



Middle Tennessee Chapter
A 2020 5-Star Level of Excellence Award Chapter
Military Officers Association of America



Web: <https://www.mtcmoaa.org>

January 2022

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MOAA Monthly Meeting

25 January 2022;
11:30 AM-1:00 PM

**"Middle TN Chapter
 Annual Report"**

Old Natchez Country Club
 115 Gardengate Drive
 Franklin, TN 37069

Our January meeting provides an opportunity for our Board to provide a "state of the Chapter" annual report covering the variety of activities and initiatives in which we have invested both time and funds during 2021 calendar year. This meeting is significant in that it allows the membership to participate in a review of how our funds were allocated, the amazing progress that we have made on our scholarship initiative, and as an opportunity to provide input on programs for the upcoming year.

We will also conduct a vote on increasing our dues from \$20 to \$25 for Regular Members on an annual basis, beginning with this membership year. Surviving Spouse dues will remain at \$5 per year. This vote is required by our bylaws.

Hopefully we can also hear from you on how we can expand the reach of the chapter, from suggestions to support for organizations that we are not currently touching, to new ideas for reaching the current generation of officers that we hope to have join our ranks.

So please mark your calendars for 25 January as we start the new year with our annual business meeting.

Please Join Us for This Meeting!

(The complete report will be posted on our website after the meeting, and members who do not have access to the internet can procure a copy by contacting any of your Board members.)

Event Calendar

Please take note that the Event Calendar on our website has turned the year to 2022, meaning that we are open to your input on military related events in our area for consideration for inclusion. Space is always an issue, but we try to recognize as many events as we can.

The calendar also provides you with the dates and locations of our upcoming Board meetings and our upcoming Membership meetings!

Officers

President

LTC (Ret) Mike Patenaude, USA

1st Vice President

Lt. Col. (Ret) Karon Uzzell-Baggett, USAF

2nd Vice President (vacant)

Secretary and Membership Chair

COL (Ret) Doug Minton, USA

Treasurer (Vacant)

Directors

Mrs. Patricia Bergquist

CDR (Ret) John Ohlinger, USN

LTC (Ret) Wanda Bruce Graham, USA

CAPT (Ret) Larry Cotton, USN

CAPT (Ret) Dale Lewelling, USN

Surviving Spouse Liaison

Mrs. Patricia Bergquist

Transition Services Coordinator

Lt. Col. (Ret) Arlie Haddix, USAF

Chaplain and Legislative Liaison

CDR (Ret) Ted Edwards, USN

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**Final Call on Renewal of
 Retiree Expired ID Cards.**

Retirees and their dependents who've been able to use expired Uniformed Services ID (USID) cards as part of COVID-related deadline extensions need to renew those cards by month's end.

The last extension that had been granted applied to beneficiaries holding cards with expiration dates between Jan. 1, 2020, and July 31, 2021.

Currently serving members and their dependents had until Oct. 31, 2021, to renew their cards, while retirees and their dependents will have until Jan. 31. Please note: If your ID card is not expired, this extension does not apply to your card and you are not required to renew.

DoD officials announced in September 2021 they planned no further extensions. The existing extension applies only to ID cards that expired during the above period.

President's Letter

Happy New Year to all our members!


First let me thank everyone for your support and attendance at our meetings in 2021. We had an excellent year as we moved beyond 2020. Great programs that kept us informed on local veteran service programs, TN legislative process, local sports, Homeland Security, health and wellness, and the new U.S. Space Force. And we also had an "in-person" update from CAPT Erin Stone of MOAA National. And the good news is 2022 promises to be another very informative year of presentations.

In 2021 we continued our 5-Star Chapter status for our 2020 activities and had another outstanding scholarship fund drive raising over \$8,000. We continued to support scholarships/grants at both Lipscomb and Belmont Universities as well as a \$2,000 donation to the MOAA National Scholarship Fund. Finally, we added over \$4,000 to the Middle Tennessee MOAA Endowment for disabled veterans at Lipscomb University. Thank you for your outstanding support.

I want to thank our board members for their faithful service during the last two years of my tenure as President. It has been an honor to serve and see all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes to make all the events, meeting and programs come together. Special thanks to our outgoing treasurer 1LT Deryl Bauman for his dedicated service.

