



July—August 2025

SENTINEL

July—August 2025 Message from President Allan Turner –
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Greetings!

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

Happy 235th Birthday to the United States Coast Guard on 4 August, and to all the men and women who are diligently patrolling our waters and enforcing our laws to keep us safe. Semper Paratus!



Welcome to our newest members:

- Jeffrey Morgan, Col, USAF (Retired)
- John Pilli, CAPT, USNR (Retired)

Our annual picnic at [Long Leaf Park](#) was a huge success. The weather was beautiful, and the food from [Mission Barbeque](#) was superb. My thanks again to Leslie Robison, Al Schroetel, Greg Cook, Sean and Karen Murphy, Ken Klassen, and many others for organizing the food, beverages, and patriotic decorations. Thanks also to all the chapter members who worked hard to make this a successful event. Thanks to Barry Coyle for capturing many pictures of the event including our awardees, their families and JROTC Instructors. Thanks also to Allen and Anna Marie Allegretto for making our official rollout of the [Cheddar Up](#) payment portal a flawless event. We had close to 75 total attendees and all had a great time. Congratulations to our six JROTC Scholarship awardees and thanks to Lee Hanna and Dave Everett for organizing these presentations. Additional details and photos of that day are in the [Programs](#) and [JROTC Scholarship/Outreach](#) Sections.

Chapter Awards



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President's Message (Continued)

Submitted by President Allan Turner



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Continued

I hope that you'll plan on joining us on Tuesday 5 August 2025 for our mid-summer event at the Cameron Art Museum that Greg Cook and Mark Steelman have organized for us. I think this will be a fun time for us to get together informally and enjoy this resource we have in the Wilmington area. Please see additional details in [Programs](#) and [Special Events](#) Sections

Your contributions to our Scholarship and Outreach programs were very evident in June as our JROTC Scholarships were funded by your generosity. Additionally, our Outreach committee was able to help out a U.S Army retiree who needed some assistance. 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.

We will have an exciting presentation at our next regular chapter meeting on Tuesday 9/2/2025 at the [Bluewater Waterfront Grill](#) with CAPT Frank Michael, USN (ret) from MOAA National. CAPT Michael is MOAA's Senior Director, Affiliated Councils & Chapters. He is an Interesting speaker and will give us a great update on MOAA's goal and initiatives.

Please keep reading your newsletter in its entirety! You can find more MOAA news throughout the newsletter. Check out pictures of our [2025 Scholarship Recipients](#), and North Carolina Governor, Josh Stein's U.S. Army 250th Birthday Proclamation is shown in the [SENCLAND News section](#).



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

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Barry Coyle, CAPT USN (ret), 2nd Vice President

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LEADERS

Our Mission

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





MEMBERSHIP



Membership Updates

Submitted by Al Schroetel and Leslie Roberson, Membership Co-Chairs



Welcome

We are pleased to welcome the Chapter's newest members:

- Jeffrey Morgan, Col, USAF (Ret). Jeff and Lesley live on Oak Island.
- John Pilli, CAPT, USNR (Ret.). John and Sherry live in Wilmington.



Invite a friend or neighbor to a chapter luncheon! Please 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.

Keeping Current: We try to keep abreast of the current status of all Chapters Members. In that regard, please let us know of major changes such as relocations, major illness or deaths by sending an e-mail to Al at downeast@bellsouth.net or Leslie at lesliecotu@hotmail.com

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



LUNCHEONS / MEETINGS

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SENCLAND ANNUAL PICNIC



The SENCLAND MOAA June 6th annual picnic was held at the Wilmington, NC Long Leaf Park. It included a lot of food, a lot of fun, and a lot of fellowship. [Mission BBQ](#) again did a fantastic catering job with its chick'n and pork BBQ, baked beans, mac n cheese, and other food items. The six SENCLAND MOAA scholarship recipients were recognized and presented with certificates. Chapter President Allan Turner updated attendees on MOAA news and events.





