the 2 most outstanding JROTC cadets graduating this month and going to college, joining an ROTC program, with the intention of serving our country: **CONGRATULATIONS** to Cadet Colonel Marena Riggins of Daniel High School and Cadet Colonel Kade Black of Belton-Honea Path High School. We will recognize them and award their certificates of excellence at their school JROTC awards ceremony. Additionally, as of now, we anticipate having Cadet Colonel Black with us for our 16 July membership meeting so we can introduce him to the membership in this our inaugural year.
- Again – I thank our members who have donated to make these JROTC scholarships possible, as well as giving us the ability to help with monetary support for our veterans’ nursing home and veterans’ cemetery. Let’s continue to donate so we can increase the scholarship amount next year and make a bigger impact -- please see our website icon at the bottom of page 1.

**• CONGRATULATIONS PIEDMONT CHAPTER -- 2025 5-Star Level of Excellence awards for both our chapter and our newsletter!!!! WELL DONE!!!**

## RECENT HAPPENINGS:

- On 28 March, our chapter co-sponsored and several of our members participated in this year’s Vietnam Remembrance Day at the Anderson County Museum -

another excellent event to reflect, remember, and honor all those who served – hosted by our own LTC Tom von Kaenel, USA (Ret). The next day, we honored, remembered, and hung dog tags at the Semper Fi Barn in Central of 400 18-year-olds who were killed in the Vietnam War. This was planned, executed, and hosted by Tom and our “tech support guru,” Marie Cole. More will be honored next March.

- We are exploring investment options to give us the opportunity to grow a portion of our \$32,550 JROTC scholarship funds that are currently in a 3.75% CD. Alex Glass, our Treasurer, and I have met with the president of a local financial foundation to start the evaluation process. We will introduce him and his Donor Services Director at our 2 June board meeting and have them explain their policies and specific investment options that are available to us. The board will decide among the investment options and what portion of our CD money to allocate, opting for growth with moderate risk and minimal expenses while maintaining a reasonable cushion in our CD.
- This past 10 April, chapter member BGen Hap Carr; USAF (Ret), Chapter Vice President LTC Neil Lark; USA (Ret) and I joined 20 Clemson Army and Air Force ROTC cadets who will be commissioned this month to discuss leadership challenges / lessons learned in combat and peacetime, relationships with NCO’s, and other subjects to give the cadets additional perspectives and insights into what lies ahead for them as new 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenants. After that, the cadets went to our “Dolly” Cooper Veterans Cemetery and did some grounds maintenance work.
- We have begun to re-invent our Facebook site and social media presence. Please check it out at the icon at the bottom of page 1. If you have suggestions or can help, please let Alan Erisman or Dale Ellenburg know.
- We have closed out the membership renewal period. Please check out Howard’s Membership Section on page 5 to see what’s new with potential new members in our counties.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Hilda and I will host our next quarterly “New Member Welcome and Orientation” sometime in mid-June. Date and time TBD.
- Our Thursday, 11:30, 21 May membership luncheon meeting will be at Rigsby’s Burgers, Wings and Grill. Our chapter member Major General Richard Wholey, Commander of the 263<sup>rd</sup> Army Air and Missile Defense Command will update us on their worldwide missions and other military actions around the world. Please see the RSVP information on page 5; and please bring a MOAA-eligible guest.

## **REMINDERS:**

- 4 July will mark our nation’s 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. Our 16 July membership meeting will follow that 2 weeks later. We want our 16 July meeting to be a “Red, White, and Blue” meeting to honor America. If you have ideas on how we can do that to make it more memorable, please let Neil Lark or me know.

- I am always available to meet MOAA-eligible officers, active, retired and former, to discuss things our chapter is doing and why they are important to our veteran communities.
  - **Remember to wear your service-related hats, shirts, sweatshirts, etc. when out and about - they are great conversation starters!**

## **THIS DAY, 1 MAY, IN AMERICAN MILITARY HISTORY:**

- 1898 -- The US Asiatic Squadron destroyed the Spanish Pacific Fleet in the Battle of Manila Bay during the Spanish American War.
- 1955 -- “Loyalty Day” President Eisenhower proclaimed the first official observance to “reaffirm allegiance to the United States and recognize American freedom.
- 2010 -- The US House of Representatives passed a resolution on April 21, 2010 designating May 1 as “Silver Star Service Banner Day” to recognize the sacrifices of American servicemen and women have made for our country. And we have members who have been awarded the Silver Star for their gallantry in action.
- 2011 -- Confirmation that the Navy’s SEAL Team 6 had killed Osama bin Laden.

