

2025 Report to Members

**Military Officers Association
of America**

Middle Tennessee Chapter (MTC)



MOAA Levels of Excellence 5 Star Chapter

- MTC was designated a MOAA 5 Star Levels of Excellence (LOE) Chapter for the year 2024. This is our twelfth consecutive year to receive this award!!





2025

Annual Financial Report

2025 Annual Financial Report

	2023	2024	2025
Income			
Luncheon payment rec'd	\$10,470.00	\$8,075.00	\$8,900.00
Dues (Online & local	\$3,745.00	\$3,355.00	\$3,570.40
MOAA National Incentive	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$0.00
Scholarship Donations	\$6,489.20	\$7,849.20	\$7,375.20
MOAA Grants	\$4,250.00	\$3,500.00	\$2,000.00
MOAA community sponsorship	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Donations	\$1,100.01	\$1,139.82	\$1,000.00
Interest	\$15.23	\$13.36	\$19.60
Total Income	\$26,399.44	\$24,262.38	\$22,865.20



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Grants/sponsorship	\$4,550.00	\$3,800.00	\$2,000.00
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Total Income	\$19,674.44	\$18,507.38	\$17,065.20



Legislative Updates – Surviving Spouses

- Surviving Spouse Members
 - 24 (13 Regular and 11 Emeritus)
 - 72-97 years (Median age: 86.2 years)
- Two Bills to Be Reintroduced in 119th Congress:
 - “Caring for Survivors Act of 2025”
 - “Love Lives on Act 2025”



Legislative Affairs



Legislative Liaison

- State

- The 113th General Assembly of the State of Tennessee again failed to take action on the issues being promoted by the TN Veterans coalition (TNVET) in 2025.
 - The disabled veteran property tax exemption/reimbursement (HB 0436/SB 0651)
 - Establishment of a state dedicated method that raises money dedicated to veteran needs/programs
 - Changing the eligibility terms of the State of Tennessee-sponsored “Helping Heroes Grant”
 - Exploring state support of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy for PTSD and brain injury (HJR 0001)
- TNVET “Veterans Day on the Hill” for 2026 is scheduled for Wednesday, January 28 to promote the following initiatives:
 - The disabled veteran property tax exemption/reimbursement (mentioned above)
 - Establishment of a state dedicated method or program that raises funds dedicated to veteran programs and causes (i.e. Veteran Lottery)
 - More information and sample advocacy letters can be found at: [2026 Legislative Agenda/Background – Tennessee Veterans](#)

Legislative Liaison (cont.)

- **Federal**

- FY 2026 National Defense Authorization Act was passed and signed on Dec 18, 2025 with \$901 Billion dedicated to military and technology issues
 - * Highlights: 3.8% pay increase, further protections against military billet cuts at military treatment facilities and quality of life improvements for currently serving military and their families
 - * Not Included: Restoration of BAH to 100% of anticipated housing and utility costs. IVF for Military Families and a TRICARE dental program for Selected Reserve members. (This is only a sample, there were many more items not included.)
- Continued action will be needed as the 119th Congress gets underway:
 - * Continuing the ongoing push for passage of concurrent receipt for combat wounded ([Major Richard Star Act](#)). Please ask our representatives to support S.1032/H.R.2102
 - * Continuing support for the Military Spouse Hiring Act (S.1027/H.R. 2033) to reduce employment barriers for military spouses
 - * Make your support count by going to the MOAA Legislative Action Center often (<https://moaa.quorum.us>)



Chapter Outreach



2025 Scholarships

- Chapter Scholarship 2025 donations totaled \$7,375.20
- MTC MOAA Veteran Scholarships again raised to \$1,500 each
 - * Belmont University
 - * Lipscomb University
 - * Tennessee State University
- Donation to MOAA National Family Scholarship Fund \$2,875.20
- Fully Funded MTC MOAA Scholarships
 - Lipscomb University Endowed Veterans Scholarship
 - 4 Endowed MOAA National Family Dependent Scholarships including LTC Charles A Flemming, USA Retired Scholarship



