



**GENERAL ANDREW JACKSON CHAPTER
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(GAJMOAA)**

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Our Special Guest is

Dr. Jackie Pair

Dr. Jackie Pair is a 30-year is currently working as a Specialist, Licensed Acudetox Specialist, and specialist with the VA Murfreesboro and primary focus is veteran issues as well as post-while using alternative



retired Army Veteran and Vocational Development Clinical Social Worker, as an employment Hospitals in Nashville, Chattanooga, TN. Her employment and homeless traumatic stress disorder treatments.

She is married to John (a has one daughter and Her military and civilian

military retiree) and three grandchildren. backgrounds include

veterinary medicine, computer systems, recruiting, adjunct teaching, acudetox, as well as equal opportunity and human resources. Jackie has two Bachelor of Science degrees, one from Cameron University in Sociology Lawton, OK and the other from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, IL in Workforce Education, Training & Development. She possesses a graduate certification in Organizational Leadership, two Master of Science degrees in Social Work from the University of Oklahoma and HR Management from Chapman University in Orange, CA. She possesses a Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) from Stanford University in Stanford, CA. She is completing a Doctoral Degree in Leadership, Research and Education (EdD) with Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, TN. Dr. Pair is also a board certified Acudetox Specialist.

Her volunteer efforts include Senior Vice Commander and event coordinator for Disabled Veterans of America Chapter #3 Nashville, she is a Member the USO of Nashville and is on the action board of Volunteers of America Mid-States. Dr. Pair has been a member of PGA Hope which is a part of her programs for alternative treatments for over three years. She is also a member of the Women Veterans of America as well as Wounded Warriors. Dr. Pair was an adjunct faculty with Austin Peay University in Clarksville and National College in Nashville. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Stars and Daughters of Isis as well as a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Pi Zeta Grad Chapter. Dr. Pair is also a member of the military Sorority Nu Gamma Epsilon which embodies sisterhood, service, charity, and goodwill regarding female military veterans. Dr. Pair's latest volunteer endeavor has been to be elected to the Donelson Hermitage Exchange as a voting member. She is active on the praise and worship teams at Scenic View Baptist Church in Nashville, TN and First Baptist Church Hopewell in Old Hickory, TN.

Let's make her feel welcome!

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Psalm 139: 8-10

If I take the wings of the morning,
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;
Even there shall thy hand lead me,
And thy right hand shall hold me.
KJV

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

God is ALWAYS with us - whatever situation we're in.

CH Tom Sarver, COL, USMC

Sick Call

If you know of a member or their spouse/significant other who is ill, please let me know.

Condolences

Dot Ponder, wife of MOAA Member Phil Ponder, has passed. Visitation will be August 29th from four until seven at the St. Stephen Catholic Community, 14544 Lebanon Road in Old Hickory and also August 30th from nine until ten AM followed by Catholic Mass. Burial will be at the Hermitage Memorial Garden, 6535 Schutes Lane, Hermitage, TN immediately following the service. Please keep Phil & the girls in your prayers during this difficult time.

BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER

MAJ (R) Randy Harris	07
CPT (R) Mickey Ponder	08
LCDR (R) Gordon Jones	10

Belated Happy Birthday to the Tennessee National guard that turned 250 years old on 17 August.

Happy Birthday to the US Air Force that will be 77 years old on 18 September!

HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

PRESIDENT'S WORDS OF WISDOM

Where has the summer gone? Vacations are slowing down, the kids are back in school, pumpkin spice is now the dominant flavor for everything for the next couple of months, Halloween decorations are now in stores & ready to be bought but the most important thing is IT'S FOOTBALL TIME IN TENNESSEE! I'm already looking at my football jerseys & clothing in anticipation of the first games (preseason games really don't count unless you're trying to make the team). I can't tell you how excited I am. The slate is clean & there is hope for a great season filled with championship games & trophies. Also, there are the tailgate parties & the chance to reconnect with folks you only see on football weekends. It is a glorious time.

