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SENTINEL

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

Greetings!



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

Happy Valentine’s Day – Saturday 14 February
 Also February marks the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Moore’s Creek Bridge, a critical Revolutionary War Battle that took place in what is now Pender County.

Welcome to our newest members:

- David G. Johnson, CAPT, USN (Ret), and his wife Mary Ann
- Verne C. Seaton, USMC/USMCR (Ret), and his wife Sarah, and
- Walter T. Zabicki, LtCol, USMC (Ret), and his wife Jaine.

Condolences: We were saddened to learn of the passing of long-time chapter member Elizabeth “Betty” Grace, who passed away on 16 December 2025. She was the surviving spouse of CDR Ed Grace, USCG, Ret.

We started the January 6th luncheon/meeting off with Leadership Awards presentations from Frank (Tank) Michael, the MOAA Senior Director, Affiliated Councils & Chapters to Leon D. Rooks and Lee Roy Hanna. Congratulations to these two fine members of the chapter. This was followed by the installation of the chapter’s new officers, also by Frank Michael.

The following officers were installed at the meeting.

- President:** Michael J. Apicella, COL, USA, Ret.
1st VP: Sean Murphy, MajGen, USAF, Ret
2nd VP: Barry Coyle, CAPT, USN Ret
3rd VP: Fred Kuhm, CAPT, USN Ret.
USA Director: Tom Jones, BGEN, USA, Ret.
USN Director: Greg Cook, CAPT, USN Ret.
USMC Director: Tim Johnson, Captain, USMC
USAF Director: Dianne Jinwright, LtCol, USAF, Ret.
USCG Director: Wayne Gibson, CAPT, SSCG, Ret.

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President's Message (Continued)

Submitted by President Mike Apicella

Special Thanks once again, for Frank Michael coming all the way down from Virginia to install the new officers for the SENCLAND chapter. I also want to thank Jeffrey Bourk, Director of the Wilmington Airport for the excellent and informative presentation on all the upcoming upgrades at ILM that he gave during the January luncheon/meeting.

In celebration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America, we will have Jim Buell, President of the Moore's Creek Battleground Association and Jason Collins, Chief of Interpretation at Moores Creek National Battlefield as speakers for our February meeting/luncheon.

Many thanks to those of you who have contributed to the several programs we are fortunate to support each year. In addition to our BG Jim Carper Scholarship Fund we also support the JROTC, Veterans Scholarships, and Veteran Outreach programs. Please consider a donation if you haven't already. As a thank you for your generosity, those who made a contribution in 2025 are listed by name in this month's newsletter. In addition, we are also looking for new volunteers for our various committees that are needed to manage the chapter, with all of its activities.

Reminder, that annual membership dues were due in January. If you still need to pay, the information on how to do so is include in the [Membership Updates Section](#). We are now using the Cheddar Up Online Payment system for all payments.



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, ITC, 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.

Membership Updates

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



Welcome

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

- David G. Johnson, CAPT, USN (Ret). Dave and Mary Ann are moving to Southport in April 2026
- Verne C. Seaton, USMC/USMCR (Ret). Verne and Sarah live in the River Lights community of Wilmington
- Walter T. Zabicki, LtCol, USMC (Ret). Walt and Jaine live in Holly Ridge.



Condolences

We regret that long-time chapter member Elizabeth "Betty" Grace, surviving spouse of CDR Ed Grace, USCG, Ret. passed away on 16 December 2025 in Columbia Md. Where she had moved a few months ago to be closer to family. Betty will be buried at Arlington with her husband, but no date has been established. <https://www.collinsfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Elizabeth-Joan-Grace?obId=46845666>



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

Annual Membership Dues

This January the SENCLAND Chapter launched a new, easier way to pay annual Chapter dues using an on-line system called **Cheddar Up**. Members that owe dues were sent an email from Cheddar Up on January 2nd. Cheddar Up will send additional e-mail reminders to those members that still owe dues every seven days. **Once a member has paid their dues they will not receive any further reminders.**

Rolling out any new system can have "hiccups" so if you think you owe dues but have not received a Cheddar Up e-mail, please contact Al Schroetel at downeast@bellsouth.net. If it is determined that you do owe dues you can pay your Chapter dues by going to (<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/sencland-dues>) or alternatively (<https://sencland.org>) and click on the dues link on the home page.

Further, we know that some Chapter members do not use e-mail or the Internet and they can still mail in a check or pay at a chapter function.

