

Final Issue for this Editor....

Since I have been elected to the FGCC Board of Directors, I will no longer be the Editor of the Upper Cumberland MOAA Chapter "Standby Alert". I have enjoyed the exciting opportunity of creating the Chapter newsletter and "spreading the word" to our membership. Your current Secretary, Jon Reiver, will be assuming the newsletter and I wish him luck with this project.

***Thanks again for your interest and support,
 Mary K Jacobsen***

Upcoming Events

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| Monday, Sep 23 | Membership Meeting |
| Saturday, Sep 28 | Line the Streets Deployment Event
(See page 7) |
| Sunday, Sep 29 | MOH Milo Lemert Day
1200-1600
Cumberland Co. Community Complex
(See page 2) |
| Saturday, Oct 5 | Crossville Air Show
Kickoff of Cumberland Co. Senior Queens Veteran
Food Drive |
| Thursday, Oct 17 | Get Involved Expo
1000-1300
Fairfield Glade Center |
| Saturday, Nov 2 | Crossville Veterans Parade
1000, Downtown Crossville |
| Sunday, Dec 8 | MOAA-UCC Christmas Party
TCAT, 1500-1730 |

In Honor of First Sgt. Milo Lemert USA

Medal of Honor Recipient



Community Fun Day

September 29, 2024

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

**Cumberland County Community
Complex**

Everyone is Welcome!

Come Meet Our First Responders

Free Hotdogs, Chips and Drinks (Limit One per Guest)

Kids Games - Win Prizes!

Visit with Community Groups

Keynote Speaker Address @ 1:00PM

See You There!

Officers Call

The 2nd Officers Call was held on Monday, August 26th at the Lantern. It was attended by 38 officers and spouses. President Jacobsen feels these are an excellent opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of fellow officers in a more casual setting so Officers Calls will be continued in 2025, with the first being scheduled for tentatively February.

"Get Involved" Expo at Fairfield Glade

President Jacobsen needs volunteers to assist with a recruiting table at the "Get Involved" Expo on Thursday, Oct. 17th from 1000 to 1300 at Fairfield Glade Center. Volunteers can work 1 hour or all 3 hours of the expo. If you are interested in helping out, please contact President Jacobsen at: jakemaraly@gmail.com or 703-608-4410.

PURPLE HEART CANE PROJECT (Application on next page)

The purpose of the Purple Heart Cane Project is to honor all of these Purple Heart recipients by presenting them with hand carved canes at no charge with our utmost respect and gratitude.

These canes are presented once a year at the National UDT/SEAL Museum located in Ft Pierce, FL.

Each cane has the veterans military history on the shaft along with their branch of service, unit, dates served, their name, rank with the date and location wounded. It will also have all of his awards and decorations.

We are all volunteers and all monies collected goes directly toward the producing and presenting of these canes. There are no paid positions.

We are a 501 c 3 nonprofit making all donations tax deductible.

ALL MONETARY DONATIONS SHOULD BE MADE TO

**PURPLE HEART CANE PROJECT
P.O. BOX 650196
VERO BEACH, FL. 32965**



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PURPLE HEART CANE PROJECT

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CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE _____

PHONE (CELL) _____ HOME _____

E-MAIL _____

BRANCH, DATES SERVED _____ IN _____ OUT _____

UNIT / DIVISION _____

DATE AND LOCATION WOUNDED _____

AWARDS YOU BELIEVE YOU'VE EARNED _____

All applications must be accompanied by documentation (ie: DD-214 or DD-215)

Applicant or a representative must be able to attend presentation ceremony

Gold star families also welcome to apply

PLEASE REMOVE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS FROM ALL PAPER WORK

Contact : Purple Heart Cane Project
Lloyd Lasenby (772) 466-5295
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REDEDICATION OF CCHS "JET"

The rededication of the CCHS Jet was held Thursday, September 12th. Under direction of the US Navy Naval Museum, the jet (A-4) positioned on the grounds of CCHS required major work to bring it back to museum standards. LtCol Trey Meadows, USMC (Ret) and CCHS graduate, chaired a committee of citizens and former military personnel interested in preserving this key piece of CCHS culture and inspiration. The project was funded solely through donations. President Scott Jacobsen and Board Member Cal Bagby, both retired Naval Aviators, worked with Trey on soliciting donations. The Blue Angel configured jet was unveiled and rededicated in a ceremony overseen by CDR Curt Watson, USN (Ret), former Blue Angel and CCHS graduate, who originally initiated having the jet painted in Blue Angel colors.



Above, attendees at the Blue Angel jet rededication.