I am also looking at my closet to see what I can still fit in from last season & what I absolutely NEED to buy for this season. To make room for new purchases, I will have to discard other items. There is an opportunity to clean out your coat closet to make room for new items. I urge you to do as I am doing & bring in new or gently used coats. Immanuel Baptist Church in Lebanon will be distributing them to those less fortunate so they can have a warm winter. Let's give back to our community.

Bobbie

Upcoming meeting dates:

3 October

7 November

5 December

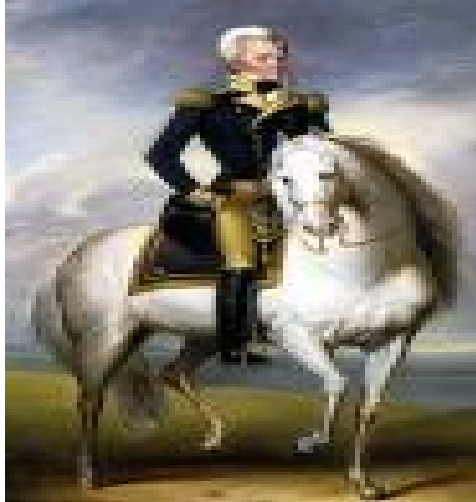
COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Immanuel Baptist Church in Lebanon is sponsoring a Warmup Wilson County Coat Drive from 20 August to 17 September. They are asking for new or gently used coats. Bring them to our September meeting & I will take them to the church. You can also deliver them yourself to the Salt & Light House on Tuesdays & Thursdays 0900 – 1500. Contact me (Bell) for the address.

ID Cards:

CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT

- Smyrna Training Site 615-267-6300
- Berry Field 615-660-8607



CHAPTER HISTORY

The chapter was chartered on 17 November 2007. There were seven founding members with five of them Tennessee National Guardsmen: COL (R) John Lloyd, COL (R) William Wynns, COL (R) Frank Pointer, Ltc (R) Jim Henderson. & CW5 Gary Nokes; COL (R) Tom Sarver and MAJ (R) Dan Sullenger were the two additional founders, both of which are Marines. Other early individuals who joined the chapter in October 2007 are: William G. McAlister, Bernie S. Bass, J. Richard Colby, Danny C. Farmer, James R. Roberts, James T. Kardatzke, James C. Tanksley, Russell B. Driver, Henry S. Richards, Dorothy E. Jordan, Curtis H. Landers, Don R. Deering, Kent Russ, Andrew Waynick, Joseph C. Thomas, & Bruce R. Jones. They chose to meet the first Thursday of each month & the meeting be a luncheon one. The reasoning behind this date was that one of the founding members' wives had a church meeting at the same time so it was a convenient time for him! The luncheon meeting was decided because the founding members were retired & this time did not take away from family needs. The Chapter has met at McKendree Village in Hermitage since the beginning. The location at the complex has changed but the meetings have been there except for a brief period during COVID when the facility limited outsiders coming in. At that point, the meetings were held down the road in Hermitage at a local restaurant, Meatballs. Originally, McKendree even allowed the Chapter to go through the facility's cafeteria & eat with the residents. That was stopped after the Chapter returned following COVID.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The following Legislative action is taken verbatim from a letter from MG Vogel:

In this pivotal year for our nation's servicemembers and veterans, MOAA remains at the forefront in the fight for key legislative changes. Our spring campaign event, Advocacy in Action, saw hundreds of supporters from across the nation gathering on Capitol Hill to spotlight critical issues affecting the uniformed services and veteran communities.

MOAA is grateful to you and others who have engaged in our advocacy efforts through MOAA's Legislative Action Center. To sustain this momentum, we are urging you and our more than 360,000 members to engage with elected officials during the congressional summer recess. Legislators will be in their home states for the next month, providing a unique opportunity for personal outreach.