If you have attended a recent meeting, or read a recent newsletter, you will know we are actively searching for a new treasurer. Lt. Bauman will be expanding his other civic duties and traveling. However, he will consult with and sub (when available) for the new treasurer for lunch duty if necessary. This position is responsible for collecting monthly lunch payments, reimbursing for our administrative expenditures, reporting on our financial status at monthly board meetings, writing checks to our handful of charitable donations each year, and submitting an annual IRS E-form. While it may not sound like a huge set of tasks, it is very important to the functioning of our chapter. Please consider volunteering a little of your time each month to help our chapter.

Finally, we will install our new President, Lt. Col. Karon Uzzell-Baggett. Karon has served as your 1st Vice President for the past two years. Welcome Karon, I know you will do a great job.


 Michael Patenaude
 LTC, USA Retired
 President

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Upcoming Programs & Events

19 January 2022: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
"TN Council of Chapters ZOOM Meeting"

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25 January 2022; 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
MTC Monthly Luncheon Meeting
"Middle TN Chapter Annual Report"

LTC (Ret.) Michael Patenaude, Chapter President
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115 Gardengate Drive, Franklin, TN 37069

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2 February 2022
"TNVET Day on the Hill"
Cordell Hull Building, Nashville, TN
(More Details to Follow)

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3 February 2022; 7- 8:00 AM
"MTC Monthly Board Meeting"
NGATN Office, 4332 Kenilwood Dr., Nashville, TN

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22 February 2022; 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
(Please note location change!)
MTC Monthly Luncheon Meeting
"Metro Nashville Police Department Update"
Chief John Drake
Nashville Metropolitan Police Department
OSDTN, 1125 12th Ave S, Nashville, TN 37203

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24-26 February 2022
"National Guard Association of Tennessee
92nd Annual Conference"
Embassy Suites Hotel, Murfreesboro, TN.
([National Guard Association of Tennessee – Nashville,
Tennessee \(ngatn.org\)](http://NationalGuardAssociationofTennessee-Nashville.Tennessee(ngatn.org)))

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3 March 2022; 7- 8:00 AM
"MTC Monthly Board Meeting"
NGATN Office, 4332 Kenilwood Dr., Nashville, TN

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13 March 2022; 4:00 PM
"USNA Glee Club Performance"
(first stop on their Spring Break Tour)
Westminster Presbyterian Church
3900 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN

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Legislative Update

CRDP and CRSC OPEN SEASON

Military retirees who are eligible for both Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP) and Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) can choose which entitlement they prefer to receive during Open Season, which runs Jan. 1-31, 2022.

If you are eligible to participate in Open Season, you should have received a letter detailing the benefits of each entitlement by mail earlier this month. Along with the letter, you'll receive an Open Season Election Form, which allows you to choose the type of payment you wish to receive. Federal law prohibits receiving both CRDP and CRSC.

Forms should only be submitted if you are making a change, if you wish to keep receiving your current benefit you don't need to respond.

MOAA's NEW LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER

If you frequently engage with your lawmakers on issues key to MOAA's mission, first please accept the sincere appreciation from everyone at MOAA – your efforts are critical to our success protecting and expanding the earned pay and benefits for the uniformed services and veteran communities.

Second, you may notice some changes at the

[Legislative Action Center](#)

As well as on individual "Take Action" messages. The new MOAA system is designed to make it even easier to reach out to your lawmakers on these issues, as well as track what MOAA is engaging on in the halls of Congress.

MOAA's 2022 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY GOALS

MOAA has established its advocacy goals for 2022. They are too numerous to list here, so use the link below to navigate directly to the MOAA site:

[MOAA - Protecting Pay, COLA, and TRICARE Top MOAA's 2022
Legislative Priorities](#)

Tennessee Veterans (TNVET) Day on the Hill 2022 - 2 February 2022

While this event will give veterans the opportunity to meet their state legislators and learn how their state government works; the primary purpose of this day is to support and advocate for the legislative bills that the TNVET member organizations have formulated and approved for the 2022 Tennessee Legislative session.

[2022 Legislation – Tennessee Veterans \(tnvet.org\)](#)

Please sign up to attend:

[Tennessee Veterans Day on the Hill 2 Feb 2022
Registration \(google.com\)](#)