Membership Updates (continued)

LIST OF 2025 DONORS

#	Donors Names	#	Donors Names
1	Adams, Sandi	28	Kanellis, Anthony
2	Allegretto, Allen	29	Klassen, Kenneth
3	Anonymous Donor	30	Kuhm, Fred
4	Apicella, Michael	31	McCluskey, Phil (Sr.)
5	Baggett, Mary	32	Melia, John F
6	Calabria, Robert	33	Murphy, Karen
7	Carper, Bonnie	34	Murphy, Sean
8	Coombs, Marian	35	Nelson, Susan (Linda)
9	Coyle, Barry J.	36	Profit, Gary
10	Foley, Robert J	37	Reilly, Edward T "Ned"
11	Foster, David	38	Roberson, Leslie
12	Geraci, Frank	39	Roberts Jr., Olen Franklin
13	Gibson, Frank	40	Roesink, William E.
14	Gibson, Wayne	41	Scheer, Gary
15	Graham, Jeri	42	Schroetel, Albert ("Al")
16	Grissom, Lynwood	43	Schultz, Karl
17	Hanna, LeeRoy	44	Schiano, Ritt
18	Harrity, Bernadine	45	Slavin, Derek
19	Hillebrand, Daneen (non-member)	46	Smith, Brian
20	Horan, William	47	Sniffin, Edward "Kim"
21	Huey, Robert	48	Steelman, Mark
22	Irrera, Joseph	49	Stephenson, William A. "Bill"
23	Johannesen, Robert E.	50	Stewart, John
24	Jones, Jr., William (Ed)	51	Thomas, Christine
25	Jones, Melvin	52	Tilmon, Ronald
26	Jones, Thomas C.	53	Turner, James "Allan"
27	Jones, Yvonne	54	Vernon, Elizabeth (Liz)

January 2026 Meeting/Luncheon

January 6, 2026
Luncheon/Meeting
At the [Bluewater Waterfront Grill](#)



The SENCLAND's January meeting/luncheon included a very informative presentation by **Mr. Jeffrey Bourk**, Director of the Wilmington International (ILM) Airport. He gave details and timelines of constructions, airline flights, growth trends, and other changes happening now and coming to the airport.



Frank (Tank) Michael, the MOAA Senior Director, Affiliated Councils & Chapters also installed the new chapters officers during the SENCLAND January 2026 meeting/luncheon.

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January 2026 Meeting/Luncheon (continued)



Frank (Tank) Michael, the MOAA Senior Director, Affiliated Councils & Chapters presented Mike Apicella with a leadership gavel after Mike was installed as the newly elected MOAA SENCLAND Chapter President

Outgoing SENCLAND President Allan Turner pins the newly elected SENCLAND President Mike Apicella with the president's pin.



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January 2026 Meeting/Luncheon (continued)



Outgoing SENCLAND President Allan Turner received several awards including an award for his service as chapter president and his work as the newsletter editor, presented by newly elected SENCLAND President Mike Apicella.

Frank (Tank) Michael, the MOAA Senior Director, Affiliated Councils & Chapters also presented several MOAA Leadership Awards during the January meeting/luncheon.



Leon Rook received the MOAA Leadership Award for his service to the SENCLAND chapter as chair of the Wellness Committee.



LeeRoy Hanna received the MOAA Leadership Award for his service to the SENCLAND chapter JROTC Awards Committee chair.

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SENCLAND Monthly Luncheon

Date: Tuesday, 3 February 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 w/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 the event, at your table (no pre-orders).

Please RSVP no later than Sunday, 25 January

Scheduled 2026 Luncheons/Programs

Feb 3, 2026, Bluewater Grill: 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: 1776 Recognition – Hunter Ingram, Historian, Burgwin-Wright House

Feb 10, 2026 — 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.

February 3, 2026 Meeting/Luncheon

Moore's Creek National Battlefield

The featured presenters for the 3 February SENCLAND MOAA meeting/ luncheon will be Jim Buell and Jason Collins from the Moore's Creek National Battlefield.



Jim Buell

Jim Buell is President of the Moore's Creek Battleground Association, and the Chair of the NC First In Freedom Festival, which is a significant regional 250th anniversary celebration to be held February 21-28, 2026. This event will celebrate more than 250 years of our Nation's story and culture viewed through the lens of historical eastern North Carolina events and the arts.

Jim is a retired Financial Manager and Financial Analyst. He is an Eagle Scout and also served 43 years in the Fire/EMS service. He was Chief of the Department for two fire departments, including oversight for 60 career fire-fighters and 200 volunteers.



