



November 2024

SENTINEL

November 2024 Message from President Allan Turner
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Greetings!

I enjoyed seeing you at our October meeting. Another great crowd and an excellent presentation by our own Sandi Adams on making plans and preparations for when we pass on. Before that meeting, my wife Anna Marie and I felt we were very well prepared – but Sandi’s presentation has spurred us on to take additional actions so that day is as stress-

less as possible for our children. I am also looking forward to seeing you all of again you at our next monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 5th at the [Blue Water Waterfront Grill](#).

We will have another very interesting and informative presentation at our November meeting with our very own Chapter member Colonel Dan Monahan, USAF (ret). Dan will talk about US Air Force support to the White House airlift. Additionally, during the November 5th gathering we will also hold our annual business meeting with a couple of bylaw changes and our proposed 2025 budget. You should have received an email outlining those proposed changes and they are also contained in this newsletter for your review.

November 5, 2024 is also Election Day – please don’t waste your opportunity to have your voice heard.—Vote!

We had a nice turnout on Thursday, October 3rd at the Battleship Memorial – USS NORTH CAROLINA (BB-55) hosted by our own RDML Ron Henderson, USN (ret) who provided 14 Chapter members and spouses with a brief history of the Battleship followed by a detailed tour of the ship by three of their very well qualified tour guides. Please see additional details for this event in [SENCLAND NEWS](#).

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Chapter Awards



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

Happy Birthday!

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

Happy 249th Birthday to the United States Marine Corps on 10 November! Semper Paratus!

Many Thanks

Your contributions to our Scholarship and Outreach programs are very much appreciated. Many thanks to those of you who continue to contribute to these programs. Our JROTC, Veterans Scholarships and Veteran Outreach programs, and our BG Jim Carper Scholarship Fund are doing great work in our catchment area. Outreach Chair Mike Apicella identified three Veterans in our catchment area that were recently presented with checks to assist with financial and medical difficulties. Also in November we will be presenting a total of 16 scholarships to Veteran students at UNCW, CFCC, and BCC. Without your generosity and continued support we would be unable to help these deserving individuals. Thank you again so much for your support!

Please keep reading your newsletter in its entirety! You can find more MOAA news throughout the newsletter and also please read the [Featured Member's Profile, Gary M Profit, Brigadier General , U.S. Army \(Retired\)](#)

SENCLAND Challenge Coins still available.

The SENCLAND Chapter now has its very own Challenge Coin! Initial sales have been strong but we have many left and will continue to offer them at \$5.00 each at upcoming chapter luncheons/meetings and other functions.



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

Service Directors

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.



PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SENCLAND BYLAWS

Submitted by Al Schroetel, Membership Chair



MEMBERSHIP

The Chapter's Board of Directors is proposing two changes to the Chapter's existing Bylaws. These changes are;

- (1) Add "Assistant Treasurer" to the positions appointed by the President, and*
- (2) permit electronic voting when in-person voting cannot occur in a timely manner.*

These proposed changes were reviewed and approved by the SENCLAND Board of Directors but require approval of the General Membership to be enacted. They will be presented to the membership at the November 5th Chapter meeting and luncheon.

Please review the following proposals in preparation for the November 5th meeting.

Change #1: Addition of an Assistant Treasurer:

The position of Chapter Treasurer is critical to the Chapter's operation and The Chapter's March 2024 audit found that it is important to have someone identified and trained to assist the Treasurer in his or her duties. 1st VP Tom Welke volunteered and is currently serving in this role. This Bylaw change will ensure that occurs by making the Assistant Treasurer a position appointed by the President. **The proposed change is shown in red font:**

Article X, Section 6	
CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED CHANGE
The Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee Chairs are appointed to serve coincident with each President's term. New appointments and reappointments will be made by each President and confirmed by the elected members on the Board of Directors.	The Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer , and Committee Chairs are appointed to serve coincident with each President's term. New appointments and reappointments will be made by each President and confirmed by the elected members on the Board of Directors.



PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SENCLAND BYLAWS (Cont.)

Change #2: Voting By Electronic Means:

The chapter’s current bylaws only permit “in-person” voting by the General Membership of the Chapter. Adding a provision for electronic voting (e-mail or texting) would:

- Make it possible for more chapter members to consider proposals and express their approval or disapproval, and
- Be useful when a decision is needed before the next Chapter meeting that will not occur for some time, especially during the summer months.

