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January 2026 Message from President Mike Apicella – sencland.president@gmail.com

Greetings and Happy New Year!



A Happy 137th Birthday (04 Jan) to Our U.S. Public Health Service and Happy Birthday to all our January born members; May you have many more happy, healthy years ahead.

I hope everyone enjoyed December’s Holiday gathering and enjoyed the live music from the Cape Fear Chordsmen. We had over 80 members and guests for this wonderful meal and event.. We will have two major events at our 6 January meeting: We will install new officers for 2026 – 2027. On hand to preside over this event will be

CAPT Frank Michael, USN (ret). CAPT Michael is the Senior Director, Affiliated Councils & Chapters for MOAA National. As you recall, he was the keynote for our September meeting and was so impressed with our Chapter, he wanted to return for this event.

Additionally, for our keynote address, we are going to have Mr. Jeffrey Bourk, who serves as the Director of our ILM Airport. He is going to speak on the upgrades in progress there. If you have visited ILM lately, you can clearly see that a lot of work is going on.

We need to have a good headcount by Tuesday 30 December and ask that you please RSVP by then. This deadline set by the [Blue Water Waterfront Grill](#), is to ensure they have the correct set-up, staff, and meals on hand for our meetings. Thanks to all of you for your prompt RSVPs for the December meeting. Please, please keep in mind that if you RSVP that you can attend and then can’t make it, please let us know – even if it’s at the last minute. It really does make a difference. By the same token, if you are planning to attend, please RSVP via the email you receive. It truly only takes a few seconds, or call/email our membership Chair – Al Schroetel at downeast@bellsouth.net

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President's Message (Continued) Submitted by President Mike Apicella



Time to Pay Dues is approaching - With the New Year, it will be time once again to collect annual dues. An article on the [Membership page](#) spells out the details.

My thanks to you for having the confidence in me to serve as your Chapter President as well as for the other new officers that will be installed in January. I am truly humbled to be taking the helm of one of the finest MOAA Chapters in the country. My goals are to continue our role of service to our JROTC and Veteran community through scholarships and financial aid, to provide to you our members meetings and other activities that provide informative and relevant topics, and to continue to promote camaraderie among our ranks. We will also work to support the comprehensive legislative initiatives of MOAA and to maintain a strong quality of life for our active duty and veteran communities and their families. Lastly, we will continue to use our media platforms: newsletter, website, and Facebook page to keep current communications and items of interest in front of you. I ask for your prayers and support for not only myself, but to all of the new leadership as we begin 2026.

Please keep reading your newsletter in its entirety!

Happy New Year! 2026



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

- Mike Apicella**, COL, USA (ret), President, SENCLAND Chapter
- Sean Murphy**, MajGen USAF (ret), 1st Vice President
- Barry Coyle**, CAPT USN (ret) , 2nd Vice President
- Fred Kuhm**, CAPT , USN (ret) , 3rd Vice President

Board Members

- Allan Turner**, CAPT USNR (ret), Immediate Past President,
- Joe Irrera**, COL, USMC (ret) Past President
- Ken Klassen**, CDR, USN (ret), Past President
- Bob Doleman**, MAJ, USA (ret), Secretary, Veteran Benefits & Resource Support
- Anna Marie Allegretto**, LTC, USNR (ret), Treasurer
- Barry Coyle**, CAPT, USN (ret), Legislative Affairs Chair
- Dianne Jinwright**, LtCol, USAF (ret), Newsletter Editor, Sponsorship Coordinator
- David Everett**, CDR, USNR (ret), JROTC Scholarships & Leadership Awards Chair
- LeeRoy Hanna**, LTC, USA (ret), Historian
- Leon Rooks**, MAJ, USAR, Outreach Chair
- David Foster**, CWO2, USCG, Wellness Chair
- Tim Johnson**, CPT, USMC, Veteran Scholarship Chair
- Mark Steelman**, CAPT, USNR (ret), Programs Chair
- Greg Cook**, CAPT, USN (ret), Special Events Chair
- Albert H Schroetel**, COL, USAF (ret), Membership Co-Chair
- Leslie Roberson**, LtCol, USAF (ret), Membership Co-Chair and Nametags
- Dianne Jinwright**, LtCol , USAF (ret), Public Affairs, Facebook, Media Publicity
- Marco Vialpando**, MAJ, USA (ret), Surviving Spouse Coordinator
- Mike Apicella**, COL, USA (ret), Outreach
- Allen Allegretto**, CDR, USNR (ret), Webmaster, Member Communication System Manager
- 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
- Tim Johnson**, CPT, USMC, USMC Service Director
- Wayne Gibson**, CAPT, USCG, (ret), USCG Service Director

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.