Respectfully,

Mel

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## **Military ID card and DEERS Facilities in the Upstate**

Army National Guard Armory ID Card sites:  
301 N. Campus Blvd, Spartanburg, SC 29301  
803-299-1279

Tues - Fri

107 Rockmount Rd. Easley, SC 29640

803-299-1353 (call to make sure their system is up and running)

Tues – Fri, 8am-12pm, 1pm-4pm

Donaldson Center - Army Reserve Armory ID Card sites:

910-771-1225, 814 Perimeter Rd. Greenville, SC 29605

## **Piedmont Chapter – 21 May MOAA Membership Meeting**

**Date/Time: 1130 Thursday, 21 May 2026**

**Place: Rigsby's Smoked Burgers, Wings, & Grill**

**Address: 115 Interstate Blvd Anderson 29621 (I-85 Exit 19)**

**Speaker: MG Richard Wholey, Commander 263d AAMDC**

**Cost: \$25 per person (includes tax and gratuity)**

**RSVP/Mail Checks: Alex Glass, 106 Moorhaven Dr, Liberty, SC 29657**

**Email: [aglass1949@gmail.com](mailto:aglass1949@gmail.com) / Phone: 843-801-1509**

**Checks payable to: Piedmont Chapter, MOAA**

**Dinner RSVP Date: NLT, 19 May 2026**

**Please pay with a CHECK NOT CASH! Thank you**

Spouses and guests are encouraged to attend. If you are a prospective member and wish to attend this function, and/or join the chapter, please send in your reservation or contact the following:

**Chairperson Membership: Howard Stammerjohn**

**Phone: 864-964-1631 / Email: [piedmont.moaa@aim.com](mailto:piedmont.moaa@aim.com)**

## **Piedmont Chapter – Proposed Meeting Dates, Venues, and Speakers For 2026!**

**16 Jul 26:** 1130 Luncheon - TBD

Speaker: Major Ben Harmon USAF pilot invited

- LTC Percy Dingle will give an overview of BHP JROTC
- Recognize the Scholarship Winner and family from BHP High School

**17 Sep 26:** 1800 Dinner - Palmetto Ridge Events, 10238 Clemson Blvd, Seneca

Speaker: Clemson ROTC update

**19 Nov 26:** 1130 Luncheon - TBD

## **Piedmont Chapter –New Members / Membership HERE WE GROW AGAIN!!**

We Welcome our new member: COL Nickolas Fletcher, USA (Ret), 302 Bella Vista Drive, Easley, 29640, 803-238-0908 [fletcher263@aol.com](mailto:fletcher263@aol.com) ... wife is Vicki

Col Theresa Campbell, USAF (Ret), 466 Twin View Drive, Westminster, 29693, 703-819-1793  
[Tac1957@gmail.com](mailto:Tac1957@gmail.com)

We have completed our membership renewal for 2026. I thank our entire membership who have stepped up and continued their support of the Chapter, our mission and our goals. I especially want to thank those who renewed for an extended number of years. Several have renewed for 4 and 5 years. We remain strong. Our membership stands at 92.

**Wear that military gear and keep those chapter business cards handy.** When you meet a potential member, please obtain their email address and/or phone number for me to follow up. Tell your contacts how we support **ALL** veterans, of **ALL** ranks, and **their military families.** Thank you for your membership, dedication and faith in MOAA and the Piedmont Chapter mission.

## **"Never Stop Serving"**

Howard  
864-964-1631

### **Piedmont Chapter – Birthdays**

#### **MAY**

Pam Durham  
Bob Heller  
James Murphy  
Art Phillips

#### **JUNE**

Dale Ellenburg  
Steve Ford  
Gordon Johnson  
Lena Jones  
Larry Morelock  
Julianna Heck



If you don't see your name mentioned in YOUR month, please call Howard Stammerjohn.  
Membership Director  
864-964-1631

For Chapter property, anyone having equipment should notify , Donna Martin Secretary, by email: [wrightlady@gmail.com](mailto:wrightlady@gmail.com) She's the record keeper of all the Chapter property.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Our Treasury remains in good financial position with membership dues rolling in as well as contributions for our activities. But we're always open for more charitable gifts as your financial needs allow! We have renewed our CD for JROTC scholarship which now stands at \$32,500. Thanks to everyone who has contributed! See you at the May luncheon!

## **JROTC Scholarship**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Cadet Colonel Marena Riggins of Daniel High School and Cadet Colonel Kade Black of Belton-Honea Path High School. Awardees of our chapter's \$1000 scholarships.

