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SUBJECT: Fayetteville State Veterans Home Replacement

Fully understanding the normal constraints and priorities of the NC General Assembly during its short session, a situation has developed that the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), a Veteran's Service Organization (VSO) NC Veterans Council (NCVC) member would like to bring to your attention and hopefully initiate a resolution. In late November 2023, after a facility infrastructure assessment was conducted, a decision was made to close the 150 bed Veterans Home in Fayetteville no later than 1 February 2024. Although previous issues were known, with a wing having been temporarily closed until repairs could be made; the more thorough inspection found the whole facility was on unstable ground concluding that expensive repairs would be unwise. A replacement veterans' home will be needed and wasn't planned for within the normal state legislature and Department of Military & Veteran Affairs (DMVA) programming.

The MOAA NC Council of Chapters (NCCOC) was made aware of this issue by the NCVC and has been researching this issue since early December. Our goal is to enable the state legislature to approve the movement of already available funds, to initiate the approvals to begin the process of a replacement home in Fayetteville home. We are aware of the DMVA's efforts and the 1/3; 2/3rds rule of state to federal funding and believe with state legislative approval, all conditions can be met within this short session. To assist that effort, we are providing you the NCVC Commander's letter, and an informational briefing with funding recommendations to hopefully gain your support for this effort.

MOAA NCCOC considers this effort as our number one state legislative priority for this year, and we will be providing updates to all our chapter members throughout the state. Help us to help our NC veteran community within Fayetteville; both those that need to be rehomed in a new health care facility short notice and with news that a replacement home will soon be in progress.

MOAA NCCOC and our veteran membership request your support in this effort, co-sponsorship of a bill to initiate a rebuild of a new facility in Fayetteville NC.

Respectfully,

President,

Military Officers Association of America

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