Key MOAA advocacy priorities:

- **Junior Enlisted Pay Raise:** Competitive pay remains critical to the health of the all-volunteer force, and both the House and the Senate seek to address this issue in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The House NDAA calls for servicemembers E-1 to E-4 to receive a 15% pay raise beyond the 4.5% earmarked for all in uniform. While the Senate version calls for an additional 1% increase for servicemembers E-1 to E-3 (beyond the 4.5% raise).
- **Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) Restoration:** Access to quality housing and promoting financial wellness are important to sustaining the all-volunteer force. Restoring BAH addresses both issues. The House version of the NDAA would restore BAH to 100% for FY 2025 – a move toward MOAA's goal of full repeal of the BAH reduction, but not a permanent fix. Unfortunately, the Senate version does not address the issue.
- **Major Richard Star Act:** Tens of thousands of combat-injured veterans lose a dollar of earned DoD retirement pay for every dollar of VA disability compensation. For three years in a row, over two-thirds of Congress has supported the Star Act, which would end that unjust financial offset. Despite this vast support, neither version of the NDAA includes the bill. However, it is critical lawmakers continue to hear about this important issue, especially as we approach the start of the 119th Congress.

Stay informed with upcoming updates through our [magazine](#) and [The MOAA Newsletter](#), follow MOAA on [social media](#), and watch our weekly [Advocacy Update](#) on MOAA's YouTube channel.

Your participation amplifies our collective voice in shaping policies that support our nation's servicemembers past and present, and their families. Thank you for your continued dedication to MOAA's mission.

Best Regards,

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Editor's Note: There are some things that you will find on each newsletter such as the contact info for our members of Congress. Other columns will not have anything new because there isn't anything new. But all these columns are important so please don't just skim over them.

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SURVIVING SPOUSE REPORT

Who Is Best to Serve as an Executor?

One of the many important decisions when making an estate plan is whom to trust to be the executor (of the will) of the deceased's estate. Usually, the executor is named in the last will and testament and is likely the surviving spouse, adult child, a trusted family member, or a trusted friend. Sometimes the executor is an attorney, bank officer, or other impartial agent.

The person named for this important role should be asked if they are willing to assume responsibility and if they understand what the duty entails and what they will be responsible for when the time comes. The duty of executor can be a very complicated and time-consuming role, and no one should be “surprised” to learn they are the executor of an estate. The executor has a legal duty to act primarily for the benefit of another with duties involving good faith, trust, special confidence, and candor.

Many times, married couples just assume their spouse will be the executor of the estate, and that spouse might have no idea of the complexities and requirements, which can vary from state to state. A person who manages money or property for the deceased must exercise a standard of care as imposed by law or contract with specific responsibilities. The administration of an estate generally requires a fair amount of time and energy. Often compensation is allowed, and a court or commissioner of accounts must approve the compensation, which is often a percentage of the assets handled.

Some other duties of an executor include:

- Understand the rules of probate (the official proving and recording of the will as the authentic and valid last will and testament of the deceased).
- Know which asset types that do and do not pass through probate.
- Keep assets under control as a fiduciary, separate from individual, personal and business assets.
- Prepare a complete inventory of all assets in the estate (stocks, bonds, brokerage accounts, bank accounts, life insurance policies, real property, automobiles, and any other assets). Having a complete and accurate inventory of the assets enables the executor to properly manage the estate and satisfy all of the terms of the will.
- Open a separate fiduciary (estate) bank account at a bank that can provide you with the original canceled checks or statements with images of all canceled checks.
- Take possession of the assets of the deceased and inquire about safe deposit boxes and accounts they may have maintained.
- Make an online search for any unclaimed property in the name of the deceased.
- Close bank accounts and transfer funds in a separate account (create an estate account with a separate tax identification number).
- Follow the disbursements to heirs as instructed in the will.
- Document all transactions and prepare to file income tax.

For more information on all the documents an estate plan might include, download MOAA’s Estate Planning Guide.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR Lt. Col. Suzanne Walker, USA (Ret) Walker joined the MOAA staff in 2004 as the executive assistant to the president and the association’s meeting and conference director. Among her current duties, she serves as staff adviser to MOAA’s Surviving Spouse Advisory Council. Connect With Lt. Col. Suzanne Walker, USA (Ret) LinkedIn

MOAA 2024 Election (August 1 – 31, 2024)

As Chapter & Council leaders, you are among MOAA’s most active members, and we look forward to your participation in MOAA’s 2024 election. There will be no paper ballots as in previous years.

