

Southwest OK Chapter of MOAA President's Update

January 2023



**Southwest Oklahoma Chapter of the
Military Officers Association of America**

MOAA National

MOAA is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association of officers from America's uniformed military services and the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service and National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration.

- **Vision: Be recognized and respected as the foremost organization advocating on behalf of the uniformed services community and its family members.**
- **Mission: To preserve and protect earned benefits for our uniformed services, veterans, their families, and surviving spouses through advocacy, leadership, education, and service.**
- **Values: Expressed by our commitment to "Never Stop Serving" and articulated through four tenets: service, leadership, diversity and inclusion, and professionalism.**



SW Oklahoma Chapter of MOAA

The mission of the Southwest Oklahoma Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America is to perpetuate the traditions of the American Military with emphasis on Southwest Oklahoma Chapter members and their families; to undertake charitable, social and similar events; to support legislation favorable and beneficial to members, spouses and survivors of all military personnel; and to work with our members and selected veteran's organizations to attain Southwest Oklahoma Chapter objectives.



Membership Update

➤ National MOAA

- **351,000 total members**
- **400 chapters in 50 states**
- **Only 40,000 are members of local chapters**

➤ SW Oklahoma Chapter of MOAA

- **138 members as of 31 Dec 2022; 109 Chapter Members and 29 Associate Chapter Members**
- **63 National Lifetime Members, 22 National Premium Members and 24 National Basic Members**
- **13 Surviving Spouse Members**



SWOK Chapter 2022 - Year in Review

- **Community Service/Volunteer Activities**
- **Support to local Veterans Organizations**
- **MOAA Medals, Certificates and Monetary Awards presented to Outstanding SROTC/JROTC Cadets**
- **Successful Fundraiser**
- **Individual and Chapter Advocacy Efforts**
- **Awarded 5 Scholarships to area High School Seniors**
- **5 Star Marvin A. Harris Communications Award**
- **5 Star Level of Excellence Chapter Award**



Chapter National Scholarships

- **MOAA Scholarship Fund was established in 1948 to provide benefits to children of military families.**
- **SW OK Chapter has four nationally endowed scholarships that are permanently funded.**
- **Highly qualified applicants from Southwest Oklahoma are considered as the first priority.**
- **2022 – 2023 National Scholarships awarded to:**
 - **Sarah D. Brock**
 - **Kyndon L. Lovell**
 - **Kailie M. Ross**
 - **Keri A. Sharp**



SWOK MOAA Scholarships

- **SWOK Chapter of MOAA Scholarship Fund awards five \$1000 scholarships each year.**
- **Scholarships are awarded to very deserving university bound high school seniors from our area with military sponsors.**
- **2022 SWOK MOAA Scholarships awarded to:**
 - **Caleb Campbell – Fletcher High School**
 - **Camryn Beisch – Cache High School**
 - **Isabel Celedon – MacArthur High School**
 - **Sydney McCelland – Eisenhower High School**
 - **Julianna Cameron – Lawton High School**



Military Welcome Center

➤ History

- **Initially Dedicated on 23 April 2012**
- **SWOK Chapter of MOAA assumed the permit to operate the MWC with the Airport Authority in 2021**
- **Reopened 14 June 2021, staffed by Volunteers**
- **Operated by the MWC Committee of our Auxiliary**

	<u>Volunteers</u>	<u>Volunteer Hours</u>	<u>Total Visitors</u>	<u>Water & Assists</u>
2022 Totals	1046	3870.76	2274	6781

MOAA'S Legislative Priorities for 2023

- **Compensation and Service-Earned Benefits.**
- **Military Housing.**
- **Health Care for Currently Serving and Retirees.**
- **Health care and Benefits for Veterans.**
- **Service Families.**
- **Survivors.**
- **Guard and reserves.**



Chapter Goals and Objectives 2023

- **Promote the aims, objectives and national legislative agenda of the Military Officers Association of America.**
- **Train all members how to access the MOAA Legislative Action Center on the National MOAA website.**
- **Build chapter membership.**
- **Sustain the SW OK Chapter of MOAA Area Scholarship and Leadership Award programs.**
- **Promote individual member, sponsor and chapter contributions and activities.**
- **Continue to build the financial resources of the Chapter.**
- **Earn national recognition for the Chapter.**



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Upcoming Events...

- General Membership Meeting and Lunch**
Wednesday, 11 Jan 2023
- Executive Board Meeting**
Wednesday, 01 Feb 2023
- Executive Board Meeting**
Wednesday, 01 Mar 2023
- General Membership Meeting and Lunch**
Wednesday, 08 Mar 2023

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Thoughts to Consider...

The secret of getting ahead is getting started. Mark Twain

Early Bird **Military.com** **Take Action**

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Southwest OK Chapter of MOAA Scholarship Fund Update

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Scholarship Fund 2022

➤ Balance Forward to 2022	\$5380
➤ <u>18</u> Century Club/Platinum Donors	<u>\$5950</u>
➤ Total	\$11330
➤ 5 High School Scholarships Awarded	\$5000
➤ Cameron Scholarship (Earmarked)	(\$1000)
➤ Administrative Expenses	<u>\$ 15</u>
➤ Total	\$5015
➤ Unencumbered Balance for 2023	\$5315

The Last Slide

- **Chapter Purpose!**
- **Legislative Advocacy Engagement!**
- **Community Involvement!**
- **Membership Growth!**