## **Fundraising**

As part of the Piedmont Chapter's overall fundraising plan, work continues on the development of a "general" Trifold for the chapter. The purpose of this Trifold is to increase the Chapter's visibility in the Tri-county area by briefly informing the public on the following:

- Who are we
- Who do we serve
- What we do and who we do it for (our mission)
- Who can be a member and how to join
- How people can support us and how to donate

A draft of this Trifold was provided to the Chapter Board for initial comment/review at their APR 2026 meeting.

Following incorporation of the Board's recommendations, an updated version will be provided for their final review. Once the Board's approval is given the Trifold will be published for dissemination.

## **Our Own Backyard (kind of)**

Love of parks can be a lifelong journey or an adventure here for you to discover. If you are a US citizen or resident ages 62 years or older, there are special entrance pass options for you to enjoy your public lands! The [America the Beautiful – The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass Series](#) offers a lifetime and annual Senior Pass option.

### **Who is eligible and what are the age requirements for a Senior Pass?**

US citizens or residents 62 years or older are eligible for a Senior Pass.

### **How much does a Senior Pass cost?**

The [Senior Lifetime Pass](#) is valid for your lifetime and costs \$80.

The [Senior Annual Pass](#) is valid for one year and costs \$20. (The Senior Annual Pass can be upgraded to a Senior Lifetime Pass in-person at [a participating federal site that distributes Senior passes](#).)

### **How can I purchase a Senior Pass?**

#### **In Person (Recommended)**

Physical passes can be purchased or picked up at over 1,000 federal recreation sites.

#### [Purchase and pickup locations](#)

Order Online, Receive by Mail

To receive your pass by mail, order online at the [USGS Online Store](#). Online orders are for physical passes, not digital passes, and may take up to three weeks to be processed and delivered. Order receipts may not be used in place of a physical pass. We recommend ordering at least three weeks in advance of your visit or picking up a pass in person instead. Get a Digital Pass from [Recreation.gov](#)

Skip the wait! Get a Digital America the Beautiful Pass through [recreation.gov](#). Your digital pass can be saved to a mobile device and used immediately.

Get a [Digital Senior Lifetime Pass](#) or a [Digital Senior Annual Pass](#).

### **Where can I use my Senior Pass?**

Annual and lifetime Senior Passes provide access to hundreds of recreation sites managed by these six federal agencies:

National Park Service

US Fish & Wildlife Service

Bureau of Land Management

Bureau of Reclamation

US Forest Service

US Army Corps of Engineers

[Search this list of entrance fees by park to plan your trip to national park sites.](#)

### **What are the benefits of my Senior Pass?**

The passes cover entrance and standard amenity (day-use) recreation fees and provide discounts on some expanded amenity recreation fees at sites managed by participating federal agencies.

The Senior Passes admit the passholder and passengers in a noncommercial vehicle at per-vehicle fee areas, or up to two motorcycles, or the passholder plus up to three additional adults where per-person fees are charged. Children under 16 are always admitted free. The Senior Passes may also provide the passholder (only) with a discount on some expanded amenity fees such as camping, swimming, boat launching, and guided tours.

### **What if my current Senior Pass is lost or stolen?**

Passes are non-refundable, non-transferable, and cannot be replaced if lost or stolen. If lost or stolen, you will have to purchase a new pass.

### **What if I have an older version of the Senior Pass?**

All older versions of the Senior Pass, including the Golden Age Passports, are still valid. We encourage visitors with a Golden Age Passport to exchange it for a new Senior Lifetime Pass for free. Exchanges can be done in person at a park that [charges an entrance fee](#). Remember to bring your Golden Age Passport with you.

## **MOAA/Military News**

### **Troops would get up to 7% pay raise under proposed defense bill**

The White House is requesting a pay raise for lower-ranked enlisted service members in its fiscal 2027 budget.

In the [proposed budget](#) for the Department of Defense, released this week, all troops ranked E-5 and below would receive a pay raise of 7%. The budget also allots 6% pay bumps for military personnel ranked E-6 to O-3, as well as 5% raises for those O-4 and above.

Junior enlisted service members typically serve in pay grades E-1 to E-4 for their first enlistment term, which usually lasts four years. Mid-level noncommissioned officers include those E-5 to E-7, but the officers would receive different increases based on their rank. The proposed budget lists those ranked E-5 and below to receive a 7% boost, while E-6 and E-7 ranks would receive a 6% raise.

Across the military, troops received a [3.8% pay increase](#) in fiscal 2026. Traditionally, the annual pay raise for troops ranges from roughly 3% to 5%. But in 2025, junior enlisted service members saw a large [14.5% pay hike](#), adding between \$3,000 to \$6,000 to their basic pay. Prior to that increase, the annual base pay for junior enlisted service members could be less than \$30,000, but with the raise, it brings the base pay to around that figure before housing stipends and other pay incentives.

