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SENTINEL

March 2024 Message from President Allan Turner – sencland.president@gmail.com



Greetings!

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to all our March born members; May you have many more happy, healthy years ahead.

Welcome To Our Newest Members:

- ♦ William T. Horan, CAPT, USCG (Ret.).
- ♦ John H. Rochford II, Colonel, USMC (Ret.), and
- ♦ Returning member, John Munn, LtCol USMC (Ret.).

Our Condolence:

We were saddened to learn of the passing of long-time Chapter member Major Ronald W. Fields, USAF (Ret.).

My thanks to MSGT Rossi Nance, USA (ret) for his moving talk and presentation on "Vietnam Revisited." Like all of you, I enjoyed his talk and appreciate him sharing this healing process with our Chapter.

For the March luncheon we have our own LtCol Gary Green, USAF (Ret.) who will give a detailed presentation on the Battle of Moore's Creek and its historical significance to the American Revolution. I mentioned last month in my remarks that February 2024 marks the 248th anniversary of that battle.

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Chapter Awards



Level of Excellence Chapter



Col. Marvin J. Harris
Communication Award

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2023 DONORS



President's Message (Continued) Submitted by President Allan Turner

Many thanks to those of you who continue to contributed to the several programs we are fortunate to support each year. In addition to our BG Jim Carper Scholarship Fund we also support the JROTC, Veterans Scholarships and Veteran Outreach programs. Please consider a donation if you haven't already. As a thank you for your generosity, those who made a 2023 contribution names are listed in this month's newsletter.

Monthly Luncheon No-Shows – I want to personally ask that if you RSVP that you will attend our monthly luncheon and later discover you or your guest can't make it, please let Leslie Roberson (lesliecotu@hotmail.com) or Al Schroetel (downeast@bellsouth.net) know as soon as possible.

After the February meeting numbers were tallied, we had 20 individuals who had indicated they would attend and did not show. We are trying hard to work with the Bluewater Grill to keep our costs from rising. They order food based on the numbers we provide them. Thank you in advance for your help with this!

2023 Donors

Submitted by Anna Marie Allegretto, SENCLAND Treasurer

Adams, Sandi	Gould, David W.	Nelson, Susan (Linda)
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2023 Total Donated: \$24, 955.98

Chapter Leadership

Below is a list of Officers, Board Members, and Service Directors that comprise the SENCLAND Chapter's leadership. You can contact chapter leaders by emailing senclandchapter@gmail.com

Officers

Allan Turner, CAPT USNR (ret), President, SENCLAND Chapter

Tom Welke, CAPT USN (ret), 1st Vice President

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Mike Apicella, COL USA (ret), 3rd Vice President

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Dianne Jinwright, LtCol USAF (Ret), Newsletter Editor, Sponsorship Coordinator

LeeRoy Hanna, LTC USA (Ret), JROTC Scholarships & Leadership Awards Chair, Historian

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Dianne Jinwright, LtCol USAF (Ret), Public Affairs, Facebook, Media Publicity

Sandi Adams, Surviving Spouse of David Spetrino, CAPT USN (Ret),
Surviving Spouse Coordinator

Mike Apicella, COL USA (Ret), Outreach

Allen Allegretto, CDR USNR (Ret), Webmaster for SENCLAND.org

Karen Murphy, Social Committee

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Dianne Jinwright, LtCol USAF (Ret), USAF Service Director

Thomas C. Jones, BG USA (Ret), US Army Service Director

Doug Holdstein, COL USMC (Ret), USMC Service Director

Frank Roberts, LCDR USCG (Ret), USCG Service Director



LEADERS

Our Mission

The mission of the SENCLAND Chapter is to benefit members of the uniformed services, their families and survivors and to advocate for a strong national defense, while providing needed support to the community and its members.





MEMBERSHIP



Membership Update

Submitted by Al Schroetel, Membership Chair



Welcome

We are pleased to welcome our newest Chapter members:

- William T. Horan, CAPT, USCG (Ret.). Bill and Lorri live in Leland (Brunswick Forrest)
- John H. Rochford II, Colonel, USMC (Ret.). John and Julie live in Hampstead (Washington Acres)
- We welcome returning member, John Munn, LtCol USMC (Ret). John and Hummie live in the Porters Neck area of Wilmington.



