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March 2025 Message from President Allan Turner – sencland.president@gmail.com

We had another great meeting on 5 February. There was a record total of 90 attendees at the [Bluewater Grill](#) to hear COL John LaSala, USA



(ret) give a very detailed and informative presentation on Artificial Intelligence in the Healthcare Industry. As was mentioned in the last newsletter, John holds a PhD in Applied Physics and has many years of experience in the military, academia, and private industry. His deep knowledge of this topic was evident in his presentation.

Our March meeting will be on Tuesday 4 March at the [Bluewater Grill](#). We need to have a good headcount by Tuesday 25 Feb-

ruary and ask that you please RSVP by then. This deadline set by the Bluewater is to ensure they have the correct set-up, staff and meals on hand for our meetings.

Please consider sending your RSVP in as early as possible. It really does help our planning and makes your check in process go a lot smoother. All it takes is a “click”!

For our 4 March meeting, we are pleased to have Shannon Jordan, who is the Community Engagement Coordinator for Lower Cape Fear LifeCare. She will speak on Hospice Care, Dementia, and Community Resources. Please see additional details for these events on the [Programs](#) page.

Welcome!

Please welcome to our newest members:

Capt Michael Burrous, USMC and his wife Laurie
Capt Frank B. Gibson, Jr., USMC and his wife Judith
Cmdr Heather Hanning, USCG and her husband Jason Madre

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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 March born members; May you have many more happy, healthy years ahead.

Many Thanks

Many thanks to those of you who continue to contribute to our Scholarship and Outreach programs. As I mentioned during the February meeting, we have had a large number of contributions so far this year.

Our JROTC, Veterans Scholarships and Veteran Outreach programs, in addition to our BG Jim Carper Scholarship Fund are doing great work in our catchment area. But, 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. Checkout the [SENCLAND News section](#) and this month's [Member's Profile on Captain Anne Leanos, USNR](#).

SENCLAND Challenge Coins

The SENCLAND Challenge Coin will continue to be offered for \$5.00 each at 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

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

Marco Vialpando, 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

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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

Please welcome the Chapter's newest members:

Michel Burrous, Former Captain, USMC.
Michael and Laurie live in Leland

Frank B. Gibson, Jr, Former Captain, USMC.
Frank and Judith live in Wilmington

Heather Hanning, Commander, USCG (ret.).
Heather and Jason Madre live in Carolina Beach

Membership Roster: 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

Invite a friend or neighbor to a chapter luncheon! 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.

MEMBERSHIP





SENCLAND Monthly Luncheon

Date: Tuesday 4 March 2025

Location: Bluewater Waterfront Grill, 4 Marina St, Wrightsville Beach NC 28480. [Bluewater Map](#)

Time: Please arrive before 11:30AM to have time to register and make menu selections.

Price: \$30.00

1. Includes water, sweet and unsweet iced tea, soft drinks, cookies for dessert, taxes and gratuities.
2. Beer, wine and cocktails are available for purchase.
3. Payment is made at check-in using cash or check only

Menu Selection:

1. Classic Chicken Caesar Salad
2. Shrimp Tacos
3. BW Cheeseburger w/seasoned fries
4. Grilled Chicken Club w/seasoned fries

Menu Choices are made at event, at your table (no pre-orders).

Please RSVP no later than Tuesday, 25 February

Upcoming 2025 Programs

- March 4: Blue Water Grill, Shannon Jackson, Hospice Care, Dementia, and Community Resources
- April 1: Blue Water Grill - Shane Fernando, CEO of Thalian Hall
- May 6: Island Way Restaurant, Oak Island – Speaker **TBD**
- June 6, Chapter Annual Picnic and Scholarship Awards (Need volunteers for planning committee)
- July (TBD) Annual Social at Sea Spray Clubhouse
- September 2: Blue Water Grill, CAPT (Ret) Frank (Tank) Michael, MOAA National Update



LUNCHEONS / MEETINGS

PROGRAMS





LUNCHEONS / MEETINGS

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Monthly Luncheon Meetings

February 4, 2025
Luncheon/Meeting
At the [Bluewater Waterfront Grill](#)



Colonel John LaSala's presentation on Artificial Intelligence and its future applications in medicine expanded the thinking of those in attendance at the February 4, 2025 SENCLAND MOAA Luncheon/Meeting. Advancements in Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology are finding their way into the healthcare system including such areas as image interpretation, ER triaging, drug discovery, clinical decision support, and more.



