



September 2024

SENTINEL

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



Greetings!

I hope each of you have had an enjoyable summer. I am looking forward to seeing you all at our next monthly meeting on Tuesday, 9/3/2024, at the Blue Water Water-front Grill. We will have an exciting presentation with David Garrigus. He

will talk about his PBS documentary film on the U.S.

Constitution. Thanks to Ken Klassen for arranging this upcoming event. There are also other exciting topics for our other monthly meetings this fall. Please see additional details in Programs.

Happy Birthday!

- ◆ Happy Birthday to all our September birthday members; May you have many more happy, healthy years ahead.
- ◆ Happy 77 th Birthday to the United States Air Force on 18 September! May you continue to “Aim High!”
- ◆ Happy 234 th Birthday to the United States Coast Guard on 4 August! Semper Paratus!

Welcome to our newest members:

- COL Derek Slavin, USA (ret) and his wife Teresa Marra
- CAPT John Morrison, USN (ret), and his wife Kathleen

Condolences

We were saddened to learn of the loss of long time member CDR Tim Marvin, USN (ret) on 26 April. Additionally, I had emailed you earlier that we were saddened to learn of the passing of long time member LT Steve Jaffe, USN on 26 June.

Chapter Awards



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

Good News

I am pleased to announce that SENCLand Chapter now has its very own Challenge Coin! Here is a concept picture from the vendor and I hope we will have these available soon.



We will sell these for \$5.00 each (once available) at each chapter meeting. The proceeds from these sales (once manufacturing expenses are covered) will go back to the chapter. My thanks to Former President Joe Irrera for his considerable assistance in designing and procuring the coins.

Many Thanks

As a reminder, please consider making a donation to our Scholarships and Veteran Outreach programs, if you haven't already. Your contributions are very much appreciated. They were very evident in June as the JROTC Scholarships presented were funded by your generosity. Many thanks to those of you who continue to contribute to these programs. Our JROTC, Veterans Scholarships, Veteran Outreach programs, and our BG Jim Carper Scholarship Fund are doing great work in our catchment area.

Please keep reading your newsletter in its entirety! Our editor Dianne Jinwright has put together some articles on Patriot Day and POW/MIA Recognition Day and debuting our featured *Member's Profile*. I know you'll enjoy them!



PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE

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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
Barry Coyle, CAPT USN (ret), 2nd Vice President
Mike Apicella, COL USA (ret), 3rd Vice President

Board Members

Joe Irrera, COL, USMC (ret) Immediate Past President
Ken Klassen, CDR USN (Ret), Past President
Bob Doleman, MAJ USA (Ret), Secretary, Veteran Benefits & Resource Support
Anna Marie Allegretto, ITC USNR (Ret), Treasurer
Barry Coyle, CAPT USN (Ret), Legislative Affairs Chair
Dianne Jinwright, LtCol USAF (Ret), Newsletter Editor, Sponsorship Coordinator
LeeRoy Hanna, LTC USA (Ret), JROTC Scholarships & Leadership Awards Chair, Historian
Leon Rooks, MAJ USAR, Wellness Chair
Tim Johnson, CPT, USMC, Veteran Scholarship Chair
Irene Glaeser, COL USA (Ret), Programs and special Events Chair
Albert H Schroetel, COL USAF (Ret), Membership Chair
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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Greg Cook, CAPT, USN (ret) US Navy Service Director
David Renquist, CAPT USPHS, Public Health Service Director
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 Update

Submitted by Al Schroetel, Membership Chair



Welcome

We are pleased to welcome two new Chapter members:

- John R. Morrison, CAPT, MSC, USN (Ret.) John and Kathleen live in Wilmington.
- John “Derek” Slavin, COL, USA (Ret.) Derek and Teresa Marra live in Wilmington.



