

Ozark Regional Chapter of MOAA

28 Jan 2025 General Membership Agenda

Pledge of Allegiance. Prayer

-Golf Tournament: Ron 17 May is approved.

-Legislation: Craig;

MOAA 2025 Advocates in Action campaign, 7-10 April, Arlington VA., Registration in early Jan.

-Treasury: Alan;

-Communications/Web page/Public relations: Dan;

-Membership/Recruiting: Jon; Steve Walrath..potential member

-MOAA Community Outreach:

NWA Food Bank/Feed America: (quarterly), Dan: Next event 15 Feb 25

Veteran's Council of NWA: Wall of Honor/Flags: Alan

Warrior Path: Andy, Moving into the spring they would like assistance doing mowing, weed-eating, ect

-Grants/Fund raising: Need Chairman for writing grants.

MOAA Foundation Community Outreach and Need to place applications.

Bingo Benefit: Inquire about another event in 2025

JB Hunt Charity Giving grant: Alan and Dan have posted a proposal.

-NJROTC:

Commander: Offer has been made for new hire.

Instructor: Dustin Cormier, HSM Retired

-ROTC: NWA Mentoring program contact: Bob Crawford POC

Board Members:

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	<i>CURRENT/ NOMINEE</i>	<i>NOTES</i>
Chapter President (elected)	Andy Seal	Secretary
1 st Vice President (elected)	Craig Barkely	
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)	Jon Boswell	
ROTC Programs (appointed)	None >Col Crawford POC	Chair would interact with college and high school ROTC programs in the area. Did not attend Nov dinner.
NJROTC	Andy POC	
Pastoral Chair (appointed)	None	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	Will attend southern region conference in Dallas this next week.
Surviving Spouse Liaison (appointed)	None	
Scholarship Chair (appointed)	None	
Flags/Schools Chair (appointed)	Alan Nabb	Continues with strong program. Program expenses reimbursement.

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23 January 2025 MOAA Ozark Regional Chapter Communications Director's Report for 20 December 2024 - 22 January 2025

1. Continued to keep the Chapter's Web Site current and accurate as much as possible. Emphasis continues to make sure the next major chapter event is highlighted at the top of the landing page, all links work and the linked information is current and up-to-date. Did add photos and captions to the site from the 7 December Feeding America NWA Rogers Food Bank Volunteer Event.
2. Continued to keep the Chapter's Facebook Group active and up-to-date with the latest happenings. Emphasis continues on creating and posting events for announcing both General Membership and Board Meetings and Volunteer Events. Did add photos and brief descriptions to the Facebook Group from the 7 December NWA Rogers Food Bank Volunteer Event.
3. Reached out to our Rogers Food Bank POC, to find out the next Saturday Volunteer Even and let the membership know. The next event is on 15 February, 0900 to 1100hrs. Sent an email to a number of members asking if they are available to support the Food Bank on that day and time. The Chapter is committed to providing six volunteers at a minimum. Follow-on Action: Follow-up with Chapter members NLT than 8 February if no one has volunteered. Let our Food Bank POC know how many from the Chapter will be supporting the Saturday event.
4. Found out from our Rogers Food Bank POC the minimum age to volunteer at the Food Bank is 13 years old.
5. Reached out multiple times via text to a Col Sick, Air Force Retired, living in Rogers, AR. Although he seemed very interested during the 2024 Holiday Season, have not heard back from him since.
6. Follow-on Action (carry over from the September, October and December 2024 Reports): Assist Alan as needed in putting together a grant proposal for presentation to one or more Sponsors with an existing Walton Family Foundation relationship. New Action: Reach out to our contact (Matthew Carr) within the Walton Family Foundation (WFF) and see if he can find out why the NWA Veterans Council has not heard back fro the WFF about their grant application.
7. Follow-on Action (carry over from the September, October and December 2024 Reports): Assuming we decide to offer businesses and individuals the opportunity t sponsor a hole at our first annual Chapter Golf Tournament in the Spring of 2025, I will as my son to approach the Ozark Electric Co-Op leadership about sponsoring a hole.
8. Follow-on Action (carry over from the September, October and December 2024 Reports): Continue to work with Andy to develop a Chapter monthly/bi-monthly/quarterly newsletter for publication some time in the future. Andy to send his first draft to me/Da
9. Follow-on Action (carry over from the September, October and December 2024 Reports): Work with Andy and the other Board members in discussing and finalizing th Chapter's 2025 Goals. The finalized goals will be included in the newsletter Andy i drafting.
10. Follow-on Action (carry over from the September, October and December 2024 Reports): Discuss the Guest Speaker list with the other Board Members with the goal of narrowing the list to 6 potential candidates, approaching the candidates and at least tentatively schedule them for a future Chapter Meeting in 2025-2026.