Farewell

We bid farewell to:

- Captain Jon Schoepf, USMC who has been reassigned to Rhode Island.
- Commander Mike Shetler. USN (Ret.) who has moved to Camden, SC.



Condolence

Expression of Condolence:

We regret reporting the passing of long-time Chapter member Major Ronald W. Fields, USAF (Ret.). He was predeceased by his wife Lois. Major Fields passed away on 20 September 2023 but we learned of this only recently.

In that regard, we try to keep abreast of the status of all of our members, so please let me know any significant life events or relocations of our members. Just send an e-mail to downeast@bellsouth.net or text me at 910-352-4378.

The Chapter's membership roster is available in the password protected section of the Chapter's web-site. This roster is updated every month so you will always have the most current list. If you would like assistance accessing that section, please contact me at downeast@bell-south.net or Allen Allegretto at allegrettoa@yahoo.com.

This is a great time to invite a friend to one of our monthly meetings or special events. Not only are guests always welcome, but this is also one of the

Monthly Luncheon Meetings

**February 6, 2024
Luncheon/Meeting**



Vietnam Veteran and Regional Director, Vietnam Veterans of America, Region 3, Rossie Nance captivated the audience as he told his story about his service in Vietnam with the 1st Calvary Division in 1970 and his return to Vietnam 53 years later in February of 2023.



SENCLAND Chapter President Allan Turner presented Allen Allegretto the MOAA Leadership Award for his work on the Chapter's website and Email service, Barry Coyle the MOAA Leadership Award for his work as Legislative Affairs chair, and Al Schroetel the MOAA President's Award for his work as Membership chair. Also, President Turner along with Past President Ken Klassen presented Immediate Past President Joe Irrera with the MOAA President's Award for his dedicated service.



**LUNCHEONS /
MEETINGS**





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February 2024 Luncheon/Meeting

The next MOAA SENCLAND luncheon meeting will be held on Tuesday, 5 March 2024, 1130, hrs. at the Bluewater Waterfront Grill on Wrightsville Beach.

*Our featured presenter will be
Lt Colonel Gary O Green*

About Lt Col Gary O Green



Lt Col Gary O Green, USAF (Ret). is a passionate historian whose interest in the Battle of Moore's Creek will come alive for us at our March 5 luncheon.

LtCol Green served 23 years as pilot in the U.S. Air Force, flying T-37s at Laredo, TX and Selma, AL from 1970-1975. He later flew the B-52G at Loring AFB, ME and Barksdale AFB, LA. He spent his remaining time in the Air Force as an Operations Inspector at both Offutt AFB, NE and Langley AFB, VA. In 1995, he moved to Wilmington, NC and taught AFJROTC at Laney High School for 19 years. The cadets earned Outstanding ratings throughout his tenure there.

Since 2007, LtCol Green has been a proud member of the Lower Cape Fear Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. There he has served in multiple roles: Secretary, Vice President, and President of the North Carolina Society. After participation in multiple national leadership meetings, he went on to hold several national committee chairman positions. He later campaigned for and served as the national Genealogist General, a position he has held since 2022.

LtCol Green was married to his late wife Julianne L. Lape, of their hometown, Edmeston, NY ,for 50 years. They have three children, Lindsey (Seattle, WA), Shelby (Orlando, FL) and Corey (Greenville, SC) and seven grandchildren.

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2024 Luncheon Menu Choices and Price

With the new year, we have some new menu items.

- ♦ Classic Chicken Caesar Salad
- ♦ Fried Oyster Salad (**new**)
- ♦ BW Cheeseburger w/seasoned fries
- ♦ Grilled Chicken Club w/seasoned fries

Priced at \$30.00, the menu includes soft beverages (water, sweet and unsweet iced tea, soft drinks), cookies for dessert, taxes and gratuities. Beer, wine and cocktails are available for purchase. Entree choices are made once seated at your table (no pre-orders).

PLEASE NOTE: Payment and entree selection are made at check-in using cash or check only.

We need everyone to help by being conscious of RSVP deadlines, both for the Blue Water staff and the SENCLAND team that puts these events together.

Thanks so much and we look forward to seeing you!