Jason Collins

Jason Collins has over 18 years of experience with the National Park Service. For the past 6 years, he has served as Chief of Interpretation at Moore's Creek National Battlefield. Prior to that, he was a Park Ranger at George Rogers Clark National Historical Park in Indiana, where he gave tours and conducted historic weapons demonstrations on the site of Fort Sackville, the British fort captured by George Rogers Clark during the American Revolution. Jason also served as a Park Guide in the Lincoln Home National Historic Site in Springfield, Illinois, and also worked at the Valley Forge National Historical Park. He has a Bachelor of Arts and also a Master of Arts in History.

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Veteran Student Education Scholarship

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

We are looking forward to our 2026 Veteran Grant/Scholarship Program. Thanks to all donors for your help. We are working with a budget shortfall and are always looking for additional funding. Please reach out to your friends.

In 2025 we awarded a total of \$5,000 to ten student veterans. We hope to be able to match or exceed this amount in 2026 as the need far outweighs the funding. At UNC-Wilmington we had over 130 applicants for our four awards. Additionally, Cape Fear Community College has over 700 veteran students, but we are able to only award scholarships to four students. Brunswick Community College has over 170 veteran students and we've been able to assist two.

Below are words of appreciation received from some of our scholarship recipients.

Marcus Abraham, from CFCC, a 2025 recipient of one of our "BGEN James Carper" awards says,

"Receiving this scholarship is more than financial support, but a powerful affirmation that my journey matters. Easing the burden allows me to focus fully on my academic and professional development."

I'm sure we all wish Marcus much success in his future.

Faith Hommel, a proud Air Force veteran has written to express her heartfelt gratitude for SENCLAND's support. She is passionate about serving the local community as a registered nurse and strives to give back. The spirit of continual service is alive.

In the coming months we will be inviting some grant/scholarship recipients to attend our luncheons and share their stories.



JROTC Awards & Scholarship Program

We would like to thank everyone who donated to the JROTC Scholarships and Leadership Awards programs and ask you to keep these important programs in mind. Please consider a donation to these worthwhile projects now. Thank you again to all our generous contributors.

Community Outreach

Submitted by Leon Rooks, Outreach Committee Chair

Well, 2026 is here and our committee is already working on a new request for financial assistance...

But first, let's take look back at 2025. We awarded five grants in 2025, totaling \$3500. Grants help with assistance on rent, housing, utilities, and medical expenses. Our Outreach program works closely with the New Hanover County Veterans Service Office. We are grateful for the funds we receive to help the veterans in our city and surrounding areas. We are especially grateful for the \$1500 that came from SENCLAND MOAA and our members, the \$1750 from MOAA National, and the \$333 grant from the North Carolina Council of Chapters.

As I mentioned, we already have a 2026 request for financial assistance. We are working with a local veteran who is in a "pinch" and we have already decided to help him get through this difficult time. We really try to help those in need, and we work closely on each case. Our budget currently totals \$2000. We are projecting that National MOAA will grant us around \$900 and that will bring our budget to around \$2900.

We really appreciate your donations to the Community Outreach program as there is a great need...

"Never stop serving "

Committee

Leon Rooks – Chair

Hondo Davids – Committee Member

Fred Kuhm – Committee Member

Surviving Spouse Corner

Submitted by Marco Vialpando, Surviving Spouse Liaison

I continue providing the Surviving Spouses information that is relevant to them that I glean from various sources.

I also developed an email distribution list for all the Surviving Spouses; it helps me rapidly get information to them.

Marco Vialpando

SENCLAND Surviving Spouse Liaison

910-530-4025, vipp6@yahoo.com

Wellness Committee

Submitted David Foster Wellness Chair - Email: dwfcwo2@msn.com Cell: 910-604-0034

"O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever."

Psalm 136:1

Happy 2026 and the welcoming of new beginnings! It is a privilege to be chosen as your new Wellness Committee Chair. I want to thank Leon Rooks and the board for the confidence they have in me to carry on this great committee and to fill the role of SENCLAND MOAA Chaplain. We encourage you to let us know about our members in need who may enjoy an uplifting visit, prayer, or a card, so we can share with them that their SENCLAND MOAA family is thinking of them. The Wellness Committee is active and available to provide support to you and your family.