To ensure all members are aware of the **changes to the voting process**, please share the following information with your Chapter & Council members.

1. August 1 – 31, 2024 members can cast their votes by going to <https://www.moaa.org/> and following the voting instructions provided.

2. **Online Only.** To cast your vote, you will first need to log into your MOAA account. A valid email address is required. You may also need to reset your password if you have not logged into your MOAA account in a while.
3. We understand some members might not use email on a regular basis and may need to create an email address. Once you have established an email address, please contact MOAA at msc@moaa.org or (800) 234-6622 and a Member Services representative will connect your email address to your existing MOAA member account.

Note that the August 2024 issue of Military Officer magazine has a detailed article addressing the 2024 election items for membership vote and members can review:

- The **next class of nominated Board members (Class of 2030)** and short bio of each candidate
- **MOAA's 2024-2026 Biennial Resolutions** that address key mission-related topics.
- **A Bylaw amendment** that impacts board size and quorum requirements.

We have a member of a Tennessee MOAA chapter, the Middle Tennessee Chapter, who is running for placement on the MOAA Board of Directors. I have reprinted her bio below & would encourage you to endorse our very own LtC (R) Karon Uzzell-Baggett for placement on the MOAA Board of Directors.

Lt. Col. KARON L. UZZELL-BAGGETT, USAF (RET)



Uzzell-Baggett received a Bachelor of Science from the University of North Carolina and Master of Science in human resources management from the University of Maryland. She has a doctorate in occupational therapy from Belmont College. She served for over 24 years on active duty in the Air Force in a variety of human resource positions, including director of personnel for Air University in Montgomery, Ala., commander of the 78th Mission Support Squadron, Robins AFB, Ga., and commander of the 416th Expeditionary Mission Support Squadron, Uzbekistan. Following her retirement from active duty, she has served as the owner/president of Specialized Occupational Therapy Services LLC.

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

Why Join MOAA?

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is the country's leading organization protecting the rights of military servicemembers and their families. Those who belong to MOAA not only lend their voices to a greater cause, but they also gain access to extensive benefits tailored to the needs and lifestyles of military officers. MOAA members proudly hail from every branch of the uniformed services. To them, we

have made the same promise that they have made to their country: Never Stop Serving.

MOAA's greatest mission is to improve the lives of those who serve and their families, which is achieved largely through the tireless advocacy efforts taking place in our nation's capital. MOAA's experts in Washington are there to support legislation that benefits the military community and are equally vigilant when fighting to stop legislation that threatens our livelihood. The larger our numbers, the greater our voice.

Why Join the GEN Andrew Jackson MOAA Chapter?

It's an opportunity to fellowship with people of likeminded interests & histories. It's an opportunity to meet new people, learn more about their service experiences, & enjoy each other's company. It's an opportunity to have a good meal & learn about our community through the programs that are presented each month. Just as importantly, it's a chance to give back to the community through various activities the chapter engages in such as a food pantry, Christmas cards for service members & veterans in local nursing homes, the Field of Flags, & the JROTC Scholarship Program.

Membership is open to active duty, former, retired, and National Guard and Reserve commissioned and warrant officers of the uniformed services and their surviving spouses.

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 president's phone number is 615-308-8770 & email address is superbee1@charter.net.





