



**GENERAL ANDREW JACKSON CHAPTER
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
(GAJCMOAA)
4 June 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.

David served as the Brigade Judge Advocate for the 101st Airborne Division Sustainment Brigade at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He served as legal advisor (essentially in-house counsel) to the Brigade Commander and advised 39 subordinate command teams on Army investigations, contract and fiscal law, criminal law, regulatory compliance, federal tort law, labor and employment, national security law, and other legal issues, including crisis management.

David's military service has instilled in him a strong sense of leadership and adaptability that he carries over to Adams & Reese. David offers clients a rare combination of advisory experience, trial readiness, and a deep understanding of federal legal complexities and regulatory compliance, along with extensive litigation and trial experience.

A critical component of Engstrom's advisory role is navigating regulatory compliance with vast federal requirements, advising on compliance with U.S. Army regulations, the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), and federal statutes.

Engstrom earned his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center, where he was senior articles editor for the *Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics*. He received his B.A. in Political Science from The George Washington University.

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Our June Speaker:



David Engstrom

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David Engstrom, a former Major in the Army JAG Corps, is a member of the Adams & Reese Intersection of Business & Government Practice in the firm's Nashville office.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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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



Deuteronomy 5:16 (NKJV)

Honour thy father and thy mother as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

On May 10, 2026, we celebrated Mother's Day, and on June 21, 2026, we will celebrate Father's Day. As shown in the scripture verse above and in other places in the Bible (Exodus 20:12), our Lord made it very clear concerning the sanctity of the relationship between parents and children which these days represent. I was truly blessed with strong Christian parents who taught me the Biblical values and principles which should guide my life. More than that though, they modeled what a Christian life and marriage should be. Likewise, my wife Karen would say the very same thing about her parents, and that is a major factor in what brought us together as a married couple and as Christian parents to our children. Somehow our parents created a Christian environment that caused both Karen and me to seek to please them (and God) in whatever we did, and we have sought to do the same with our children.

Though we often relate February and Valentine's Day with Love, the month of June is our family's month of Love. The week after the 10th grade in high school. Karen and I met for the first time at Cumberland

Mountain State Park in Crossville, TN, when she was vacationing there with a girls club from her high school, and I was on vacation there with my parents and my best friend. One week later in Chattanooga, TN, our hometown at the time, we had our first date; and as the saying goes, "the rest is history...." After we both graduated from different colleges, we were married on Sunday, June 20, 1965, (Father's Day), at her Methodist church in Atlanta, GA, with my father as my best man. My uncle, a Baptist preacher, co-officiated the wedding with Karen's pastor, and he pronounced us as husband and wife. Five years later on June 20, 1970, as we were preparing to celebrate our wedding anniversary, our older son Andy decided that it was time to interrupt the celebration with his birth.

I hope that each of you has had similar experiences with your marriage partner and family that cause you to reflect on your relationships as Karen and I have been able to do and to thank God for the tremendous blessings that He has bestowed on each of us.

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

SICK CALL

Please continue to keep Pete Warner, TN Council of Chapters President, 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.

PRESIDENT'S WORDS **OF WISDOM:**

Many times, I sit down here at my computer to type a few words for this column, and the words flow right out. I usually have some idea or theme I hit upon that seems relevant to the month. Today however, there was nothing waiting there on the tip of my tongue to roll right out onto the paper. Perhaps it's because of the pressure of other pressing things happening around me. We are leaving for a vacation this weekend and I have yet to start packing. Now I find myself needing to do two things at once! Wait, there we go, vacation. Or procrastination. Let's go with vacation. June is ahead of us, graduation season is largely behind us and that means vacation season is here! June is said to be the gateway to summer and summer means vacation.

Joetta and I are heading out for a Mediterranean cruise. Trying not to overpack but probably will. I think it was easier to head out on an overseas deployment than to pack for a vacation. I mean, at least with the deployment you were given a list of what you needed to take. We didn't have to really think about it. Vacations are subjective though. What's the weather going to be? What are we going to be doing? Everything or every day requires a different outfit. Really? I'll be somewhere between a checklist and just throwing things in the suitcase. Wish me luck.

I will be on the cruise and have to miss the June meeting. I leave you in the capable hands of your 1st Vice President, Dan Sullenger. He'll do a fine job, I'm sure. See you in July!

Jeff

MAY MEETING



Our speaker in May was Matt Church from Ozone Environmental Service (OES). Matt and his crew provided a very informative briefing of the HAZMAT clean up process. You've most likely seen his company doing highway clean up jobs. Something many of us never have to think about but a necessary job! Truly one of the unsung heroes serving our communities.



We also hosted Cadet Sabrina Larsen from Mt. Juliet High School JROTC program who was a recipient of our MOAA leadership medal.

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In Remembrance

**COL (Ret) Thomas Sarver, Jr.
1935 - 2026**



I was sad to learn of the passing of our former Chaplain, Tom Sarver, a week or so ago. Tom served 34 years in the United States Marine Corps and was a long-time member of our Andrew Jackson Chapter. Please keep Nona and the family in your prayers during this difficult time. I will pass on any information that I receive about a service or memorial for Tom.

UPCOMING MEETING **DATES:**

2 July
6 August
3 September

ID CARDS

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615-660-8607

Member Spotlight

Major David Buell US Army (Ret)



David Buell began his military career in the Wyoming National Guard serving in the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) while enrolled in Army ROTC at the University of Wyoming. Upon graduation from the ROTC program, he accepted an early commission in the National Guard while completing his college education prior to going on active duty.

David Buell graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Wyoming and was commissioned with a Distinguished Military Graduate (DMG) designation as a 2nd Lieutenant. While on active duty he also completed a Master of Science degree in Materiel Acquisition Management from the Florida Institute of Technology.

His military education includes the Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced courses at Fort Sill, OK and Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, KS from 1996-1997.

David Buell held a wide variety of positions to include assignments as platoon leader, executive officer, and the security and intelligence officer (S-2) within the 552nd United States Army Field Artillery Group, Soegel, West Germany, 1983-1986. As a Captain, he commanded the 8th United States Field Artillery Detachment, Steenwijk, Netherlands, 1986-1987.

Other assignments included the Directorate of Combat Developments, United States Army Field Artillery School, 1988-1992, and the Modernization and Technology Directorate at the Combined Arms Support Command, Fort Lee Virginia, 1992-1994. He also served as Deputy Division Chief for the Missile Systems Test Division, and Deputy Division Chief, Army Research Laboratory's Battle Weather Division, White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico from 1994-1996. From June 1997-June 2000 Major Buell served as Assistant Program Manager (APM) for the Medium Extended Air Defense System (MEADS) in Huntsville, Alabama. Following his MEADS assignment, he worked as the Patriot Program Integrator for the Program Executive Office (PEO) for Air and Missile Defense, Washington, D.C.

David Buell's final active duty assignment was as the United States Army Liaison Officer (LNO) assigned to PMS 465, United States Navy Cooperative Engagement Capability (CEC) Program from October 2000- September 2002.

Retiring as a Major, David Buell worked as a defense contractor culminating in 42 years of service for the Department of Defense (DOD).

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.

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!



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