

**Ozark Regional Chapter of MOAA
General Membership Meeting
26 March 26**

-Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Prayer.

-Guest Speaker: David Neal, Captain, USN (ret), Senior Naval Science Instructor, JROTC Bentonville School System.

-Golf Tournament: Topgolf for fundraising option in leu of golf tournament. ... no action on this item, remains open. Need chairperson.

-Scholarships: JROTC is primary focus for applications. Application packet to JROTC advisors for distribution.

-Legislation: Craig.

-Treasury: Alan; attached... Cheddar App; Member's dues for 2026 can be posted here. Need members to pay dues.

-Communications/Web page/Public relations: Dan; Web pages update. Article about NWA Foodbank volunteerism in March 26, MOAA Magazine.

Guest Speaker Format: March: Dave Neal, JROTC Advisor, Bentonville Schools,

Membership/Recruiting: Craig.

Surviving Spouse Liaison: Ann Baker has now been confirmed through MOAA national.

Ozark Regional Chapter NWA Food Bank/Feed America: Dan, Next planned volunteer day?

SDIA/Hero Ranch/Warrior Path: Andy...volunteer opportunities for anyone to schedule service dates. Spring weather usually makes volunteer opportunities for disaster relief.

-Grants/Fund raising: Need Chairman for writing grants. Alan is working on grants. I have placed request for 3 separate outreach grants offered by MOAA National; we should hear back from them in March.

COC ITEMS: + We will have Richard Hartness, Arkansas COC president at or May Gen Membership meeting. Encourage attendance! + ARKANSAS MOAA CONVENTION 2026; Saturday, 25 July 2026 from 0930-1630, Camp Robinson APEX Complex. Cafeteria-style lunch, mid-afternoon "snack" and no host Social Hour at Convention conclusion. \$30 per attendee. Casual dress, please wear Chapter name tag. RSVP to Nelson Seal with full name and spouse name (if attending) by 6 July 26.

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Flag Program Director & Treasures Report

1. Arkansas US Flag Education Program Presentations

a. The Google Calendar linked to the Events Calendar on our Chapter website is being populated with Flag Education Program presentation information for the 2025-26 school year as they are scheduled. Chapter members are invited to attend a specific schools presentation. Please let the presenter know ahead of time of your attendance so you can be introduced at the start of the presentation.

b. On September 8, 2025, we began our fifth-year teaching US Flag etiquette to fifth grade students in Benton County AR and McDonald County MO. For the 2025-26 school year, the number of schools contacted, scheduled and taught along with the number of

students scheduled and taught through March 24th are listed below:

- Schools contacted: 44
- Schools scheduled: 1
- Schools taught: 39
- Students scheduled: 100
- Students taught: 4,689

We have taught more students so far this school year than the previous high of 4,124 students taught during the 2023-24 school year. During the past five years that we have been offering this program, we have taught a total of 16,388 students.

On March 9, 2026, I ordered and subsequently received 5,100 US Flag lapel pins for the 2026-27 school year. The total cost, including tax, was \$744.43. The price per pin, before taxes, was \$0.133. We do not have enough Long May It Wave brochures for the last currently scheduled school in April. In early March, I ordered 5,000 Long May It Wave brochures at a cost of \$1,037.14 which should be sufficient not only for the remainder of this school year, but for the 2026-27 school year as well. The cost per brochure was \$0.189. Our total cost of our US Flag Education Program for the 2026-27 school year will be \$1,781.56.

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c. On March 17, 2026, I met with the 2 nd Vice Commander of the Siloam Springs American Legion Post who conducts Flag etiquette education for Siloam Springs School District 3rd and 4th grade students.

He is a member of the NWA Chapter of MOAA and had that chapter provide Flag etiquette education to the Siloam Springs School District 5 th grade students this school year. We discussed the agreement we have with our sister Chapter to conduct US Flag Education in Benton County while they do the same for Washington County. We went over our presentation slide by slide and he really liked our presentation. We are going to work with the Siloam Sprins American Legion Post to present to the Siloam Springs School District 5 th grade students next school year before Veterans Day.

On March 16, 2025, I was informed we are going to receive a \$250.00 donation from the Cape Fair Missouri Eagles for our US Flag Education Program. They heard about what we are doing to educate our youth in proper US Flag etiquette and wanted to support our efforts.

2. Arvest Account Balances as of March 10, 2026:

- Non-interest Checking: \$ 619.02
- Money Market: \$5,240.71
- Total \$5,859.73

a. There was one deposit of \$750.00 into the Money Market account from the Checking account during March. There were two deposits of \$770.00 and \$40.00, on March 4 th and 12 th respectively, into the Checking account. There were no expenses or withdrawals from the checking or Money Market accounts, respectively, since the February report.

b. Interest on our Money Market account was \$4.78 on February 27, 2026.