Upcoming 2024 Programs

- **5 March, Blue Water Grill** - Lt Col Gary O Green, USAF (Ret), Battle of Moore's Creek presentation
- **2 April, Blue Water Grill** - Elizabeth Goad – The Rosie Network (military spousal entrepreneurship program).
- **7 May – “Southern Meeting,” Island Way Restaurant, Oak Island, NC** - Ron Henderson, RDML (Ret) “Bay of Pigs”

SAVE THE DATES

- **7 June Seaspray Clubhouse**, Annual “Pig Pickin” Picnic
- **20 July Hanover Seaside Club**, Annual Evening Social



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PROGRAMS





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SCHOLARSHIPS

Email Change and RSVP Tip Submitted by Allen Allegetto, Webmaster

Email Change

To reduce email spam, Google (Gmail) and Yahoo implemented new requirements on bulk email senders to require authentication in order to deliver email. This affects how SENCLAND Chapter email is sent to our members.

Our email service provider (Constant Contact) has been authenticated with Gmail and Yahoo to ensure reliable delivery to those email providers. Our emails will now be sent from

senclandchapter@sencland.ccsend.com.

If you use an email service other than Gmail or Yahoo, you should add this new email address to your contacts to ensure reliable email delivery.

RSVP Tip: When you RSVP to an event from our email invitation, be sure to click your RSVP option in the center of the green box as that is the active click region. Your RSVP will be confirmed with a new browser window showing ***"Thanks for your response"*** and a link to add the event to your calendar.



JROTC Scholarship Program

Submitted by LeeRoy Hanna, LTC (ret) USA,
Leadership/Scholarship Chair

Scholarships — Scholarship applications are starting to come in. Two scholarship applications have been received at this point in time but the deadline to apply is not until mid March.

JROTC Leadership Awards Support — All awards and certificates for presentation at all 19 schools this spring are on hand. Presentation dates are starting to come in from the schools. So far it's known that the North Brunswick and New Hanover presentations will be in April. I will solicit presentation volunteers starting in March. If you would like to make the presentation at any school please let me know by email (MACHanna@aol.com).

Veteran Student Education Scholarship

Submitted Tim Johnson, Capt., USMC, Scholarship Coordinator

Allan Turner (CAPT USN (Ret), Chapter President and Tim Johnson (Capt USMC), Scholarship Chair, attended the "Cape Fear Community College (CFCC) Foundation's 2024 "Donor Appreciation Celebration" on February 1st at the Wilson Center. It was a rich evening with well over 200 people in attendance representing many of the organizations that contribute to CFCC.

We were met at the entrance with champagne and served heavy hors d'oeuvres,. We had a great opportunity to mingle and speak with many other guests and CFCC staff. Among those present were Mr. Jim Morton, President of CFCC, Dr. Janie Canty-Mitchell, CFCC Foundation Chair, as well as Mrs. Logan Thompson, Executive Director of the Foundation.

The main objective of the evening was to recognize those whose generosity has served CFCC with awards going to many organizations and individuals. Part of the evening was given over to student success stories where we heard from three scholarship recipients. One of the speakers, Olyvia Drenko, was a recipient of our Jim Carper BG NG scholarship. She left us with the following thoughts, "Your support goes beyond financial assistance; it is a beacon of motivation that fuels my determination to excel in my studies and future career." She is smart and confident and should give us great satisfaction from the award..



We would like to thank everyone who donated to the scholarship/outreach programs and ask you to keep these important programs in mind as you conclude your financial plans for this year. Please consider a donation to these worthwhile projects now. We are always accepting applications for outreach support. Thank you again to all our generous contributors..



SCHOLARSHIPS





OUTREACH



Community Outreach

Submitted by Mike Apicella, COL (ret) USA Chairperson,
Community Outreach Program

This year the SENCLAND Community Outreach Program has \$3,000 dollars to grant to deserving individuals in need of financial assistance. If you know of any Veterans that may benefit from one of these Community Outreach Grants, please contact Mike Apicella, Chairperson, Community Outreach Committee. The grant request form is in the Outreach Section of the SENCLAND Web page.

Grants are made to qualified individuals with the following needs: Housing, Food assistance, Employment, Health (including behavioral health), Family support, Community reintegration, Financial assistance, Legal assistance, Transportation, and Emergency relief.