The proposed addition is as shown below in red font:

Article VI – Voting

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED CHANGE
<p>Section 1. Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, all questions coming before the membership shall be decided by a majority vote of those in attendance at the meeting. Forty or more members present at any meeting of the Chapter shall constitute a quorum.</p> <p>Section 2. Only Regular members whose membership dues are current shall be entitled to vote.</p> <p>Section 3. Proxy votes shall not be permitted at any meeting of the Chapter.</p>	<p>Section 1. Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, all questions coming before the membership shall be decided by a majority vote of those in attendance at the meeting. Forty or more members present at any meeting of the Chapter shall constitute a quorum.</p> <p>Section 2. Only Regular members whose membership dues are current shall be entitled to vote.</p> <p>Section 3. Proxy votes shall not be permitted at any meeting of the Chapter.</p> <p>Section 4. Voting by electronic means is permitted when a meeting of the General Membership or Board of Directors is not scheduled in time for necessary actions. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote of those responding.</p>



MEMBERSHIP



Membership Update

Submitted by Al Schroetel, Membership Chair

There were no new membership gains or losses since the October Newsletter.

SENCLAND Membership Statistics

Thank you for being a member of the largest and most active MOAA Chapter in North Carolina!

Have you wondered how many of your fellow Chapter members share the same service background? Or where they live? Or how long they have been members? Well, here are the statistics:

- The Chapter currently has 248 members. Of that number, 33 are surviving Spouses and four are Honorary Members.

The following tables reflect the SENCLAND Chapter members' demographics.

Chapter Members' Branch of Service

(Includes Guard & Reserve)

US Army	44%
US Navy	27%
USAF	16%
USMC	12%
USPHS	1%

Where SENCLAND Chapter Members Live

New Hanover County	64%
Brunswick County	22%
Pender & Carteret Counties	10%
Duplin County	1%
Other Locations	3%

How long have they been chapter members?

1 to 3 years	22%
4 to 5 years	24%
6 to 10 years	23%
11 to 20 years	15%
More than 20 years	16%

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.

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



MEMBERSHIP



2024 Luncheon Menu Choices and Price

[Bluewater Waterfront Grill](#)

- ◆ Classic Chicken Caesar Salad
- ◆ Atlantic Salmon Wrap
- ◆ 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 Programs/Events

Irene V. Glaeser Programs and Special Events Chair

SAVE THE DATES

5 November: Bluewater Grill, Dan Monahan, "USAF Support to White House Airlift"

3 December: Blue Water Grill: Annual Holiday Party with the Cape Fear Chordsmen, a local Barbershop Quartet.

6 January 2025: Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare, John La Sala, Professor of Physics, UNCW.

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



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SURVIVING SPOUSES



Monthly Luncheon Meetings



**October 1, 2024
Luncheon/Meeting**

Surviving Spouse Liaison Sandi Adams, gave an excellent, thought-provoking, and informative presentation to SENCLAND members, spouses and others at the October 1st SENCLAND luncheon/meeting. Her presentation topic covered the importance of preparedness in face of the inevitable – death. She provided valuable and helpful information on resources to assist those who have to cope with and manage such situations.

In addition to being presented with the chapter's "Speaker's Gift", Chapter President Allan Turner also presented Sandi with the **MOAA's Outstanding Leadership Award**.

Surviving Spouse Corner

Submitted Sandi Adams Surviving Spouse Coordinator
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SENCLAND Surviving Spouses

Several surviving spouse members met for lunch and a chance to meet incoming surviving spouse liaison, Marco Vialpando. ***I have enjoyed meeting so many of the other surviving spouse members these past five years. While I will no longer be serving as the liaison, I am available to any SENCLAND members who would like help talking through their pre-death wishes.***

Sandi Adams

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

November 2024 Luncheon/Meeting

The next MOAA SENCLAND luncheon meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, 1130, hrs. at the [Bluewater Waterfront Grill](#). Our featured presenter will Colonel Dan Monahan, USAF (Retired) who will talk about the US Air Force providing support to the White House airlift..

Bio: Colonel Dan Monahan, USAF (Retired)

Submitted by Irene V. Glaeser Programs and Special Events Chair



Colonel Monahan, his wife Jody, and President Bush

Colonel Dan Monahan served a 26 year career as a US Air Force pilot culminating as the Senior Military Advisor to the European Bureau at the Department of State. Dan grew up in Jacksonville NC as the son of a US Marine Corps MSGT, Meteorologist. It was at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point and New River Air

Station where Dan picked up the bug to fly. He joined the Air Force ROTC at East Carolina University and after commissioning, attended pilot training at Reese AFB in Lubbock, Texas. He was assigned to a KC-135 Air Refueling Air Wing in Georgia from where he deployed in the first weeks of Desert Storm. Dan returned to then cross train to the C-141 Airlifter and attended the Advanced Study of Air Mobility at Fort Dix, New Jersey before his assignment at the Pentagon. After serving his time at the Pentagon he was selected to fly at the 89th Airlift Wing at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland where he flew the C-32A (Air Force Two) and commanded the 89th Operations Support Squadron before his selection as the Director of Airlift Operations at the White House Military Office. Dan retired in 2009 and continued working in aviation related industry jobs before he took his current federal position at the Department of Energy. (DOE). Dan oversees the safe operations of 23 aircraft and over 700 drones for DOE. In addition he serves on an inter-agency team that audits other government flight operations for safety and efficiency including NASA, FBI, and DHS. Dan moved back to North Carolina in 2021 to be closer to his parents who both still live near Swansboro. He enjoys playing golf and chasing red fish. His wife Jody is waiting for his second retirement so they can be free to travel and visit their grand daughter more often in Northern Virginia.