Please feel free to reach out if you are called to be a part of this committee or would like a word of prayer. We are all God's children, and He hears us. Psalm 145:18 reads, ***"The LORD is near to all who call on Him."***

Wellness Team

Wellness Chair — David Foster

Stephen Bird

Mike Burrous



We had a great visit with Bo Dawson, COL, USA (ret) on January 21st. Thanks to Tom Jones, BG USA (ret), the SENCLAND Army Service Director for making the visit with me. It was a very special visit. Tom and Bo shared Army memories and their Germany ties.

Bo is celebrating his 94th birthday! He is in good spirits but requires 24-hour care and assistance from Life Care. He misses being part of MOAA but was overjoyed hearing about how the membership has grown since he first became a member of TROAA.

Bo may be one of the oldest members in the SENCLAND Chapter.

Congratulations Bo on 94 years . . . well done!

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Legislative Affairs

Submitted by Barry Coyle, Barry Coyle, Sean Murphy, Ray Pelletier and Jeff Morgan

In Washington

Congress has still not passed Appropriations legislation for most of the Government. The so-called “Big, Beautiful Bill” provided 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 reconvened 5 January 2026. The House has passed 8 of the remaining 12 Appropriations bills that would provide full funding for the rest of FY 2026. The Senate has not yet considered those measures. It has been reported that agreement has been reached in the House on appropriations for DoD, Homeland Security, and two other agencies. The actual bills must be formalized and voted upon in the House. The Senate is in recess until 26 January, so they will have time to pass these appropriations bills before the current funding legislation expires.

In North Carolina

The General Assembly reconvened 12 January 2026 for the Short Session. No proposed legislation affecting active-duty personnel, retirees, or veterans has been considered so far this year.

Primary Elections

Primary Elections in advance of the 2026 Mid-term elections will be held 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. Detailed information and sample ballots are now available on County Board of Elections websites. Please plan to participate in this election. It is our opportunity to influence who will represent us in some races.

ID Card Update

Contrary to some published social media stories, the DoD has not set a deadline for replacing older paper-based Military/Retiree/ Family ID cards, including those with Indefinite expiration dates. A replacement deadline in 2026 has been discussed in the past but has not yet been enacted. It might be smart to replace your older card at your earliest convenience, if you have not already done so.

REAL ID Update

We have been discussing REAL ID licenses for several years now. Hopefully all SENCLAND members have obtained one. On 1 February 2026, TSA is going to start charging a \$45 fee at airport check points for everyone who does not have a REAL ID license. This fee is to cover the cost of searching a new identification database and is only valid for 10 days.



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	FIRST/NICK NAME _____ LAST NAME _____ RANK _____ SERVICE BRANCH _____ STATUS _____ Active Duty, Reserve or Guard, Retired, Former Officer (not retired)
2 (Form for a spouse's nametag)	FIRST/NICK NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

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 MEMBER'S PROFILE

Mike Apicella, COL, USA (Retired)



Colonel Apicella served 36 years on Active Duty as a Dental Officer. His specialty in Dentistry was in Endodontics and Orofacial Pain. He served many assignments both in CONUS and OCONUS in addition to a deployment to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn. His most rewarding position in the Army was as an Educator. He was a mentor in Endodontics and Orofacial Pain and was a consultant to the Surgeon General in Orofacial Pain. He was elected to The Order of Military Medical Merit and Fellowship in the American College of Dentists.

EDITOR: Why did you join MOAA, what are MOAA's best benefits, and what MOAA services have you used? *The benefits that I have used most are the monthly luncheons that SENCLAND offers.*

EDITOR: Why did you join the SENCLAND MOAA chapter and what do you enjoy most about the chapter? *I have been a Life Member of MOAA since 2006 and joined SENCLAND when I was recruited by Past SENCLAND President, Jim Carper in 2020. I enjoy being with fellow military officers since I left active duty. In addition, this is my chance to give back to the military community.*

EDITOR: What activities do you most enjoy or most frequently engage in within your community or local area? *I am a member of Immaculate Conception Church, a monthly lecturer, and treasury money counter. I am an officer in the Knights of Columbus in Wilmington and member of the Lower Cape Fear Coin Club. In addition, I am an avid cyclist and enjoy playing Table Tennis with my neighbors in the Riverlights Community. I like traveling around the country whenever I get a chance. My most recent trip was a Land/Sea Expedition of Alaska.*



EDITOR: Do you have other comments to share with SENCLAND members or other newsletter readers? *I met my wife, Cordelia, while stationed in Germany in 1987. We have been married since 1993 and she has been instrumental in my success as a military officer.*

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