Left, Scott Jacobsen (left), Curt Watson (center), and Cal Bagby (right) at the Rededication ceremony

**MOAA UCC
 March Membership Meeting and Picnic
 Monday, 3 June 24
 ST George Marina**

I. Meeting was called to order by the President, Scott Jacobsen at 11:00. Honor Guard was conducted by the Young Marines and Members did the Pledge of Allegiance. Members stood for a recorded performance of the National Anthem. Mark Janky provided entertainment. There were 62 persons present including 1 new member, Richard Marawski, 6 Young marines and two Young Marine Supervisors and 2 other guests.

Lunch was catered by Lake Tansi Catering and by was followed by a business meeting.

II. A. The following guests were welcomed:

Mike Delaurentis- New Member

Richard Marawski- New Member

6 Young Marines and 2 supervisors

B. Minutes from the last Board Meeting were discussed and accepted.

C. Finance. Paul Freund presented the finances.

D. ROTC.JOTC Cadet Cameran Quick was not present at the picnic. Metals were presented to ROTC/JROTC at the Scholarship dinner. Anyone interested in serving as liaison for York, White County, Oak Ridge or Cookeville contact President Scott Jacobsen. We will need liaisons for Livingston Academy and the 2 Crossville High Schools.

E. 2024 Board of Directors Election: Charles Lusso has agreed to extend for another 3 year term on the Board. Doug Rausch has agreed to run for Treasurer. Elections will take place at the September Membership Meeting.

F. "Christmas in July" -Toys for Tots will be held on 13 July at Brady Mountain Event Venue in Crab Orchid.

G. Veteran and Family Caregiver Assistance discussion will be held at the First Baptist Church of Crossville on 22 June from 1000-1200. President Scott Jacobsen has Flyers.

H. American Legion Post 163 is having a Boston Butt sale (Anyone interested can get tickets from American Legion Members). \$40 will buy approximately 10 Ponds of smoked Boston Butt. They can be picked up on Saturday 29 June from 0800-1200 at American Legion Post 163.

I. Cumberland County Veterans Assistance Council (CCVAC): Jack Fogel is looking for volunteers to serve as officers on the Executive Board and someone to replace him. If you are interested, contact President Scott Jacobsen or Linda Frazier.

J. Military Science Instructors (2 are needed for the Cumberland County High School and Stone Memorial High School JROTC units. Please contact Mr. William Stepp, Cumberland County Director of Schools at: 931-484-6135.

K. September Membership Meeting: CAPT Frank "Tank" Michael, Director of Chapters and Councils from MOAA National will be joining us for lunch at TCAT on Monday, 23 September.

More information will be in the next MOAA Newsletter.

L. Christmas Party: Sunday, 8 December.

M. Meeting adjourned at 1300

Jon Reiver



In Memorium

Thomas James Cross, Lt. Col., USAF, ret., age 86 of Pikeville, passed away Saturday, August 24, 2024. Tom was of the Baptist faith, and attended Mt. Crest United Methodist Church. He loved his wife of almost sixty-five years and has missed her dearly for the past year. Tom loved his family, liked to travel, go camping, and fishing. He was a student of the Bible, enjoyed singing and had that very outstanding Baritone voice. Thomas retired after serving twenty-four years in The United States Air Force, was a member of the **Military Officers Association**, the Guidance Counselor at Howe Military Academy for five years, and was a faithful Master Mason, Eastern Star, Chapter Council and Commandery, and faithfully attended the Bledsoe County Republican Party meetings. After retirement he did some masonry and concrete work.

Tom was preceded in death by his wife of sixty-five years, Jo Ann Powell Cross; parents, James Arthur and Helen LaSeta Cross; sister, Judy Helms.

Tom is survived by his sons, Jeffery Ashford Cross, Robert Thomas Cross, Timothy James Cross; daughter, Laura Ann Cross; great grandchildren, Riley James Cross, Stella Jo Hanley; sister, Rebecca Ann Miller; brother-in-law, Jerry Powell; sister-in-law, Hyang-Ryon; nieces; nephews, cousins; and a host of friends.

Editor's Note: Tom Cross was instrumental in "recruiting" me for the MOAA Board – his dedication to our Chapter was unflinching and a key to keeping our Chapter vital and growing. He served many years in Chapter leadership positions and he and Joann were always present at Chapter functions. The Chapter will have a brick placed at the Veterans and First Responders Memorial in Tom's honor.

★ **278th DEPLOYS to KUWAIT** ★

Line The Streets
Crossville Armory to Elmore Rd
to Hwy. 127 N to I-40
Sept. 28th • 6:30 A.M.
TIME IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.



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