



HIGH COUNTRY CHAPTER NEWS

SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY GET TOGETHER:

On Valentine's Day in February the High Country Chapter gathered at the Court Yard Marriott here in Boone for an occasion of fun, fellowship, and catching up on various activities that the Chapter has been engaged...or is planning... for community enhancement and membership connections. The following pictures and explanations give you an idea of the way the chapter is moving into the future and how we are building on each community experience.



Nick Friedman, USA, looks sharp in his pink sports coat.



Barbara Daye and her guest look resplendent in red.



A gathering of friends and lovers.



Spirited discussion was held at every table.

You can contact the High Country Chapter of MOAA through the following avenues:

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Fred Schmitt, USCG, provides an update regarding the partnership between our chapter and the Watauga High School JR-ROTC program. Members of our chapter have spoken to the students about their military experiences.



George Brudzinski, USMC, discusses the High Country Chapter's financial status. We're looking pretty good due to George's diligence. He also addressed the upcoming community service event where our chapter members will place American flags on veteran graves at Mt. Lawn Cemetery on Memorial Day.



Charles Rhodes, USN, presents a check to chapter president Frankie Groff from the Heroes on the Mountain organization.



Chapter president Frankie Groff and past president Doug May, USMC, pin our chapter's Level of Excellence Award upon our chapter flag.

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And what would be a MOAA gathering without a raffle?



LtCol Adam Greene, USA, AppState ROTC commander, pulls out winning raffle tickets to the joy of some and the sorrow of others.



Colonel Ben Covington, USA, wins a raffle prize while Lori Fisher looks on.



Vana White has nothing on our own prize provider, Melanie Trado, USAR.



Patsy Alley running the raffle prize table with drill sergeant efficiency.

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MOAA MAGAZINE:

Sometimes we have to catch up with our MOAA Magazine reading. That's why the January edition is mentioned here...plus the March edition hasn't made it to the house yet. It's not a bad idea to remind ourselves that MOAA had a recent turnover in leadership. LtGen Brian T. Kelly, USAF (Ret.), on the right, is our new national president and CEO. His story can be found on page 18.



Likewise, since many of you are Vietnam vets, the magazine looks at some of the key events that took place in Vietnam as we remember the 50th anniversary of that war.

And, finally, some of us may be getting a little older and starting to feel like we're moving a little slower. The edition reminds us that it is important to continue building strength and skill at every season of life. We may not be able to bench lift 350 pounds anymore....but we can still swim, do yoga, or take a Tai Chi class at the wellness center. See you there!

NATIONAL MISSION STATEMENT:

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is a nonprofit veteran's association dedicated to maintaining a strong national defense and ensuring our nation keeps its commitments to currently serving, retired, and former members of the uniformed services and their families and survivors. Membership is open to those who hold or have ever held a warrant or commission in any component of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Space Force, Public Health Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and their surviving spouses.

GETTING INVOLVED WITH MOAA ON A NATIONAL LEVEL:

1. As a nonprofit veteran's association MOAA is a nonpartisan organization that does not lobby for any political party or affiliation.
2. National MOAA does have opportunities for members to impact legislation on national and state levels. Go to MOAA's online legislative Take Action Center at www.moaa.org/takeaction for more information. Go to [Help \(indeed.com\)](http://indeed.com) for information about jobs for veterans and spouses seeking new job opportunities.





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February - March Military Events



Army Nurse Corps
established
2 February 1901



USMC Women's Reserve
established 13 February 1943



Persian Gulf cease
fire 27 February 1991



Iwo Jima flag raised 23 Feb 1945

Iraqi Freedom Began 19 March 2003



Somalia Campaign Ends 31 March 1995

National Medal of Honor Day 25 March



HIGH COUNTRY CHAPTER 5 GOALS:

1. To protect the rights and interests of members by supporting national and state initiatives.
2. To highlight the contributions of the military throughout the Chapter area.
3. To contribute to Chapter area communities by focusing on military related projects and programs.
4. To support and enhance interaction among and between all Chapter area military organizations.
5. To foster fraternal relations among those who serve and have served and family members of deceased member officers.