In addition, donations can also be made to the SENCLAND MOAA Chapter to help support the Outreach Grant Program.

Thanks for your support.

On January 25, 2024 The Community Outreach Program Committee awarded PFC Schneider Jeremiah a grant in the amount of \$600. He recently separated from the Marines and was having difficulty paying rent for his apartment. The check was awarded to aid in his transition to civilian life while obtaining adequate employment. In addition, he is working with the New Hanover County Veterans Services Office.



Committee Members

Mike Apicella – Chair
Leon Rooks
Hondo Davids

Wellness Coordinator's Corner

Submitted Leon Rooks Wellness Chair
leon.rooks@hotmail.com or 910-799-2488

Greetings SENCLANAD MOAA.....

I hope all are doing well.

Thanks to Stephen Bird who filled in for me at our February meeting, I appreciate it very much. Stephen joined the Wellness team in 2023. He lives in the Jacksonville area. We have members in the area and he will be available to support the Wellness mission locally as well the Jacksonville area.

Karen Murphy, who joined the board this year as the Chair of the Social Committee, has offered to help on the Wellness Team also. Karen has offered to help with the Wellness needs. She has a lot of experience and will be a great addition.

I ask that you keep in your prayers our members and families who are recovering from a injury, illness, or families who have lost a family member.

As always, please let me, or any board member, know if any members are sick, in rehab or in the hospital. We would like to reach out to them, send a card or a phone call. We care about our members.

Surviving Spouse Corner

Submitted Sandi Adams Surviving Spouse Coordinator
earlsandi@gmail.com 910-443-0470

Surviving spouse members - Here are a few phone numbers to keep handy. I am always available to try to answer questions or help in other ways.

VA: Office of Survivor Assistance (202) 461-9383

DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE DFAS

(888) 332-7411, www.dfas.mil U.S. and OCONUS: (216) 522-5955,

Fax: (800) 469-655

TRICARE: <https://tricare.mil/>

- East: (800) 444-5445; <https://www.humanamilitary.com/east/>
- West: (844) 866-9378; <https://www.tricare-west.com>
- Health Beneficiary Counseling Assistance Coordinator: <https://www.tricare.mil/bcacdca> TRICARE for LIFE: (866) 773-0404; <https://www.tricare4u.com>
- TRICARE Network Pharmacy Program (877) 363-1303; <https://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE/index.shtml>

TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery: (877) 363-1296; <https://tricare.mil/>



WELLNESS



SURVIVING SPOUSES



LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS



Legislative Affairs

Submitted by Barry Coyle, Legislative Affairs Chair

2024 General Election

The 2024 NC Primary Election is coming to a close. One-stop, early voting and registration began 15 February and ends 2 March. Primary Election Day is Tuesday, 5 March. I hope everyone has a chance to vote.

In Washington, D.C.

The Government continues to operate under Continuing Resolutions that will keep some Government agencies, including Military Construction and Veterans Affairs funded at FY2023 levels through 1 March 2024. DoD and other major cabinet agencies are funded through 8 March. Congress has not acted on passing a full budget as of this writing on 20 February. Instead, they are arguing about the President's Supplemental request for additional funding for Ukraine and Israel. Full funding for government operations remains uncertain. MOAA is conducting a strong lobbying effort in the new year to get these, and other important bills passed quickly. You can join this effort by contacting your elected officials to make your voice heard at MOAA's Legislative Action Center (www.moaa.quorum.us)

MOAA has announced the three focus topics for this year's Advocacy in Action campaign which will be conducted in April. They are:

1. Finally pass concurrent receipt of VA Disability compensation and Military Retired Pay for eligible personnel via the Major Richard Starr Act (HR1282/S344)
2. Increase Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for Active Duty service-members to 100% of local rent and utilities. BAH is currently capped at 95% of local charges. Full BAH would be funded by the BAH Restoration Act (H2537/S1283).
3. Protect Tricare For Life (TFL). Tell Congress not to consider a recent Congressional Budget Office cost-reduction option that would enact hefty enrollment fees and cost-sharing requirements for TFL.

You can find more information on these topics and contact your legislators through the MOAA Legislative Action Center at the link above.

