



GENERAL ANDREW JACKSON CHAPTER MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (GAJCMOAA)

5 March 2026

The General Andrew Jackson Chapter Meets the First Thursday each month at McKendree Tower, 4343 Lebanon Pike, Hermitage, TN at 11:30 a.m....We will be meeting in the activities room which is on the 1st floor.

The officers and board meet at 10:45 am.

MISSION STATEMENT

To protect the rights & improve the lives of active duty, former & retired military service members, to include the Guard & Reserves, and their families through sharing of information & advocacy at the state & national level.

group sales before joining the premium seats department. She has also led the corporate partnership and season ticket service departments and currently leads the guest services and public safety teams for all events at Bridgestone Arena.

Kincheloe is most proud of and grateful for all of SMASHVILLE, Smashville Loyal and 7th Man for creating an amazingly unique bond with the Preds. Without their support, we would not have been recognized as Arena of the Year by Pollstar magazine, IEBA, CMA and ACM. Our fan support solidified our spot as a Top Workplace by the Tennessean for 12 consecutive years, a two-time winner of the Front Office Sports Best Employers in Sports Award and ESPN's No. 1 Franchise in Sports, and without their tireless dedication to this franchise and passion for all we aim to achieve, we would not be the organization we are today. Kincheloe is proud to serve these incredible fans alongside our core leadership group to continue reaching our organization's ONEGOAL.

A graduate of Vanderbilt University with a bachelor's degree in communication studies, Kincheloe, when not at work, enjoys traveling and spending time with family.

2026 Officers & Board Members for the GEN Andrew Jackson Chapter of MOAA:

Our March Speaker:



Britt Kincheloe

Senior Vice President, Guest Services & Event Operations Nashville Predators

The 2025-26 season will be Britt Kincheloe's 29th year with the Nashville Predators and Bridgestone Arena. Kincheloe first joined the staff of the then-called Nashville Arena prior to its grand opening in December 1996. During her 28 years on staff, Kincheloe has worked the switch board, the box office, in marketing and



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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Lt Col Jim Henderson 4
LTG John Pickler 14



TN MOAA Website

The Tennessee Council of Chapters has created a new website that has current Tennessee & MOAA info as well as having a page for each chapter. You are encouraged to check it out: tncoc-moaa.org

CHAPTER DUES

Annual dues for 2026 are \$25 and can be paid to the treasurer, Al Snyder, at the meeting either in cash or by check. Any questions about your account can be addressed to the treasurer. His email address is: allensnyder1217@aol.com

CHOW LINE



Our meal will be from Chick-Fil-A. Please pay the Treasurer **\$15 in unmarked bills** when you arrive.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 (NKJV)

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

As I was considering what devotional scripture would be most important for this month, I looked on the end table next to my La-Z-Boy in our bonus room and noticed a post-it note on which I had previously written **1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18**. A short time later that same evening during an advertising break in the Great American Family movie that my wife Karen and I were watching, these same verses were displayed on the screen. That's as close to a divine revelation as anything that's happened to me recently.

In Paul's first letter to the church in Thessalonica, he concludes each of the five chapters with the hope that we Christians have--that Jesus Christ is coming back for us and that He has a much better place prepared for us. Further, Paul stressed that as Christians we can be encouraged by the hope, the joy, and the rejoicing that we will experience in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming.

Our senior pastor recently reminded us of the loss of lives we have experienced recently in our congregation, and that we will naturally grieve losing our Christian family members and friends.

However, he added that we must also celebrate their lives and remember that they are in a much better place with Jesus.

Oftentimes, we are faced with physical, medical, and emotional circumstances that challenge our ability to follow Paul's guidance to the Thessalonian Christians to have joy and give thanks in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. As an example, recently many people in the greater Nashville and surrounding areas were adversely affected by the winter ice storm that caused the loss of electricity and other essential services, as well as the loss of many lives. In such cases, we must always remember that God is in control and that we should pray to and rely on Him for help to overcome our difficulties.

In His service,
John M. Pickler,
LTG (USA, Retired)

SICK CALL

I just heard from Pete Warner, TN Council of Chapters President, that he is recovering from emergency surgery this week in Chattanooga. Please keep Pete and his family in your thoughts & prayers.

If you know of anyone in our chapter who is sick or under the weather, please let me know.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

2 April
7 May
4 June

PRESIDENT'S WORDS OF WISDOM:

February has been an interesting month. From the lingering effects of the ice storm to the Olympics to a very unpopular VA ruling, there has been much to talk about.