2025 Scholarships

Noteworthy Donations

- Mrs. Nancy Willems (executor of the LTC Charles A. Fleming, USA, Retired Trust) donated \$2,000
- 24 Members donated between \$50 - \$75
- 17 Members donated between \$100 - \$400
- 2 Members donated in excess of \$500



Reserve Officer Training Corps Support

- 2025 MOAA Outstanding Cadet medals and certificates awarded to three cadets from the respective four-year ROTC programs
 - Army ROTC (Vanderbilt University – Cadet Evan M. Regan
 - Navy and Marine Corps ROTC (Vanderbilt University) – MIDN 2/C William M. Gosselin
 - Air Force ROTC (Tennessee State University) – Cadet Jackson Whiteside



Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Support

➤ 2025

- * Supported 12 JROTC units in 2025
- * Chapter members presented 9 awards to cadets at the JROTC units in Middle Tennessee high schools

➤ 2026

- * Continuing to support 12 JROTC units in 2026
- * First presentation will be in early February

MOAA Foundation Community Outreach Grants

➤ 2024/2025 Community Service Projects

- Military Spouse Employment Seminar (2024):

- Conducted February 7, 2025, with 20 attendees
- Held at OSDTN Clarksville campus
- Designed to empower active-duty and veteran military spouses with employment strategies and entrepreneurial information



- OSDTN Annual Holiday Market (2025):

- Held December 17, 2025, at OSDTN Main Campus
- Grocery store gift cards in \$50 denominations given to 40 veterans and veteran families at OSDTN Main and satellite campuses in Clarksville and Columbia



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
- USMCR Toys for Tots Program
- Wreaths Across America - Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery



MTC Programs



2025

MTC Programs

January – “2024 Year in Review” Program

February – LTG Jason Evans, USA (ret.),
Candidate for OSD TN Director,
“Reflections on Leadership”



March - MG Tommy Baker, USA (ret.),
Commissioner, “TN Department of
Veterans Services”

2025 MTC Programs

April - Ms. Amy Bryant,
Davidson County Director,
“Conservatorship in Tennessee”



May - Mrs. Patrica Bergquist,
MTC MOAA Surviving Spouse Liaison,
“Spouses/Surviving Spouses”

June - Col Ted Geasley,
TN Air National Guard,
“118th Wing Operations”



2025 MTC Programs

July - CAPT Dana McClendon, USN (ret.),
“The Brown Water Navy in Vietnam”



August - MAJ John Page, USA (ret.),
“VA Services”



September – LCDR Patrick Ryan, USN (Ret.)
“Emerging Foreign Policy Doctrine
in a Challenging World”



2025 MTC Programs

October - Patrick Shehan, Director,

“Tennessee Emergency Management Agency” (No Photo Available)



November - Judge Tommy Taylor,

“Williamson County Veterans Court”

December – No Meeting

Membership



MTC Membership

- As of December 31, 2025, our membership totaled **226**.
- In 2025, we added **17** new members; however, we lost 1 currently serving member who was promoted/transferred, 5 who requested to go inactive or ceased responding to our efforts to contact (phone/email), and 15 who passed away (8 were from prior years but we only learned of their death in 2025/2026).
- Membership Breakdown:
 - Officers (charged dues) -180 (**30 did not pay those dues in 2025**)
 - Officers (JROTC/ROTC/AD away- not charged dues) - 6
 - Surviving Spouses (charged dues) - 13
 - Emeritus Officers (not charged dues) - 18
 - Emeritus Surviving Spouses (not charged dues) - 11

MTC MOAA Chapter Website

<https://www.mtcmoaa.org>



2025

MTC Officers & Directors

- President – CAPT Larry Cotton, USN, Retired
- 1st Vice President – Col Dale Kiser, USAF (ret.)
- 2nd Vice President – Vacant
- 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



2026
Officer Installation
and
President's Remarks