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SCHOLARSHIPS



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JROTC Awards & Scholarship Program

Submitted by LeeRoy Hanna, LTC (ret) USA,

JROTC Scholarship Program

& JROTC Leadership Awards Support

As we start the new school year I am contacting all the JROTC programs we support so they know about our scholarship opportunities. We won't be doing applications until February but there are several new instructors so I just want them to know I will be contacting them in January.

Please consider making a donation now so that the next time our chapter board discusses the budget for scholarships we will have a good idea of what funds we will have available to work with for JROTC, colleges, and Veteran Outreach.

Veteran Student Education Scholarship

Tim Johnson, Capt., USMC, Scholarship Coordinator

The 2024 scholarship season is forming up nicely. We are fully funded for 16 scholarships for qualified veteran students at the following local colleges/universities.

1. Three scholarships of \$500/per awardees at Brunswick County Community College. BCCC will have a full Veterans Day celebration hosted by the College President. It will be on November 14th at 11:00am at the O'Dell Williamson Auditorium on campus. SENCLAND MOAA will present the 3 scholarships as part of the event. This event usually includes a catered lunch.
2. Seven scholarships of \$500/per awardee at Cape Fear Community College. CFCC will have a full Veterans Day celebration with guest speakers, usually hosted by the college President. This will take place at 11:00am, on November 11th in the Union Station building in downtown Wilmington. SENCLAND MOAA will be on the agenda presenting the 7 scholarships. The event is usually followed by a reception to include a light lunch. Last year it was a catered sandwich bar.
3. Six scholarships of \$500/per awardee at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington. UNCW. Our host will be Bill Kawczynshi at the on campus Veterans Hall on November 6th at 3:30pm (15:30). No specific ceremony will be held but SENCLAND MOAA will present the 6 scholarships. Parking may be a challenge.

These scholarships are possible through the generosity of our members donations, as well as through the "Brigadier General James Carper Foundation" and the "Vietnam Veterans of America". A thank you to all.

All MOAA members are invited and encouraged to attend any or all of the awards ceremony events.

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. Thus far this year, the outreach program has awarded \$2,750 in grants to deserving veterans in need of financial assistance. The Committee made two presentations on October 18 at the Veterans Service Office in Wilmington NC.



Timothy Tyner – Was presented a check for \$300 to cover this month's rent. Tim was a homeless veteran and recently found affordable housing, this grant will help cover his initial rent payment.



Aaron Boney – Was presented a check for \$250 to also help with his rent payment. Aaron is a disabled veteran that had a disruption with his disability payments. This grant will help pay his rent while this issue is resolved.

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 webpage. I can be reached at endodoc97@gmail.com if you have any 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.



OUTREACH

Committee Members

Mike Apicella – Chair
Hondo Davids
Leon Rooks

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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 is certainly going to be a historic election. Please make your plans now to cast your ballot no later than 5 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. Sample ballots are available now online through your County Board of Elections. 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.).

In Washington, D.C.

Congress adjourned on 27 September and will not reconvene in Washington until 12 November. Before adjourning they did confirm a new National Guard Chief and provided funding to close a \$2.9B shortfall in VA Benefits. But they did not complete the NDAA and Appropriation bills. Instead, they passed another Continuing Resolution (CR), which will fund most Government agencies at FY2024 levels until 20 December. It seems unlikely that a lame-duck Congress will be able to pass a full NDAA and Appropriations bills. So, we can anticipate another CR that will carry 2024 funding well into FY2025.

In North Carolina

The North Carolina General Assembly convened on 9 October. They quickly passed the "The Disaster Recovery Act of 2024" which was signed into law by Gov. Cooper. This act provides \$273M in funding for disaster relief following Potential Tropical Cyclone 8 and Hurricane Helene.

The General Assembly will convene again on 24 October and will probably consider additional aid for the stricken areas. No military, retiree or veteran legislation is under active consideration in either Chamber.