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Membership Updates

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



Welcome



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

John "Jack" Dethorn, COL, USA (Ret). Jack and Carly live in the Waterford community of Leland.



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.

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



Heads Up!! New On-line Dues Payment System coming on January 1st. New for 2026

It will be easier than ever to pay your dues and make donations on-line in 2026. The SENC LAND Chapter has teamed with "Cheddar Up" so you can make your Chapter membership dues payments with just a couple of "clicks". Although online payment is preferred, you will still be able to pay dues and make donation payments by USPS mail or at Chapter events. **Watch for more information on January 1st**

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December 2025 Luncheon/Meeting



December 2, 2025
Luncheon/Meeting
At the Bluewater Waterfront Grill



The SENCLAND's December 2nd luncheon was its holiday social featuring returning barbershop chorus, the Cape Fear Chordsmen. The Chordsmen gave a wonderful musical presentation that included both patriotic and holiday melodies. It was a "full house" with attendees also enjoying a delicious special menu of four entrees prepared by Bluewater Waterfront Grill.





SENCLAND Monthly Luncheon

Date: Tuesday, 6 January 2026

Location: Bluewater Waterfront Grill, 4 Marina St. Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480

[Bluewater Map](#)

Time: Please arrive by 11:15am to allow for registration and menu selections. The program will start at 11:30.

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, check, or credit card.

Menu Selection:

1. Classic Caesar Salad with chicken
2. Atlantic Salmon Wrap w/seasoned fries
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, 30 December

Scheduled 2026 Luncheons/Programs

Jan 6, 2026, Bluewater Grill: Jeffrey Bourk, ILM Airport Director, on current airport upgrades.

Feb 3, 2026, Bluewater Grill: Ranger from Moores Creek National Battlefield (1776 recognition)

Mar 3, 2026, Bluewater Grill: Major General Joe Shrader, NC Museum of the Marine, Jacksonville, NC

Apr 7, 2026, Bluewater Grill: Major General Thomas (Rob) Tempel on Dental programs

May 5, 2026, Bluewater Grill: Stuart Pike (Character actor) signer of Declaration of Independence (1776 recognition)

January 2026 Luncheon/Meeting

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The January 2026 MOAA SENCLAND luncheon meeting will be held on Tuesday, 6 January 2026, 1130, hrs. at the Bluewater Waterfront Grill on Wrightsville Beach. Our featured presenter will be Mr. Jeffrey Bourk, Director of the Wilmington International (ILM) Airport.

Bio: Mr. Jeffrey Bourk, Director ILM Airport

Jeff Bourk (pronounced “Berk”) is the Director of the Wilmington International Airport. Jeff has over 30 years of aviation experience, including 25 years focused on airport operations and management. He got his pilot’s license at age 17, over 30 years ago.

Since Jeff has been the ILM Director, the airport has seen record growth; increasing non-stops from 9 to 31 and growing by 65% making ILM the fastest growing airport in the US.





Veteran Student Education Scholarship

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



We mark an end to a highly successful season of giving—and now onto the new year.

We hope to replicate and exceed our success in 2026. The need is great and we predict it to grow in the coming year. Please see below some selected excerpts from thank you notes by two of the ten 2025 awardees. We will be publishing these throughout the year and perhaps meeting some at our monthly lunch meetings.

Timothy Harrington, a US Army veteran from Brunswick Community College writes,
“Thank you for offering the MOAA Veterans Scholarship” and “that (it) will directly support my academic goals and lesson the financial challenges of college.” He goes on to say “I am truly gratefully for your commitment to veterans and recognizing their hard work and sacrifice.”

Faith Hommel, a student at Cape Fear Community College (CFCC) writes,
“as a proud Air Force veteran, I am thankful and appreciative for your generosity.” . . . the scholarship will make a significant contribution to my nursing school journey at CFCC. . . Your financial support has made a meaningful difference in my life”. I am truey grateful.”



Cheers & Happy Holidays
Tim





Community Outreach



Submitted by Mike Apicella, Outgoing Outreach Chair

This year SENCLAND Community Outreach Program had \$3,583 dollars to give to deserving individuals in need of financial assistance thanks to a generous grant from the National MOAA organization to SENCLAND this year. In addition, SENCLAND received a grant from the North Carolina Council of Chapters for \$333. At this time, we have \$683 remaining for the 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.

Leon Rooks will be taking over the position as Community Outreach Director in January after I am installed as the new Chapter President. I am still looking for some committee members to help Leon and Hondo screen new applications.

Please consider serving on this committee to help veterans in need.

