

The Middle Georgia Chapter (MOAA)

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JUNE 2026 ANNUAL MEETING EDITION

Fostering patriotism and military values to advance our community

Our June 2026 MOAA Monthly Meeting will be held on **June 10th, 2026**, with a half hour social at **11:30 AM** and lunch following at 12:00 (Noon). The meeting will take place at the Houston Lake Country Club (HLCC), which is located at 100 Champions Way, Perry, GA 31069

New Middle GA Chapter Officers To Be Confirmed

President: Alan Northrup
1st Vice President: Bill Craig
2nd Vice President/Membership: Jo Drinkhahn
President Emeritus: Les Arent
Past President: Michael Qualls
Director / Membership: Amy Bachelor
Secretary: J.B. Mason
Treasurer: James Murphy
ROTC: Russ Winge
HLCC: Bill Goodwin
Director / Military Affairs: Rich McKee
Advisor: Eric Faison
Auxiliary Chairman: Cindy Gordon

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Alan Northrup, President

Warm greetings to our Middle Georgia Chapter members and friends of MOAA,

Five minutes. That's what I ask each of you to do this week for MOAA, please. Tell someone about our chapter, about how MOAA is the leading advocacy group in Washington D.C. helping protect benefits of veterans, families and all current service members and their families as well. Invite someone to our next chapter meeting. Phone someone you haven't seen at a chapter event in a while and ask how they're doing. Thank a service member and or veteran or spouse. Five minutes will make a huge difference!

We really appreciate Dan Rhoades' presentation at our May chapter meeting: we support the Museum of Aviation and his vision and energy really is helping posture the Museum for great outreach to our community and helping so many via educational and training opportunities, STEM, robotics and more.

Our chapter just hosted the Georgia MOAA leadership weekend, May 15th and 16th, in Warner Robins. Special thanks to our President Emeritus, Les Arent, for helping make the event a success. The GMOAA convention is in Athens, Georgia November 5th-8th. Please join if you would like, should be a great weekend.

We are eager to hear from Ms. Edna Hicks at our upcoming June chapter meeting. Edna is a treasure and it is truly a blessing to be near her. Her dedication and patriotism/commitment are exemplary.

Our chapter will conduct a brief business meeting during the June 10th luncheon. We will have each board officer present a report to the chapter and vote on By Law updates and confirm our slate of officers.

One more note: we will have an informal lunch meeting on July 8th: the purpose is fellowship and to enjoy each other's company....it's not a business meeting and intended to be purely social. Likely

location is Old Times Country Buffet at 2922 Watson Blvd, Centerville, GA 31028.

<https://www.oletimescountrybuffets.com/> We will send a quick e-mail reminder and ask a reply to know how many of us to account for seating purposes. Really looking forward to seeing you!

Thank you so much for all you do! I and the MOAA board are so grateful for your support!

"KEEP SERVING"

Very respectfully,
Al Northrup



Photo: Mr. Dan Rhoades, President and CEO of the Museum of Aviation Foundation receiving a Chapter Coin after his fascinating presentation at the May 2026 Chapter meeting.

Chapter Programs

If you know of someone or some organization that would be of interest to the group and would like to present please let a member of the Board know.

Bill Goodwin, HLCC Representative

Fellow members. Here is the MOAA Luncheon schedule for next year. Houston Lake Country Club has put us on their calendar for the following dates. (Note: 3rd Wednesday for September; 1st Wednesday for May and December. All the rest are the 2nd Wednesday.)

2026 Meeting Dates: 16 September (previously agreed to); 14 October; 11 November and 2 December 2026 (1st Wednesday due to conflict with Newcomers).

2027 Meeting Dates; 13 January; 10 February; 10 March; 14 April; 5 May (first Wednesday due to conflict with Newcomers) and 9 June 2027.

Jo Drinkhahn, Vice President, Membership

At 9:30 a.m. on May 8, 2026, with Connie holding his hand, our friend Charlie Short took his last breath. Remember the 2013 state MOAA Convention when Charlie was our president? Did we have fun getting ready for that event with help from our old friends Dick & Shirley Lenhart! Later the Shorts left Byron, Georgia and headed to Washington state. We kept in touch over the years with Christmas cards and then yep! another move took them to New York this time. In case you would like to send Connie a sympathy card, here is her current address: 9 Crawford Lane Lakewood, New York 14750. Time is passing quickly. Our June meeting is coming up, and then we'll be out for the summer. Be sure to sign up for this one! Before we know it, Christmas will be here. I've already shopped four times for Christmas gifts and have already started wrapping these purchases. It's never too early to get started! Have a great summer!!

Jo Drinkhahn
Membership Chairman

Cindy Gordon, President, Ladies Auxiliary

Thanks again to our wonderful MOAA members who provide such magnificent support for our Ladies Auxiliary each month. Your donations are much appreciated by those individuals/agencies who benefit from such generosity. Keep it up!!

♥ Cindy Gordon
Ladies Auxiliary President

MENU

The Menu for June will be: Chicken tenders with honey mustard sauce, beef Teriyaki skewers, vegetable spring rolls with sweet Thai chili sauce, garden salad made with romaine lettuce, ranch and thousand Island dressing, dessert provided by Rog & Linda Andersen. Rolls and butter, water and tea, will be on the table. Regular and decaf coffee will also be available.

The cost of the meal will be \$27 per person, cash, or check. To reserve only the number of people attending is required. No credit cards please. Make check out to "MOAA". Annual Dues (\$30) can be paid at the same time.

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS: Please call or e-mail one of the following before Noon, on Wednesday, April 29th, 2026

- Bill and Gail Goodwin, 478 955-7296 (cell);
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wsgoodwin2@gmail.com.

- Les and Charline Arent, 478 953-5847; EMAIL
javelin73@cox.net.