MOAA's Legislative Action Center (www.moaa.quorum.us)

Legislative Affairs (continued)

In North Carolina

The North Carolina General Assembly met for only two days in February and is scheduled for two days in March. No military-related legislation was considered in January.

There is no update available on the Fayetteville Veterans Home, which is now permanently closed.

New Hanover County Veterans Council

NOTES FROM THE January 18, 2024 MEETING
Bob Doleman, Chapter Representative

At the January 18th meeting the NHCVC adopted a resolution to create a “Veteran Banner Project” to display banners of veterans throughout New Hanover County starting with the City of Wilmington.

The chef at the new food bank on Greenfield Street, Chef Ken Coleman, makes frozen meals and has suggested that some meals be made available for needy veterans. He needs help to identify such veterans and to distribute the meals. The March 21st meeting of the NHCVC will be held at the food bank.

The NHCVC is moving forward with holding a 9/11 Ceremony at the at the Lower Cape Fear LifeCare New Hanover Veterans Memorial Garden. Date and time to be determined.

Frank Roberts, Reserve Officers Association, spoke on the need and search for a “Veterans Center” for Wilmington as well as for a “hyperbaric oxygen therapy” facility for this area. He also raised concern about the closure of the VA home in Fayetteville.

The Veterans Resilience Project is now a part of “Veterans Affairs Community Engagement Board” On 8 MAY they will host a speaker from the **North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (NCDMVA)**.

Marc Biddison (Veterans Day Parade) noted the parade was able to donate \$23,000 to “SAVE A Vet.”



LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

NHC VETERANS COUNCIL



SENCLAND MOAA Membership Benefits

The MOAA SENCLAND Chapter Offers Outstanding Programs to its Members and Community

The SENCLAND chapter has meetings with outstanding programs ten months of the year, usually the first Tuesday of the month. The chapter meeting in June is a picnic where we include our JrROTC Scholarship winners and their families. The May meeting is held in Southport and the December meeting is a Holiday social. All other SENCLAND Chapter meetings are held at the Blue-water Waterfront Grill in Wrightsville Beach. Our Board meets several times during the year.

The *Sentinel*, our monthly newsletter is available electronically and in hard copy. Our chapter supports 18 local JROTC programs and provides generous Scholarships to High School students each year. We also have scholarships for veterans attending local colleges and an Outreach Program that helps local veterans and their families. The Chapter also supports Honor Flights that take veterans on all-expenses-paid flights from the Wilmington International Airport (ILM) to Washington, DC for a day of remembrance as they visit memorials and monuments built in their honor.

Join SENCLAND

To join the SENCLAND MOAA Chapter, click on the “Join SENCLAND” button to download and print the application form. Then email the application form to the Membership Chair Al Schroetel at downeast@bellsouth.net or mail it to the chapter at **SENCLAND CHAPTER MOAA P.O. Box 10015 Wilmington, NC 28404**

SENCLAND Website

Submitted by Allen Allegretto, Webmaster, AllegrettoA@yahoo.com, or call: [910-617-2307](tel:910-617-2307)

The SENCLAND website (<http://www.sencland.org>) can help you stay informed about upcoming chapter events and current activities. It is easy to access and requires no logon. Our website provides Membership information, News and Events, calendar of chapter events, Legislative Information, updates on chapter programs including outreach, scholarships, and JROTC leadership awards, newsletter and meeting minutes, and a page honoring Fallen Heroes. It shows how to make donations and online payments. You can also read about our chapter mission and view current leadership.

Our chapter Membership Roster is also available on the website. This is the only page that requires log-on to access. If you need help logging onto the website to view the chapter roster, please email or call Allen Allegretto.

SENCLAND Facebook Page

SENCLAND Chapter Facebook Page - View “Like” and “Share” the SENCLAND Chapter’s Facebook posts with other members and prospective members. The web address for the SENCLAND Chapter’s Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/sencland>.



MOAA National and NC Chapters Websites

MOAA national website (www.MOAA.org) is a wealth of information for current, former, retired officers, and surviving spouses. Every chapter member is encouraged to visit and explore this site and take advantage of the resources available. Similarly, the North Carolina Council of Chapters website (www.moaa-nc.org) is also a great resource for what MOAA is doing at the state level as well as information on other NC Chapters.

