

The Middle Georgia Chapter (MOAA)

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Fostering patriotism and military values to advance our community

Our September 2026 MOAA Monthly Meeting will be held on **September 16th, 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

Director / Membership: Amy Bachelor

President Emeritus: Les Arent

Past President: Michael Qualls

Secretary: J.B. Mason

Treasurer: James Murphy

ROTC: Russ Winge

HLCC: Bill Goodwin

Director / Military Affairs: Rich McKee

Advisor: Eric Faison

Auxiliary Chairperson: Cindy Gordon

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Alan Northrup, President

Dear Middle Georgia MOAA Members, friends of our chapter and all family members,

Welcome back from the summer break.

We are very excited about starting our new MOAA calendar year, September 2026 through June, 2027.

We had our first out of cycle lunch meeting on July 8th 2026, no agenda other than fellowship and camaraderie. Ten of us met at Old Times Country Buffet and it was a really nice opportunity.

You are aware our next chapter luncheon/meeting is scheduled for Houston Lake Country Club on Wednesday, September 16th. The social half-hour begins at 11:30 am. Our guest speaker will be

Lt Col Tom Alford, USAF (ret), Senior Aerospace Science Instructor, Perry High School JROTC. His bio: <https://phs.hcbe.net/tomas-alford>

Colonel Johari Hemphill, 78th Air Base Wing Commander at Robins AFB, will be our guest speaker for the October 14th chapter luncheon. Col Hemphill is extremely busy and we really appreciate his willingness to meet with us.

We have had a few changes to our MOAA board: Jo Drinkhahn transitioned her membership role to Amy Bachelor. We owe Jo a tremendous debt of gratitude for her faithful service to MOAA! Thank you Jo!

Our chapter Secretary, JB Mason and his wife Anne are moving to Florida soon. We owe JB and Anne a big thank you for their faithful service to MOAA. They will be missed!

We are looking for a new Secretary: please contact me regarding recommendations. We must move quickly on this nomination to help fill this vital role ASAP.

Thank you very much to our members for their past and present service to our Nation. As our motto says: Never Stop Serving!

Very respectfully,
Al



Photo: Mrs. Edna Hicks speak and inspired at our June 2026 chapter meeting. We were mesmerized as she spoke about growing up in the London England Blitz and her experiences as an Air Force wife. Al said it best: “Edna is a treasure and it is truly a blessing to be near her. Her dedication, patriotism and commitment are exemplary.”

Chapter Programs

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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.

Director / Membership: Amy Bachelor

A lot is going on as our Membership Team prepares to send out the first mailout to MOAA members in our region who are presently not members of any Chapter. This is a really big project, Newsletter input by Chapter Secretary.

Cindy Gordon, Auxiliary Chairperson

What an awesome summer we have had!!! It has been hot, but it did not seem as hot as usual!!!! It was so nice to be able to be outside and work in our gardens and walk the dogs!!! Hopefully, everyone has been able to enjoy the weather!!!!

We had such wonderful donations last year!!! Please keep those donations coming in!

♥ Cindy Gordon
Auxiliary Chairperson

MENU

The Menu for September 2026 will be: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, Southern style green beans, garden salad made with romaine lettuce, ranch and thousand Island dressing, dessert provided by Jill and Al Northrup. 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
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