3. 2026 Income Tax Return. On February 23, 2026, I checked the IRS website for filing our 2026 income tax return (Form 990-N Electronic Notice (e-Postcard)). On February 23, 2026, I attempted to file Form 990-N for tax year 2025. The IRS still has the name associated with our EIN as the Bella Vista Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America. I will periodically check the website for the electronic submission of Form 990-N to see if our name has been updated. If necessary, I will call the IRS again to ascertain why our name change has not been updated. We have two months before our submission is due. If they do not change our name by the filing date, I will file under our previous name so we are not delinquent with the IRS.

On March 12, 2026, I attempted again to file the Chapter Form 990-N for tax year 2025. As in my attempt on February 23, 2026, the IRS still has the name associated with our EIN as the Bella Vista Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America. I called

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the IRS again on March 12, 2026, and talked to IRS representative Ms. Young (IRS #1004980798). She informed me that the IRS is still showing our name as the Bella Vista Chapter of MOAA. When I asked her how I was able to file our 2024 Form 990-N under our new name, she had no explanation as to how that could have occurred. She saw the “referral” made by the previous IRS representative on January 26 th . She said that the “Communications Department” has 45 days to act on the referral, which is up today, March 12 th . (Previously, I was told that the IRS had 30 days to act on the “referral.”) Then, it takes another two weeks for the change to be effective. So, I have to wait until March 27 th to see if the name change has been affected. If it hasn’t been changed by that date, I am to call the IRS back again.

4. MOAA Online Chapter Dues Program. Our online Chapter’s Dues Program is active on the MOAA website, and four Chapter members have paid their 2026 annual dues through the online program. The funds have been downloaded to our Chapter checking account. Three Chapter members have also made donations to our scholarship program through this website in 2026. On March 11, 2026, I created a Charitable Donations heading that contains the ability to make donations to our Chapter Scholarship Fund, Sheep Dog Impact Assistance and the NWA Food Bank.

Donations can be made to all three charities with a single login. Donations to Sheep Dog Impact Assistance and NWA Food Bank via the MOAA website will result in the Chapter presenting a check to each organization. I track the donations to each charity on a separate spreadsheet.

5. Chapter Support for Veterans Council of Northwest Arkansas We currently have a grant request into The JB Hunt Charitable Giving Foundation to fund replacing unserviceable flags at the Bella Vista Wall of Honor this year. Last year, The Foundation notified applicants of their success/non-support in early March. On March 13, 2026, I received an email from JB Hunt Charitable Giving informing us that due to a limited budget our grant applications submitted in December 2025 were unable to be supported.

6. Grant Applications: It remains my goal to try and submit one grant application per month. Arvest Bank supports many worthy causes through financial contributions to nonprofit community organizations. On January 12, 2026, I applied to Arvest Bank for a financial contribution in the amount of \$1,760.30 to fund our US Flag Education Program for the 2026-27 school year. I requested funds by May 31, 2026. To date, we have not received a response from Arvest Bank. There were no grant applications submitted in March 2026.

Sincerely,

Alan G. Nabb, Lt Col, USAF, Retired

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Board Members and Regional POCs:

	<i>CURRENT/ NOMINEE</i>	<i>NOTES</i>
Chapter President (elected)	Andy Seal	Secretary
1 st Vice President (elected)	Craig Barkley	
2 nd Vice President (elected)	Dan Shaffer	Media
Secretary (elected)	NONE	
Treasurer (elected)	Alan Nabb	Flag program
Programs Chair (appointed)	Dan Schaffer	
Membership Chair (appointed)	Craig Barkley	
ROTC Programs (appointed) NJROTC	None >Col Crawford POC Andy POC	Chair would interact with college and high school ROTC programs in the area. Did not attend Nov dinner.
Pastoral Chair (appointed)	David Ormsby	Goal is to expand this program to include outreach to members. Would require attending board meetings as needed. ..not present, no action
Legislative Chair (appointed)	Craig Barkley	
Surviving Spouse Liaison (appointed)	Ann Baker	Request to nat. office to establish as member and get ID number for her.
Scholarship Chair (appointed)	None	
Flags/Schools Chair (appointed)	Alan Nabb, Stephen Sexton	Continues with strong program. Program expenses reimbursement.

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-ROTC: NWA Mentoring program contact: Bob Crawford POC

-NJROTC: David Neal, Capt., USN (Ret) and Dustin Cormier, USN, HSM (Ret)
instructor.