SENCLAND Special Social Event



Social @ Cameron Art Museum

Date: Tuesday, 5 August 2025

Time: 3-5 pm

Location: Cameron Art Museum, 3201 South 17th Street, Wilmington, NC ([map](#)).

The Cost is \$43/person, includes a tour of the galleries and light hors d'oeuvres served in the CAM café.

RSVP and Pay in advance using Cheddar Up at
<https://cam-event.cheddarup.com/>

Upcoming Programs

- August 5: Cameron Art Museum (CAM) - Tuesday, social event, 3—5 pm
- September 2: Blue Water Grill, CAPT (Ret) Frank (Tank) Michael, MOAA National Update
- October 28: Tuesday Tour of Fort Fisher, 10 am, Duration of tour is 30 minutes.



LUNCHEONS /
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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 Scholarships Program— Here are our 2025 Scholarship recipients. These students were recognized at our June 6 picnic. See pictures

Student's Name	High School	College/University
Valeria Alvarado	North Brunswick HS	NC State
Brayden Griffith	West Brunswick HS	The Citadel
Margaret Heppner	Ashley HS	NC State
Katlynn Iddings	Pender	NC State
Colette Oldham	Lejeune	Pending
Sara Peterson	Wallace-Rose Hill	Sampson Community College

JROTC Leadership Awards Support

All awards and certificates for presentation at all 19 schools this spring are on hand. Presentations were made to the listed students at the following schools on the indicated dates.

SCHOOLS	DATE	STUDENT RECIPIENT	VOLUNTEERS
New Hanover HS	May 28 th	Denisse Anaya Ramos	CAPT (Ret) Allan Turner
North Brunswick HS	April 14 th	Arianna Corbett	COL (Ret) John Melia
Whiteville HS	April 9 th	William Knox	LTC (Ret) Lee Hanna
South Brunswick HS	April 30 th	Garrett Moseley	COL (Ret) John Klotsko
Hoggard High School	May 20 th	Sterling Scott	CMDR (Ret) Dave Everette
Heide Trask HS	April 23 rd	Brianna Zapata	CWO2 (Ret) David Foster
Pender HS	April 29 th	Kelly Lopez	CMDR (Ret) Dave Everette
West Brunswick HS	May 7 th	Elijah Holderby	COL (Ret) John Klotsko
Ashley High School	May 13 th	Jeimy Maldonado Galeano	CWO2 (Ret) David Foster
East Duplin HS	May 16 th	Aquileo Rodriguez	LTC (Ret) Lee Hanna
Lejeune HS	May 15 th	Jane Gwinn	CAPT (Ret) Stephen Bird
Topsail HS	April 30 th	Sarah Al-Hashimi	ADM (Ret) Karl Schultz
James Kenan HS	May 16 th	Janay Rouse	COL (Ret) David Benton
Northside HS	May 16 th	Emily Kelley	CAPT (Ret) Stephen Bird
East Columbus HS	May 29 th	James Miller	CMDR (Ret) Dave Everette
West Columbus HS	May 29 th	Kimel S. Lennon	LTC (Ret) Lee Hanna
South Columbus HS	May 22 nd	Shalea Jenrette	LTC (Ret) Lee Hanna
Wallace-Rose Hill HS	Mar 13 th	Mario Nunez	COL (Ret) David Benton
Laney HS	May 8 th	Treasure Grimes	CMDR (Ret) Dave Everette

Thank you to all who have volunteered to make the presentations. Please send photos to me at MACHanna@aol.com or call (910) 617-1829.

SENCLAND 2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



CAPT (Ret) Allan Turner and CDR (Ret) Dave Everette present MOAA SENCLAND Scholarship to **Cadet Katylynn Iddings** from Pender Hill High School



CDR (Ret) Dave Everette presents MOAA SENCLAND Scholarship to **Cadet Sarah Peterson** from Wallace-Rose Hill High School.