As of September 2025, there are around 540,000 active-duty junior enlisted service members E-4 and below across the branches, making up 50% of the enlisted military.

There were approximately 378,000 personnel ranked E-5 and E-6 across the military in September 2025, according to Congress' report.

“This enduring investment, far above the standard annual military pay raise, builds on the President’s recruiting and retention success, by doubling down on the Administration’s goal to restore America’s fighting force,” the proposal says.

The White House proposed the fiscal 2027 budget on April 3, outlining the Trump administration’s requests to Congress for federal spending beginning on Oct. 1, 2026.

President Donald Trump is requesting \$1.5 trillion for the Defense Department in fiscal 2027, a 44% increase from the already historic amount of nearly \$1 trillion requested in fiscal 2026, per the proposal. The budget allocates \$1.1 trillion in “base discretionary budget authority” for the DOD, the proposal says.

Before the upcoming fiscal year, presidents are required to submit their budget recommendations no later than the first Monday in February, but usually that deadline is missed. Congress then works to pass its own budget resolution after hearings. That can prove to be a challenge, as past stalemates in federal funding negotiations have led to government shutdowns.

If approved, the new budget, including the pay raises for lower-ranked service members, would begin Jan. 1, 2027.

## **Commissaries Will Begin Charging for Bags in April**

Commissary shoppers will begin paying for single-use bags April 6 at most locations, a change that reportedly will save the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) [\\$17 million a year](#).

Shoppers will pay 5 cents per plastic bag and 10 cents per paper bag whether they are shopping in person or using pickup or delivery services. Those with pickup orders can avoid the

surcharge by bringing their own bags, an option that will be available at the end of the [CLICK2GO ordering process](#).

Reusable bags will be available for purchase at all locations. The change won't affect shoppers in California, Guam, Hawaii, or Washington state, where single-use bags are not available.

### [COMMISSARY FAQ: [Shopping Bags](#)]

The new fee also will not affect the commissary bagger process, where self-employed baggers working for tips provide bagging services.

The charge will allow DeCA “to continue to offer its eligible patrons significant savings while strengthening its fiscal stewardship and reducing operating expenses,” the agency said in a [press release announcing the change](#).

## SC Legislative Affairs

The 2025-2026 South Carolina General Assembly is considering several key bills aimed at enhancing veterans' benefits, including tax exemptions for partially disabled veterans, expanded mental health resources, and improved housing stability. Major pending proposals (126<sup>th</sup> Session) focus on expanding property tax exemptions, improving service-connected disability services, and strengthening veteran mental health initiatives.

**Property Tax Adjustments (H4700/S3116):** proposes expanding property tax exemptions to allow disabled veterans who are not only totally and permanently disabled to claim a percentage of the exemption equal to their service-connected disability rating.

**Veteran Suicide & Mental Health Crisis Responses Act (Bill 4605):** Aims to address the urgent need for mental health support among veterans, focusing on crisis response.

**Veterans Nursing Degree Opportunity Act (H3253):** Authorizes the development of initiatives to encourage veterans to join the nursing workforce.

**Veteran Housing Stability & Security Act (Bill 4606):** Addresses housing instability, particularly in areas with rising rents and limited options.

**South Carolina Safeguarding American Veterans' Benefits Act (S695):** Proposes to set guidelines and limits for veteran benefits and set penalties for noncompliance.

**County Veterans' Affairs Offices Evaluation (Bill 3563):** Amends the requirements for how and when county veteran affairs offices are evaluated.

These bills are in various stages of the legislative process and are subject to change. For the most up-to-date status, refer to the SC Statehouse website.

## Piedmont Chapter – Surviving Spouse Corner

The death of a military spouse reshapes emotional well-being in ways that reach far beyond grief itself. It is a loss that touches identity, daily rhythm, and the quiet sense of safety that comes from sharing life with someone who understood both the burdens and the pride of service.

For many, the brain responds to this kind of profound disruption with a mix of numbness, hypervigilance, and deep fatigue — natural reactions to a heart trying to make sense of a world suddenly changed. Yet within that upheaval, emotional well-being becomes not just a hope but a necessity: a steady force that helps the mind process sorrow, rebuild resilience, and slowly rediscover moments of connection, purpose, and peace. This journey is neither quick nor linear, but it reflects the same courage and endurance that military families have always carried.

