

# MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

# MOAA TRUMPET

## FORT BENNING AREA CHAPTER

### MOAA NATIONAL 4 STAR CHAPTER



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## Notes from the President:



On April 14, more than 150 MOAA members, including state leaders and national MOAA board members and headquarters staff, visited nearly all 435 congressional representatives and senators to discuss issues and provide information explaining why certain key military personnel issues affect the stability of the all-volunteer force and the well-being of military

families. MOAA has participated in the annual Storming the Hill campaign since 1996 and has been recognized as one of the most effective lobbying organizations in the country.

Major Cal Posner (Georgia Council president) and COL (Ret) Bob Certain, Atlanta, Chapter, met with staff members at the offices of Senators Isakson and Purdue and Representatives to include Sanford Bishop (2nd District) and asked for their support to sustain currently serving military pay and benefits, reject disproportional TRICARE fee and changes, and eliminate harmful sequestration cuts.

MOAA presented some awards on Capitol Hill to recognize distinguished leaders who have been strong supporters of national defense and the uniformed services community. The Col. Arthur T. Marix Congressional Leadership Award was presented to Sen. Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.) and Rep. John B. Larson (D-Conn.). Marix founded MOAA in 1929 and served as the association's first president until 1944.

We as a Chapter need to thank Glenn Huber and Marty Reyna for proudly representing our Chapter by carrying the American Flag and the Chapter Flag in the Massing of Colors, April 24, on the National Infantry Museum Parade Field. Norma Huber was a great photographer supporting this team. Great Job and Superb extra effort.



Trish and I and Gary and Jewel Demars attended and participated in the Alabama MOAA State Convention April 24-26, in Montgomery. This was a really good convention, and fully supported by MOAA National. VADM (Ret) Norb Ryan, COL (Ret) Barry Wright, and Shane Ostroph and their support team provided really current information, that we will share. MOAA Stands for Military Families (New Label pin).

On April 28, our chapter was represented at the Dedication of the new Arches covering the entrance to the OCS Battalion Area. It was a superb ceremony, and all OCS Commissioned Officers can take great pride in these new arches. Be on the watch for opportunities to support the new Memorial Walk in the OCS Campus area.

May 8-9 is the Georgia MOAA mid-year Planning Session in Warner Robins. The key meeting is Saturday morning from 8am-noon. Officers and Board members are encouraged to attend these as they only occur once a year.

The Georgia MOAA Convention is in October. Hope some from our Chapter can attend. It will be at St Marys, and include Kings Bay Naval Base and a look at a ballistic submarine.

SPECIAL MEETING – May 19, at the Benning Conference Center. This meeting will HONOR ALL Who Served in Vietnam. The State of Georgia is honoring these Veterans with a Thank You for Your Service.

As always, I look forward to seeing you at our luncheon.

*Biff Hadden*  
*President, Fort Benning Chapter*

### *Sick and in Need of Prayers for Healing:*

**Joe Thornton**  
**Dave Smart**  
**Seth Harp**

*(If you know of others Please let us know)*













