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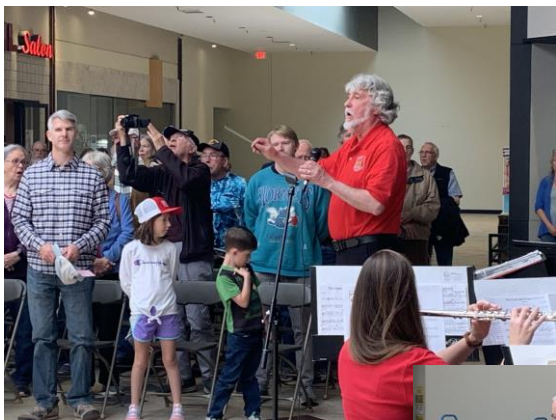
VETERANS DAY ACTIVITIES

Once again the High-Country Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America has the honor and privilege of sponsoring a recognition ceremony of our high-country veterans. We seek to esteem those veterans of World War Two, Korea, Vietnam, and the desert wars of the Gulf, Iran, and Afghanistan. Even now, veteran members of our community may be serving in the Mediterranean Sea and regions in the Middle East. It is important to honor them as well. Likewise, we acknowledge the spouses, children and, and family members of those who have served or are currently serving. Families have also made a commitment, and sacrificed, to this nation.

Here are the details:

- Time: 1100 AM
- Date: Saturday, 11 November 2023
- Place: Boone Mall

The Watauga Community Band will begin playing patriotic music at 1030. The formal program will begin at 1100. Seating will be provided.



Photos of past programs

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

- Website: www.hccmoaa.org
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/HCCMOAA
- E-Mail: hccmoaa@gmail.com

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BOARD NEWS:

The High-Country Chapter of MOAA continues to stay busy on a number of social and community activities. On Thursday, 19 October, members of our chapter gathered at the Blowing Rock pavilion for bar-b-que and fellowship. Although the weather was a bit blustery the dinner was tasty and plentiful, and the opportunity to gather as friends in a social setting reinforced our comradery as an organization.



On Sunday, 5 November, the High Country Chapter sponsored a joint venture between MOAA, AppState ROTC, and Girl Scout Troop 10289, to place American flags on the grave-sites of all military veterans at Mount Lawn Cemetery



George Brudzinski briefs the group of volunteers



AppState ROTC



Girl Scout Troop 10289



The Combined Team

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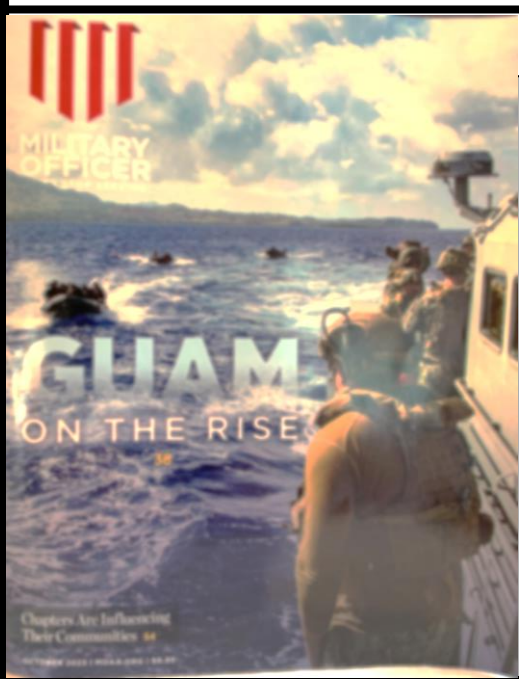
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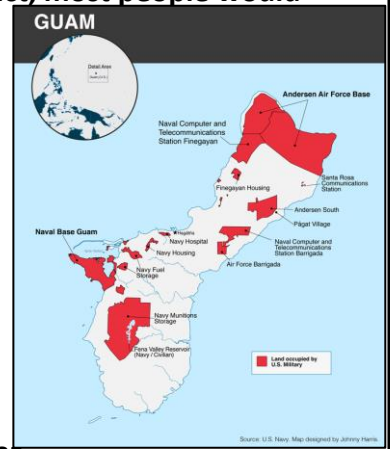
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NATIONAL NEWS