I watched a little bit of the Olympics. I always feel pride when the United States competes and comes out with a place on the podium. We managed to come home from the winter games with 33 medals this year, second only to Norway's 41. The most exciting gold was probably the men's hockey team beating Canada. What did you think? Did you watch?

If you missed the news this past week regarding the VA ruling, I encourage you to go to the MOAA website www.moaa.org and read the story **VA Releases, Then Reverses, New Rule on Veterans' Disability Benefits**. Let there be no doubt that we, as veterans, have a very strong voice. When organizations such as MOAA, the VFW and the American Legion all rally regarding an issue, that strong voice becomes a deafening roar and it is heard loud and clear. Remember that when we gather for our monthly meetings. While we do enjoy our speakers, sharing a meal together and fellowship with other veterans, we can do more. It is imperative to lend your voice to issues that are important to us.

An easy way to make your opinions known is to contact your elected representatives at the local, state and national level. At the congressional level, MOAA makes that process very easy. See the **Legislative Action Card** included at the end of this newsletter for help in doing so. Our advocacy is a means of getting significant legislation passed that improves the lives of all service members, active and retired. Don't be afraid to use your voice. It matters.

Finally, as I write this, I see that Spring is only 25 days away. I don't know about you, but I am ready for longer days and warmer temperatures. Hope to see you all on the 5th!

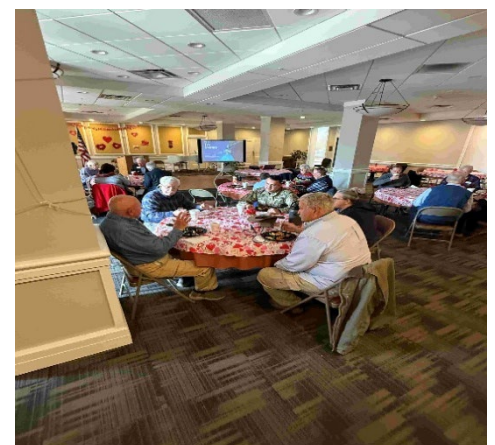
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615-267-6300
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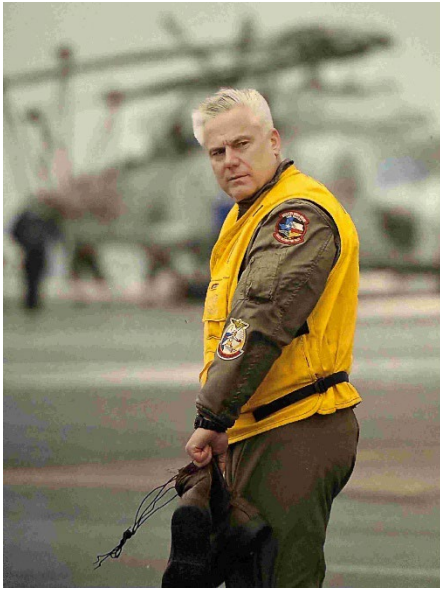
FEBRUARY MEETING



Our speaker in February was Ray Knotts from the Tennessee Valley Authority. He gave a very good overview of the TVA including its history, its mission and how it meets growing demand across our region.

Member Spotlight

CDR Dan Case, USN (Ret)



CDR (ret) Daniel Case was born in Hendersonville, NC and graduated from Clemson University with a BS degree in Computer Engineering in 1992. He was selected for Aviation Officer's Candidate School and was commissioned an Ensign in the United States Navy in January 1993. He attended flight school in Milton, FL and selected E-2C Hawkeyes as his platform. He was designated a Naval Aviator in December 1994. His first tour was with VAW-126 "Seahawks" out of Norfolk, VA where he participated in operations in the Arabian Gulf, including Operation Desert Fox in Iraq and operations over the Former Republic of Yugoslavia. CDR Case received Hawkeye Pilot of the Year in 1999. His next tour was as an instructor with VT-31 "Wise Owls" in Corpus Christi, TX. He then reported to the USS Theodore Roosevelt aircraft carrier in Norfolk, VA as the Assistant Strike Officer where he participated in Iraqi Freedom. CDR Case then reported to VAW-112 "Golden Hawks" in Point Mugu, CA for his department head tour where he

conducted operations in the Arabian Gulf and Iraq. He then reported to the Naval War College in Newport, RI where he received his Masters Degree. He next reported to Suffolk VA where he was the Operations Officer for Joint Forces Command Coalition Warrior Interoperability Demonstration which provided rapid acquisition of commercial C4ISR technology to the military. CDR Case then did his XO/CO tour at VT-27 "Boomers" in Corpus Christi, TX. He then reported to the USS Theodore Roosevelt aircraft carrier in Norfolk, VA as the Airboss. CDR Case retired from the Navy in 2014 with over 5000 flight hours and 350 traps in five different aircraft. He also received his Airline Transport Pilot certification.