CAPT (Ret) Allan Turner and CDR (Ret) Dave Everette present MOAA SENCLAND Scholarship to **Cadet Valeria Alvarado** from North Brunswick High School.



CAPT (Ret) Allan Turner and CDR (Ret) Dave Everette present MOAA SENCLAND Scholarship to **Cadet Colette Oldham** from Lejeune High School.



CDR (Ret) Dave Everette presents MOAA SENCLAND Scholarship to **Cadet Maggie Heppner** from Eugene Ashley High School.



Cadet Valeria Alvarado (L) is the **#2 Sporter Air Rifle Shooter in the country**. **1SG (Ret) George Williams (R)**, is her team coach at North Brunswick High School. He is retiring after 26 years teaching Army JROTC. He led the North Brunswick Sporter Air Rifle Team to the Army National Championship in both 2023 and 2025. He was **presented with a SENCLAND MOAA Certificate of Commendation for his accomplishments**.

Veteran Student Education Scholarship

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

Thank You Notes From Award Recipients

We hear from Laura E. Peaks who is studying Early Childhood Education at Cape Fear Community College. She writes how deeply grateful she is for the recognition as it acknowledges her perseverance during a challenging year for her. She is a mother of three and her family continues their tradition of service through her husband's overseas hardship tour. In her future she hopes to work with special needs children and improve the experience of other families meeting this challenge.

Camden Santos is studying at Cape Fear Community College as well, working towards an Associate Degree in Science. His objective is to gain his CNA and work in the Emergency Department at 2131 South 17th street here in Wilmington. He has a further goal to someday become a Physician's Assistant. He related that our contribution to his education has been well used allowing him to focus on his education.

We will continue to publish further notes on our veteran students as we receive them.

Each year since 2017 the SENCLAND Chapter has, as an organization, endeavored to raise funds for this worthy cause and continue our tradition of taking care of the troops. We have done stellar work as an organization and will continue to do so. We should, though, recognize that the need far outstrips the funds.

If anyone has any good ideas to assist in adding to the war chest please feel free to speak up. No idea is too small.

Thanks, Tim



SCHOLARSHIPS



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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS



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Legislative Affairs

Submitted by Barry Coyle, Legislative Affairs Chair

In Washington

Congress continues to develop a Budget Reconciliation Bill (the “Big, Beautiful Bill”) which will adjust the FY 2025 Continuing Resolution budget to align with Trump administration priorities. The Bill passed by a single vote in the House and is now subject to contentious negotiations in the Senate. The Bill would increase Defense spending by \$150B, including additional funding for MOAA-supported programs such as: improved unaccompanied military housing; tuition assistance; increasing Temporary Lodging Allowance during PCS moves; and childcare fee assistance for active-duty families.

FY 2026 National Defense Authorization Act is in early stages of development, with the Senate and House Armed Services Committees holding hearings regarding future Defense policies and priorities. The Trump administration submitted the 2026 President’s Budget Request on 2 May 2025. This is three months later than required by law. These late submissions have become commonplace, especially for the first Budget Request of a new administration. The FY 2026 Appropriations process is further delayed because the House and Senate Appropriations Committees are fully engaged in developing and revising the FY 2025 Reconciliation Bill discussed above. This very late start to the Appropriations process virtually guarantees another Continuing Resolution at the end of FY 2025 in September.

MOAA is once again encouraging all members to sign up for the Legislative Action Center at <https://moaa.quorum.us>. This month MOAA urges you to contact your representatives to support the Richard Star Act, which would permit combat-injured service members to receive both full VA disability compensation and military retired pay.

In North Carolina

Of the 18 Bills that passed in one Chamber and crossed over to the other Chamber for continued processing only one has been passed by both Chambers and signed into law by Governor Stein. This was H 231 (= S155) **Social Work Interstate Licensure Compact** which was signed on 15 June 2025. You can see details of the progression of these Bills on the SENCLAND Website at this link: [SENCLAND: Legislative Information](#).