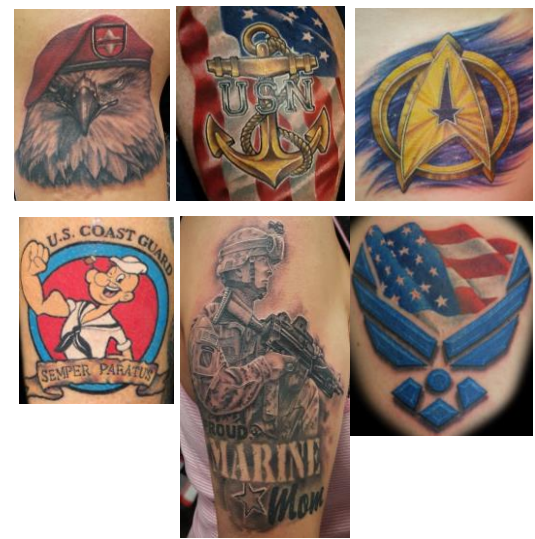
MOAA MAGAZINE:

Many people don't understand, or appreciate, the strategic position that Guam holds regarding United States projection of global power. In fact, most people would probably have to pause before they could point out this strategic island on a map. Part of the Mariana Island chain, Guam maintains a Naval Base which serves the fleet and hosts the Navy's only forward deployed submarine squadron, is the home of Andersen Air Force Base, which includes a fleet of B-52 strategic bombers, and Marine Corps Base Camp Blaz.



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.



The November issue of MOAA Magazine also had an article about military tattoos. You'll note all six of our military services are represented.

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.
3. Go to [Help \(indeed.com\)](http://Help.indeed.com) for information about jobs for veterans and spouses seeking new job opportunities.





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November Military Events



November 11, 1918 - At 5 a.m., in Marshal Foch's railway car in the Forest of Compiègne, the Armistice between the Allied and Central Powers was signed, silencing the guns of World War I effective at 11 a.m. – the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. In many places in Europe, a moment of silence in memory of the millions of fallen soldiers is still observed.

November 10, 1775 - The U.S. Marine Corps was established as part of the U.S. Navy. It became a separate unit on July 11, 1789.



November 20, 1962 - The Cuban Missile Crisis concluded as President John F. Kennedy announced he had lifted the U.S. Naval blockade of Cuba stating, "the evidence to date indicates that all known offensive missile sites in Cuba have been dismantled."

November 13, 1942 - The five Sullivan Brothers from Waterloo, Iowa, were lost in the sinking of the cruiser *USS Juneau* by a Japanese torpedo off Guadalcanal during World War 2 in the Pacific. Following their deaths, the U.S. Navy changed regulations to prohibit close relatives from serving on the same ship.



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.



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IN MEMORY

Benjamin Wilson Covington III
14 January 1939 - 31 July 2023



COL Benjamin Wilson Covington III served in the United States Army as a Cavalry officer for over 28 years. He commanded two Cavalry Troops in Germany and Vietnam, a Tank Battalion in Germany and an Armored Brigade at Fort Hood. He served a total of 15 years overseas: 12 years in Germany and three years in Vietnam with U.S. and Vietnamese forces. He retired after serving as the President of the U.S. Army Training Board at Fort Monroe, VA.

He held a Bachelor's degree in Engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point, a Master's in National Security from The National War College, and a Master's and ABD from Columbia University in History of the English Language and 18th Century English Literature. He taught Philosophy and English Literature at West Point for three years.

After his retirement, he and his wife Ruth lived in Texas and Germany before settling in Valle Crucis NC, where they spent over 20 years serving the community in a variety of ways. As the Director of the High Country Chapter of the Military Officer's Association of America, he was instrumental in the construction of the Veteran's Memorial in downtown Boone, NC.

Over the years, he leveraged his experience with army training and doctrine to act as a senior advisor for multiple Eastern European countries in their efforts to improve their militaries to enable their entry into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. He also spent a year in Iraq, using his expertise to advise the Iraqi government in ways to modernize their military.

He is preceded in death by his wife Ruth, and is survived by his two sons, physician Benjamin IV and Army Warrant Officer Farley.