Thanks for your support with this program that services our Nation's Veterans in Need.

Committee Members

**Mike Apicella – Outgoing Chair
Leon Rooks – Incoming Chair
Hondo Davids – Committee Person**



Wellness Coordinator's Corner

Submitted Leon Rooks Wellness Chair



Happenings from the Wellness Corner...

Well, 2025 has come to a close. It was a busy year for SENCLAND MOAA Wellness Committee. We reached out to many members who were in the hospital and those going through rehab. We also reached out to our members who were recovering at home with cards and many other things throughout the year.

In closing, I want to extend my warmest wishes that your Christmas was one to remember and the New Year will hold much happiness and peace for all of you and those you love.

Wellness Team

Outgoing Wellness Chair — Leon Rooks
Incoming Wellness Chair — David Foster
Stephen Bird
Karen Murphy





Surviving Spouse Corner



Submitted by Marco Vialpando, Surviving Spouse Liaison

Fellow Surviving Spouses,

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and I wish you a healthy new year to come. Here is something I think is important for all of us. Most important parts:

1. There was no Dec 31, 2025 deadline to have USID cards replaced, and
2. The Department of Defense (War) intends to execute a positive communications plan formally announcing the termination well in advance of the actual termination date.

Marco Vialpando

SENCLAND Surviving Spouse Liaison

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News From Our Partners: Uniformed Services ID Cards for Retirees, Spouses, & Dependents

DoD has not issued a mandate for retirees and others with legacy paper-based Uniformed Services identification (USID) cards to have them replaced. Any articles publicizing a December 31, 2025 deadline are inaccurate.

Legacy paper-based USID cards with extended expiration dates issued to specific populations – e.g. Reserve Retirees and Former Members eligible for retired pay and benefits at age 60 – as well as cards with indefinite expiration dates issued to retirees, dependents over age 65, and Permanently Incapacitated dependents, will all remain valid until DoD determines when those legacy paper-based cards will be terminated. The Department intends to execute a positive communications plan formally announcing the termination well in advance of the actual termination date.

Sponsors are encouraged to access their identification (ID) card records via the ID Card Office Online (<https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/>) “My Profile” option to ensure their record reflects both their current mailing and email addresses in advance of those communications. Additionally, individuals with extended or indefinite (INDEF) expiration dates on their legacy paper-based USID card may replace those cards with a plastic-based USID card at their convenience. There are several ways to obtain a new USID card:

Visit the ID Card Office Online website (<https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/>), select “Continue” under the “Family ID Cards” header and follow the prompts for Online USID Renewal. Note: It may be necessary to create a myAuth account for logon, or

Visit the RAPIDS ID Card Office Locator website (<https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/locator>) to find the closest ID card office and schedule an appointment using the “Schedule an Appointment” option under the “More Site Info” header for any of the sites presented in the search results.



Legislative Affairs

Submitted by Barry Coyle, Legislative Affairs Chair



In Washington

The FY 2026 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) was finally passed by both Houses of Congress and signed into law by President Trump on 18 December 2025. The \$901 billion measure includes several measures supported by MOAA:

- A 3.8% basic pay raise, in line with private-industry benchmarks.
- Further protections against medical billet cuts at military treatment facilities.
- A range of additional improvements for currently serving members and their families, to include childcare fee assistance, an increase in Family Separation Allowance, and a report on unreimbursed expenses attached to PCS moves.

Congress has still not passed Appropriations legislation for most of the Government. The so-called “Big, Beautiful Bill” provides full appropriations for the remainder of FY 2026 for the Legislative Branch, Military Construction, Veterans’ Affairs, and Department of Agriculture (including FDA and the Rural Development Agency). The rest of the Government, including DoD, is funded only until 30 January 2026 by another Continuing Resolution (CR) which provides funding at 2025 levels.

Congress is now adjourned until 5 January 2026. They will have little time to pass the remaining 12 Appropriations bills that would provide full funding for the rest of FY 2026. Their goal is to complete these bills before the current funding legislation expires, but another CR or Government shutdown seems more likely.

The 2026 Cost of Living Adjustment for Military Retired Pay and Social Security has been announced as 2.8%. This is less than planned cost increases for MEDICARE and TRICARE benefits, including the TRICARE pharmacy program.

In North Carolina

The General Assembly is in recess until 12 January 2026, when the Short Session convenes. No proposed legislation affecting active-duty personnel, retirees, or veterans was considered last month.



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Legislative Affairs (continued)

Submitted by Barry Coyle, Legislative Affairs Chair



Primary Elections

Primary Elections in advance of the 2026 Mid-term elections will be held in February – March 2026. Election Day is Tuesday, 3 March 2026. Early voting begins 12 February and ends 28 February.