March 2025 Luncheon/Meeting



The next MOAA SENCLAND luncheon meeting will be held on Tuesday, 4 March 2025, 1130, hrs. at the Blue-water Waterfront Grill on Wrightsville Beach. Our featured presenter will be Shannon Jordan, Community Engagement Coordinator for Lower Cape Fear LifeCare (formerly Hospice). Shannon will provide a complete overview of various programs offered within Lower Cape Fear LifeCare. These programs include Hospice; Palliative Care; Memory Partners; We Honor Veterans; Bereavement and Grief Counseling; and Volunteer Opportunities. As we and our loved ones (eventually but not today!) age, this will help to prepare ourselves and our loved ones. Spouses are strongly encouraged to attend.

Bio: Shannon Jordan

Shannon Jordan is the Community Engagement Coordinator for Lower Cape Fear LifeCare (formerly Hospice). She has worked in the non-profit industry for more than 16 years. A North Carolinian, she was raised in a small town called Julian, right outside of Greensboro. Her Dad and grandfather who were both huge influencers in her life both served in

the military and both during times of war.

Shannon received her Bachelor of Science degree in Communications from East Carolina University and became a reporter for the Greensboro News & Record. After her mother passed at a young age on Hospice, the coast kept calling her name and in 2003 she moved to Wilmington. Prior to working at LifeCare she worked at the American Red Cross as the Blood Center Coordinator. She found one of her favorite parts of the job was spending time with the older volunteers. After eight years at the Red Cross Shannon started working at a non-profit nursing home and realized she enjoyed working with those having dementia. Soon after her fiancée's (whom she's known since age 16) Mother was diagnosed with dementia and she was a caregiver for her for several years. The Memory Partners program at LifeCare was new at the time, and the Director would frequently check up on Shannon, continuing to offer assistance, support and education throughout this difficult time. That is why Shannon joined LifeCare: to help others at end-of-life, facing caregiving challenges and providing dementia education to the community, those having the illness and their loved ones.

When Shannon is not working, she is tending to her beautiful plants or on the water with her significant other and their doggies. She recently obtained her NC Coast Guard Captain's license and is always looking for her next adventure. She is a huge patriot and is extremely honored to be a presenter at our MOAA Chapter Monthly Luncheon.



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SCHOLARSHIPS



JROTC Awards & Scholarship Program

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

We would like to thank everyone who donated 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.

JROTC Scholarship & JROTC Leadership Awards Support

JROTC Scholarships Program

We will be awarding scholarships at the picnic in June. The applications have been posted to our website and emailed to each school. Applications are due back in late March.

JROTC Leadership Awards Support

All awards and certificates for presentation at all 19 schools this spring are on hand. The following schools have given me their presentation dates:

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
North Brunswick HS	April 14th	1745
West Brunswick HS	May 7th	1800
Northside HS	May 24th	1700

If you would like to volunteer for one of the available schools please contact me at MACHanna@aol.com or call (910) 617-1829. I hope to have the remaining dates by the end of March.

Veteran Student Education Scholarship

Submitted by Tim Johnson, Capt., USMC, Scholarship Coordinator

Cape Fear Community College (CFCC) held its annual donor appreciation event the evening of February 15th. It was well attended with over 100 people present. In attendance from SENCLAND MOAA were Allan Turner, Gene Palmer, and Tim Johnson. We were addressed by the CFCC President, Jim Morton and Dr. Janie Cathy-Mitchell of the CFCC Foundation. Three students spoke of their appreciation for the donations to the foundation and how it has changed their lives.

To further show the foundation's appreciation MOAA was presented with a pin and inducted into the "Order of the Cape Fear Society". Gene Palmer and Tim Johnson accepted the pin on behalf of MOAA. Closing remarks were made by Mr. Zander Guy, the Vice Chair of the CFCC Trustees."

Some further notes of interest are, CFCC has over 25,000 full and part time students enrolled, they receive applications from 49 of the 50 states, and the CFCC foundation has raised over \$26M to date.

Further, MOAA and the Vietnam Veterans of America, through SENCLAND MOAA, are the only veterans organizations donating to the CFCC, that I'm aware of. See pictures from the event below.



SCHOLARSHIPS





LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS



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Legislative Affairs

Submitted by Barry Coyle, Legislative Affairs Chair

In Washington

The 119th Congress convened 3 January 2025. MOAA HQ has announced legislative priorities for the new Congress. These include improved funding for military housing, additional protections for toxic exposures, expanded access to health care, support for VA caregivers, and the perennial concurrent receipt campaign. MOAA is once again encouraging all members to sign up for the Legislative Action Center at <https://moaa.quorum.us> This site makes it easy to contact your elected federal officials and express your support for legislation of interest. This month MOAA urges you to contact your representative and ask him/her to cosponsor the Support Military Families Act. This legislation would protect federally employed military spouses by exempting them from the return to in-person work mandate.