Dan Shaffer/23 January 2

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Flag Program Director's and Treasurer's Report

January 19, 2025

1. Chapter Name Change

- a. On July 29, 2024, I sent an email to National MOAA to update our Chapter name on the MOAA Chapter map, which still listed our name as the Bella Vista Chapter. On August 20th, I had a call from National MOAA responding to my email of July 29th. The National representative stated that the MOAA Chapter map has been taken offline and our name change will be updated when the Chapter map is reactivated. On January 19, 2025, I accessed the MOAA Chapter map and our name change has not been implemented. I'll keep monitoring to ensure our name change has been made wherever appearing on the national MOAA website.
- b. I sent a letter on April 8, 2024, to the Arkansas Council of Chapters to change our name on their website. As of July 18, 2024, the Arkansas Council of Chapters had yet to update our Chapter name. As a result, I sent the Arkansas Council of Chapters a second request on July 18, 2024. On January 19, 2025, I checked the Arkansas Council of Chapters website and our Chapter is still listed as the Bella Vista Chapter.

2. 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 as they are scheduled. Chapter members are invited to attend a specific school's presentation. Just let me know ahead of time of your attendance so I can introduce you at the start of the presentation.
- b. To date, we have contacted, to be scheduled, scheduled and taught the following number of schools/students:
 - Schools contacted: 38
 - Schools responded: 33
 - Schools accepted: 32

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- Schools declined: 1
- Estimated students to be scheduled: 810
- Students scheduled: 575
- Students taught: 2,872
- **Students Total:** **4,257**

Note 1: Anderson Elementary School in McDonald County, Missouri originally scheduled our presentation for October 29, 2024. On October 15, 2024, we were notified by the principal of the school that they had no time for our program this year, i.e., a school at which we have presented the past two years. I sent a nice reply indicating that if the principal changes her mind, we offer the program throughout the school year. Of the remaining elementary schools in McDonald County, we have presented at all five schools.

3. Arvest Account Balances as of December 31, 2024:

- Non-interest Checking: \$ 794.32
- Money Market: \$2,679.67
- **Total** **\$3,473.99**

a. There were no deposits or expenses during December.

b. Interest on our Money Market account was \$3.86 on December 31, 2024.

4. Certificates of Deposit

I still need to research distant credit unions such as the PedFed Credit Union, Navy Federal Credit Union, USAA, etc.

5. Chapter's Rejected Income Tax Returns

On September 16, 2024, I contacted the IRS Accounting Department and spoke to Ms. Parker. She informed me that since our 2021 and 2022 tax returns had been filed in paper form (which we were required to do) versus electronically, she could not verify that the IRS had our Forms 990-EZ for tax years 2021 and 2022 even though they were sent in the same envelope with the Forms 990-EZ for tax years 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020. Ms. Parker instructed me to include copies of the Forms 990-EZ for tax years 2021 and 2022 with the

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return of our rejected 2020 tax return. The three tax returns with a cover letter were sent by priority mail to the IRS in Ogden, UT, on September 19, 2024. In November, the Chapter received a letter from the IRS dated October 31, 2024 stating that the IRS needed an additional 60 days to complete their response to our letter of September 19, 2024. To date, we have not received an IRS response to our letter of September 19, 2024. The next step will be to respond to the direction we receive from the IRS concerning our 2020-, 2021- and 2022-income tax returns.

6. MOAA's Online Chapter's Dues Program. On January 19, 2025, I checked the national MOAA website and it appears that Cheddar Up is now operational to pay Chapter dues online and to make donations to the Chapter. Currently, 22 Chapters have links to pay dues and donations online. One Chapter has included a link to make payments to organizations that the Chapter supports such as Honor Flights, Tunnel to Towers, Folds or Honor, etc. I have included screen shots of three Chapter payment sites from the national MOAA website below. We need to take an action item if we wish to use this method to collect dues and donations.