OUTREACH

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Community Outreach

Submitted by Mike Apicella, Outreach Chair

This year SENCLAND Community Outreach Program has \$1,750 dollars to grant to deserving individuals in need of financial assistance thanks to a generous Grant from the National MOAA organization to SENCLAND this year.

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.

In April, the Community Outreach Program presented a grant to Bradley Ginapp for \$300. Bradley was a homeless Marine Veteran that needed financial assistance while waiting to receive his first employment check. At the time of the grant presentation, Bradley was living in the Ashley house. Through the assistance of the Wilmington Veterans Service Office and SENCLAND, Bradley is now out of the Ashley house and into his own apartment. Plus, he has a stable job and is now self-supporting thanks to our assistance.

Thanks for your support of 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 news letter finds you all in good health. Many of you take time off to relax during the summer, some visit families or families may come to you! Some will take care of your gardens, play a lot of golf or really just take it easy. If you're doing outdoor activities please be aware of these elevated temperatures. So please be cautious.

I want to make a comment on personal safety. In a recent NCCOC meeting, a discussion was had over cyber theft. The internet is loaded with Bogus emails. They often present themselves as legitimate companies or may even pretend to be a friend. I am sure many of you have faced this kind of situation. It has happened with a couple of our members in SENCLAND MOAA and other chapters around the state. I have personally experienced a number of these emails. Just delete the "suspicious" email to the trash can and then empty the trash can. If you don't know the sender or it has a strange return address then it could be someone "fishing" for information. Don't take the risk....!

Have a great and enjoyable summer.

Wellness Team

Leon Rooks – Chair
Stephen Bird
Karen Murphy

Surviving Spouse Corner

Submitted by Marco Vialpando, Surviving Spouse Liaison

At the annual picnic, I discussed on-going actions with the three surviving spouses that were there. Those actions include

- Determining a way to get our less mobile members to the monthly meetings, and
- Options for future social activities for our group and the development of a "Check on your buddy" system.

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

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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:

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Wilmington, NC 28404

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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.

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SENCLAND NEWS

Here is North Carolina Governor, Josh Stein's proclamation on the U.S. Army's 250th Birthday.



State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

2025

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on June 14, 1775, the Second Continental Congress established a Continental Army to secure the common defense of the original thirteen colonies during the War for Independence; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Council of Safety deployed Patriot troops to intercept and defeat Loyalist forces at Moore Creek's Bridge in February of 1776; and

WHEREAS, during World War I, the United States Regular Army was restructured to include 296,000 regular servicemembers, 450,000 National Guard service members, and a 500,000-person National Army; and

WHEREAS, Fort Bragg was established in 1918 as a 300 square-mile training center for 16,000 soldiers; by World War II, it was the largest post in the Army, housing approximately 60,000 soldiers; and

WHEREAS, today Fort Bragg, encompassing more than 172,000 acres and two airfields, remains the largest United States Army installation in population and is home to the Airborne, Special Operations Forces, and more than 260,000 active-duty soldiers, reserve components, temporary students, civilian employees and contractors, active-duty families, Army veterans, and their families; and

WHEREAS, the impact of the Army across North Carolina extends beyond Fort Bragg through the Army Research Office in Durham, the National Guard Joint Force Headquarters in Raleigh, and the Army Reserve 108th Training Command in Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, the men and women who serve proudly as soldiers of the United States Army, and the families who support them, make great sacrifices to defend our freedoms; and

WHEREAS, our state has a proud tradition of supporting all Armed Forces in their mission to defend our principles of liberty and freedom and is honored to be considered among the most military-friendly and veteran-friendly state in the Nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2025, as the "BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.




JOSH STEIN
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twentieth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-fifth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-ninth.

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

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