

The Middle Georgia Chapter (MOAA)

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Welcome Back!!
Have You Registered for the GMOAA Annual Conference Yet?
October 23-25, 2025

Fostering patriotism and military values to advance our community

Our September 2025 MOAA Monthly Meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY, September 10th, 2025, with a half hour social at 11:30 AM and lunch following at 12:00 (noon). The meeting will take place at the Houston Lake Country Club (HLCC), which is located at 100 Champions Way. Perry, GA 31069

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President: Cindy Gordon
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Alan Northrup, President

Middle Georgia chapter members and prospective members, friends of MOAA. I hope your summer is going well.

I am truly blessed to recently begin service as your chapter president. I am honored to be in the midst of so many remarkable veterans, spouses and

friends. Your service to our country is exemplary and worthy of recognition.

It is important to thank our past chapter president, Michael Qualls and his wife Laurie for their dedication and support: thank you so much! Thank you also to the board for their dedication and wisdom, especially those who have recently completed their term(s). Les Arent and Bill Goodwin are stalwarts in our chapter, and we appreciate their sacrifices for all of us.

Why MOAA? Military Officers Association of America advocates with Congress, DoD, the VA, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and other departments to **preserve and protect earned benefits for our uniformed services, veterans, their families, and surviving spouses through advocacy, leadership, education, and service**, fulfilling MOAA's promise to "Never Stop Serving."

There is strength in numbers, and you will see our chapter focus on growth as we serve the local community, the armed forces, veterans and families. We need each of you and I ask that you consider inviting someone to our next chapter meeting on September 10th, 2025.

Looking forward to the days ahead together. Thank you so much for your support.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule for Late 2025 and Early 2026

The following are the dates for next year's chapter luncheons at HLCC. HLCC has agreed to these dates.

10 September 2025, 8 October, 12 November, 3 December (FIRST WEDNESDAY), 14 January 2026, 11 February, 11 March, 8 April, 6 May (FIRST WEDNESDAY) and 10 June 2026.

All meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month except for December 2025 and May 2026 which are on the first Wednesday.



Our speakers for June are members of our Chapter, Rog and Linda Andersen, Lt Col, USAF Retired. They talked about the always fascinating Area 51 and his part in the CIA A-12 and USAF SR-71 programs.

Rich McKee, Vice President, Programs.

The guest speaker for the September 2025 meeting is the CEO of ViziTech USA, Stewart Rodeheaver, Brigadier General, US Army (Retired). He will be discussing Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the different ways it can be used.

General Rodeheaver is involved with fitting AI into interested companies throughout the world.

Read more about our speaker at:

<https://www.nationalguard.mil/portals/31/Features/nbgomo/bio/1/1406.html>

<https://www.vizitechusa.com/about/>

If you know of someone or some organization that would be of interest to the group and would like to present please let Rich know.

Jo Drinkhahn, Vice President, Membership

Gee, it surely was good to see everyone at the MOAA luncheon on June 11th since I'd missed the previous two. Everything was A O.K. : The installation of officers plus our new President, Alan Northup, Roger and Linda Andersen's presentation, and Gail Goodwin's cookies. I did not realize that I liked white chocolate so much !!

It was especially good to see Elaine & Don Nau from the Old Capital Chapter visiting with us. I met them many moons ago at one of the state conventions. That's the joy of attending these yearly conventions—you make friends from the other chapters and see them once a year.

Speaking of conventions, I'm beating the drum right now to encourage our members to attend the MOAA convention next month in Kennesaw. We need a new banner to add to our collection that hasn't grown in a couple of years.

Surely you guys know one other guy that you could invite and bring to our September luncheon. We can't rest on our laurels—we need action—or you can give me a name and address, and I'll write the letter and send the application form to your contact.

The Middle Georgia Chapter at one time was one of the largest chapters in the state, but as I mentioned in one other column, people do tend to die! We have lost many members over the years without replacing them. It doesn't help that we no longer have an Officers' Club. In my opinion, closing the O Clubs was a big mistake!

Oh, I almost forgot. Congratulations to Jim Murphy and Jennifer Kesler on their marriage May 7, 2025!

I look forward to seeing all of you at our September luncheon.

Jo Drinkhahn
Membership Chairperson

Cindy Gordon, President, Ladies Auxiliary

September is Almost here! How can our wonderful summer be almost over? We had such wonderful meetings and programs last year, and I'm hoping it will continue this year.

Our meetings have been so much fun and the programs so interesting. We are looking forward to our meetings and programs this year!
Can't wait to see everyone!

Please do not forget to bring your donations for the auction. We surely had great donations last year! We do need your donations.

Thanks to everyone!

♥ Cindy Gordon
Ladies Auxiliary President



MENU

The menu for September 2025 will be Chicken Tenders, Beef Teriyaki Skewers, Chicken Salad Croissants and Salad. Rolls and butter will be on the tables. Water and iced tea will be provided along with coffee (regular and decaf). Homemade Desserts provided by Jo Drinkhahn,

The food will be served buffet style. To reserve only the number of people attending is required.

The cost of the meal will be \$27 per person, cash, or check. No credit cards please. Make check out to "MOAA".



LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

Please call or e-mail one of the following before Noon, on Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025:

- Bill and Gail Goodwin, 929-3362 (Landline), 955-7296 (cell); EMAIL: wsgoodwin@cox.net, OR wsgoodwin2@gmail.com.

- Les and Charline Arent, 953-5847; EMAIL javelin73@cox.net.