Condolences

We regret the loss of two long time Chapter members:

- ◆ Timothy “Tim” Marvin, CDR, USN Ret. He is survived by his wife Anne Hope. Obituary at: <https://www.andrewsmortuary.com/obituary/timothy-marvin>
- ◆ Stephen “Steve” Jaffe, LT, (Former) USN, DMV. He is survived by his wife Ingrid. Obituary at: <https://www.wilmingtoncares.com/obituaries/Stephen-C-Jaffe-DVM?obId=32175647>. A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, September 15, 2024, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the barn at Poplar Grove Plantation in Wilmington. If you plan to attend, please let Al Schroetel know at downtown@bellsouth.net.

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 downtown@bellsouth.net or text me at 910-352-4378.

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 how we can make potential members aware of the benefits of Chapter membership.

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 downtown@bellsouth.net or Allen Allegretto at allegrettoa@yahoo.com

MEMBERSHIP



2024 Luncheon Menu Choices and Price

[Bluewater Waterfront Grill](#)

- ◆ Classic Chicken Caesar Salad
- ◆ Fried Oyster Salad
- ◆ 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).

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 Submitted by Irene V. Glaeser

SAVE THE DATES

- ◆ On **September 3rd** we will have a very exciting luncheon presentation on the 250th anniversary of our Constitution. [David Garrigus Productions](#) is the acclaimed producer of documentary and educational programs and will discuss his upcoming film, *The American Constitution:1787*.
- ◆ On **October 1st**, our own Sandi Adams will provide us with valuable information our loved ones will need when we pass. You will not want to miss this!
- ◆ On **October 3rd**, RDML Ron Henderson will provide interested members with a brief history of the USS NORTH CAROLINA Battleship Memorial, followed by 90-minute tours of the ship. As always, he will make it a memorable experience for all!

More details will follow in the near future. I look forward to seeing all of you soon.



LUNCHEONS / MEETINGS

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SCHOLARSHIPS

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JROTC Awards & Scholarship Program

Submitted by LeeRoy Hanna, LTC (ret) USA,

JROTC Scholarship Program

My thanks to everyone who continues to donate to our JROTC Scholarships. Your contributions make this program possible.

JROTC Leadership Awards Support

My thanks to everyone who volunteered to make award and certificate presentations at all 19 High Schools this past spring.



Veteran Student Education Scholarship

Tim Johnson, Capt., USMC, Scholarship Coordinator

SENCLAND MOAA has been awarding Veteran scholarships since 2017. The Veteran's Scholarship Program for 2024 continues to be well-funded thanks to generous contributions. We have a total of \$5,500 to award this year. Contributions from the Jim Carper BG NG Memorial Fund, Air Force Association, Vietnam Veterans Association, and a generous SENCLAND MOAA budgeted contributions have grown available funds.

As with last year, the program will include award ceremonies at the respective colleges we support. Please follow the SENCLAND chapter notices and this newsletter for more information. It would help to better highlight our veterans' scholarship program if several members attended the college awards ceremonies that will be held in November 2024.

Community Outreach

Submitted by Mike Apicella, Outreach Chair

This year SENCLAND Community Outreach Program has \$3,000 dollars to grant to deserving individuals in need of financial assistance. I am pleased to announce that our chapter has received a Grant from the National MOAA organization in the amount of \$1,000. This Grant should help sustain the viability of the program. The Outreach Program still has \$1,500 this year to grant to deserving veterans in need of financial assistance.

Please contact me if you know of any Veterans that may benefit from one of these Community Outreach Grants, Mike Apicella, Chairperson, Community Outreach Committee. The grant request form is in the Outreach Section of the SENCLAND Web page. I can be reached at endodoc97@gmail.com if you have any further questions about the program.

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 with this program that services our Nation's Veterans in Need.

Committee Members

Mike Apicella - Chair
Hondo Davids
Leon Rooks

We would like to thank everyone who donates to the scholarship/outreach programs and ask you to keep these important programs in mind. 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.



