



New River Chapter

E-Newsletter of February 25, 2022

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2022 New River Chapter Events Calendar:

The [2022 calendar can be viewed here](#)...dates are clearly marked with a ● showing the planned dates. Get your calendar out and mark the dates so hopefully you can attend as many of our Chapter socials, as well as important informational meetings, as possible.

On that note, be sure to give special attention for attending a joint dinner meeting with the High Country Chapter on June 7, 2022 (at a venue and start time yet to be announced). A speaker from national MOAA's government relations department will be the guest and will address important legislative information not only of interest to our members but to ALL veterans in counties in the high country.

Of course, our regular social events include dining and sharing camaraderie with fellow New River members at **The Tavern**, our regular picnic social at the home of Personal Affairs Committee Chair and Surviving Spouse Liaison, Barbara Sears, our holiday gathering at the Ashe Arts Council building, and once again, at another [BOTM](#) in September!!

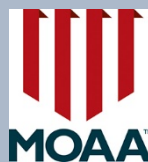
The month of May will undoubtedly be a full one as we hope several members can volunteer to help us support the **New River Marathon** by passing out refreshments to runners on **May 14th** after which the race sponsor gives us a nice donation to support the Sears Scholarship program! Even more important is the post-COVID return of our **Marathon Music program** (formerly the Marathon Jam) on **May 28th** that raises funds to support the NC Fisher Houses. More information about this memorable event will be forthcoming via future eNewsletters.

Did you know?

The New River Chapter is looking to receive another financial award from MOAA in 2022 like the \$2500 USAA Community Grant we received in 2021. Our Chapter determined to reserve that money to support two veterans - one a surviving spouse - in assisting with much needed roof repairs to help them alleviate some housing insecurity. Due to efforts to secure available contractors - who are in demand following COVID - we are still currently working to identify a company, or companies to do the work. Recently, we also received a donation from the Ashe County VFW Post who shared \$2000 in funds they are giving our organization...we plan to add this to our total that may be needed to complete efforts to assist with home repairs already identified.

Finally, during the holiday season of 2021, our chapter donated ten \$50 gift cards for the purchase of food from Ingles Grocery store in West Jefferson to assist veteran families in need. The cards were distributed via the cooperative assistance of the Ashe County Veterans Service Officer, SSG Darryl Vaughn.

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Chapter Calendar of Events 2022 dates shown using ●

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May 14 ... 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM Support the New River Marathon; details to follow.

May 28 ... 1:00 - 4:00 PM New River Chapter' Music Marathon (*formerly our Marathon Jam fundraiser which supports the NC Fisher Houses*)

Jun 7... Joint Meeting with the High Country Chapter at a venue to be determined...
a guest speaker from national MOAA will attend to provide important legislative information on issues of interest to our members and ALL veterans.

Jul 14 ... 4:00 PM @ Town Tavern (seating will be on the outdoor patio dining area; *plan to arrive in time to ensure our Chapter can be seated together*)

Aug 20... 3:00 - 5:30 Annual Chapter Picnic @ Barbara Sears home

Sep 15 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM a second BOTM! What's that? Come and see!!

Oct 13... 5:00 PM @Town Tavern (seating indoors as available)

Nov 20... 2:00 - 5:30 PM @ Ashe Arts Council Holiday gathering

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW! PLAN TO BE WITH US FOR AS MANY EVENTS AS YOU'RE ABLE.

NEVER STOP SERVING!