He then moved to Middle Tennessee to be the Senior Naval Science Instructor at Wilson Central High School NJROTC where he taught for the past 12 years earning the unit multiple Unit Achievement Awards. He has been married to Francesca Deffer for over 28 years and has one daughter, Caroline, who is at the University of Nebraska Medical Center completing her MD/PhD. He now spends his free time motorcycle traveling/camping. He is also a certified Motorcycle Safety Foundation instructor and teaches with MidTenn Motorcycle Training during the weekends.

Veteran's Crisis Line

Dial 988 → press 1 or Text 838255

This line serves veterans, service members, National Guard & Reserve members, and those who support them.

Available 24/7 365 days of the year

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

Why join MOAA? Advocacy for servicemembers. The more members, the more influence on Capitol Hill. Legislative news & chapters that keep members up to date on the latest legislative news as well as putting them in contact with fellow service members. Also, you'll receive help transitioning into the civilian world from active duty, not to mention financial assistance, and a variety of travel & entertainment discounts. Our chapter sends out a newsletter each month via email to all members to keep you in the loop nationally and locally.

If you are interested in joining our chapter or have questions about MOAA, feel free to talk with any officer, board member, or member of the chapter. The 1st Vice President / Membership Chair's phone number is 615-347-2655 and email is dansullenger@aol.com.



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VIETNAM VETERAN LAPEL PIN

All living U.S. veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time during the period of 1 November 1955 to 15 May 1975 regardless of location, are eligible to receive this lapel pin. Please let us know if you served during this period and we will get you your pin!

MOAA UPDATED PRIVACY POLICY

MOAA has updated its privacy policy. You can go to the website & read the whole thing

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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The following is taken verbatim from the MOAA website:

MOAA CEO Outlines Key Priorities at Joint Veterans Hearing

By MOAA Staff

Lawmakers have the opportunity to provide sorely needed support for veteran caregivers, protect service-earned benefits from for-profit "claim sharks," and shore up critical transition-assistance programs for those leaving service by passing three bipartisan bills already moving through Congress, MOAA's president and CEO told a joint committee hearing Feb. 24 on Capitol Hill.

Lt. Gen. Brian T. Kelly, USAF (Ret), testified alongside fellow veterans advocates before House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee members in Washington, D.C., using his remarks to stress the importance of three bills on MOAA's priority list:

The Veteran Caregiver Reeducation, Reemployment, and Retirement Act, which offers financial guidance along with career and retirement support that "helps family members avoid choosing between caring for a veteran and securing their own future," Kelly told lawmakers.

The Governing Unaccredited Representatives Defrauding (GUARD) VA Benefits Act, which provides tools to stop unregulated companies from charging veterans for help with disability claims and "restores accountability without restricting access to lawful, accredited assistance," Kelly said.

The TAP Promotion Act, which allows groups like MOAA to play a more important role in the transition process and "ensures servicemembers and their family members receive timely, accurate information before separation, not after problems arise," Kelly said. Understanding trusted sources of this information allows veterans to find "the right places to follow up to make sure they can get access to all their benefits," the CEO added in response to a question from Rep. Nancy Mace (R-S.C.), who chaired the hearing.

Kelly linked the need for streamlined provision of service-earned veterans benefits with the strength of the all-volunteer force, noting MOAA's work on behalf of those in and out of uniform, including the development of the people-focused TotalForce+ event.

"From first salute to final honors, how we care for those who serve and those who stand beside them directly impacts who is willing to serve next," Kelly said.



Legislative Action Center Card



TAKE ACTION!

GROUND ZERO

Open your browser and go to www.moaa.org

STEP 1

Click Log In and enter your MOAA username and password ***IF this is your first time, you must enter correct address that is displayed in the box that is shown.***

STEP 2

From the top menu, click Advocacy

STEP 3

Select Legislative Action Center from the dropdown

STEP 4

Browse the list and choose a campaign you support ***IF responding to a "Take Action" Alert, the campaign will appear on screen.**

STEP 5

Review the pre-written message and personalize if desired

STEP 6

Click Send to submit your message to Congress

STEP 7

Look for the confirmation screen – your action is complete

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