OUTREACH

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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

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Legislative Affairs

Submitted by Barry Coyle, Legislative Affairs Chair

2024 General Election

The 2024 General Election is rapidly approaching. 5 November is Election Day, although you also have several options for early voting, including absentee ballots and in-person early voting. Photo identification is required when voting in-person and absentee ballots must be mailed in time to arrive by election day. This year we will be electing U.S. President and Vice President, U.S. Representatives (neither NC U.S. Senate seat is open for election this year), Governor and Lt. Governor, State Senators, Representatives, and a long list of other state officials and justices. This is certainly going to be a historic election. Please make your plans now to cast your ballot in November. You can find detailed information and resources on the NC State Board of Elections website at [Home Page | NCSBE](#), or on your County Board of Elections page. I will provide additional information next month. Important dates for this year are shown below:

- Oct. 11, 2024: Voter registration deadline (5 p.m.).
- Oct. 17, 2024: In-person early voting begins; same-day registration available.
- Oct. 29, 2024: Absentee ballot request deadline (5 p.m.).
- Nov. 2, 2024: In-person early voting ends (3 p.m.).
- Nov. 5, 2024: General Election Day.
- Nov. 5, 2024: Absentee ballot return deadline (7:30 p.m.).

Join the Legislative Action Center

MOAA National and I are urging all members to participate in advocacy efforts. Currently, only about 8,500 of MOAA's 360,000 members have joined the Legislative Action Center and regularly participate in advocacy campaigns. You can easily join the Legislative Action Center and support the on-going Summer campaign by clicking this link: [MOAA | Summer Advocacy in Action: Contact Your Lawmakers During August Recess \(quorum.us\)](#) which will allow you sign up and engage with your elected officials during the congressional summer recess.

Key current MOAA advocacy priorities:

- **Junior Enlisted Pay Raise:** Competitive pay remains critical to the health of the all-volunteer force, and both the House and the Senate seek to address this issue in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

Legislative Affairs (Continued)

The House NDAA calls for servicemembers E-1 to E-4 to receive a 15% pay raise beyond the 4.5% earmarked for all in uniform. While the Senate version calls for an additional 1% increase for servicemembers E-1 to E-3 (beyond the 4.5% raise).

- **Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) Restoration:** Access to quality housing and promoting financial wellness are important to sustaining the all-volunteer force. Restoring BAH addresses both issues. The House version of the NDAA would restore BAH to 100% for FY 2025 – a move toward MOAA’s goal of full repeal of the BAH reduction, but not a permanent fix. Unfortunately, the Senate version does not address the issue.
- **Major Richard Star Act:** Tens of thousands of combat-injured veterans lose a dollar of earned DoD retirement pay for every dollar of VA disability compensation. For three years in a row, over two-thirds of Congress has supported the Star Act, which would end that unjust financial offset. Despite this vast support, neither version of the NDAA includes the bill. However, it is critical lawmakers continue to hear about this important issue, especially as we approach the start of the 119th Congress.

In Washington, D.C.

Congress has been in Summer recess for all of August. Both the House and Senate plan to return to Washington on 9 September for a short period before returning home in October for election duties. Congress’ To-Do List includes confirming a new National Guard Chief, funding a \$2.9B shortfall in VA Benefits, and completing the NDAA and Appropriation bills. There are significant differences now in the House and Senate versions of the NDAA as discussed above. So, it seems unlikely that neither the authorization nor appropriations legislation will pass before the 30 September end of the Fiscal Year. That will mean another Continuing Resolution. Stay tuned for breaking news.

In North Carolina

The North Carolina General Assembly has continued to meet for a couple of days each month during the Summer. They next convene on 9 September. While many new bills have been introduced in both houses, nothing of interest to MOAA members is currently under active consideration in either Chamber.



LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

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WELLNESS

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Wellness Coordinator's Corner

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

Greetings SENCLAND MOAA.....

