



New River Chapter
Ashe County, NC

Chartering Ceremony

held at
Ashe County Arts Council
303 School Avenue
West Jefferson, NC

August 18, 2009



VADM Norbert R. Ryan, Jr., USN-Ret

MOAA President



VADM Ryan is a 1967 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, a graduate of George Washington University, with a Master of Science Degree in Personnel Administration, and the Senior Officials in National Security Program at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Admiral Ryan has commanded aviation units at the squadron, wing, and fleet levels and has directed the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs. He served as the 52nd Chief of Naval Personnel before retiring and assuming his current position in September 2002.

New River Chapter Officers

**Captain Douglas A. Ehrhardt, MSC, USN (Ret.)
President**

Captain Ehrhardt retired after 30 years of active service in the Medical Service Corps, U.S. Navy that involved both operational support and research and development assignments. In his last tour, he was liaison to the US Army for biomedical research and development issues after which he was Deputy Director for a division of the Uniformed Services University – the DoD medical school – concerned with disaster management. He fully retired to Fleetwood, NC in 2007 and he and his wife, Cathy, live in Fleetwood Falls.

**Colonel Stanley C. Knapp, USA (Ret.)
First Vice President**

Colonel Knapp entered the U.S. Army as a captain following medical school and was assigned as battle group surgeon for the 82nd Airborne Division. He completed Aerospace Medical specialty training with the U.S. Air Force and held various applied research and operations positions. He commanded the U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory, was Bioengineering Consultant to the Army SG and was a special projects consultant to the Army and DoD Health Affairs. He was Command Surgeon for the Rapid Deployment Task Force and U.S. Central Command. Initially retired in 1986, he was recalled to active duty to oversee medical activities associated with mobilizing and demobilizing the Reserve and National Guard during Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He lives with his wife, Mary, in Lansing, NC.

**Colonel Kenneth O. Lynn, USAF (Ret.)
Secretary/Treasurer**

Colonel Lynn is a 26 year Air Force veteran who served primarily as an aircraft maintenance, transportation and logistics officer. He was the maintenance group commander at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, in Goldsboro, NC before his final year of active duty at Langley Air Force Base, VA where he was on the Air Combat Command staff. He and his wife, Monica, retired to their home in Fleetwood in 2007 and he now teaches on-line courses for the US Air Force Air University.

Military Officers Association of America

MOAA is the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers. It is an independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organization. With about 370,000 members from every branch of service - including active duty, National Guard, Reserve, retired, former officers, and their families – MOAA is a powerful force speaking for a strong national defense and representing the interests of military officers at every stage of their careers.

MOAA's highest priority is providing first-class service to it's members. MOAA is the leading voice on compensation and benefit matters for all members of the military community, and provides expert advice and guidance to it's members.

The association plays an active role in military personnel matters and especially proposed legislation affecting the career force, the retired community, and veterans of the uniformed services. MOAA's overarching goals are captured in its resolutions, which reflect the views of the entire membership. The membership provides input and votes on resolutions every two years (on even years).

While MOAA is permitted by law to lobby - and does so actively - its status as a tax-exempt veterans organization precludes it from participating in political activities, which are defined as intervening directly or indirectly in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Stated briefly, the association may advocate issues, but it may not advocate the election or defeat of particular candidates or political parties.

Membership is open to active duty, National Guard, Reserve, retired, and former commissioned officers and warrant officers of the following uniformed services: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Auxiliary memberships also are available for surviving spouses of deceased officers.

MOAA has 407 chapters and 35 state councils to help strengthen the association. The New River Chapter is the newest addition to the 21 chapters currently serving the needs of active and retired service members and their families in North Carolina. We look forward to supporting the interests of military personnel in Ashe County as well as working closely with our sister organization, the High Country Chapter, and the state Council of MOAA chapters.

PROGRAM

6:30 P.M.

Welcome

National Anthem

Introduction of Guests

**Remarks by Captain Ehrhardt
Chapter President**

**Remarks by VADM Norbert R. Ryan, Jr.
President, MOAA**

Presentation of the Official Charter

**Presentation of Certificates
to Charter Members**

Service Medley

Closing Remarks

**Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the ceremony.
Everyone is invited to stay and visit with our guest, Admiral
Ryan, and our newly chartered membership.**