Most of the news out of Washington focuses on the continuing flurry of Executive Orders (E.O.'s) being issued by President Trump and implemented by his new Department of Government Efficiency. These E.O.'s are designed to reorganize and down-size the Federal Government while reducing costs and increasing efficiency. Many of these orders are being challenged in courts. It will be interesting to see the outcome of these challenges.

DOD and the rest of the federal government continue to operate under a Continuing Resolution (CR) for FY 2025 through 14 March. Congress has passed two CRs to fund the government at FY 2024 spending levels since the start of the fiscal year on October 1, 2024. If Congress fails to pass full-year appropriations or another CR, the government will shut down. There are several proposals being considered in Congress. These range from a full-year Continuing Resolution to a massive Omnibus Appropriations Bill that would fully fund the Government through 30 September. The entire Government in Washington remains dysfunctional and difficult to predict. So once again, we will have to await the outcome. You can make your voice known to your Senators and Representatives through the [Legislative Action Center](#).

Legislative Affairs (Continued)

Submitted by Barry Coyle, Legislative Affairs Chair

In North Carolina

Back in February, we shared that the NC Council of Chapters set three key legislative priorities for the 2025-26 session:

- Updating Veteran Property Tax Exemptions
- Expanding Veteran Housing and Care Programs
- Improving Occupational Certification Portability & Economic Opportunities

Since then, multiple bills have been introduced in the NC House and Senate and are now moving through committees. Here are some key pieces of legislation to watch:

- HB 39 – Disabled Veteran Motor Vehicle Tax Exclusion

[Bill details] (<https://ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2025/H39>)

Would exclude from property tax any motor vehicles owned by a person who has a 100% disability rating certified by the US Department of Veterans Affairs. Applies to motor vehicles registered on or after January 1, 2026.

- HB 118 – Disabled Veterans Tax Relief Bill

[Bill Details] (<https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2025/HB118>)

Would exempt a percentage of a veteran's property tax equal to their VA disability rating (if over 50%).

- SB 109 Veterans Appreciation Act

[Bill Details] (<https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2025/SB109>)

Would increase the property tax homestead exclusion amount for disabled veterans.

- HB 94 – Disabled Veteran Homestead Exclusion Prequalification

[Bill Details] (<https://ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2025/H94>)

Allows disabled veterans or their surviving spouses (if unmarried) to apply for prequalification of homestead tax relief.

Other bills of interest:

- HB 35 – Establishes Military Appreciation Month

[Bill Details] (<https://ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2025/H35>)

- HB 36 – Supports Maintenance of State Veterans Cemeteries

[Bill Details] (<https://ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2025/H36>)

- HB 69 – Veterans Educational Promise Act

[Bill Details] (<https://ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2025/H69>)

These bills could have a direct impact on North Carolina veterans and their families. We'll keep you updated as they progress. For the latest updates, visit [ncleg.gov](<https://www.ncleg.gov>).



LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS





OUTREACH

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Community Outreach

Submitted by Mike Apicella, Outreach Chair

This year SENCLAND Community Outreach Program has \$1,500 dollars to grant to deserving individuals in need of financial assistance. In 2024, the community outreach committee through SENCLAND MOAA awarded 3,000 to seven deserving Veterans in the Wilmington area.

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

Wellness Coordinator's Corner

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

News from the Wellness Corner...

I hope this greeting finds all doing well...

I ask that all of us use caution as we are still in the winter season. Cold temperatures, rainy days and even snow. So be extra cautious, winter is not over!

Also I want to send a Welcome to our new SENCLAND Members. Glad to have you join us.

As always please let me know if there are any members or family members that are dealing with illness or anything that troubles you, please let us know. We want to reach out to you with a call, visit or card.

SENCLAND cares for our members and families.

I hope to see you at our March luncheon.

Wellness Team

Leon Rooks – Chair
Stephen Bird
Karen Murphy

Surviving Spouse Corner

Submitted by Marco Vialpando, Surviving Spouse Liaison

I am your new Surviving Spouse Liaison, Marco Vialpando. I received the current list of Surviving Spouses and will contact everyone on the list before the end of March. If you are a surviving spouse and have not been contacted by 1 April, please email me at vipp6@yahoo.com with the following information:

- Your name, email address, and telephone number

Thank you and I look forward to meeting you soon.

Marco Vialpando

SENCLAND Surviving Spouse Liaison
910-530-4025, vipp6@yahoo.com



WELLNESS

SURVIVING
SPOUSES



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.gbstores.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 Leslie Roberson, Nametag Program. The SENCLAND Chapter offers the opportunity for members and their spouses to purchase engraved plastic nametags. The cost is \$15 per name-tag 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 the minimum number required by the vendor. Nametags are delivered at monthly luncheons and chapter events.