I hope this letter finds all in good health...

Our June, July, and August vacation is coming to a close. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer.

We last met at the June meeting where the Scholarship Committee awarded scholarships to local students in our area. This has been a major SENCLAND Chapter initiative for many years. A great team doing great things!

The Wellness committee has been busy as well. Sadly we have lost several members or family members this summer. COVID is still out there along with other medical concerns we all face.

Your board works hard all year long and 2024 has been a busy one. Now, it is time to return to our normal schedule. We will meet at the Blue Water restaurant for our September 3rd meeting as usual...I hope to see you all...

COVID is still out there along with other medical concerns we all face.

Wellness Team

Leon Rooks - Chair
Stephen Bird
Karen Murphy



Surviving Spouse Corner

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

SENCLAND Surviving Spouses

I hope everyone has had a healthy and safe summer. We will plan a get-together this fall. In the meantime, luncheons are starting up again this month (see info in this newsletter for September's speaker) and I will be presenting in October. I am available anytime to help with DFAS or VA paperwork, or to help with any other questions.

There is an organization in Wilmington called The Center for Death Education that hosts an afternoon discussion each month that I have been attending. If interested, check out their website at <https://www.centerfordeatheducation.org/>.



As always, contact me if you have any needs/questions.

Sandi Adams

SENCLAND Surviving Spouse Liaison
910-443-0470, earlsandi@gmail.com



SURVIVING SPOUSES

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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

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)

NEWS AND OBSERVANCES


ABBEY GATE – AFGHANISTAN
A SEAHAWK VETERANS VIEW
AUGUST 26, 2024

Bryan Holman, UNCW Student Veterans Organization President, will talk about what life was like at Abbey Gate leading up to the U.S. withdrawal and killing of 13 U.S. Servicemembers on August 26, 2021.

Hear from a Seahawk Who Was There.



Date: Monday, August 26
Time: 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Location: Lumina Theatre, FSC
Parking: Visitor Lot M

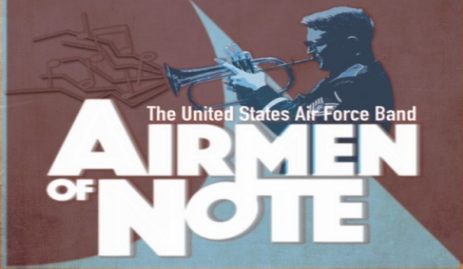


Bill Kawczynski, Director, UNC-W Office of Military Affairs, and SENCLAND MOAA honorary member, invites all veterans to attend and hear a current UNCW Student Veteran, Bryan Holan, US Navy Corpsman, talk about what it was like being at Abbey Gate leading up to the U.S. withdrawal and killing of 13 U.S. Servicemembers on August 26, 2021. Date of Event: Monday, August 26th, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm, UNC-W Lumina Theatre. Here's a link to access a map for parking: <https://drive.google.com/file/>

FREE CONCERT!

MINNIE EVANS ART CENTER
EUGENE ASHLEY HIGH SCHOOL
555 Halyburton Memorial Pkwy, Wilmington, NC 28412

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 at 7 P.M.



The United States Air Force Band
AIRMEN OF NOTE

For tickets and information, visit [USAIRFORCEBAND.COM](https://usaiforceband.com)

The [Airmen of Note](#) - LIVE in Wilmington! Don't miss this chance to see the premier jazz ensemble of The [United States Air Force](#) live in concert, Tuesday, September 17th at 7pm, at the Eugene Ashley High School Minnie Evans Art Center! The band will be performing an eclectic program, ranging from big band hits of the 1930's and '40's to brand new compositions encompassing many genres! The show is FREE, but guests should reserve their tickets at <https://usaifband.ticketleap.com/the-airmen-of-note.../>

Past President and NCCOC 1st VP Ken Klassen has spoken to us many times about the upcoming MOAA sponsored cruise to Bermuda. This six day cruise departs Norfolk, VA on 12 October 2025. Now is not too soon to reserve your stateroom. If you're interested and would like more information, please contact **Lorna Tiller**, our dedicated travel agent: at 910-343-1978 (Office) or 910-540-3390 (Mobile). Lorna's email is: ltillertravels@gmail.com.