Legislative Affairs (Continued)

"Open Season" for Federal Medical Programs

It's that time of year to review your Medicare, TRICARE and/or FEDVIP plans to see if you want to make any changes in your current coverage. These changes must be made during the plans' "open season" period. These dates are:

- Medicare: 15 October – 7 December 2024
- Tricare and FEDVIP: 11 November – 9 December 2024

Wellness Coordinator's Corner

Submitted Leon Rooks Wellness Chair

leon.rooks@hotmail.com or 910-799-2488

*I hope this newsletter finds all doing well.
In just a few weeks, October will be over and November
will be here!*

Greetings SENCLAND MOAA.....

In addition to Thanksgiving we have a National election to select our country's leaders for the next four years this month. So please "VOTE".

By the way, our normal monthly meeting will still be on November 5th, Election Day.

Request...

I ask that you keep in your minds and prayers our neighbors in the western part of our state. The damage from tropical storm/hurricane Helene was nothing short of catastrophic. The loss of life is unbelievable, families are devastated. The recovery will be lengthy. Your prayers are needed....

Hope to see you on November 5th!! Don't forget to Vote..

Wellness Team

Leon Rooks – Chair
Stephen Bird
Karen Murphy



LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

WELLNESS

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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)

SENCLAND NEWS

Tour of the Battleship USS North Carolina

Submitted by Irene V. Glaeser Programs and Special Events Chair

On October 3, MOAA SENCLAND Chapter members enjoyed an outing and tour of the Battleship USS North Carolina. RADM Ron Henderson kicked things off with a fascinating presentation and made history come alive with personal tales of those who fought valiantly and made the ultimate sacrifice. The knowledgeable volunteer tour guides provided options to the small groups, as the Battleship has endless areas of interest to all visitors. I selected living quarters along with my group and learned so much about what life was like on the ship. These volunteers never met a question they could not answer! We learned Navy lore and terminology- for example, how the word "scuttlebutt" came into being as a standard term for office gossip.

Those wishing to join the *Friends of the USS North Carolina*, for a nominal fee can enjoy tours and access to special events, can do so here www.battleshipnc.com



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SENCLAND MEMBER'S PROFILE

Gary M Profit, Brigadier General, U.S. Army (Retired)

Brigadier General (BG) Gary Profit's military career spans more than 31 years in the U.S. Army service. He retired on February 28, 2006. Early on in his career, from 1996-1998, General Profit was assigned to Special Operations Command South in the Republic of Panama.



He had the opportunity to attend Airborne School at Fort Benning, GA – Forty-two years-old and a Lieutenant Colonel at the time. “I suppose I was an anomaly and maybe a bit of an inspiration for the 18-year-olds.”

His first command assignment was at the 9602 Command and Control Headquarters Brigade/651 Area Support Group, Denver, CO where he commanded an aggregate of thirteen (13) U.S. Army Reserve units with over 1,600 soldiers, including a heavy construction engineer battalion and one of the Army's largest hospital units, geographically dispersed throughout Colorado.

On September 11, 2001, he found himself on duty at the Pentagon. It was a day he will never forget, “I certainly didn't expect to receive hazardous duty pay when I left for the Pentagon that morning.”

From 2003 – 2006 General Profit served as the Washington, DC-based chief operating officer of an Army component with over 200,000 Soldiers and a \$6 billion annual budget. As the Deputy Chief, Army Reserve/Deputy Commander, U.S. Army Reserve Command.

Present day, General Profit serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors, Veterans Moving Forward, Sterling, VA: This organization provides service dogs, facility dogs, and emotional support dogs to veterans with physical and/or mental health challenges at no cost to the veteran or their family.

General Profit is also the President/Chief Executive Officer of Profit Leadership Consulting, LLC, Wilmington, North Carolina. The company offers *strategic thought partnership and consulting services to non-profit organizations focused on members of the U.S. military, veterans, and their families, and to private sector companies that recognize the value military and veteran community constituencies bring to their businesses.*

EDITOR: Why did you join MOAA, what are MOAA's best benefits, and what MOAA services have you used? *I believe that the Army, as are all Military Services, is a profession, and that part of being a professional is belonging to military organizations like the Military Officers Association of America. Over the years, I have most appreciated MOAA's advocacy for those serving and have served and their families.*

EDITOR: Why did you join the SENCLAND MOAA chapter and what do you enjoy most about the chapter? *I think one of MOAA's strengths is its network of chapters and that it my responsibility to contribute what I can to its vitality. I enjoy reading the monthly newsletter, and, although not always able to participate, appreciate the monthly luncheons and other programming.*

EDITOR: What activities do you most enjoy or most frequently engage in within your community or local area? *My wife, Patricia, and I are active Cape Fear National Brunswick Forest residents and enjoy golf, physical fitness related activities, the beach, and all the Wilmington area has to offer.*

EDITOR: Do you have other comments to share with SENCLAND members or other newsletter readers? *Most importantly, we enjoy being nearer to our children and grandchildren and live a bit vicariously through them.*

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