Absentee (mail-in) voting is also available for the Primary Election. In North Carolina, any registered voter can cast a ballot in the Primary. If you are registered as a member of a political party, you must vote that party’s ballot in the Primary. If you are registered as an unaffiliated voter, you must choose one party and vote that ballot. Additional details and sample ballots will be available on County Board of Elections websites as they become available.

I will provide additional information here next month. Please plan to participate in this election. It is our opportunity to influence who will represent us in some important races.



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Committee Members

Barry Coyle – Chair

Sean Murphy – Committee Member

Ray Pelletier – Committee Member

Jeff Morgan – Committee Member



SENCLAND Special Event

(Submitted by Greg Cook Special Events Chair)



SAVE THE DATE: Join your fellow SENCLAND members at Moore's Creek Battlefield at 1pm on **Feb 10th (Tuesday)**. Experience a walking tour, led by Dave Everette, and learn how this small battle set in motion a more vigorous call for American independence 250 years ago. We will meet at the visitor center. More information will be shared at our January luncheon.



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.



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**

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>.



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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.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)

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SENCLAND MEMBER'S PROFILE



LeeRoy P. Hanna, Jr., LTC, U.S. Army (Retired)

LTC Hanna was commissioned at the University of Delaware in 1970 as an Army Field Artillery Officer and got married the next year, in 1971. He served in South Korea, Fort Lewis, Fort Sam Houston, Presidio of Monterey, Fort Leavenworth, Fort Dix, Fort Knox, and two tours in Germany with 570th USAAG, 4th USA Field Artillery Detachment and later in Nuremberg with 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment; 3th Battalion, 5th Field Artillery; and 210th Field Artillery Brigade. His last assignments were at UNC-Wilmington as Professor of Military Science and finally at Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, NC with the 1st Battlefield Coordination Detachment.



Korean Guard Post

His tour in Korea included assignments on the two guard posts above Panmunjom, GP Ouellette and GP Collier; two tours at the active fire base 4P1 along the DMZ; and monthly 8-day field exercises within the area north of the Imjim River. Colonel Hanna received four Meritorious Service Medals, four Army Commendation Medals, and two Army Achievement Medals.



LeeRoy earned a BA in Math at the University of Delaware and a MA in Human Relations from Webster University. After retiring in 1992, he started the JROTC Program at Whiteville High School and after 14 years with a 100-mile round trip each day, he moved to North Brunswick High School in Leland. LeeRoy found JROTC very rewarding as he got to impact between 100 and 160 cadets each year. He received a Commanders Award for Public Service for his JROTC duties. LeeRoy

retired from teaching in 2014 and his wife Susan, a Registered Nurse, retired from New Hanover Regional Medical Center at the same time. He started driving school activity buses and continued to referee soccer.

LeeRoy and his wife have visited all 50 states and 30 countries. They have three grown children Stacy, born in Oklahoma; Nathan, born in Germany; and Ryan, born in Kansas. Nathan (Lyndsay) and Ryan (Jacqueline) are mar-

EDITOR: Why did you join MOAA, what are MOAA's best benefits, and what MOAA services have you used? *I joined TROA before it became MOAA. I like to stay informed of actions affecting the military and families. My oldest son received a TROA College loan at no interest. I have ordered medals and items from their website to support my JROTC Leadership Award role the past 10 years. I check the websites to stay abreast of breaking news.*

EDITOR: Why did you join the SENCLAND MOAA chapter and what do you enjoy most about the chapter? *I enjoy the meetings and getting to stay in touch with fellow military retirees. The guest speakers always have relevant and interesting topics to share. The chapter is very active and provides services and support for a wide range of people and organizations.*

EDITOR: What activities do you most enjoy or most frequently engage in within your community or local area? *I stay active communicating with local JROTC units and their instructors. I drive activity buses for Cape Fear Academy and Brunswick County Schools. I still referee soccer too. I have enjoyed serving SENCLand as the JROTC Leadership Awards and Scholarship Chairman since 2015. I have met some great students during this process. Another activity I enjoy is following the North Brunswick JROTC Rifle Teams. Since we changed our training program in 2008 they have won numerous championships including the National Civilian Marksmanship Program Championship last June.*

EDITOR: Do you have other comments to share with SENCLAND members or other newsletter readers? *There is a wealth of information to be gained from interacting with our fellow members present and past. Take advantage of the opportunity to interact. You might be surprised what little tidbits of information you can learn. Everyone has an interesting perspective to share. Books could be written about the careers of our members.*

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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