Set Sail for Paradise with MOAA: Early Bird Discounts on a 6-Day Bermuda Getaway!

<https://www.moaa-nc.org/journal/?id=1723050859>

Submitted By President Allan Turner

NEWS AND OBSERVANCES (Continued)

2024 MOAA Election



MOAA 2024 Election: To ensure all everyone is aware of the changes to the MOAA voting process, please read over the following information in order to cast your ballot:

1. August 1 – 31, 2024 members can cast their votes by going to <https://www.moaa.org/> and following the voting instructions provided.
2. Online Only. To cast your vote, you will first need to log into your MOAA account. A valid email address is required. You may also need to reset your password if you have not logged into your MOAA account in a while. There is a link on one of the banners on the home page that will redirect you to the voting portal.
3. We understand some members might not use email on a regular basis and may need to create an email address. Once you have established an email address, please contact MOAA at msc@moaa.org or (800) 234-6622 and a Member Services representative will connect your email address to your existing MOAA member account. Note that the August 2024 issue of *Military Officer Magazine* has a detailed article addressing the 2024 election.

Submitted By President Allan Turner



In October, the NC Council of Chapters (NCCOC) will sponsor a free Zoom meeting on Veteran Mental Health, Addiction, and Suicide presented by retired Captain Garret Biss, USMC (ret). Details follow: Time: Oct 23, 2024 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Here is the link to **join:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84637133459?>

Password =HtVI64nzID4052H74HHroy4cX06oaY.1

Meeting ID: 846 3713 3459

Passcode: 249027

If you would like more details about Captain Biss, please visit his website at: <https://garretbiss.com/>

Submitted By President Allan Turner

NEWS AND OBSERVANCES (Continued)



9/11: PATRIOT DAY

In the United States, **Patriot Day** occurs on September 11 of each year in memory of the people killed (excluding the hijackers) in the September 11 terrorist attacks in 2001. (Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriot_Day#External links](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriot_Day#External_links))

Four coordinated terrorist attacks were carried out by al-Qaeda, an Islamist extremist group, on the morning of September 11, 2001. Nineteen terrorists from al-Qaeda

hijacked four commercial airplanes, deliberately crashing two of the planes into the upper floors of the North and South Towers of the World Trade Center complex and a third plane into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. The Twin Towers ultimately collapsed because of the damage sustained from the impacts and the resulting fires. After learning about the other attacks, passengers on the fourth hijacked plane, Flight 93, fought back, and the plane crashed into an empty field in western Pennsylvania about 20 minutes by air from Washington, D.C. The attacks killed 2,977 people from 93 nations: 2,753 people were killed in New York; 184 people were killed at the Pentagon; and 40 people were killed on Flight 93. The 9/11 Memorial opened on September 11, 2011, the 10th anniversary of the attacks. It is located on the western side of the former World Trade Center complex where the Twin Towers once stood. (Source: <https://www.911memorial.org/911-faqs>)



POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY

Origins: By the end of the Vietnam War, more than 2,500 service-members were listed by the Department of Defense as Prisoner of War (POW) or Missing in Action (MIA). In 1979, as families of the missing pressed for full accountability, Congress and the president proclaimed the first National POW/MIA Recognition Day to acknowledge the families' concerns and symbolize the steadfast