CHAPTER MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

LTG (Ret) John M. Pickler

A native of Chattanooga, Tennessee, John was graduated from the United States Military Academy and commissioned in the Field Artillery on 9 June 1965. After a series of company level assignments in the United States and Germany, coupled with combat duty with the 1st Cavalry Division in the Republic of Vietnam, he attended the University of Virginia and was awarded a Master of Science in physics in 1971, after which he served as an instructor and assistant professor in the Department of Physics at West Point for three years. Field grade duties included a series of command and operational staff positions in the United States, Turkey, and Germany, followed by an assignment to the Pentagon as the Executive Officer to the Chief of Staff of the Army. In 1990 John was promoted to brigadier general and stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado, as the Assistant Division Commander for Support of the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized). After command of Joint Task Force Six at Fort Bliss, Texas, in 1991-93, he was promoted to major general and assigned to senior staff and command at Fort McPherson, Georgia, and Fort Bragg, North Carolina. John commanded Fort Carson from 1996 to 1997, and in October 1997 he was promoted to lieutenant general and assigned as the Chief of Staff and Deputy Commanding General of United States Army Forces Command. From August 1999 until his retirement in January 2002, John was Director of the Army Staff in the Pentagon. His awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, two Defense Superior Service Medals, five Legions of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, two Bronze Star Medals (one with "V" Device), four Meritorious Service Medals, 19 Air Medals, and two Army Commendation Medals. Following his retirement from the Army, John joined Bechtel National, Inc. (BNI) in February 2002 and served as the Manager of Strategic Programs and Homeland Security until deploying to Iraq with BNI in April 2003. During his tour with the Iraq Infrastructure Reconstruction Program, John was initially the Manager of Liaison and Security Services and then the Deputy Program Manager for the project until his return to the United States in September 2004. After a six-month stint as a capture manager for a major DoD project, in April 2005 John became the President and Program Manager of Kwajalein Ranges Services, LLC, which provides space operations, logistical, and community services support to the

U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll/Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site. John returned from Kwajalein in July 2007 and became the Senior Manager of Defense & Space Programs. In June 2011 John was assigned as the Program Manager of the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program until his retirement from BNI in June 2012. John and his wife, Karen, have been married for over 59 years and have one daughter, two sons, eight grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. Their youngest child is an Army colonel who has had five combat tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan and is currently assigned as the commander of the 1st Infantry Division Artillery at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Not only do we get John, but we also get Karen! Thanks for being a part of our chapter.

AUGUST PROGRAM RECAP

Our speaker for our August meeting was COL(R) Sam Hatcher. He gave an interesting talk on the legendary football game between Cumberland College & Georgia Tech that took place on 7 October 1916 & resulted in a final score of Georgia Tech 220, Cumberland College 0. He's even written a book on it "Heisman's First Trophy: The Game That Launched Football in the South". Although he did not bring any books with him, he did share that it could be purchased on Amazon. I even bet if you wanted an autographed copy, we could make that happen!

It seems back in 1916; Cumberland was in financial straits & they chose to abolish their football team as a cost saving measure. Unfortunately, the 1916 games had been scheduled & all the teams had been notified, except Georgia Tech, that Cumberland would not be playing any football games. Georgia Tech refused to accept this & reportedly would sue Cumberland for \$3000 if they did not go through with the commitment. According to legend, Cumberland could not afford this & it would result in the school shutting down. So, recruiting 13 members of Kappa Sigma fraternity, Cumberland traveled to Georgia to take on Tech, one of the powerhouse teams in the country. The rest, as they say, is history.

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Annual Fort Campbell Retiree Appreciation Day event schedule for 21 Sept 2024, at the Soldier Support Center (SSC) Building 2702 Michigan Ave Ft Campbell, KY.

Doors Open: 0930

Opening Ceremony: 1000-1100

ID Cards/DEERS, Vaccinations, legal, and various information tables: 1100-1400

Door Prizes: 1230- until last prize is given

This event is for retirees of all branches, surviving spouses, and their families. If you know of a retiree or surviving spouse from another branch, please share this information with them.

If you no longer live in Tennessee or Western Kentucky or wish to continue to receive these emails, please visit your local DEERS office or call DMDC at 800-538-9552 to have your information updated and/or email removed.

Point of contact for this event are Julius Anderson, 270-798-3310 or julius.s.anderson.civ@army.mil and Mrs. Betty Guthrie 270-798-3174 or betty.l.guthrie.civ@army.mil.

Our meal will be catered by Houston's of Mt. Juliet. We will be having meatloaf, au gratin potatoes, & red beans & rice with rolls.

Please pay the Treasurer **\$15 when you arrive.**



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