MOAA National Newsletter

MOAA Newsletter - MOAA National members can easily take advantage of this free email newsletter which publishes news and information that is taking place at the national level. If you would like to receive this go to www.moaa.org, click on the “News & Info” pulldown menu on the upper right hand side and then click on “Newsletters”.

About the Sentinel

The SENCLAND Sentinel newsletter is published monthly (except July and August) in time to provide information on upcoming meetings. We want this newsletter to be of value, but we do not aim to compete with established media, and we do not simply distill what MOAA National is publishing in Military Officer each month. We want to keep you informed about the chapter, our efforts to stay connected with each other, and our support of local military and veteran communities. Our newsletter is distributed electronically by email to our members when published. Current and previous editions are also available on our website at <https://sencland.org/documents/>.

We encourage you to provide content for publication in our newsletter and online. Simply send your notices, letters, articles, and photos to our editor, Dianne Jinwright (senclandsentinel@gmail.com) by the 15th of the month to be considered for inclusion in the following month's newsletter. All items are subject to editing.

Statement of Affiliations

The SENCLAND Sentinel Newsletter is published by the SENCLAND Chapter, which is an affiliate of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). MOAA and its affiliated chapters and councils are independent, nonprofit, and politically nonpartisan organizations.

SENCLAND Chapter Embroidered Apparel

SENCLAND Embroidered LOGO Shirts, Caps, & Outerwear are now available at our Chapter Online Store hosted by Queensboro Shirt Co. You can access the store using: <https://senclandmoaa.qbstores.com>

You can save shipping cost if you are willing to pick up at Queensboro Shirt Co at 1400 Marstellar Street in Wilmington. Call Queensboro at [800-847-4478](tel:800-847-4478) after you have placed your order and tell them you want to pick up when ready. They will credit back the shipping cost and call you when ready for pickup.

MOAA SENCLAND Nametags Available for Purchase

Submitted by Chris Morin, Nametag Program. The Chapter is offering the opportunity for members and their spouses to purchase engraved plastic nametags. The cost of the nametags are \$15 per nametag and they will be the same style and size as in the past (with a magnetic clasp).

We will order Quarterly or when we have at least 10 paid orders. There are two ways to order:

ON-LINE:

Step #1: PayPal Payment can be made at: SENCLAND : Membership: (<https://sencland.org/membership/index.php?id=1636387310>)

This will take you to a window where you can pay for your nametag or nametags. (If that link does not work, go to the SENCLAND Website (<https://sencland.org>) and click on the tab for "News & Events" on the home page and scroll down to "SENCLAND Nametags").

Step #2: Send an e-mail to Chris Morin at villa_morin@hotmail.com including the information you want on the nametag (name, including nick name if you prefer, Branch of military service, rank and current duty status (Retired, former, active duty). Nametags for spouses only require the spouse's name and / or nickname if desired. [Use the form below as a guide](#).

US Postal Service MAIL:

Step #1: Complete the information on the form below and mail it with a check made out to SENCLAND MOAA (\$15.00 per ordered nametag) to:

SENCLAND Chapter of MOAA, PO Box 10015, Wilmington NC 28404

MOAA SENCLAND Nametags Available for Purchase (Continued)

	SENCLAND NAME TAG NAME/RANK/SERVICE BRANCH/STATUS
1	<p>FIRST/NICK NAME _____</p> <p>LAST NAME _____</p> <p>RANK _____</p> <p>SERVICE BRANCH _____</p> <p>STATUS _____ Active Duty, Reserve or Guard, Retired, Former Officer (not retired)</p>
2 (Form for a spouse's nametag)	<p>FIRST/NICK NAME _____</p> <p>LAST NAME _____</p>

Orders will be placed as soon as we have enough completed orders to meet the minimum required by the supplier, but no later than each calendar quarter.

When the nametags are received they will be available for pickup at Chapter luncheons or other events. If you have any questions, please contact Chris at villa_morin@hotmail.com or [703-798-1754](tel:703-798-1754).



(Example of completed nametag)

FEATURE STORY

Vietnam War Memorials Across the U.S.A

March 29 is National Vietnam War Veterans Day, a day to pay tribute to veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were prisoners of war or who were listed as missing in action.