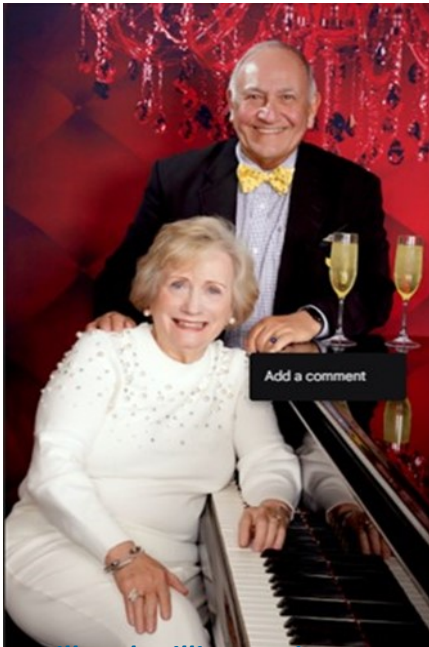
resolve of the American people to never forget the men and women who gave up their freedom protecting ours. Three years later, in 1982, the POW/MIA flag became the only flag other than the Stars and Stripes to fly over the White House in Washington, D.C. On August 10, 1990, Congress passed U.S. Public Law 101-355, designating the POW/MIA flag: "The symbol of our Nation's concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans still prisoner, missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia."

September 20, 2024, POW-MIA Recognition Day: Congress designated the third Friday of September as National POW/MIA Recognition Day and ordered prominent display of the POW/MIA flag on this day and several other national observances, including Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day. The POW/ MIA flag is generally flown immediately below or adjacent to the United States flag as second in order of precedence. (Source: The POW/ MIA Flag <https://www.va.gov/opa/publications/celebrate/powmia.pdf>)

SENCLAND MEMBER'S PROFILE

Dr. William F. Freccia, LTC, USA (Ret.)

Dr. William F. Freccia is a 1967 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, and a 1976 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. In 1981, he completed his endodontics residency at the US Army Institute of Dental Research, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC, and received a Master of Science degree in Oral Biology from George Washington University. Dr. Freccia is a past Chairman of the Professional Conduct and Ethics Committee for the American Association of Endodontists.



Bill and Millie Freccia

Dr. Freccia was selected for promotion to the rank of Colonel in the United States Army Dental Corps. When he retired from the Army on November 1, 1987 with over 20 years of active duty service, he entered private practice.

While serving on active duty, he was an endodontist and clinic chief at the US Army Dental Activity, Fort Bragg, NC from 1981 to 1986, and Chief, Endodontics Section at Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu, Hawaii from 1986 to 1987. He practiced endodontics in Fayetteville, NC from October 1987 to December 2013. He is presently an Adjunct Associate Professor of Endodontics at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry.

Dr. Freccia and his wife Millie, of 55 years, grew up in Brooklyn, NY, and now live in Wilmington, NC. They have three (3) adult children, and seven (7) young grandchildren. In his retirement, he occasionally "fills in" for some of his closest dental colleagues, and enjoys speaking to dental groups.

Dr. Freccia has been a certified fly fishing instructor with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission for over 20 years, enjoys model railroading, traveling, kayaking & boating, reading, playing as little golf as possible, and spending lots of time with his 7 grandchildren - Josie, Maeve, Emery, Millie, Harry, Camille, and Caterina.

EDITOR: Why did you join MOAA, what are MOAA's best benefits, and what MOAA services have you used? *I joined MOAA when I retired from the Army in 1987 because as a lobby group it fights for the rights and benefits of retired officers, like me, and their families.*

EDITOR: Why did you join the SENCLAND MOAA chapter and what do you enjoy most about the chapter? *I joined the SENCLAND chapter about two (2) years ago when Millie and I moved to our Wilmington home full time. We enjoy the comradie of the monthly meetings.*

EDITOR: What activities do you most enjoy or most frequently engage in within your community or local area? *We enjoy attending the athletic, academic, and cultural events that our family members participate in.*

EDITOR: Do you have other comments to share with SENCLAND members or other newsletter readers? *Go Army !!! Beat Navy & Air Force !!!*

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