Emotional well-being and brain health are deeply interconnected, shaping how we think, cope, and experience daily life. Strong emotional balance supports healthier brain function, while a well-nourished brain strengthens our ability to manage stress, build relationships, and maintain resilience.

[HEALTHY LIVING: [Healthy Living: Beat Back Pain With a Strong Core](#)]

Research shows that chronic stress can harm key brain regions involved in emotional control, memory, and decision-making, including the prefrontal cortex, amygdala, and hippocampus. When these areas are disrupted, people might experience anxiety, irritability, or difficulty concentrating.

### **How Emotions Shape the Brain**

Positive emotional states — such as purpose, connection, and calm — help regulate stress hormones and support cognitive performance. People who report higher emotional stability and life satisfaction tend to support stronger memory and decision-making abilities as they age.

Conversely, chronic stress elevates cortisol, which can shrink the hippocampus and overactivate the amygdala, making emotional regulation more difficult and increasing vulnerability to depression or anxiety.

### **The Brain–Body Connection**

The brain communicates constantly with the body through neural pathways and chemical messengers. Neurotransmitters like serotonin, dopamine, and norepinephrine influence mood, motivation, and focus. When these systems are imbalanced, emotional well-being can suffer.

Physical factors such as sleep, inflammation, and fatigue also affect how the brain processes emotions, reinforcing the need for whole-body care.

## Strengthening Emotional and Brain Health

Several habits support both emotional balance and neurological resilience:

**Regular physical activity** boosts serotonin and dopamine, improving mood and cognitive flexibility.

**Quality sleep** helps the brain detoxify and consolidate memories.

**Social connection** reduces stress responses and protects cognitive health.

- **Mindfulness and gratitude practices** calm the nervous system and enhance emotional regulation.
- **Balanced nutrition**, especially omega-3s and antioxidants, supports neural communication.

Together, these practices create a reinforcing cycle: A healthier brain supports stronger emotional well-being, and emotional well-being protects the brain.

To all Surviving Spouses members of the Piedmont Chapter. If anyone has an interest in specific issues concerning the rights of surviving spouses, please contact me at: [argojo@aol.com](mailto:argojo@aol.com) and I will respond quickly. **“Surviving Spouses are not Forgotten.”**

Gordon Johnson  
Chaplain



New members left to right: Capt. John Carine, USMA (Fmr) and wife Kay; LCDR Craig Martin, USN (Fmr) and wife Donna; Rev MAJ Mark Perkins, USA (R) and wife Anne. Welcomed at our March meeting.

## Advocacy in Action

How? Easy, just go to the MOAA website: <https://moaa.quorum.us/home2/>

Scroll through the topics, read the articles, support those issues that have impact on you or someone you know but let our voices be heard. As the prophet Isaiah answered back to God's challenge to a long list of commands by God and God ask of Isaiah who will do these things? Isaiah replied, "Who, but I."

MOAA IS ASKING FOR ALL MEMBERS, our families and friends to join in the never-ending attack by outside influencers, our own legislators, and at times the American people against our benefits and still serving military members. Who will answer those threats and attacks on our benefits? WHO but you and I...

Your Piedmont Chapter MOAA Officers ask all members to engage in the Advocacy and Action Program.



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Cadet Gage Pittman. He has been selected to be the Bobcat Battalion Executive Officer and is on the Drill Team, Color Guard, and Captain of our newly formed Drone Team.



New member COL Nick Fletcher, USA,(R) and wife Vicki

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## HELP MILITARY FAMILIES

**TODAY**

**ACT NOW**

You may have noticed some changes to the Take Action Website, it is now even easier to reach out to your lawmakers on these issues, as well as track what MOAA is engaging in the halls of Congress. To learn more about the new changes, [click here!](#)

Take Action Now



## HELP THOSE IN NEED

Donate to help address emerging needs among currently serving and former uniformed service members, retirees, and their families.

Every donation, no matter what the size, makes a positive difference in the lives of uniformed service members and their families across the country.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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## BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR CHAPTER

**Join MOAA:** If you want to join MOAA national go to [MOAA National](#).

To join our chapter, choose **JOIN**, choose the state of **South Carolina**, and choose the **Piedmont Chapter**.

To learn more about the National MOAA membership benefits, click [HERE](#)

[Become a Member Now!](#)

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**"It's the one thing you can control. You are responsible for how people remember you-or don't. So don't take it lightly"**

**- Kobe Bryant**

### POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

A reminder from National MOAA: "As an organization exempt from federal taxation under Sec 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code, MOAA and its affiliates must take care to avoid engaging in partisan political activities. Under the IRS rules, we are prohibited from directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office."

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