



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Spring is here! Please come join us for the HCCMOAA Spring General Membership Meeting. Catch up with friends, get updates on Chapter news and events, enjoy the view and have a delicious dinner

When: Saturday, 23 March 2024

Time: 6:00pm Social, 6:45 Dinner, 7:30 Meeting

Where: Fairway Café, Boone Golf Club

Catered by Casa Rustica/CR Catering

Buffet Style Menu

Garden Salad & Dinner Rolls

Baked Penne with Grilled Chicken

Baked Penne with Creamy Pesto & Veggies

Water – Iced Tea – Coffee

Dessert – Cash Bar



Cost: \$35.00/person Cash or Check only

RSVP: NLT 9 March 2024 hccmoaa@gmail.com or 828-963-3475

50/50 Drawing with Door Prizes

Limited inventory of Chapter Tumblers and Challenge Coins available for purchase



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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Chapter News:



LtCol (USMC, Ret.) George Brudzinski presents LTC Adam Greene, US Army, with a certificate of appreciation for excellence in AppState ROTC as a Residential Learning Community. LTC Green is the Professor of Military Science and Chair of Military Affairs Committee at AppState University. LTC Greene serves as the High Country Chapter's Legislative Affairs and Advocacy Chair.



Just a reminder....it is a patriotic duty of Americans to participate in the voting process. Early voting is taking place this week (you may go to any precinct to vote) and on 5 March, election day, you must go to your individual precinct. Additional information can be found in the link below. Your vote counts.

VOTE 2024 https://www.wataugacounty.org/App_Pages/Dept/BOE/home.aspx

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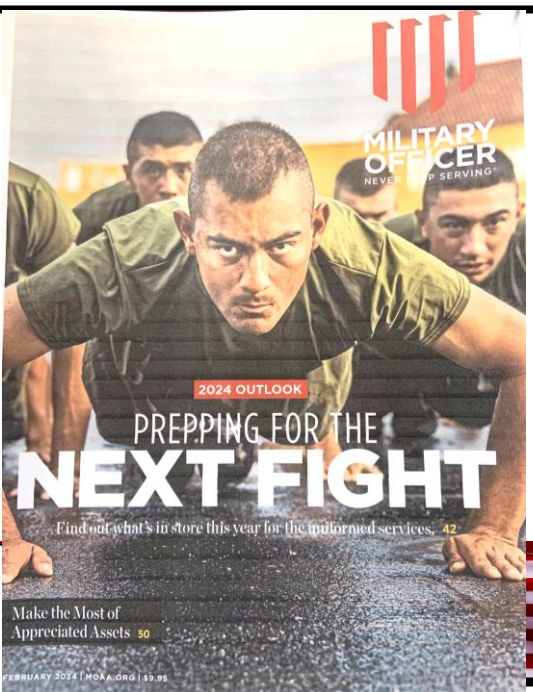
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NATIONAL NEWS

MOAA MAGAZINE:

The February MOAA magazine provided some historical facts, as well as, some insight regarding the upcoming tax season.

Recognizing that February was Black History Month the magazine acknowledged the action of President Harry Truman to desegregate the military, opening doors of opportunity for that significant demographic of American citizens.



Another article addressed the importance of selling appreciated assets as smart strategy planning. Likewise, another article addressed MOAA priorities in the final defense authorization bill that impacted both Tricare and current pay and allowances.

Finally, in preparation of the upcoming tax season, the magazine addressed four tax mistakes veterans often make....and should avoid.

1. Over contributing to a Roth IRA
2. Missing donation tax breaks
3. Not depreciating rental real estate.
4. Not with-holding sufficient income tax.

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.
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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March Military Events

March 2 1965 – Operation Rolling

Thunder - Operation Rolling Thunder, a gradual and sustained aerial bombardment campaign, begins during the Vietnam War. On March 2, 1965, the U.S. 2nd Air Division and Republic of Vietnam Air Force began an intense air/ground battle against North Vietnam. The goal of this massive bombardment was to put military pressure on North Vietnam’s communist leaders and reduce their capacity to wage war against South Vietnam. Operation Rolling Thunder was the first sustained American assault on North Vietnam and is considered a major expansion of U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War



March 26 1945 – Battle of Iwo Jima Won.

The World War II Battle of Iwo Jima is won after heavy fighting and casualties. Iwo Jima was considered strategically important as an air base for Japanese fighter planes to intercept U.S. long-range B-29 Superfortress bombers. The U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Navy landed on and eventually captured the island of Iwo Jima from the Imperial Japanese Army. The invasion, designated Operation Detachment, had the goal of capturing the entire island, including the three Japanese-controlled airfields (including the South Field and the Central Field), to provide a staging area for attacks on the Japanese main islands. This five-week battle comprised some of the fiercest and bloodiest fighting of the Pacific and cost U.S. forces 6,871 killed and 19,217 wounded. Medals of Honor were awarded to 22 Marines and five Sailors, 14 of them posthumously. In the words of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, “Uncommon valor was a common virtue.”



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.