



New River Chapter

E-Newsletter of May 18, 2023

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MUSIC FEST FOR VETERANS IS SATURDAY, MAY 20TH @ 1:00 PM

Make plans to be at the Ashe Civic Center **this Saturday** and support our Chapter's annual [Music Fest for Veterans featuring Little Horse Band!](#) As with prior years events, we will be honoring nine Ashe County Veterans for their service with contributions of a "Healing Quilt" made by the Ashe County Piecemakers Quilt Guild. The program kicks off at 1:00 PM and goes until 4:00 PM. New River Chapter members planning to are encouraged to wear your "uniform," - polo shirt with logo...don't have one? See Doug Ehrhardt as there are still a few sizes in the inventory and Charles Knapp has a new vendor for shirts and hats that can be ordered.

NEW RIVER CHAPTER's 2023 CALENDAR

Check out the attached 2023 calendar via our website as a few changes were needed to ensure we have a place to gather! The June meeting date has been revised to show our planned activity to be held at the Old Barn Winery in West Jefferson...link to the post [here](#).

NEW RIVER MARATHON

The May 13th New River Marathon last Saturday saw a great rebound from the effects of COVID-19 with a field of over 900 marathoners, half-marathoners and 5K runners. Special thanks to Chapter members Steve Tucker, Mik Mikulan, James Bumgarner, Jim Need and Doug Ehrhardt along with wives Sharon and Cathy. A change in the course layout had us really hustling to serve the ½ marathoners and 5K runners who arrived at our watering station in LARGE numbers at about the 1 hour time of the race! It was a lot of fun and of course, the weather was dry and a perfect day for a race.

MOAA/USAA COMMUNITY GRANT

Our New River Chapter was again selected to receive a grant from MOAA/USAA for \$1,500.00 to assist a surviving spouse of a veteran who has been experiencing housing insecurity due to a badly leaking roof on her Ashe County home. Work to repair the roof has begun and the homeowner is very excited with the support our Chapter is providing...she says she can begin picking up the many pots that have been collecting rain these many months! We plan to have lots of pictures to share with you, as well as for a local Ashe Post & Times article, and we may need to reach out to anyone who would be interested to complete the total cost of this effort if increases in materials prove to be greater than what was anticipated when we submitted our grant application - another by-product of COVID-19! We hope to come in on time and under budget, however, so atay tuned.

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Military Officers Association of America



Never Stop Serving

Music Fest for Vets

honoring Ashe County Veterans
and benefiting NC Fisher Houses
at Ft. Bragg & Camp Lejeune

Ashe County Civic Center
962 Mt. Jefferson Rd. West Jefferson 28694

Presented by New River Chapter of the
Military Officers Association of America
and Piecemakers Quilt Guild



Featuring:
Little Horse

\$10 admission
at the door

Saturday, May 20th
1PM-4PM



Fisher House provides a temporary home for families of wounded military members so they can be together during medical treatment.

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