You can order your nametags either online, in person at a meeting, or by mailing a personal check and order form as follows. Pay for your nametags (s) in one of the following 3 ways:

1. **ON-LINE:** PayPal Payment can be made at: SENCLAND: Membership: (<https://sencland.org/membership/?tp=Nametags>) 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/membership/>) and click on the tab for “Membership” on the home page and scroll down to “SENCLAND Nametags”).
2. **In Person at a meeting** (cash or check), please print the page of the Newsletter with the SENCLAND NAME TAG boxes (below), complete it, and bring it with you to a meeting. You can turn it in and pay at check-in. The Treasurer will provide the POC your form.
3. **Mail Personal Check and Order Form:** Please print the page of the Newsletter with the SENCLAND NAME TAG boxes (below), complete it, and mail it with a check to SENCLAND MOAA to:

SENCLAND Chapter of MOAA
P.O. Box 10015
Wilmington, NC 28404

MOAA SENCLAND Nametags Available for Purchase (Continued)

After paying (on-line or via mail), send an e-mail to Leslie Roberson, lesliecotu@hotmail.com, include the information you want on the nametag (1) name, including nick name if you prefer, (2) rank, (3) military service, and (4) current duty status. Nametags for spouses only require the person's name and nickname if desired.

If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Roberson at the email above or (703) 470-3392.

	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>



SENCLAND NEWS



SENCLAND MOAA members Jim Brumit, Kenneth Klassen, Dan Hickman, and Leon Rooks, were recognized for their service during the Vietnam War era at the MOAA North Carolina Council 2024 annual meeting held in Winston-Salem on November 16th, 2024. Other SENCLAND members also attended.

SAVE THE DATES

May 17, 2025, Wilmington NABVETS Gala



SENCLAND MOAA member, Dianne Jinwright announced at the February meeting/luncheon that her organization, the Wilmington NABVETS is holding a gala at the American Legion Post 10 Hall on May 17, 2025. The event supports several veteran-focused community events and Gold and Silver sponsors will have the opportunity to publicly recognized outstanding veterans in their organizations. You may [purchase tickets and sponsorships online](#) or you may contact Dianne directly for tickets.

October 12, 2025, 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: tiller-travels@gmail.com.



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

SENCLAND MEMBER'S PROFILE

Anne Leanos , Captain , U.S. Navy Reserve



Captain Anne Leanos is a 1998 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and holds a Master of Business Administration from Washington University in St. Louis. Anne is involved with our local community as a board member of the Cape Fear Veteran Resilience Project, volunteers as a student mentor at UNCW's Cameron School of Business Executive Network and is one of the top Real Estate Agents at Berkshire Hathaway helping sellers and buyers. She is a real estate investor in 8 multi-family and industrial projects throughout the Southeast, and in 3 local residential properties. Anne served on active duty for 8 years in a variety of public-facing roles: Director, Navy Public Affairs Center, San Diego, and numerous community relations, protocol, and media officer roles with the U.S. Pacific Fleet. Experienced in all aspects of communications, from proactive outreach to crisis response, Anne acted as a principal representative on the diplomatic team during the USS GREENEVILLE recovery operation in Pearl Harbor. Transferring to the Reserve in 2005, she served with U.S. Special Operations Command and as the Commanding Officer of Reserve Public Affairs, U.S. Sixth Fleet. Anne earned the Joint Qualified Officer certification, mobilized as director of public affairs, Joint Task Force Guantanamo, Cuba and is currently assigned to U.S. Central Command. Anne's service awards include the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation and Achievement Medals, and the U.S. Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation.



EDITOR: Why did you join MOAA, what are MOAA's best benefits, and what MOAA services have you used? *MOAA keeps me current on military and Veterans' issues and is a great tie in to my volunteer work in the Cape Fear region. The comradery is the best benefit, I find the newsletter very useful.*

EDITOR: Why did you join the SENCLAND MOAA chapter and what do you enjoy most about the chapter? *My friend Crissy Sandford invited me to join ~ our chapter is friendly and provides a great variety of events!*

EDITOR: What activities do you most enjoy or most frequently engage in within your community or local area? *I'm in a couple of local running and fitness groups: Waterman's Brewing Company Run club, a book club and a wine tasting group. I love to play golf, tennis, and*

pickle ball here.

EDITOR: Do you have other comments to share with SENCLAND members or other newsletter readers? *I appreciate the strength and support of our military family here in Wilmington, as a local Realtor and Veteran business owner, I'm involved with the Veteran Business Collective.*

SPONSORS

The SENCLAND Sentinel accepts sponsorships from our members and other supporters. If you would like to discuss sponsorship opportunities for yourself, your company, other veteran, fraternal, support organizations, or anyone else that appreciates the mission of SENCLAND MOAA, please email President Allan Turner, sencland.president@gmail.com.



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
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