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Heritage Chapter Payments

For collecting payments to the MOAA Heritage Chapter

Annual Dues - one year
\$20.00

Add to Cart

Heritage Chapter Scholarship Fund
Enter Amount

Enter Amount

Surviving Spouse Annual Dues
\$10.00

Add to Cart

MOAA-Alamo Chapter Dues

MOAA Alamo Chapter's vision is to be the primary advocate for the military community. Our mission is to provide information, support and social engagement to members; offer programs and services for the common good of the military community; and support MOAA at the national, state and local levels with a powerful voice.

Annual Chapter Dues-New Members
\$25.00

Add to Cart

Annual Chapter Dues-Renewing Members
\$25.00

Add to Cart

Donation to MOAA-Alamo Chapter
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Donation to MOAA-Alamo Chapter Educational Fund
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Chapter Join/Dues & Donate

This is a once per calendar year payment to join or to renew membership. Dues are due for each year not later than 31 Jan but may be paid as early as you wish in the previous year. If your dues are current in the calendar year you make this payment, it will be applied as the next year's dues.

Calendar Year Dues (or Join Fee) \$25.00	Add to Cart
Donation: General Chapter Support Ops Enter Amount	Enter Amount
Donation: Designated to Specific Purpose Enter Amount	Enter Amount

7. Chapter Support for Veterans Council of Northwest Arkansas

Our support for replacing unserviceable flags at the Bella Vista Wall of Honor hinges on our success with the JB Hunt grant application (see paragraph 8b below) or another funding source.

8. Grant Applications:

- a. Walton Family Foundation Grant.

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- (1) On September 25, 2024, Dan and I attended a Zoom Call with Matt Carr from the Walton Family Foundation. Mr. Carr explained that each Walton family member makes distributions to their specific charities. He recommended that we go to the website www.waltonfamilyfoundation.org/grants to find out with which Walton family member we should work. Unfortunately, the database does not identify which Walton family member supports a specific grant.

- (2) The Walton Family Foundation database has four funding areas: special projects, environment, education and home region. The database has a search engine that if you search the word "military," it returns 9 military affiliated organizations that received 12 grants over the past 26 years. If you search the word "veteran," it returns 9 veteran's organizations that received 40 grants over the past 19 years. If you search the words "Bella Vista," it returns 167 grants that have been given to Bella Vista organizations for bike paths, school crossing guard programs, etc.

- (3) The Walton Family Foundation does not accept "unsolicited" grant proposals, except from public charter school developers who meet certain criteria. Because the Foundation only accepts "solicited" proposals, an organization interested in applying for a grant must first send a brief letter of inquiry. The letter should succinctly describe the organization and the proposed project, specify and briefly explain its relevance to a particular Walton Family Foundation funding area and initiative, and provide an estimate of the funds that would be requested.

- (4) The Foundation staff will review the letter of inquiry and respond to the organization regarding the project's relevance to their focus areas. If, based on the letter of inquiry, the project appears to match their funding criteria and priorities, the applicant may be invited to submit a formal grant proposal and budget. An applicant is not to submit a formal grant proposal until an invitation to do so is received. Additionally, an invitation to submit a formal grant proposal does not mean that funding will be approved.

- (5) Applicants must construct performance measures for the application.
 - WHAT will change or be accomplished through the program,
 - WHO will create the change or accomplishment,
 - WHEN the change or accomplishment will occur,
 - HOW MUCH change will occur or what the level of accomplishment will be, and
 - HOW WE WILL KNOW the change occurred.

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- (6) It appears the next step is to decide what we want to change or accomplish and then submit the letter of inquiry. For example, we could apply for a \$30,000 grant to complete a section of the Bella Vista Wall of Honor.
- b. JB Hunt Grant Application. A grant application was submitted to JB Hunt on December 6, 2024. The JB Hunt grant application supports the following three projects: (1) Fully fund the US Flag Education Program for 2025-26 school year; (2) Fully fund replacement flags for the Bella Vista Wall of Honor for 2025; and (3) Fully fund tuition for three high school juniors to attend Arkansas Boys State in 2025. As of January 19, 2025, we have not received any correspondence or notification as to the status of this grant application. Note: The tuition for Arkansas Girls State is free.
- c. It remains my goal to try and submit one grant application per month.