March 29, 1973, is the day the last U.S. combat troops departed Vietnam.

In recognition of National Vietnam War Veterans Day this edition of the *SENCLAND Sentinel* features a display of some of the impressive Vietnam Veterans Memorials across the U.S.A.



Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Washington, D.C.

Source: <https://worldstrides.com/blog/2014/12/vietnam-veterans-memorial/>



The Vietnam Women's Memorial, Washington, D.C.

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Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Big Springs, Texas

Source: <http://www.vietvet.org/bsprings.htm>



Vietnam War Memorial, Charlestown, MA, USA

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charlestown_Vietnam_Veterans_Memorial



Queens Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Flushing Park in Flushing, Queens, New York City

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Queens_Vietnam_Veterans_Memorial



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Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Faces_of_War_Memorial



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Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Island_Northwest_Vietnam_Veterans_Memorial



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Vietnam Veterans Plaza, Manhattan, New York
Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vietnam_Veterans_Plaza



Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Penn's Landing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Source: <https://idarc.com/portfolio/vietnam-veterans-memorial/>



Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos Veterans Memorial, Salt Lake City, Utah
Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vietnam,_Cambodia,_and_Laos_Veterans_Memorial



Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Olympia, Washington
Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vietnam_Veterans_Memorial_%28Olympia,_Washington%29



Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Angel Fire, New Mexico, USA
Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vietnam_Veterans_Memorial_%28New_Mexico%29



Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Chicago, IL
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Illinois Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Springfield, Illinois
Source: <https://visitspringfieldillinois.com/locationDetails?id=Illinois-Vietnam-Veterans-Memorial>



Special Warfare Memorial Statue, (Bronze Bruce) Plaza at Fort Liberty, North Carolina,
Source: <https://scgreenberets.com/index.php/category/special-forces-history/>



Florida Vietnam Memorial, Tallahassee, Florida
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Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Veterans Park, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
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Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vietnam_War_Memorial_%28Milwaukie,_Oregon%29

News and Events,



Here's a Volunteer Opportunity. The 77th [North Carolina Azalea Festival at Wilmington, Inc.](#) will take place in Wilmington from April 3rd to the 7th. A great way to make Wilmington look beautiful, meet new friends, and get a free lunch is to volunteer for the [Azalea Sweep](#) which happens Saturday, March 30th from 10 am until 12 noon. Volunteers must register in advance to receive a free T-shirt. All volunteers are invited to a FREE THANK YOU LUNCH afterwards! If you would like more information about the festival, please reach out to [Sencland Chapter](#) member Joe Irrera, at 910-799-8669 by phone or text.



SENCLAND MOAA Chapter Irene V. Glaeser (COL, USA, Ret) recently authored a book titled, "Choose Your Battles." Choose Your Battles is set in the context of Irene's lengthy career in the U.S. Army. Through her many experiences, Irene weaves in positive messages applicable in all walks of life. The book is intended not just for women audiences, but for all Veterans and those who love and support them. Irene met her husband Al (also a chapter member) on their first assignment in Frankfurt, GE, where they both served as second lieutenants during the Cold War. They married in 1988. Choose Your Battles is available on Amazon and Barnes and Noble (online), and Irene is bringing her book to the March 6th luncheon.



MOAA's North Carolina Council of Chapters (NCCOC) is inviting you to a Bermuda cruise in 2025. Please open the link below for details: [6-Day Bermuda Cruise from Norfolk - Carnival Cruise Line](#), October 12-18, 2025 Round trip from: Norfolk, VA Open to MOAA members from anywhere, their adult family members and guests. MOAA membership not required. Cruise Line: Carnival Sunshine Special group rates apply and bookings are

managed through our tour agent. Her contact details are listed below. 50 cabins have been reserved for our group and more can be added as needed. Prices for double occupancy in each cabin are approximately \$800 for inside, \$900 for ocean view or \$1100 for balcony state-rooms per person depending on selection. Suites and cabins for more than 2 people can be arranged. Minimal deposit is required to reserve cabins with final payments not due until July 14, 2025. Call the agent below to discuss and reserve if interested. Lorna Tiller, AAA ITA, 910-343-1978(O), 910-540-3390(M), 1823 Hawthorne Rd., Wilmington, NC 28403

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